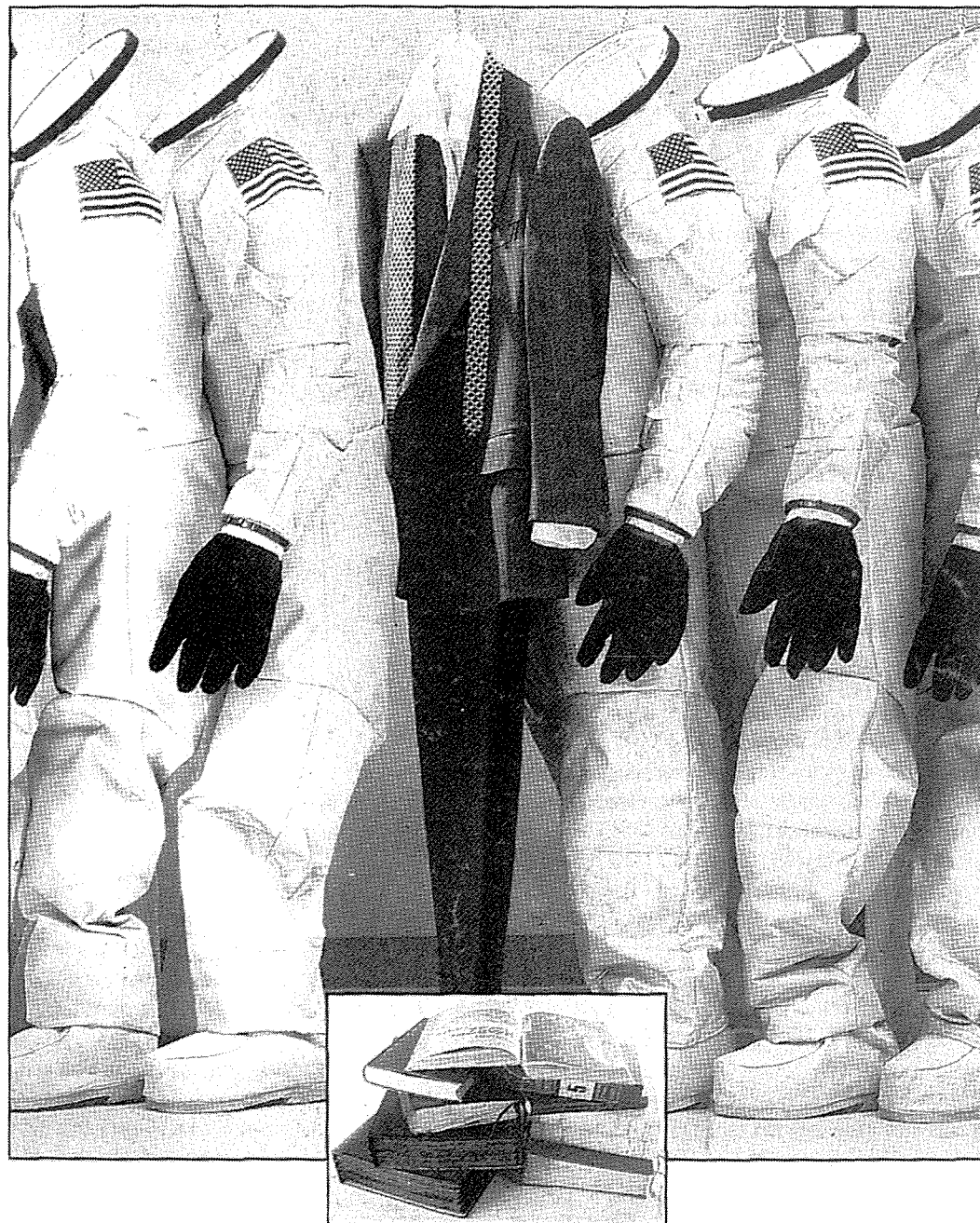
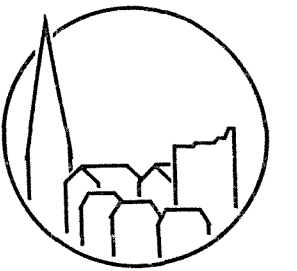


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Thursday 2nd January: Summer Project Teenage Disco
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Friday 3rd January: Church of Ireland Beetle Drive,
Parish Hall Dunboyne, 8pm.

Sunday 5th January: Maynooth Old Peoples Annual
Dinner, Post Primary School, 5pm.

Thursday 9th January: St. Mary's Band AGM, 8pm.

Thursday 9th January: ICA Guild Meeting, 8pm.

Friday 17th January: Newsletter Copydate.

Saturday 18th January: Post Primary Parent/Teacher
Association - Social Evening & Dance - Glenroyal Hotel.

Monday 20th January: Community Council Meeting, Post
Primary School, 8pm.

Editorial

The Maynooth Newsletter hopes for the following in 1997:

Northern Ireland

That politicians on all sides will show real leadership by looking to a common future rather than a divided past. In the context of Northern Ireland there is nothing easier than pandering to people's fears and bitterness. Seventy five years of sectarianism has brought bodies in the streets, economic decline and divided communities. In 1997 we hope that prejudices and guns will be decommissioned.

Politics

There will be a general election in 1997 and the government that is elected will probably see us through into the NEW millenium. The problem is that public cynicism regarding our politicians is probably at an all-time high and this is despite the fact that most of them are working harder and longer hours than any of us would be prepared to do. The new constituency of North Kildare will return three TDs. Let's hope that the successful candidates appreciate the unique problems faced by our corner of the county which is now one of the fastest growing areas in the whole country.

Maynooth

Our hopes for 1997 include - no parking on the footpaths, no litter, a better train service, less traffic, less crime, a cinema, and a Development Plan acceptable to the whole community.

Sport

What odds on Kildare winning the Leinster Championship and Ireland qualifying for the World Cup Finals? Kildare have made a promising start to the League campaign and Mick O'Dwyer has put a spring back in the step of some players whose days seemed numbered. In 1997 we hope that at last, they deliver on their potential and at least win a Leinster. Mick McCarthy's team stumbled badly against Iceland but we expect them to come good in '97. Every publican in the country will be praying that they qualify for the finals in France in the summer of '98.

The Newsletter

That Rupert Murdoch makes a multi-million pound bid for the Newsletter and after protracted negotiations held in the Roost his offer is accepted by the Editorial Board who promptly emigrate to somewhere hot and sunny.

Happy New Year to all our readers.

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Community Council Notes

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Maynooth currently is suffering from chronic traffic congestion and a lack of amenity space. I would like to propose the following which will address both those concerns and also improve our general well being and environment. Develop the northern bank of the Royal Canal as a foot/cycle path. The advantages of such a development would be to:

1. Provide a safe alternative means of transport in Maynooth.
2. Reduce the no. of cars and bicycles on the roads as more people are encouraged to use the foot/cycle path.
3. Provide a welcome amenity area in the village and surrounding area.
4. Encourage people to exercise more where it is safe and pleasant to do so.

If such a cycle path were to be extended to include Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip it would be of immense benefit to the three villages as well as the new industries along the route. It would provide an alternative, safe and healthy means of transport to those residents living in the three villages and commuting to the Intels and Hewlett Packards on the way. Further extension to Dublin and the Midlands would create an amenity which could be marketed as a major tourist attraction to cycle and walking groups all over the world.

To provide funding for such a project businesses along the route who would benefit would be encouraged to support as well as FAS, Bord Failte, OPW, KCC, and Europe.

*Yours sincerely,
Padraig O Murchu*

Thank You Maynooth

Dear Editor,
I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you, my friends in Maynooth, for your exceedingly great generosity to me on Tuesday last 26th November.

My life with the children, my work with them, was a pleasure and I thank you for entrusting them to my care. Your appreciation and tokens of gratitude touched me deeply. I am indeed very humbled. I loved Maynooth and you will always have a special place in my heart. It was lovely seeing you all again. Your welcome and appreciation meant so much to me and will carry me through the initial "getting-to-know-time" in Kildare! At least we are still in the same County!

Once again I thank you all sincerely. I wish you all health and happiness and God's choicest blessings. May the peace and love of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this New Year and always.

*Míle, míle buíochas,
Sister Aquinas.*

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Meeting with Hewlett Packard.

Hewlett Packard met with the Community Council Executive to outline details of the plans for their modern facility currently being completed near Leixlip. Mr. Dave Younge, Managing Director, led the Hewlett Packard delegation and was accompanied by Ms. Una Halligan, Public Relations Executive with Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald, Facilities Manager and Mr. Kevin McNamara, Personnel Manager. The Community Council welcomed Hewlett Packard to Maynooth and a discussion followed on matters of mutual interest.

Community Council Chairman, Mr. Tom McMullon together with Ms. Liz Stoll, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Dominic Nyland, Treasurer and Mr. Paul Croghan, PRO represented the Community Council. Mr. Peter Connell from the Maynooth Newsletter also attended the meeting and Ms. Breda Gormally on behalf of the Community Council staff.

Thanks to Maynooth Chamber of Commerce

On behalf of Maynooth Community Council and the people of the town we congratulate Maynooth Chamber of Commerce on the fine display of Christmas Lights in the Main Street during the recent festive season.

January Community Council Meeting

The third meeting of the Council since the election will take place on Monday 20th January, 1997. Members should note that under the Constitution of the Council any member that misses three consecutive meetings is considered to have resigned their seat and the Council will accept nominations for replacement members from the electoral area concerned. It is important that groups and residents' associations ensure that their representatives attend the Community Council bi-monthly meetings.

Maynooth Directory 1997

Just a short reminder that the final closing date for accepting advertisements for the 1997 Maynooth Directory is the end of January. The Directory when completed, will be delivered free to every house in the town. For residents it is an invaluable source of useful local information and for the advertisers it is an opportunity to make their business known to everyone in the town.

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Heritage Town Project

We have written to a number of local groups whose input we feel is essential to the success of this project. This is the first step towards the completion of a plan which will be pursued with these interested groups.

The following is a general summary of some of the criteria by which Bord Failte 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 towns heritage theme, with evening entertainment linked to the towns 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

So far we have approached a number of local groups, but this number can be increased in consultation with the existing members. Statutory Bodies and Regional Groups will be approached when we feel that we have proposals to put to them.

Kildare County Council produce Strategic Plan

Following the request from the Minister for the Environment Mr. Brendan Howlin, Kildare County Council has completed a Strategic Plan for the development of the entire County.

The Plan takes into account a number of other Regional Reports including the Dublin Transport Initiative (DTI) Report, the Dublin Regional Report (Dublin Strategic Development Report) and the Mid-East Regional Report (Regional Development Report for Counties Meath, Wicklow and Kildare). It is clear from the proposals in the plan that the development of the County will continue to be impacted by it's proximity to the Dublin Region. However the planners believe that Kildare should be developed in a balanced manner. It is clear that further large levels of rezoning for Residential use in the north-eastern part of the County would be contrary to these aims.

Towns like Maynooth and Celbridge together with Leixlip and Kilcock have considerable landbanks still unbuilt from the 1985 Plan. Therefore it may well be the case that the creation of a larger landbank would not serve any useful

purpose. The decisions will be taken at the end of the day by the elected members of Kildare County Council.

Aspirations for 1997

If we were to be granted three wishes for the new year they would have to be (1) that we finally see the implementation of Traffic by-laws in Maynooth and (2) that we see the work commence on the renewal of the main street area which includes the paving of the footpaths and (3) the restoration of Maynooth Castle. In 1996 we saw the completion of the Straffan Road works including the new Town Square. Another important development was the opening of the Glenroyal Leisure Centre. These are things that will make us all proud to say we live in Maynooth.

*Paul Croghan
Chairman*

Planning & Development Committee

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Our Teenage Disco will take place on Thursday 2nd January at 8.30 - 11 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel. We look forward to seeing you and all your friends at this event.

We would like to thank the V.E.C. for the grant we have been allocated for the Summer Project in the coming year. This money goes towards subsidising the outings and trips for all the girls and boys who register for the Project and also helps to defray the cost of insurance.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all children and their parents a happy and peaceful New Year.

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

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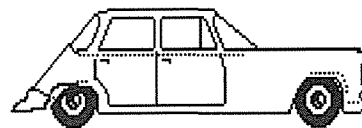
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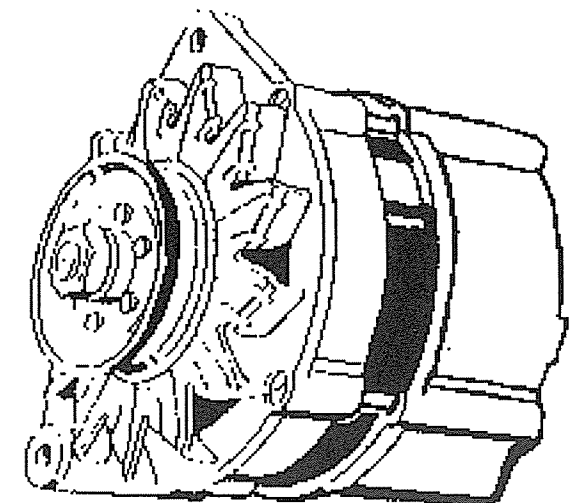
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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

A.G.M. 28th November 1996

A very well attended and lively A.G.M. in Maynooth P.P.S. on the 28th November heard chairman Robert O' Reilly pay tribute to one of the First Members of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee, Ted Kelly who died during the year, and offered his sympathy to the Kelly Family.

Some other points from the chairmans report.... He thanked Fr. Supple, Cllrs., Griffin, McGinley and Murphy for their attendance and apologised for Ministers Durkan, Stagg and Senator Dardis for non attendance.

He commended the Community Employment FAS Team under the supervision of Martin Sherry who was at the A.G.M. He also thanked Mary Boyle, FAS, for her advice and support and Maria Bendorf for her expertise. He thanked local engineer Ailish Murray and Kildare County Council engineer Charlie Talbot and Ger Coll for their continued support and encouragement. He thanked Maynooth Community Council and also the Businesses who made an effort. He personally was very disappointed at the number of marks that Maynooth received in the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. The number of green areas that had been enhanced, flower beds planted, the magnificent work in Carton Avenue, he felt we were deserving of more marks. Litter is our big problem. He thanked the committee for all the hard work, in particular, Secretary Brigid Corkery who was not seeking re-election. He also thanked all involved in the Sunday morning clean-up.

Other Points

It was suggested that the full report be circulated to every house in Maynooth early in 1997. The incoming committee would look at this suggestion.

Education

Get the children involved by way of competition. Maynooth Post Primary School were commended for their weekly clean-up outside the school down to the church.

FAS 1997 Project

It was explained to the meeting that a very full and comprehensive programme has been submitted to FAS for consideration for the 1997-1999 time frame.

The following were elected

Chairman: Robert O' Reilly, Secretary Patricia Condron, Treasurer Mary Farrell, P.R.O. Richard Farrell.

Other members of the committee, Bridget Corkery, Maria Bendorf, Kathleen Cafferty, Paul Croghan, Mattie Callaghan, John Gillick and Jim Fox.

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Tidy Towns Competition:

The Tidiest Estates and Best Shop Front Competition have been reinstated in Maynooth. It is a great way of giving recognition to local effort. The competition was judged by people involved in Tidy Towns outside Maynooth. Presentations were made by Chairperson Bob O' Reilly. The results were as follows:



Rockfield residents (left to right) Liam Hayes, Lorraine O'Dwyer and Kay Duffy accepting their award from Tidy Towns Chairman Bob O'Reilly



Kevin McGovern accepting the award on behalf of Old Greenfield Estate.



Des Matthews accepts the award on behalf of Woodlands Estate.

Best Large Estate:	1st place	Rockfield
	2nd place	Old Greenfield
	3rd place	Woodlands
Best Small Estate:	1st place	Parson Lodge
	2nd place	Castle Bridge
	3rd place	Manor Court
Best Overall Estate:		Rockfield
Best Shopfront:	1st place	Hula Bou
	2nd place	Elite Coffee Shop
	3rd place	Just Gifts



Mary Houlihan Hula-Bou accepting the award for best Shopfront



Angela Bright 'The Elite' 2nd Place Shopfront Awards.



Terry Rogers 'Just Gifts' 3rd Place

Community Council Notes

C.I.C. NOTES

Know Your Rights

Question:

What are the new rules on working and getting Unemployment Assistance?

Answer:

From the end of November (as announced in the Budget) there will be a new way of assessing income from insurable employment and receipt of Unemployment Assistance, which allows you to keep more Unemployment Assistance.

(1) You will only get Unemployment Assistance if you are available for employment on 3 days in any 6 consecutive days (as at present).

(2) If you are single on Long-Term Unemployment Assistance of £64.50 and get e.g. 2 days work at £30 a day

a) £10 per day will be disregarded
£60 - £20 = £40

b) 60% of the remainder (£40) = £24 is then deducted from your weekly rate £64.50 leaving £40.50 which is your Unemployment Assistance for the week.

Your total income will be as follows:

Income from employment	£60
+ Unemployment Assistance	<u>£40.50</u>
=	£100.50

(3) If you are married with 2 children on Long-term Unemployment Assistance £129.40 and you get work for 2 days at £30 a day the means assessed against your UA is 60% of £60 or £36 (no £10 disregard)

£129.40 minus £36 = £93.40

So your total income would be £93.40 + £60 = £153.40

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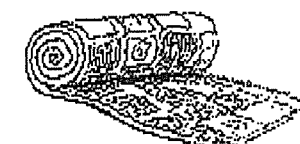
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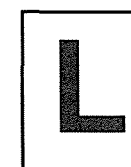
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1. LEVIES IMPOSED TO DATE.....	£353,000.
2. LEVIES SPENT TO DATE.....	£120,000
3. BALANCE AVAILABLE.....	£233,000
4. FUNDING REQUIRED.....	£517,000

There are almost 30 acres of land, in the area, awaiting development under the 1985 Development Plan. The Area Committee agree to increase the Special Development Levies for Bond Bridge to £22,000 per acre. £22,000 x 30 = £660,000, enough to do the job and an extra few bob for the lads to have a couple of lunches while they are planning and designing our lovely new bridge. Alas this is County Kildare, five days after the local County Councillors agree the new levies, the County Council officials give a revised estimate of the cost, £1,500,000. Yes, an increase of **£600,000** in a few days. A trip overseas to see how they build bridges in distant exotic lands perhaps? No, not this time. The extra cost is to build the link road between Meadowbrook Estate to the Straffan Road. As chairperson of this group I have seen and heard some strange things in local government but if they get away with this one we may all stop wasting our time voting (if ever we do get the chance again) to elect local councillors. The ball is now back in the hands of the residents of the Newtown area. The committee of the Bond Bridge Action Group have tried every avenue to make the County Council see reason. Never did we expect them to spend general taxpayer's money on this project. Through special levies, they were given means to provide the infrastructure, to enable residents of this area to go about their daily lives in safety. There must be many County Councils throughout Ireland that would jump at such a chance, not in Kildare. This Committee will continue to put the case to the powers that be. We still have a few irons in the fire and the support from our local County Councillors and T.D.'s is still strong

in most cases. Ultimately it's pressure from individual residents and residents' associations that will see the job done. Early in the new year, we would hope to arrange another Public Meeting to consider **what further action we can take** to have this matter resolved **before someone is killed**. In the meantime we would wish one and all a Happy and Safe New Year and please, driving or walking, TAKE EXTRA CARE CROSSING BOND BRIDGE.

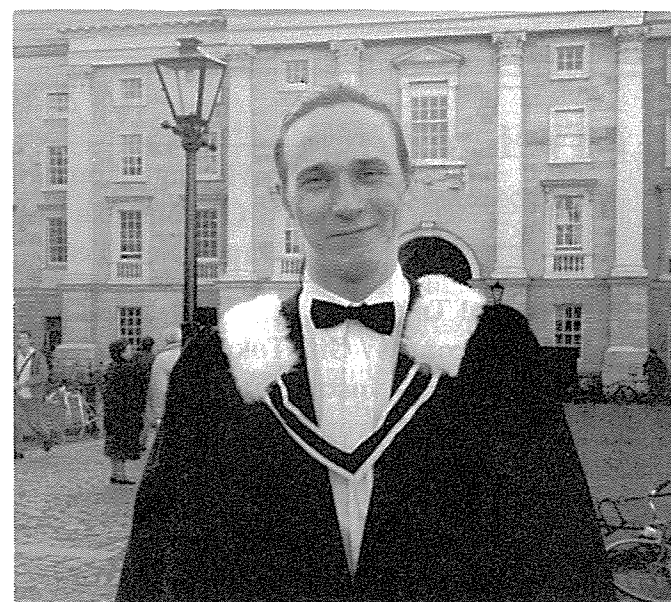
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Our Sale of Work took place as planned on Sunday November 24th. Weatherwise it was one of the worst days of the year, moneywise it was our best to date. Our net profit for all our efforts was £5,055.15, at going to print. To just say thank you seems so inadequate. Not only are you hospitable and gracious to our callers, but you come along and spend so generously on the day. Whether you canvassed door to door, sold or bought tickets for our draw or came along on the day to help or spend, you are a vital link in the chain that binds this community together. For playing your part we thank you most sincerely. Rest assured all monies collected will be spent prudently and we will play our part in spending this money in the community from which it came.

A special word of thanks to Seamus Grant who saved the day. He kept us all dry on one of the wettest days of the year. "May his tyres never wear out".

Congratulations to all who won prizes in our various draws.

Draw 1. 1st Prize. Monster Hamper:
Louisa Donnelly, 521 Newtown, Maynooth.

2nd Prize £50: Joseph Weldon, Laragh,

3rd Prize £25: Marie McAuliffe, 562 O' Neill Park, Maynooth.

Draw 2. 1st Prize Portable C.D. System
Mona Byrne, 2 The Green, Maynooth.

2nd Prize: Presentation Basket.
Elizabeth Nolan, Newtown, Maynooth.

3rd Prize: Carolans Cream.
Vincent Mulready, 752 Greenfield, Maynooth.

Draw 3: 1st Prize Christmas Cake.
Tara Brennan, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

2nd Prize: Bottle of Whiskey
Fr. Brendan Casey, S.V.D., Maynooth.

3rd Prize: Basket of Fruit.
M. Durkan, 13 Castlebridge, Maynooth.

Our Annual dinner takes place on Sunday January 5th in the Post Primary School at 5p.m. courtesy O'Brien Catering. Music by "Bourbon St."

Finally may I draw your attention to the name of our organisation, as this may be the last time you see it written this way. We are in the process of changing our name as the term "Old People" is considered "politically incorrect". However it is only the name we are changing, everything else will remain the same. So, watch this space.

MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

The December Guild meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held on Thursday 5th December in the I.C.A. Hall. Our President, Marion, welcomed some new members and thanked us all for coming out on such a cold night.

Guild Activities

Badminton: Badminton finishes on 12th December and returns on Tuesday 7th January at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Crafts: Crafts finishes on 16th December and returns on 13th January at 8.00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall.

Calligraphy: Calligraphy finishes on Friday 6th December and returns on Friday 10th January at 8.00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall.

Guild Competition

The winners of our December competition "Smallest Christmas Tree":

1st Rosemary Hanley
2nd Connie Harpur
3rd Margaret Houlihan

Christmas Night Out

36 Guild members headed off to the Glenroyal Hotel for our Christmas night out. This was the Christmas Party Night with Brush Shiels. Many thanks to Quinnsword, Bord Gais and Badminton for the great spot prizes.

Prestige Christmas Cake Competition

Marion our President congratulated Jo O'Connell who represented Kildare in the National Final of the Prestige Christmas Cake Decoration Competition held on 28th November in Dublin. Jo did very well and as a result was interviewed for the Consumer Programme 12 to 1 hosted by Ciana Campbell and Marty Whelan. This is to go out at a later date. Well done Jo.

Christmas Guild Raffle

1st Turkey: Mary O'Gorman
2nd Turkey: Anne O'Malley
3rd Ham: Mary Halton
4th Chocolates: Connie Harpur
5th Wine: Ursula Forde

Our next guild meeting will be held on Thursday 9th January 1997. The competition on the night is "Slice Christmas Cake". Finally I would like to wish all our members and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Irene Matthews
P.R.O.

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BAND BULLETIN

This month's bulletin has been 'put to bed' earlier than usual due to the Christmas Holidays so our notes are written with the help of a crystal ball, hopefully the predictions will all come true!

Race Night

Our annual Race Night in the GAA Centre on 22nd November was once again a great success. A lot of hard work went into getting the horses to the starting gates and making sure every runner had a fair chance and for this we thank all our stable hands in the Band. We extend a special word of thanks also to the following who so generously sponsored our races: E.A. Coonan & Sons, Caulfield's Lounge, The Clock House, The Roost, Ulster Bank, Derrinstown Stud, Maynooth College, Emmet Stagg, Moyglare Stud, Noone Motors, Barton's Transport, Edward Kavanagh & Son and Maynooth Office Supplies. We would also like to thank all who sponsored horses and in particular our genial Master of Ceremonies Paddy Desmond who really does his homework on the races and would be a most suitable successor to Peter O'Sullivan when he retires next year. A final thank you to the G.A.A. for their continued support of our Race Night which is the Fund Raising event of the year.

Switched On

Prompted by our own suggestion, we joined with Maynooth Chamber of Commerce to play some suitable Christmas Music for the official switch-on of the magnificent Christmas Lights on the Main Street and in the Square on an appropriately frosty Friday 6th December night. The town was lit with the flick of a switch and a small crowd gathered appreciatively around us warming their hands on the strains of Silent Night, Jingle Bells and other melodious melodies. Hopefully, 1997 will see a larger turnout and maybe a higher profile switch-on.

Christmas Programme

The aforementioned crystal ball tell's me that our Carol Service in St. Mary's Church of Ireland on Sunday 15th December, went exceptionally well, as did our Carol recitals in the town and supermarkets, the Christmas Staff Dinner in the College, our Christmas Morning Parade and the New Year's Eve Celebrations in the Square.

New Classes

Due to many requests we are starting a further recorder class in January and those interested should enrol on Tuesday 7th January at 8 p.m. sharp in the Band Hall. The minimum age is 9 years. For those who may be more advanced we may have a vacancy depending on numbers, in our Brass or Clarinet classes. So, please do come and meet us on Tuesday 7th January as we have said before if you are an experienced musician please drop in and see us.

Annual General Meeting

It's that time of year again when we examine our performance over the past year and plan ahead for the new. The date and time is Thursday 9th January at 8 p.m. and our February Bulletin will have news of our new crew for 1997 who will steer the ship towards the next millenium.

Assistant Conductor

Our A.G.M. should also see the confirmation of the appointment of our new Assistant Conductor to help our Bandmaster, Cliff Murphy. During the past year Cliff's workload has increased dramatically to the extent that he is no longer in a position to attend rehearsals as often as he would wish. He has given a tremendous amount of time to the Band over the past 25 years and we hope that this new appointment will help to take some pressure from him and allow him, in his capacity as a Director of Music to plan ahead with our new conductor so that we can improve the band in many ways over the next couple of years. We thank Cliff for his contribution to the Band in the past and are confident that we can look forward to great things in the future.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

At our AGM on 15th October the following members were elected on the Committee, and nominated to the following positions for '97.

Chairperson: Noeleen O'Brien.
Vice-Chairperson: Margaret Howe.
Secretary: Sarah Angel.
Assist. Sec.: Mary Doyle (Kilclone).
Treasurer: Imelda Desmond.
Assistant Treasurer: Mary Cleary.
P.R.O. and Raffle: Moira Baxter.
A.O.I.F.E Rep. and Raffle: Annette Carroll.
Sales Table: {Felicity Satchwell
 { Mary Doyle
Charity Table: Betty Farrell.
Librarian: Toni Read.
Hostess: {Carmel O'Leary
 {Teresa Ellis
Competition Sec.: Jo O'Connell

The Club have organised a very exciting programme for the year ahead and look forward to meeting old and new members at our monthly meetings held every 3rd Tuesday in 'The Loftus Hall', St. Patrick's, College, Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

We hope all our members had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a very successful 1997.

Again we are looking for experienced swimmers for next term commencing in February. Please contact a member of the committee. We would like to extend our congratulations to all members who completed the necessary tests and have received their Certificates and Badges for the 96/97 year.

Mary Molloy,
P.R.O.



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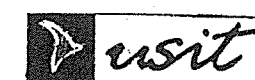
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CELBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

**Snaps up the Celtic
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Down**

Banbridge:

The top Club in the 1996 Irish Photographic Federation (IPF) National League Finals and the winners of the Northern Irish Photographic Association (NIPA) equivalent met to vie for the Best Club in Ireland award. The prize in this annual competition - The Celtic Trophy. Celbridge Camera Club which won the League Finals in May this year represented the IPF and Banbridge Camera Club represented NIPA.

Section Winners

In a tough competition judged by Les McClean FIPF, FRPS, a renowned photographer from Scotland, Celbridge Camera Club won both the Colour Slide and Black and White sections while losing only by a small margin on the Colour Print panel. However, it was enough to win the Competition outright and make history as the first Club from the South of Ireland ever to beat a NIPA Club in the twenty one year history of this Competition. Representatives of Banbridge District Council congratulated Celbridge Camera Club on a magnificent win and presented the Celtic Trophy and a specially designed commemorative plaque to Chairman Mark Sedgwick. Commenting on the magnificent performance and the truly international standard of photography

from Celbridge, Les McClean made the point that "not only had Celbridge Camera club triumphed over their counterparts in Northern Ireland but that they could rightly claim to be the best Camera Club in the British Isles" as Banbridge Camera Club took the Top Club honours earlier this year in the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain Competition.

Celtic Trophy

Banbridge have won the Celtic Trophy in each of the last 8 years so it was with a great deal of pride that Celbridge wrested the Trophy from such a prestigious Club. Congratulations to the 9 photographers from Celbridge Camera Club who represented the Club which displayed more than 30 images in the course of the Competition. For the record these were: Michael Davitt, Ann Flanagan, Joe Geraty, Cliff Hutchinson, Colm Kavanagh, Podge Kelly, Peter McCormack, Liam O'Reilly and Mark Sedgwick.

Sean Casey FIPF - President of the Irish Photographic Federation - praised Celbridge Camera Club for their excellent win and hoped that it would mark the beginning of a new era in Irish amateur photography.

Mullingar:

The Irish Photographic Federation National Shield Championships were held over the weekend of 16/17 November, in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Mullingar Photographic Society Club hosted on behalf of the Irish Photographic Federation. This event is the premier

event of Irish amateur photography for non-advanced club members. As luck or excellence, or a bit of both, would have it Celbridge Camera Club were delighted as they took Third Place Overall in the competition being narrowly beaten for second place by Dublin Camera Club. The event was won by Celbridge Camera Club's sister club and protege Listowel Camera Club. Honours went to Mary Mellot from Maynooth who took an IPF silver medal for the second placed colour print of the competition and to Noel O'Mahony who also took the silver medal for the second placed colour slide of the competition. This is an excellent result for the novice and intermediate members of Celbridge Camera Club.

The Club was presented with their trophies and IPF silver medals by Sean Casey FIPF, Present of the IPF.

Liffey Descent

Congratulations to Joe Geraty from Lucan who took 1st place in the Irish Distillers amateur photography competition for the best shot of the Annual Canoe event of Ireland - The Liffey Descent. Joe received a crystal decanter brimful of one of Irish Distillers leading alcoholic products for his efforts.

New Members

As always CCC are looking for new members and with a hectic schedule of events lined up till the end of June next year now is the right time to join up. Phone us now on 6288904 or 6273476 for further details.

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7. When in restaurants, be careful with regard to your bags and purchases.
8. Prior to leaving your vehicle, ensure you have locked all the doors and windows are rolled up tight.
Make sure the steering lock, if fitted, is engaged and if you have an alarm, ensure you have it on.
9. Never leave any possessions/purchases on view inside the car. If you have to leave them, discreetly lock them in the boot.
10. Do not hide spare keys within the vehicle.
11. Be vigilant when returning to your car with your purchases.

B. Security of your Homes

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13. Check out callers to your home fully and ask for identification. Do not admit strangers to your home.
14. Be alert and report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to your local Gardai immediately.

A Very Happy New Year to everyone.

MAYNOOTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Congratulations to Holly Murray, Louise Ball, Maria Kinsella, Ronan Phelan, Morgan Mc Inerney, Barry Coughlin and Gerard Mc Carthy winners in our Junior Tournament. The advanced Group met Kilcock and now look forward to return matches.

Badminton resumes this month on Tuesdays and Saturdays in the Parish Hall.

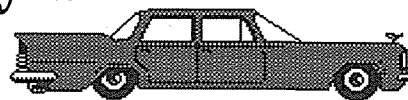
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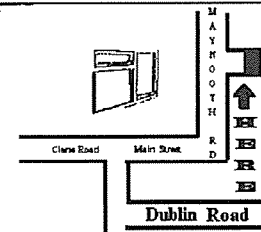
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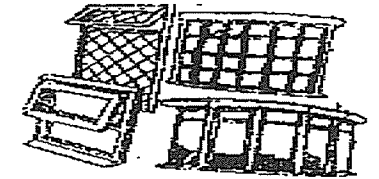
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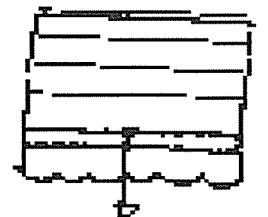
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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

When Minister Howlin suspended the ability of Kildare County to pass further town Development Plans on September 23rd, it signalled a rejection to the piecemeal town-by-town approach being operated by Kildare County Council. In his letter the Minister ordered that instead of this approach the Council provides, as a matter of urgency, a Strategic County Development Plan which would govern the decisions to be made at local level and ensure that the commitment of land resources and infrastructure at local level was only that which was necessary to fulfill a demonstrable need at the regional scale. A 'top down' approach which first established the overall growth in population which was likely to occur in the county, and a hierarchical allocation of lands to meet this, and only this, need was envisaged.

This Strategic County Plan was forwarded to councillors on 20th November last and may well by now have been approved by the Minister, thus setting the stalled development planning process in action again throughout County Kildare.

The Fastest Growing County

The Plan itself reveals that Co. Kildare is now the fastest growing county in Ireland, with the highest rates of immigration and a rate of natural increase in population twice the national average. It states that 15,000 journeys are made from Kildare into Dublin each day, 75% of them by car, and most of them from the north Kildare towns of Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. It highlights the contrast between an overdeveloped and congested northern part of the county, and an underdeveloped southern part where population is still in decline. It emphasises the unsustainable nature of many urban and rural developments due to limitations of water supplies and waste treatment systems, pressure on roads, and urban encroachment on rural and amenity areas. The Plan also highlighted the risk of Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip joining to form a huge conurbation in the absence of strict development controls. These are all issues which have occupied Maynooth Planning Alliance over the past year, and it is extremely satisfying to see their explicit recognition in this Plan.

To address these issues, the County Council planners propose a significant geographical shift for future development. Instead of allowing market forces i.e. the building industry to continue to target North Kildare alone for further urban development, it is proposed to redirect such pressures southwards to the central part of the county towards the Naas-Newbridge/Kilcullen triangle. Such a strategy, if successful, would ease the pressures on Maynooth in particular and would be welcomed by the Maynooth Planning Alliance. A pause in the breakneck growth of Maynooth would enable schools, roads, amenities etc to catch up with the excessive growth in population

foisted on the town in recent years by the over generous provision of building land in the last town Development Plan. In addition, the spreading of development would enable those parts of the south of the county which presently need urban development to benefit.

Next Five Years

The population projections for Celbridge Rural District, which encompasses Maynooth and most of the North Kildare towns imply a total need for residential land for just over 4,000 people more during the next five years. This would be equivalent to rezoning approximately 125 acres in total between Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge. Accordingly, as the Plan itself emphasises, any substantial zoning of lands in Maynooth and Celbridge would be actions which would run against the objectives adopted by the councillors themselves.

Maynooth Planning Alliance is happy to report this shift in policy and now calls on the elected representatives of this community to act to implement these objectives in a real and transparent manner. Stances taken last summer are no longer appropriate to these changed circumstances. Development-led planning is out and planning-led development is in for Kildare. A radical new direction is apparent in Kildare planning strategy and Maynooth Planning Alliance calls for an imaginative and radical response from its local representatives.

R.C.A.G NOTES - CHOMHAIRLE

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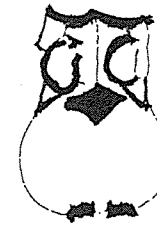
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MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Moyglare - A Brighter Place

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Moyglare Residents support Maynooth Planning Alliance

At the recent meeting the committee confirmed their support for the work of the Maynooth Planning Alliance in representing the views of the residents in the town. A donation of £25 will be sent to them as a contribution towards their costs.

Big welcome for the return of "Moyglare News"

The first edition of the relaunched local newsletter for the Moyglare area was widely welcomed by the residents who received their free copy in late November. Distribution was limited to Moyglare Village and to members of the association living on Moyglare Road. However the possibility of delivering future editions to all residents of the Moyglare area, including the Moyglare Road, Moyglare Meadows and Moyglare Abbey will be considered by the committee.

Meanwhile, for anybody who did not receive the last edition, you can see it on display at Jean's Foodstore in Moyglare Village. If you live in the Moyglare area and you have any news you would like included in it, please contact any member of the committee.

Paul Croghan
Chairman
Moyglare Residents Association

PARKLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Parklands Residents Association would like to congratulate Tony O' Connor on the formation of "Parklands United"(5 a side).

Introducing the Team: Tony O' Connor, Simon Williams, Kieran Glynn, Sean Sinclair, Paul Broghan, Declan Forde, Peadar Haren, Aidan Critchley.

This team is taking part in the Winter League organized by Leixlip Amenity Centre. We sincerely hope that those residents who were disappointed to find they had not been registered in time to vote in the Bail Referendum have now rectified the situation for future elections. Parklands Residents Association would like to wish all Residents and readers and the Staff of the Newsletter a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Liz Stoll
Parklands Residents Association

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Please note..... Any items for discussion by the above Committee should be forwarded to the secretary, Mary McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive, by the last Friday of the month.

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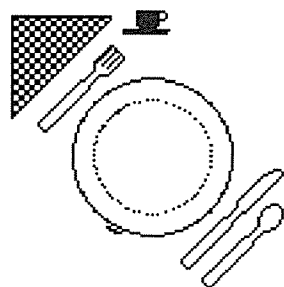
(A pancake made of grated potatoes)

Preparation: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

2 large potatoes
1 small celeriac (about 3 1/2 oz/100g)
Salt
2oz/60g butter
1 tbsp peanut oil
1 medium onion, preferably white
The pale heart of a head of celery
a few celery leaves
2 tbsp creme fraiche
or whipped double cream
A pinch of freshly grated nutmeg

Peel the potatoes and celeriac and wipe clean. Grate finely. Mix & season with salt. With your hands divide the vegetables into 8 balls, and flatten each into a pancake about 5/8 in / 1 1/2 cm thick. Heat the butter and oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the pancakes and cook until lightly browned on one side, turn over. Press with spatula to hold together. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes, turning occasionally. Peel the onion and cut into thin slices. Salt lightly and place in a strainer to let the salt draw out the onion's flavour.

Thinly slice and set aside the stalks from the celery leaves. When the pancakes are cooked arrange them around the edge of an oven proof platter. Spread some creme fraiche or whipped cream on each pancake, sprinkle with nutmeg and top with thinly-sliced onion. Put the platter under the grill or in a very hot oven for a couple of minutes. Before serving, put the sliced celery heart and leaves in the centre of the platter. Serve immediately.



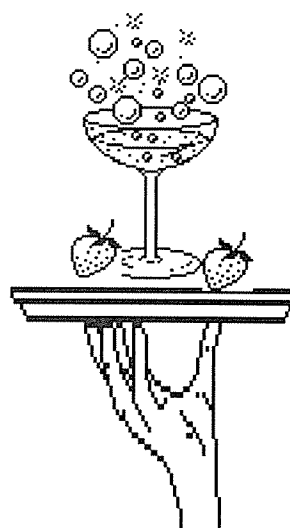
SHALLOTS IN RED WINE

Use an intense wine such as a Cotes du-Rhone for the sauce, and serve with roast tenderloin of beef or grilled steak.

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 20 - 30 minutes
Serves 4

14oz/420g medium shallots, all the same size
3oz/90g butter,
1 tsp sugar
5fl oz/150ml chicken stock
Salt & freshly ground black pepper
A sprig of thyme
8fl oz/250ml red wine

Peel and trim shallots. Heat half the butter in a heavy saucepan and add shallots. Cook until lightly golden, then add the chicken stock, sugar, a pinch of salt, and the sprig of thyme. Over high heat, reduce cooking liquid completely, then add wine and boil down until only 1 or 2 tbsp of sauce remain. The shallots should be very tender. Remove the pan from the heat and add the rest of the butter, stir to melt into the sauce and coat the shallots. Check seasoning and serve.



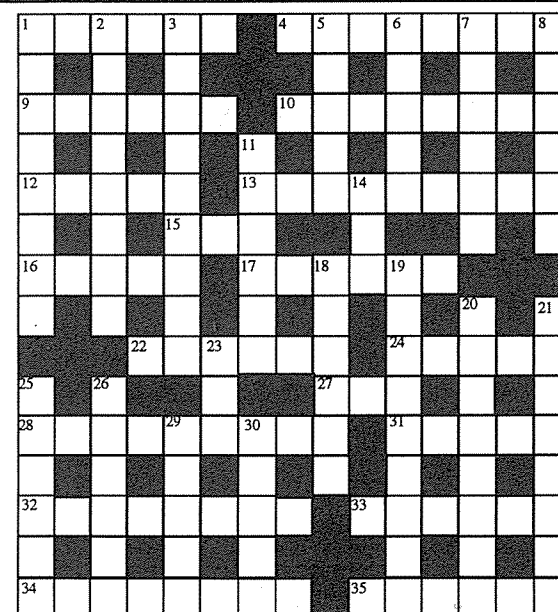
BAY-SCENTED ROASTED POTATOES

Preparation time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 40 - 50 minutes.
400F/220C/Gas 6
Serves 4

8 medium, red skinned potatoes salt
12 large fresh bay leaves
6fl oz/175ml chicken stock
4fl oz/125ml olive oil

Peel wash & dry potatoes. Cut slits into each potato every 3/8 in/1cm; cut nearly all the way through, but be careful to keep potatoes in one piece. Cut the bay leaves into 1/2 in/1 1/4 cm strips. Oil a baking dish; put potatoes into pan and slip a piece of bay leaf into each slit. Sprinkle with salt (very little if your chicken stock is salted). Bring stock to the boil and pour it over the potatoes; drizzle with the olive oil. Bake, uncovered, for about 40 minutes. The potatoes should be very tender and nicely browned; no cooking liquid should remain. Serve in the baking dish.

Crossword No. 110



Entries before 17th January 1997

Name _____

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Across:

1. Cover. (6)
4. Widespread. (8)
9. Resonance. (6)
10. Defrauds. (8)
12. Drink..... (5)
13.Server. (9)
15. Impair. (3)
16. Nimble. (5)
17. Embellished. (6)
22. Workroom. (6)
24. Devoid. (5)
27. Diameter. (3)
28. Seasonal. (9)
31. South American dance. (5)
32. Drooled. (8)
33. Small restaurant. (6)
34. Determined. (8)
35. Awry. (6)

Down:

1. Throw. (8)
2. Propose. (8)
3. Writing paper. (9)
5. Force. (5)
6. Frolic. (5)
7. Affliction. (6)
8. Dictator. (6)
11. At large. (6)
14. Beverage. (3)

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18. Strip of pasta. (6)
19. Dramatics. (9)
20. Unmarried woman. (8)
21. Classification by sort. (8)
23. Vessel. (3)
25. Insect. (6)
26. Characteristics. (6)
29. Inventor of dynamite. (5)
30. Lifeless. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 109.

Across: 1. Merino; 4. Abundant; 9. Poplin; 10. Restorer; 12. Imbue; 13. Pamphlets; 15. Lei; 16. Trice; 17. Reject; 22. Ostler; 24. Rouge; 27. Son; 28. Amplitude; 31. Incur; 32. Banality; 33. Former; 34. Residual; 35. Hearse.

Down: 1. Mephisto; 2. Republic; 3. Noiseless; 5. Bream; 6. Notch; 7. Airier; 8. Thrush; 11. Spiral; 14. Pie; 18. Jersey; 19. Carnivore; 20. Dulcimer; 21. Peartree; 23. Tat; 25. Camber; 26. Upends; 29. Idled; 30. Ultra.

Winner of Crossword No. 109:
Liam Kavanagh, 29 Moyglare Village, Maynooth.

Gardening Hints

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE
ESTABLISHED GARDEN
PLANTS IN MID TO LATE
WINTER

Lawns Turf new lawns. Treat established lawns with mosskiller.
Trees and Shrubs If the soil is not frozen, plant deciduous species. Prune deciduous summer-flowering shrubs such as clematis, buddleia, potentilla and hardy fuchsia. Prune winter-flowering shrubs once blooms are over; mulch and apply a general fertilizer. Cut suckers growing from the bases of trees.

Roses Continue planting roses in suitable weather. Prune in mild or sheltered gardens.

Perennials Lift and divide lupins, Michaelmas daisies, delphiniums, and any other hardy border plants that have been left for three years.. Apply general fertilizer to other hardy perennials. Firm plants lifted by frost. Fork over soil between the plants. Examine stored chrysanthemum stools for signs of rotting and withering. Ventilate on dry days.

Annuals In suitable weather dig and manure sites for sowing. Lightly fork over ground dug in autumn and work in a general fertilizer if it wasn't manured. Sow half hardy annuals in a cold frame or greenhouse late in the winter.

Biennials Dress with a general fertiliser. Lightly fork soil around them. Firm any plants that have been lifted by frost.

Bulbs Deter birds from eating crocus buds by stretching dark cotton, supported on sticks across the area occupied by the bulbs. Spray stored dahlia tubers showing signs of mould. Pot lily bulbs for early display indoors or under glass.

Fruit Plant fruit trees and bushes in mild spells. Feed all fruit trees with fertilizer. Every third year, paint tar oil wash on apple and pear trees.

Prune raspberries, gooseberries and red and white currants. Prepare beds for rhubarb crowns and plant.

Vegetables Place cloches in position to warm soil for seeds sown in early spring. Outdoors, plant shallots. Transplant autumn sown onions. Feed winter brassicas with general fertilizer.

Herbs Plant or divide chives, thyme, sage, and mint. Cut back frost damaged sage.

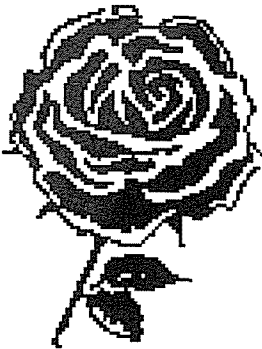
1997 GARDENING
PLANNER

January
Sow lettuce and other salad vegetables. Begin sowing in the propagator of summer-autumn flowering pot plants and plants requiring long growing periods, such as F1 hybrid geraniums. Some bulbs already in the plunge may be ready to bring in. Propagate chrysanthemums and carnations from cuttings. Sow freesias, seven seeds to each 130mm(5in) pot. Rhubarb can be brought in for forcing under staging. Pot-on actively growing pot plants such as primulas, calceolarias and cinnerarias. Be cautious with watering and ventilate freely if there is a mild spell. Keep the greenhouse glass clean.

WHEN TO PRUNE

Major pruning is done during the dormant period, from late autumn to early spring. Despite the increasing availability of container grown roses, which can be planted at any time of the year, the main planting season is still from autumn to spring. This is also the time when bare-rooted roses are put in. All newly planted stock should be pruned in late winter or early spring. Normally it doesn't matter what time established roses are pruned during the dormant season.

Very harsh winter weather may damage those that have been pruned in the autumn, so they may need additional trimming in the spring. It's advantageous to trim and tie in long stems before they are lashed about by winds. In mild areas where new growth starts early, prune sooner rather than later.



Three Basic Steps:
There are three pruning steps that apply to all roses, whether established or newly planted. Treat them as routine whenever you are planting or pruning. Many roses will need very little further attention.

- 1) Remove all dead, damaged or diseased stems. Cut back to just above a bud on healthy wood or take out the stem completely, cutting back to a junction with a healthy stem or even the rootstock itself.
- 2) Remove weak or thin stems. These are unlikely to produce flowers, yet they will take strength that the plant could put into other, better growth. Cut back to join with a healthy strong-growing stem or to the rootstock.
- 3) Take out the least vigorous of stems that cross or rub. Either cut the overcrowding stem right out or prune back to a growth bud below where the two stems cross. With ramblers and climbers, cut out some overcrowding stems but remember that training and tying will be needed to avoid rubbing.



Children's Corner



COLOUR BY NUMBERS

1 - Red 2 - Yellow 3 - Blue
4 - Orange 5 - Green

Animal Signs!

LEO the N

CANCER the R

PISCES the S

ARIES the M

TAURUS the L

Help the spaceman back to his base by finding the right tube to pull from the maze!

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Barry Connellan 20 Straffan Way Maynooth	Paula Curran 3 Straffan Way Maynooth
3rd. PRIZE	3rd. PRIZE
Aimee Sherlock 80 Kingsbry Maynooth	Kenneth Corbally 26 Cluain Roibhinn Maynooth

Features

STREET SOUNDS!

Pictured across is the CKR Outside Broadcast Unit bringing some cheerful sounds to a wintry Maynooth afternoon. DJ Tom Brown was the man with the music, moving his 1 till 4 show out on the streets, in conjunction with Bank of Ireland, Maynooth who sponsored all the spot prizes that the CKR crew were giving away.

To ensure a perfect sound quality the station's sound engineers travelled to Maynooth two days previously to do a 'dry-run' - the school children who gathered round the van on Friday seemed to think they had done a good job.

If you are in business in the Maynooth area and you're looking for a novel advertising idea, why not bring in the CKR crew to liven up the afternoon? And if you're the sort of person who just likes to win spot prizes - then make sure you have your CKR car sticker displayed the next time they come to town, and keep tuning in to your local station - CKR



MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Fund Raising Social Evening

The committee of the Maynooth Post Primary PTA is holding a fund-raising Social Evening and Dance in the Glenroyal Hotel on Saturday 18th January from 9 p.m. 'til midnight. Music will be by Bourbon Street and their selection should help shake off any Christmas excesses gained over the period.

Please, please support our fund-raising efforts! Tickets are available from any committee member or via the school. As admission to the event is by ticket only and tickets are limited, it is important that you get your tickets early.

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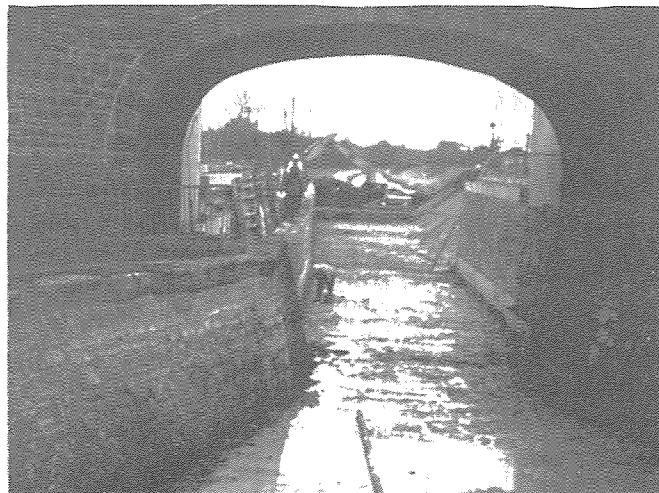
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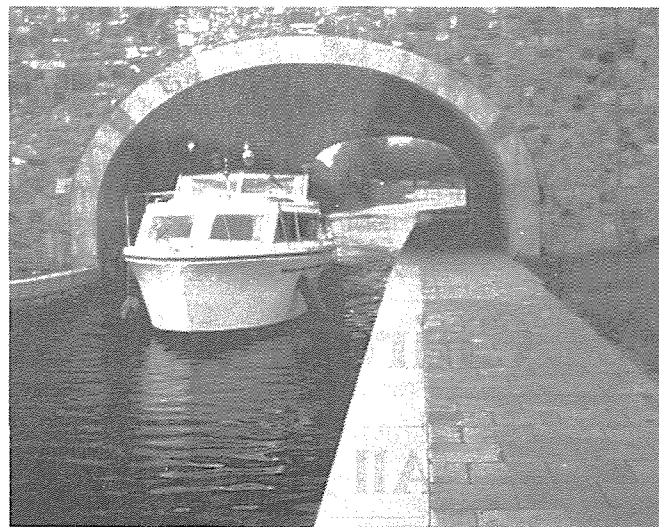
*The Thing is dead!
Long live anything but the Thing!*



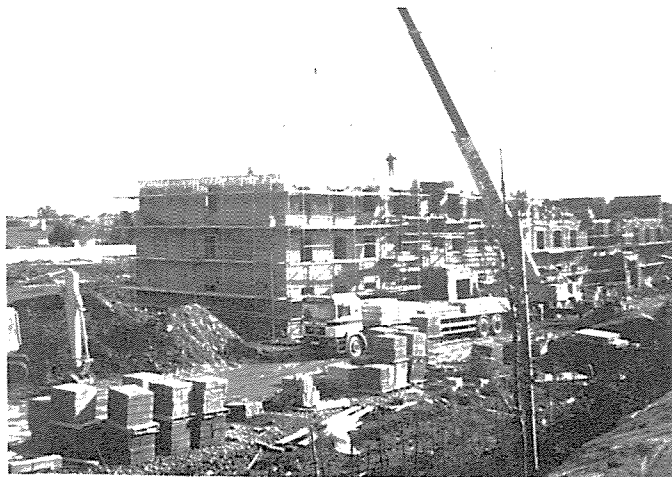
*And here it is! The new Square,
clean, bright and only a decade overdue.*



*And the old jackhammer, goes
clatter clatter, all along the
banks of the Royal Canal!*



*November sees the first cruiser along the new
improved Royal Canal. Bon Voyage.*



*Rumour has it that out of this muck,
a new hotel and shopping centre will rise.*



*Et voila! The Glenroyal Complex, a welcome
addition to Maynooth's business community.*

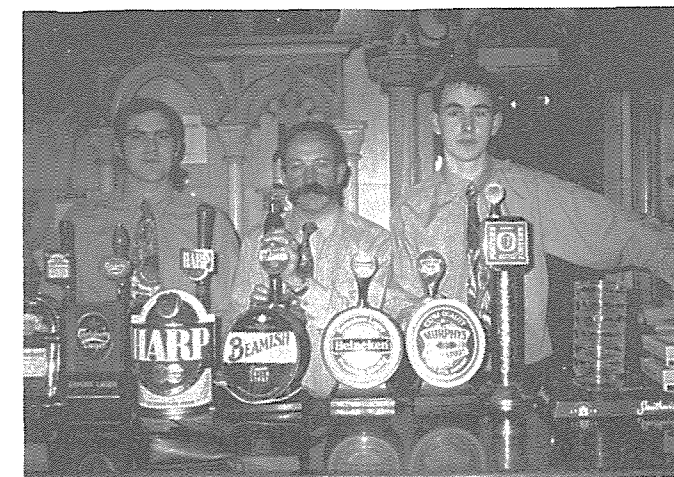
A Changing Town



*Who will ever forget the year
we all spent living on a building site?*



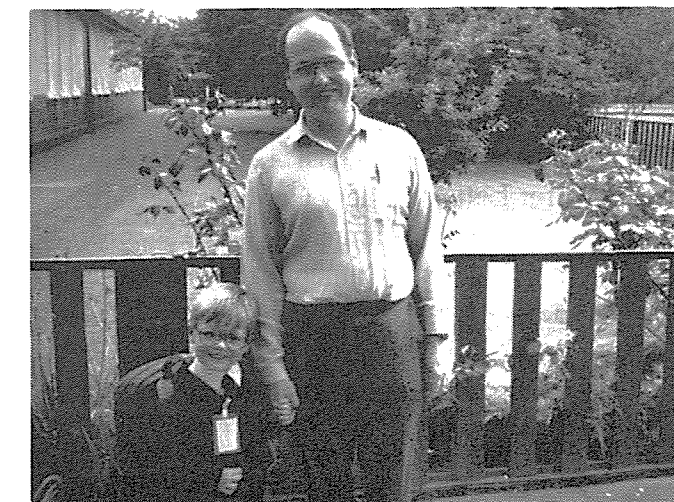
*The new Straffan Road, wider, safer and pothole free.
(Now if we could just get rid of the traffic!)*



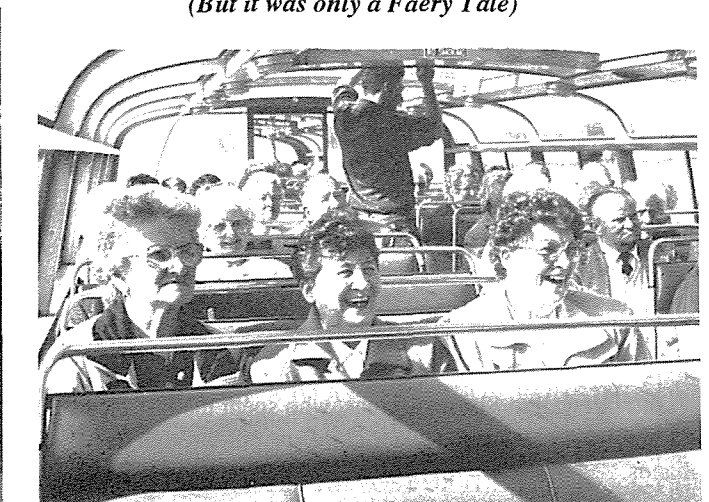
*New faces in the Roost. And the word on the street is
that its a much nicer place to drink.*



*Once upon a time it was told that a motorway
would put an end to Maynooth's traffic problems.
(But it was only a Faery Tale)*



*September every year brings its own changes -
this one at least seems tantrum-free.*



*This one isn't about changing anything -
we just liked the photo.
Happy New Year!*

Features

FAREWELL SISTER AQUINAS

Sister Aquinas will be sadly missed from the town of Maynooth. She is being transferred to Kildare town to take up the position of Teaching Principal. A mass was held for her on Tuesday 26th November and was celebrated by Reverend Fr. Brendan Supple. Concelebrants were Monsignor Patrick Corish, Reverend Fr. Liam Ryan and Reverend Fr. Oliver Brennan (all from the college), Reverend Fr. Pat Joe O' Connor, Salesian College and Reverend Fr. David Boylan from the Post-Primary School.

The church was filled to capacity with parents, friends and pupils from Maynooth Post Primary, St. Wolstans, Celbridge and Scoil Dara in Kilcock to say their last farewell to Sister Aquinas. "She has a very big heart and there is room in it for each and every child", said Father Supple. He also said that the town will miss the sweet sound of her music at Sunday Mass.

The beautiful hymns on the day were sung by the School choir. A number of children also brought their own personal gifts to the altar, such as calligraphy, flowers, music and crochet. The children also said their own prayers on the altar.

The main hymn was one of Sister Aquinas' favourites "Come Follow Me". The mass was very beautiful and moving. There was a very emotional scene after the mass when everyone in the Church rose to their feet clapping and cheering as Sister Aquinas walked down the aisle and out of the church in tears.

After the mass a reception followed in the Parish Hall. A group of women got together and set up a committee to supply tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes.

Committee members:

Noleen McTernan, Marian Brennan, Lilla Flynn, Josephine Fay, Catherine Fay, Bridget Cummins, Marie Baxter, Caroline O' Hurley, Geraldine Tobin, Catherine Heslin, Jean Kennedy.

Thank you ladies, it was lovely. A cake in the shape of a prayer book summarised just what the people of Maynooth wanted to say to Sister Aquinas, the woman who had made such a mark on our lives. The inscription on the cake read, "Thank you so much, your thoughtfulness to all meant more than words can say".

A sad farewell to Sister Aquinas who spent the last 25 years of her life dearly loving every child she put through her hands.



Sr. Aquinas saying her farewells.



The Farewell Cake.

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Features

M.A.B.S. IN MAYNOOTH!

North Kildare Money Advice and Budgeting Service opens at Derroon House.

The Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth recently became the venue for an Information Evening hosted by the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, which has made its service available for the North Kildare Region at Derroon House, Dublin Road, Maynooth.

The service helps families and individuals with debt problems. If a person is in difficulties with rent, mortgages, E.S.B., banks, etc., then the service can help them.



L-R Shane O'Neill, Jim Walsh, Margaret Quinn-M.A.O. Nth. Kildare, Veronica Tobin M.A.O. Sth. Kildare at M.A.B.S. open night in the Glenroyal Hotel

In attendance at the evening were Shane O'Neill and Jim Walsh from the Department of Social Welfare, Veronica Tobin of the South Kildare M.A.B.S. in Newbridge, Margaret Quinn, Money Advice Officer for North Kildare and her staff Kelly Meaghan and Fiona O'Brien.

Mr. Walsh who opened the proceedings by welcoming everybody there, explained that M.A.B.S. had organised the evening so that co-ordinators could meet with local groups to explain to them what the service is about and also to get the support and assistance of other community groups.

According to Shane O'Neill, who recently co-ordinated the Dublin South M.A.B.S., the service originated from a 'changing focus' within the Department for Social Welfare. As a result of a report by the Combat Poverty Agency and a changing role within the Department, five M.A.B.S. projects were set up in 1992 to assist people in debt and to prevent indebtedness.

The service is funded by the Department of Social Welfare and since 1995 as a result of a request by the Minister for Social Welfare, Proinsias de Rossa, the service is independent of the Department and rooted within the local community where it is available.

Structure of the M.A.B.S.

Margaret Quinn the new M.A.O. in describing and explaining the structure of the service, re-iterated this point that the service is independent of the Department. If organising groups within a locality find that they are interested in supporting a M.A.B.S., they must form a committee and submit a proposal to the Department of Social Welfare. A Management Committee is formed to run the service, selecting suitable persons to administrate, locate offices and staff, monitor the service and submit reports. The committee also looks after training and policy issues. When a proposal is accepted by the Department of Social Welfare, interim funding is granted for one year. After that year, if the service proves to be managed well, the Department will enter into a three year funding contract.

Free, Independent and Confidential Service

The service is free, independent and confidential. Trained advisers will listen to problems without judging and help a person to make their own decisions by giving the information and advice needed to bring the situation under control. It is not important why or how a person got into difficulties - what is important is to deal with the situation as it is now.

Many clients are referred to the M.A.B.S. by a Community Welfare Officer. An interview with the M.A.O. takes place, going through all the elements of the financial difficulties to assess the situation. The aim of the service is to enable the person to pay off debts at a rate that they decide whilst ensuring that all their essential requirements (food, housing, fuel, etc.) are protected. This is done through Budgeting.

If wished the service will negotiate on a persons behalf with creditors, to help renegotiate repayments at a rate that can be afforded. When large problems occur, a C.W.O. is called upon for extra support to help tackle the issue. Basically all channels of support are investigated to help the individual.

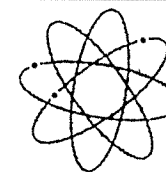
Special Accounts Scheme

A key feature of the service is a Special Accounts Scheme provided in partnership with local Credit Unions. A person availing of the service can open one of these accounts even if they don't have a history with the Credit Union. A specified repayment amount is put into the Special Account every week. At the end of the month this is taken out and given to the creditors.

Loan Guaranteed Fund

Another feature of the service is the Loan Guaranteed Fund. This is a designated sum of money, provided by the Department of Social Welfare to guarantee loans (in co-operation with the Credit Union) to people who wouldn't have regular savings, but who are trying hard to overcome their debts.

These are the essential approaches being employed by the



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Happy New Year to All Our Students and Parents

Features

M.A.B.S. to help individuals overcome indebtedness.

Community Education Programme

Another approach which Margaret Quinn is promoting is the Community Education Programme, a 'pro-active approach' where certain groups in the community are targeted and taught money management, i.e., young people are encouraged to save regularly and build up a credit base.

There are now forty such projects established and running successfully throughout the country. They have assisted over 10,000 families with multiple debt problems. Many have been able to overcome their debts over a period of time.

The North Kildare M.A.B.S., at Derroon House, Dublin Road, Maynooth will be officially launched on January 17th. The opening hours for the service are: Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 - 5 p.m. Any special requirements and enquiries can also be made at night.

For further information: Ph: 629 1660/Fax: 629 1662.



*Fiona O'Brien and Margaret Quinn M.A.B.S.
Administration Staff*

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*Claire Albrecht,
Secretary,
The Language Centre.*

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Publication of New Novel

The staff at Maynooth Post Primary School wish to congratulate Mr. Patrick Devaney on the publication of his second book. This book is entitled "The Stranger and the Pooka" It was launched on Wednesday 4th December by Don Conroy in the Maynooth Library and is published by Mentor Press. By all accounts this book is very suitable for thirteen year old children and we wish Mr. Devenay every success with it.

Debating and Public Speaking

Debating and Public Speaking teams have been busy in competition this term with some success. We have been involved with three Debating competitions, with twelve participating students.

Transition Year students Stephen McKeon, Roisin Farrelly, Cormac Eddery and Eamonn Hodge ably represented the school in the Concern Debate.

Fifth Year students Geraldine Fahy, Declan O'Rourke, Nigel Heather and Shane Casey competed in the E.S.B. Leinster Debating Competition and we look forward to seeing Nigel and Declan also winning their next round. A mixed team of T.Y., 5th year and L.C. debaters are participating in the Rigby-Jones Memorial Shield. The team James Mulligan, Meadhbh Flood, Robert Hayes and Maeve Lynch were narrowly defeated in their first competition but went on to win the second of their three debates. We hope they repeat the performance in the New Year.

The Mental Health Public Speaking Project first round was held in the school on November 20th. The Maynooth team of Lorraine Downey, Eimear McKeith and Claire Duke were victorious against St. Wolstan's, Celbridge and Scoil Iosa, Kilcock.

The Kildare final was then held in Naas on December 10th and the Maynooth girls again emerged victorious. Congratulations to the team and to their tireless coach, English teacher Laurine Barry.

Congratulations also to Declan O'Rourke who is through to the Quarter Finals of the ESB Leinster Debating Competition. Watch this space for further progress reports.

Under 16 Gaelic Football

Maynooth Post Primary V Drimnagh Castle

Maynooth Post Primary School defeated Drimnagh Castle by 3-7 to 2-6. This was a very tough match in freezing conditions and strong winds. Maynooth came to grips with the conditions but only after falling five points behind. Maynooth put on a great performance in the second half with K. Ennis, T. Naughton and C. Arthurs getting a goal each. W. Farrelly and L. O'Brien excelled with superb free taking and Maynooth won this very close match.

Our congratulations to this very successful Maynooth team which was as follows: C. McCarthy, A. Geoghan, A.

Dalton, D. McCarthy, C. Higgins, D. Carr, T. Dalton, G. Beirne, D. O'Sullivan, J. Joyce, K. Ennis, G. Higgins, C. Arthurs, W. Farrelly.
Subs: T. Naughton for G. Higgins.

Maynooth Post Primary V Moyle Park

Maynooth won the match but not without a fight from Moyle Park. Maynooth led by 0-6 to 0-4 at half time. In the second half, the Maynooth side had to cope with a strong breeze. However, with excellent playing, particularly from Chris Arthurs, the Maynooth side won with a final score of 1-9 to 0-8.

The successful Maynooth team were as follows:
J. Fagan, J. O'Brien, A. Dalton, D. McCarthy, D. Carr, T. Dalton, G. Beirne, L. O'Brien, P. O'Sullivan, C. Arthurs, C. Diggins, J. Joyce, S. Lennon, W. Farrelly
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STREET TALKING

The Pottery Barn

In our Christmas edition we visited some shops in Maynooth in an effort to see just what was on offer for the local consumer. We discovered to our delight that Maynooth is a thriving shopping town with a great selection of shops to choose from.

Maynooth shoppers now have yet another shop to entice them from the city and stay in the town, since the opening last month of "The Pottery Barn" in the Square.

Vast Selection of Stock

As its name suggests, the premises is stocked with a vast array of pottery. The collection of Bandon Pottery and Farmhouse Country Pottery are testament to the wonderful Irish craftsmanship and design being produced here at the moment. However, pottery is only one of the many items on sale in "The Pottery Barn".

There is an extensive range of copperware for the kitchen and fireplace, glassware in the form of containers and kitchen utensils (all Irishmade) and also a beautiful collection of wrought-iron lamps and vase stands.

Locally Made

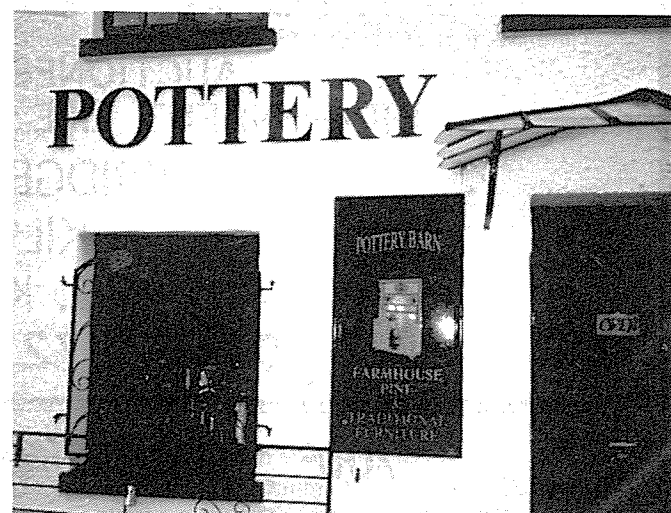
Much of the stock is not just Irish made, but locally made. "The Pottery Barn" aims at marketing local crafts, especially handcrafts. These are plentiful; from dried flower arrangements to wooden lamps. There is also a collection of printed pictures - although these are a limited edition only.

The proprietor Brian Kehoe who originates from Prosperous saw an opening in the market and decided Maynooth was in the right sort of upcoming town for his shop. This wasn't Brian's only reason for coming to Maynooth. Brian's mother's family the Dunne's, lived on a farm at Mullinbridge. A cabinet maker by trade, Sean has always loved furniture and has always wanted to open a craftwork shop.

This love of wood has manifested itself all around "The Pottery Barn". There is a great range of antique reproduction furniture, hallstands, bureaux, farmhouse tables and chairs and beds. Everything here is for sale, including an original selection of antique Chinese furniture, comprising of linen chests and chairs. "The Pottery Barn" also provides a 'made to order' service for any off-set pieces of furniture.

Exclusively Designed

One of the most outstanding collections in the Barn has to be the exclusive collection of handcrafted mirrors, especially designed for "The Pottery Barn" by Michelle O'Donnell of the Liffey Trust in Dublin. Each mirror is a unique piece of craftsmanship by this highly acclaimed artist.



New Pottery shop in the Square.

So whether you're searching for a pottery gift set, a classical Tiffany lamp or exquisitely handcrafted cutlery, look no further, "The Pottery Barn" has something for everybody.

Opening Hours

Since its opening on December 1st, "The Pottery Barn" has been doing business 7 days a week.

Opening Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9.30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun 2-6p.m.

Brian Kehoe would like to thank all the businesses in the community who have given him their support. He has received great reaction from the people of Maynooth and he has been overwhelmed by all those who called in to wish him well.

So why not start off '97 the right way and pay a visit into the beautiful Pottery Barn.

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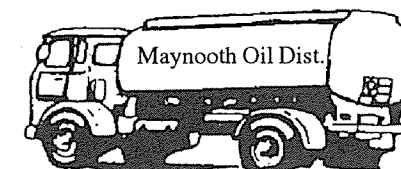
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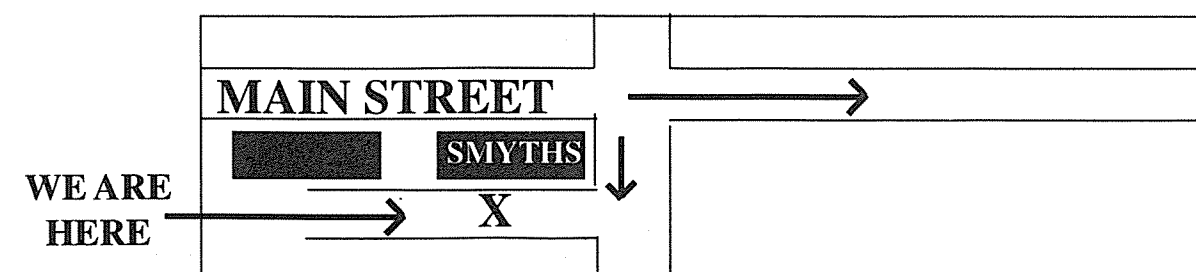
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SCOIL UI RIADA

The fund-raising table quiz held in the Maynooth G.A.A. club on Friday 29th November proved to be a great success, with over 20 teams of 4 participating. Organised by the Cárde committee with their usual panache, the fear a' tigh and quiz-master for the night was an Priomh-oide, Séamus O Muirthe. The "dá-theanganach" questions, set by Scoil Uí Riada parent Paul Garvey, provided the teams with a stiff challenge. The toughest question of the night was deemed to be "What's the name of the next bridge over the Royal Canal, to the west of Kilcock?".

Santa hats, in aid of St. Raphael's of Celbridge, were also on sale.

The Cárde committee are now planning a "monster" table quiz to be held in the Glenroyal Hotel in early Spring.

Successes for Scoil Uí Riada at Ceol an Geimhridh, Chill Dara

We are proud to report that our Banna Céili were the winners of their section of the annual competition, organised by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and held in Barnhall, Leixlip on Sunday 1st December. They now go forward to the Leinster Finals to be held in Enniscorthy during this month. Tomás O Baille also won through to the Leinster "Sceallíocht" finals.

Slogadh agus Cor na nOg, 1997

A group of 40 pupils will take part in the area finals of Slogadh 97, in both the Dramíocht & Cor sections. The drama entry is based on the theme of Cu Chulainn.

A number of pupils from rang a cuig agus rang a sé will be part of the 4000 child ensemble from 56 schools drawn from the greater Dublin area, organised by the National Children's Choir. This ensemble will perform songs based on a Celtic and American theme, including an Irish melody "Fir a Bhata", "Rhythm Of Life" by Woody Guthrie and songs from the "New World Symphony" by Dvorjak. Further details of the concert to be announced.

No doubt that Seán O' Riada, the modern master of traditional Irish music and after whom our school is named, would be proud of our pupils' involvement in these endeavours!

Ranganna Gaeilge

This year's participants of over 20 parents and adults in a beginners and a more advanced class, are well into their series. Ta súil againn go bhfuil siad go léir ag teacht ar aghaidh. An bhfuil na páistí ag ceabhru leo?

Enrolments for September 1997

We are now accepting enrolments for junior infants and other classes for this coming school year. As the official Gaelscoil for Maynooth and Kilcock, a free school bus service is provided to the school, located in The Square, Kilcock. We cater for all children in the area wishing to attend an All Irish, co-educational Primary school. To ensure your child's place, please enrol at the school, as soon



*Members of the band pictured
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T. Ní Lonnáin, Tomás Ó Báille
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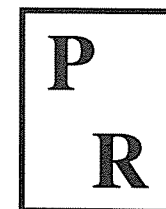
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We would like to wish all the staff and boys and their parents a very Happy New Year and hope that you have all enjoyed a Happy Christmas.

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*Claire O'Rourke
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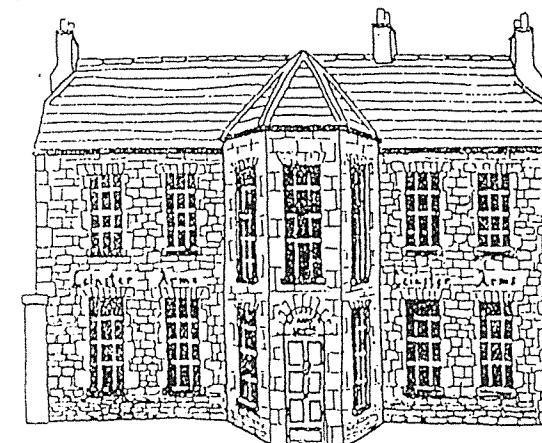
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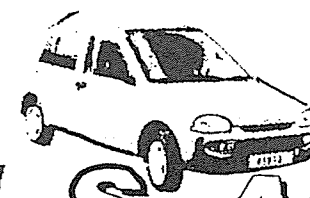


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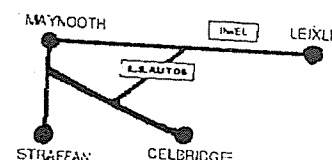
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12th January Morning Prayer 10.30a.m.
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26th January Eucharist 10.30a.m.

Beetle Drive will be held in the Parish Hall in Dunboyne on Friday 3rd January 1997 at 8p.m. This will be a fun evening for children and adults.

Welcome. We are delighted to announce that the Reverend Adrian Wilkinson, currently in Douglas, County Cork, has been nominated as Rector to Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin and Maynooth. He will be moving here at the end of January 1997 with his wife Jacqui and their young son Gary.

Bishop of Meath and Kildare Diocese.

Most Reverend Dr. Richard Clarke and his wife and family moved from Cork to this Diocese in early September of this year. We wish them well and hope that they are well settled into their new home in Moyglare, Maynooth.

Maynooth Restoration.

Abbey Stained Glass have completed the installation of the new windows in St. Mary's Maynooth. Thanks is also due to Robert Alcorn and Frank Allen for the time they have spent in restoring and painting the woodwork of the historic East Window. It is a credit to all concerned that the restoration work has preserved the architectural integrity of the building. Work will continue over the next few months-please contact us if you would like to help.

Table Quiz.

Advance notice of Table Quiz to be held upstairs in Kelly's Lounge, Dunboyne, Co. Meath on Thursday 7th February at 9p.m.; in charge Reverend Jane Galbraith: Phone No. 8251887.

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11.00am - 1.00pm All the craic, music and fun with Christy Walsh.
1.00pm - 3.00pm Tom Browne's **Afternoon Cruise** bringing you lunchtime music, fun and competition.
3.00pm - 5.30pm Sean Ferguson with the greatest and latest hits taking you right through the afternoon.
5.30pm - 6.00pm **Inside Leinster** with Jarlath Judge. Bringing you the latest regional news, sports, farm and community news.
6.00pm - 8.30pm **CKR Country** with Brendan Bambrick. Ireland's premier country music show.
8.30pm - 10.30pm **Hot Hot Hits** with TMC bringing you all the latest hits.
10.30pm - 12.30pm Keith Shanley plays your favourite love songs
12.30am - 6.00am Alan Byrne plays the best overnight sounds across Leinster.

SATURDAY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



7.00am - 10.00am **Saturday Showtime** with Christy Walsh.
10.00am - 11.00am **Review of the Week** with Tom Dowling.
11.00am - 2.00pm **The Irish Top 30** with Vincent O'Sullivan.
2.00pm - 6.00pm **Saturday Sportsbeat** with Clem Ryan.
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SUNDAY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



7.00am - 9.00am Tommy McCabe on Sunday.
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10.00am - 10.20am **Heartlight** from the Kairos Studios, Maynooth.
10.20am - 11.00am Tommy McCabe on Sunday.
11.00am - 2.00pm **Moroney on Sunday** with Declan Moroney and your chance to dial-a-dedication.
2.00pm - 3.30pm **The Purple Heather** with Clem Ryan. A bi-lingual programme of traditional Irish/folk music.
3.30pm - 7.00pm **Sunday Sportsbeat** with Clem Ryan bringing you commentaries and reports from all the sporting events at home and abroad.
7.00pm - 9.00pm Brendan Bambrick's **Ballads & More**.
9.00pm - 10.00pm CKR's **Rockfile** with Jarlath Judge.
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2.00am - 6.00am **Overnight Across Leinster** with Alan Byrne.



Features

VIDEO REVIEW

Broken Arrow (15's)

John Travolta and Christian Slater star as Vic Deakins and Riley Hale, two military pilots who must test the new top secret B-3 stealth bomber with two nuclear warheads on board.

What starts off as a routine mission soon becomes anything but, when Travolta steals the plane's cargo and holds the government to ransom. Needless to say Slater gets the job of retrieving the bombs and bringing Travolta to justice.

This is a fine adventure movie with good performances from both Travolta and Slater as the two protagonists, and excellent special effects and tight direction from John Woo ensures that it bowls along at a cracking pace.

Verdict: Definitely one to see!

Kingpin (15's)

Woody Harrelson plays Roy Munson, a born loser whose only claim to fame is that he's Iowa's champion bowler. His arch rival is 'Big ERN' Mc Cracken played by Bill Murray who sets him up with a bowling hustle in which Harrelson literally loses his hand. Seventeen years later he meets a bowling genius played by Randy Quaid, and sees his chance for revenge and to make a bit of money as well.

This is a great comedy from the directors of Dumb and Dumber, brothers Peter and Bobby Farrelly. But whereas that film relied heavily on the over-the-top performance of Jim Carrey, this film is far more restrained and a lot funnier because of it. Even though it could sometimes be accused of bad taste, it is nonetheless an absolutely hilarious movie!!

Verdict: A Riot!!!!

Copycat (18's)

Stars Sigourney Weaver and Harry Connick Jr. as a criminal psychologist and a serial killer respectively. While still recovering from having been viciously attacked by Connick who has been caught and imprisoned, she finds she is being stalked by yet another nut case who's copying his hero's (Connick's) style. He commits a series of murders while he makes his way towards killing Weaver.

If this film sounds a bit like Silence of the Lambs it's because it is a shameless rip-off of that far superior movie. It's very stylish but it lacks the original's atmosphere of menace and gets quite convoluted in parts.

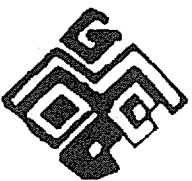
Verdict: For fans of the genre only.

THE COSY CORNER

If you're tucked up now in winter woolies, drinking cocoa, reading your Newsletter by a roaring fire and reminiscing about last year's sublime sunshine - then here's something to take away that January chill and bring on the summer holidays.

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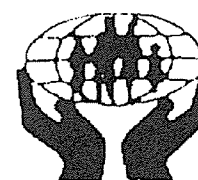
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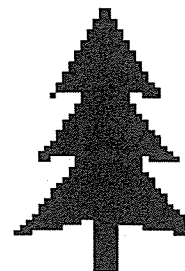
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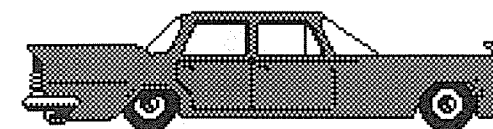
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FINE GAEL NOTES

Bond Bridge

Minister Bernard Durkan has called on Kildare Co. Council to place Bond Bridge, Maynooth on top of its priority list for funding in the current estimates. He said "the re-alignment of Bond Bridge needs to take place as a matter of strict urgency". Minister Durkan is working alongside Cllr. Senan Griffin in ensuring that this issue is progressed as a matter of strict urgency. Minister Durkan is also concerned that the traffic management measures undertaken in the town are not having their intended effect. He said that the back up of traffic is contributing even further to the problems in Parson Street and at Bond Bridge. Minister Durkan said that the combination of the dangerous bridge and the traffic jams particularly in the mornings are creating a potentially hazardous situation. He stressed that it is high time that the Council took a serious look at Maynooth saying that the current situation cannot be allowed to continue.

Meadowbrook

Minister Bernard Durkan has been contacted by residents in Meadowbrook who are anxious that a number of areas in the estate have not yet been properly finished. Minister Durkan said that the developer has an obligation to properly landscape areas which have not been built on and to ensure that roads and footpaths are completed and maintained to an acceptable standard. Minister Durkan has contacted the developers and the planning department

of Kildare Co. Council who he said are responsible for ensuring that all the conditions imposed on foot of a planning permission are properly complied with. Minister Durkan said he would keep the residents up to date with progress reports.

Maynooth Train Service

A number of residents of Maynooth have contacted Bernard Durkan regarding the train service to and from Maynooth. They are particularly concerned about the morning services which have been delayed recently and which have not arrived at all on some occasions. Minister Durkan has contacted Iarnrod Eireann with a view to improving the services.

Main Street

Minister Durkan has contacted the Co. Engineer and asked him to carry out repairs to the footpaths in the Main Street. Minister Durkan said that the footpaths which were widened as part of the traffic management measures for the town have extremely poor surfaces. The footpaths have now become flooded after rain and they are quite unlevel and dangerous to walk on. Minister Durkan said that the matter needs to be addressed before somebody falls or gets injured.

Feeder Road For Motorway

Minister Bernard Durkan has asked the Co. Engineer to consider placing the proposed feeder road parallel to the motorway and not through Meadowbrook as suggested by Kildare Co. Council. This would

eliminate the danger to children and residents of the Meadowbrook area. It would also direct traffic away from the centre of town and the larger residential areas.

VISIT OF JUSTICE MINISTER NORA OWEN

The Minister for Justice, Nora Owen, T.D., visited Maynooth last month as part of a visit organised by Minister of State Bernard Durkan T.D. The visit was part of a Fine Gael constituency visit which gave Minister Owen the opportunity to address a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel to promote the Bail Referendum. Almost 200 people turned out to greet the Minister who had come directly from RTE where she had appeared on Questions and Answers. Minister Owen stressed that people should take the opportunity afforded to them by the Bail Referendum to ensure that Judges could refuse bail in the case of criminals who were likely to commit

serious crime while out on bail.. She went on to say that a NO vote would only satisfy criminals. Minister Durkan stressed that the rights of the victims of serious crime were more important than the rights of criminals and that the Bail Referendum was one way of ensuring that this was indeed the case. He said that the Crime Package being implemented by the Government in tandem with the Bail Referendum was having a very positive effect and that the Bail Referendum was an integral part of Minister Owen's measures to fight crime.

Minister Owen went on to list the measures she had taken since coming into office in order to combat crime including:

- Extra Gardai
- Extra Prison Places - including Castlereagh, Limerick Prison, The Curragh and the Womens Prison in Mountjoy.
- Extra Judges
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- New youth diversion projects and strengthening of the Juvenile Liaison Officer Scheme.

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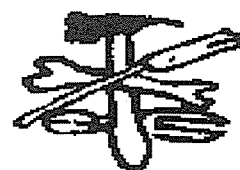
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Bond Bridge Update

The proposal by Cllr. John McGinley, to increase the Special Development Levies in respect of New Housing Developments in the Newtown area to finance the realignment of Bond Bridge, has been accepted by the County Manager.

A total of 28.9 acres of zoned land remains undeveloped in the Newtown area. Planning Permission issued in respect of 20.685 acres on November 26th. A Special Development Levy of £22,000 per acre was included as a condition of the permission. **The Developers have the right to appeal this condition to An Bord Pleanála.** If this occurs Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., and Cllr. John McGinley will continue their campaign at that level. Should the condition stand it will raise £455,070 towards the realignment of the bridge. An application in respect of the remaining 8.25 acres is currently before Kildare County Council. Should the same condition be imposed a further £181,566 will be raised towards the realignment of the bridge. A previous permission on this site imposed a contribution of only £82,000 towards improvements in public lighting on Rathcoffey Road and improvements to Bond Bridge.

Taken with the amount now on hand and due to the Council, which amounts to £233,000, the total sum available for the cost of the realignment of the bridge could amount to £869,636. This depends fully on the acceptance of the condition imposed of £22,000 per acre.

The cost of realignment is now estimated at £900,000. Because no traffic could use the bridge during realignment the Council attempted to increase the cost by £600,000 to build the link from Meadowbrook out to the Straffan Road. This was to facilitate traffic during construction. This new added cost was firmly rejected by Cllr. John McGinley who stated that the alternative traffic routes during construction can be agreed to by the Area Committee. The most likely route is via Bryanstown/Ladychapel/Taghadoe.

As the project is now self-financing Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., along with Cllr. John McGinley will restart their campaign to convince the Council to raise the loan required to build the New Bridge now.

Finally we would like to congratulate the Bond Bridge Action Group on their work in securing this positive movement at Council level.

Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the resurfacing from the Straffan Road to the Motorway Bridge will take place before Christmas.

County Development Plan

Minister Brendan Howlin instructed Kildare County Council to produce a County Development Plan, incorporating a

County strategy, before the Council could proceed any further with the individual Town Plans.

The proposed Draft County Development Plan was produced by the officials of Kildare County Council on 20/11/96. While in many ways it is defective its statement on Maynooth and Celbridge is very welcome, i.e. "It is the policy of the Council to promote the southward move of development within the County to re-direct pressures from the north-east. The substantial zoning of lands in Maynooth and the additional zoning of lands in Celbridge would be contrary to the advancement of the aim of this policy".

The Councillors will meet on the 9th December to discuss the Draft and it is likely to take three to four meetings before agreement is reached unless the larger parties vote it through without proper debate.

Footpath at Leinster Street

At the request of Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to include costs for a footpath on The Roost side of Leinster Street in the 1997 Discretionary Grants.

New Public Lights for Maynooth

At its meeting on the 29th November the Celbridge area Committee agreed on new lights for the following areas.
2 at Old Greenfield, Back Lane.
1 at Moyglare Road between the Post Primary School and the S.M.A. Hostel.
3 at Leinster Street.
1 at Phil Burke's, Pound Lane.

Floodlight at New Car Park

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to repair the floodlight that has never worked.

A Happy and Peaceful New Year

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




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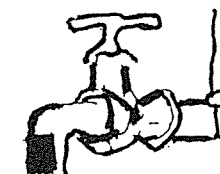
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DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Traffic Problems

Councillor Catherine Murphy has called on Kildare County Council to prepare measures to tackle the severe problems being experienced by traffic trying to get onto the Main Street from Parson's Street, especially during rush hour. At the moment, traffic can be backed up from this junction to beyond Bond Bridge. While a long-term solution requires a direct link between the Newtown area and the Straffan Road, this is still a long way off, and short-term measures are needed to deal with the current situation. Such measures must take into account the large volumes of pedestrian traffic at this junction, and the need for appropriate safety measures to cater for this traffic.

Catherine Murphy has also requested the County Council to construct additional traffic islands to allow pedestrians to cross the Straffan Road at appropriate points. At the moment, pedestrians have no protection when trying to cross this road to get to the Glenroyal Centre, Parklands or Railpark/Rockfield. Additional traffic calming measures are needed on this road to encourage vehicles to stay within the 30 mph speed limit.

Additional Street Lighting For Maynooth

The Celbridge Area committee of Kildare County Council has recently allocated a total of £2,400 to improve street lighting in Old Greenfield, Back Lane, Leinster Street and Moyglare Road.

High Court Challenge to Rezoning

The Clane Committee Against Excessive Rezoning has been granted leave to seek a judicial review in the High Court of the rezonings recently agreed for that area by Kildare County Council. We congratulate them and wish them well in their action. However, the fact is that this group has been forced to seek to have the plan overturned on legal technicalities. It would have been much preferable if the elected councillors had taken cognisance of the very deep level of local community dissatisfaction with the rezonings and had refused to sanction them in the first place. If the Clane action succeeds, previous rezonings in Kill and Leixlip could also be rendered invalid.

Commission on the Family

We welcome publication of the interim report of the Commission on the Family, of which Councillor Catherine Murphy is a member. The Commission considered no less than 525 submissions in arriving at its report, which represents an excellent exercise in public consultation. Set up by the Minister for Social Welfare, Proinsias De Rossa, the Commission seeks to strengthen the institution of the family (in its broadest meaning) in a modern context. Among the key recommendations of the interim report are the need to make adequate provision for Education for Life (e.g. parenting, interpersonal relationships) among the population and the need for a National Mediation Service to cater for situations where relationships between partners break down. In Ireland at the moment, the legal approach to such situations tends to be adversarial and very stressful. Research shows clearly that children emerge much better from such situations where a less conflictual mediation service is provided.

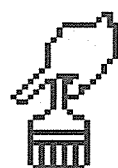
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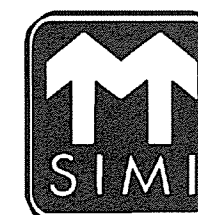


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MAYNOOTH LADIES G.A.A. NOTES.

Saturday November 30th and Sunday December 1st 1996 were busy days for the members of Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. Club.

On the Saturday night, the Winners Medals in the Kildare Ladies League were presented to a fine group of Maynooth players who had beaten Eadestown earlier in the autumn.

This was a great achievement, considering that this is their FIRST year in existence.

The presentation took place at a dinner hosted by Maynooth G.A.A. Club, and was attended by Michael Gillick, Chairman of Maynooth G.A.A. and Mrs Gillick, Michael Delaney and Pat Delaney representing Kildare county Board of Kildare Ladies G.A.A.. Also present were Mr Noel Brady and Mr Eoin Donovan, without whose sponsorship the team would not have survived.

Sunday was A.G.M. Day.

Club Chairman and Team Manager Míceál Kelly reviewed the year and said that despite the League success a lot of hard work was now needed to consolidate the strong foundation set this year.

Officers elected:

Chairman: Míceál Kelly.

Secretary: Catherine Fitzpatrick.

Ass. Sec: Josephine Byrne.

Treasurer: Tony Mooney.

P.R.O.: Bríghidín Breslin.

Committee: Shelly Breslin, Antoinette Mooney, Marie Grehan, Anna Kelly, Bernie O'Shea, Aisling Kelly and Francis Kearney.

Míceál Kelly will retain the position of Trainer/Manager and will be assisted by Rob Stelling as Trainer.

Training for the coming season will begin in early February. New Members are urgently required and will be welcomed with open arms. As the adverts say NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY AS FULL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

For further information contact any member of the aforementioned Committee.

WATCH THIS SPACE. Slán go fóill

B. Breslin.
P.R.O.

GAA NOTES

North Kildare U.13 Football League
Maynooth 4-9 Kilcock 1-7

Maynooth finished their league campaign with a hard earned but well deserved home win over a strong Kilcock side. This win puts them level with Balyna at the top of the table and ensures both are joint winners. Kilcock started off in whirlwind style and twice in the first ten minutes, with the game still scoreless, the ball was cleared off the Maynooth goal line. However, once full forward Pierre Ennis put Maynooth in front with a well taken point they never looked back. The same player added a goal shortly afterwards and at this stage he was proving a handful for the Kilcock full back. Killian Carr and Patrick O'Rourke were starting to get a grip at midfield despite the presence of two of Kilcock's best players. Both of them ran themselves to a standstill in search of possession. Morgan Sweeney at corner forward was another player who tormented the Kilcock backs with some penetrating runs and he scored two brilliant goals in the second half. Maynooth led 1-6 to 0-3 at half time, but it wasn't until Pierre Ennis scored his second goal ten minutes from the end that they could feel safe. Goalkeeper Aidan Molloy had a quiet afternoon but still made a couple of vital saves. The defence as a unit played well with Peter Sheehan and Joseph Brennan particularly prominent. Alan Baxter and Paul Broughan also had their moments in the forward line.

Team and Scorers: Aidan Molloy, Peter Sheehan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tadhg O'Corcora, Joseph Brennan, Fergus Deveraux, Killian Carr, (0-1), Patrick O'Rourke, Paul Broughan, (0-1) Alan Baxter, Dermot Canning, Joseph McLoughlin, Pierre Ennis, (2-3), Morgan Sweeney (2-2).
Subs: Colin O'Neill, (0-1), Sean Kennedy, Finbar O'Gorman (0-1), Enda Diggins, Fergal Molloy, David Comerford.

Minor Football Championship Final Replay
Maynooth 1-14 v Rheban 4-9 (after extra time).

After the first match, the replay of the Minor Football Championship 'B' final always promised to be a close and exciting match, and it was.

Midway through the second half Maynooth led by six points and it looked like the game was theirs. They squandered a few chances, Rheban equalised and went on to win the game in extra time.

The first half was very evenly contested. Rheban started well with a goal and a point. Maynooth found their feet quickly though and knocked over a string of points.

A goal from Eoin Nevin put Maynooth two points up at half time.

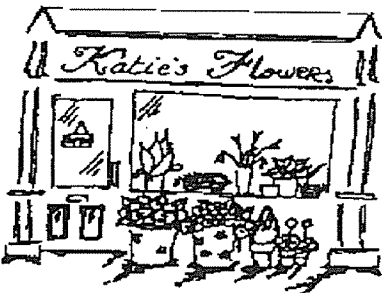
Marty Byrne had a great game in the half back line adding

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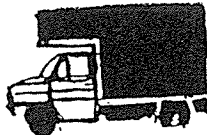
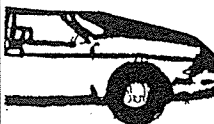
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strength at midfield. Maynooth dominated most of the second half and stretched their lead to six points. They continued to get most of the possession but squandered some easy point opportunities by going for goals.

Rheban capitalised on this with a goal and a point ten minutes from time. They continued to push forward and managed to equalise just before full time. Maynooth 1-8, Rheban 2-5.

Maynooth pulled ahead again in extra time with two points but Rheban responded with a goal.

It was tit for tat after that with Darren Naughton doing very well for Maynooth. In the last few minutes Rheban had the extra strength and knocked over points to secure victory.

Maynooth: Packie Carroll, James Gallagher, Eamon Gallagher (0-1), Niall Byrne, Ted Robinson (0-1), David Coughlan, Marty Byrne, Robert Casey, Niall Naughton (0-1), Stephen Brennan (0-1), Michael Bennett, Darren Naughton (0-6), Declan Buckley (0-1), Gavin Lyons (0-1), Eoin Nevin (1-2).

Subs. Donacha McCarrick for James Gallagher, Adrian Boylan for Eoin Nevin.

Winter League Final

Maynooth 1-4 Balyna 0-3

Maynooth under-15 footballers won the North Kildare winter league beating Balyna in Johnstownbridge on Sunday. This match was the league decider with the winner taking first place and the loser having to settle for second. It was a well contested game but a strong cross wind made scoring difficult. Daragh Carr had a brilliant game in the half back line. Sean Fagan did very well in goals while Barry Doyle and Carl Ennis also played well.

Maynooth: Sean Fagan, Alan Geoghegan, Thomas Halton, Barry Doyle, Conor Diggins, Daragh Carr, Shane Devereux, Carl Ennis, Peter Kinsella (0-2), Trevor Naughton, Paudie Sullivan, Aidan McCarron (0-1), Sean Brady, Tommy Masterson, Peter Finnan.

Subs. Liam Farrelly (1-1) for Trevor Naughton, Trevor Cassidy for Peter Finnan, Michael Gleeson for Sean Brady.

North Kildare Autumn Hurling League Under 13

In their two matches played so far Maynooth had emphatic victories over Clane and Naas. In both games Maynooth asserted their superiority early on and by half time they had built up a substantial lead which was never threatened in the second half.

While a win is a win, one-sided matches such as those against Clane and Naas are not of any long-term benefit to the players and it would be more beneficial if Maynooth were graded at a higher level where the matches would be much more competitive.

Result of Games: Maynooth 12-5 Clane 0-0
Maynooth 10-10 Naas 2-0

Panel: James Horace, Padraic Nevin, Joe Brennan, Alan Sweeney, Brendan Coffey, Peter Sheehan, Enda Diggins, Morgan Sweeney, Aidan Molloy, Fergal Molloy, Kevin Gannon, David Comerford, Mark Cummins, Robert Hammond, James Mullarkey, Jason Murtagh, D.J. Canning, Neil English, Jamie O'Neill.

Annual General Meeting due to be held on Sunday 8th December was postponed until Monday 13th January 1997 at 8 p.m. in Club House. All members and intending members welcome to attend.

We wish all our members and supporters a Very Happy New Year.

Inter Football Championship Draw for 1997 1st Round - Maynooth v Rathcoffey. 2nd Round - winners v Grange.



The Maynooth U/14 Hurling Team

Highlights of the Sporting Year 1996

GAA

The new Handball Alley was opened. The Minor 'B' Team reached the Championship Final. The Under 12 Team lost their final to Celbridge. The Under 14 Team lost their final to Celbridge. Maynooth Post Primary Under 14 Team reached the inaugural Kildare Hurling Final. Maynooth won the Kildare 'Féile' Hurling Championship held on a 'blitz' basis, 11/12 May. (Beating Celbridge in the Semi-Final).

Basketball

The Girls Team won Gold medals in the 'B' section of Kildare Community Games.

Badminton

The 2nd Team won the 'Jubilee Trophy' in their section of the Dublin & District League. (This was their first year together).

Chess

Maynooth lost out at the Semi-Final stage of the Community Games to Straffan, the team that also beat them in the '95 Final.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The bad weather wreaked havoc with our fixtures list throughout December and now leaves us with a long list of games to be cleared off. Teams at all levels have been affected with the first team losing in the Dalton and Sheeran cups. It now looks as if it will be later this month before these games will be rescheduled.

With no games to report on, our column is very curtailed but one item of interest involves the Ladies section of the club. They travel to see Liverpool and Aston Villa in the Premiership in mid-January in the first of the Clubs' New Year cross-channel trips. With both sides in strong positions it makes for a most exciting encounter.

We would like to wish everyone a prosperous New Year in which we ourselves hope to bring some silverware to the club.



Willie Coonan and Gerry Folan display the new under 15 Jersey.

Maynooth Town score with Coonans!

1996 was a good year for Maynooth on the pitch, and hopes for 1997 are as high as ever. Backing up the team's good form is the Club's success in gaining sponsorship, an all-important consideration in these financially demanding times.

Secretary of the Club, Gerry Folan, met with Managing Partner Willie Coonan of Coonan Financial Services to announce a new deal that involves the supplying of full strips for the U-15 team, plus a unique arrangement that should benefit both partners.

Under the deal, members of the Football Club are encouraged to recommend Coonans to anyone seeking to do business in the property/investment/insurance line. For every successful recommendation (i.e. that involves the signing of a contract) Coonans will donate the sum of £100 to the Football Club.

This appears to be an excellent way of generating new business for Coonans and of ensuring continuing support for Maynooth Town Football Club. Congratulations all round.

The Soccer Year 1996

The end of 1996 sees Maynooth Town AFC in top form. Not only have they recently announced new sponsorship deals with the TSB, Coonans, Tony Kelly Heating and Plumbing and Fuscicardis, their Senior Team has also spent time perched on top of the Leinster League's Premier Division! The October victory over Cashel Celtic meant their 2 draws and 3 wins was the best start to the new season, but sadly the same month also saw the departure of striker Adolar Acacio back to Brazil. (See Nov.'s Newsletter for a very moving write-up of Adolar's time with the Club). At the time of going to press (mid-Dec), the Senior Team are just one point off the top spot, with games in hand.

All the other teams, from the second Senior team, down to the Under-8's, and including a Ladies side, have performed with admirable commitment, enthusiasm and not a little skill over the past year. The number of under-age teams and the dedication of their trainers augurs well for the future.

The Ladies Team, although disappointed with their final standing in the League, did well in the FAI Cup, reaching the quarter-finals where they were beaten 3-2 by Lusk.

Congratulations also to the girls of Maynooth Post Primary who won the Leinster Schools Senior Final.

Soccer also played an important part in the Community Festival, the Guinness 7-a-side Tournament proving a big hit with players and spectators alike.

The winners were; Mens - Derrinstown Stud, Ladies - Simply The Best.

So for soccer in Maynooth there was much to celebrate in 1996, here's looking forward to 1997.

Keep kicking!

Birthday/Sympathy/Classified

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Thomas Fay, O'Neill Park, formerly of Parson Street who has been awarded the National Diploma in Science in Toxicology from Athlone R.T.C. This comes from all your friends old and young in Parson Street, where you spent many happy days. Well done Thomas.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to Noelle Mc Ternan, Moyglare Village, Maynooth on December 10th, from Raymond, Aoife, Aileen, Sean, Mammie, Gearoid, Ita and all your family and friends.

SYMPATHY

Daughter, Sons, Sister, Son-in-law, Daughters-in-law, Brother-in-law, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Nephews, Nieces, Relatives and Friends of Joseph (Joe Boy) Moore, Beechpark Avenue, Castleknock, Dublin formerly McCurtin Street, Gorey and Main Street, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Birthday Remembrance of our Auntie Ciss O'Neill who died 17th April 1996 and would have been 93 years on the 3rd December.

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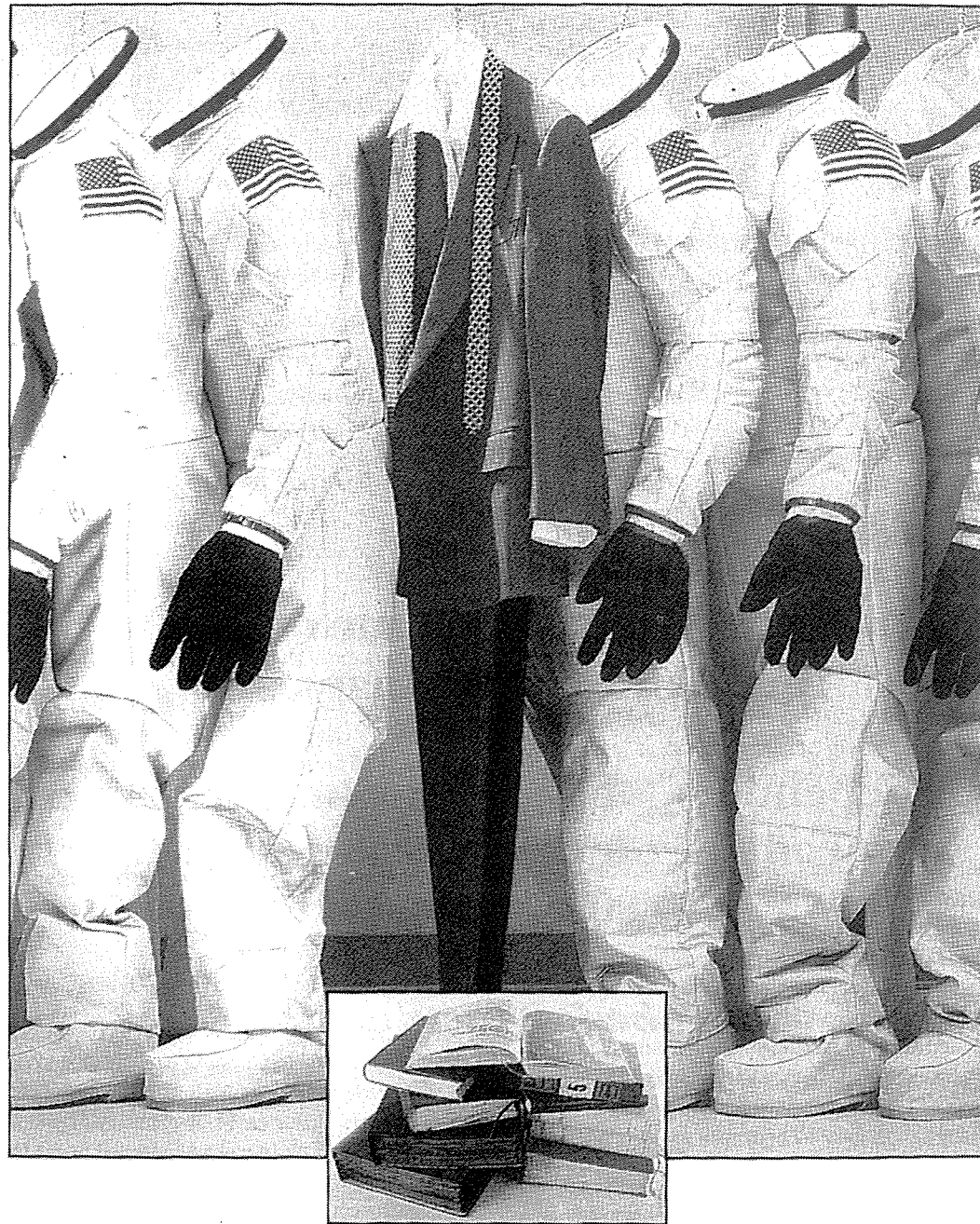
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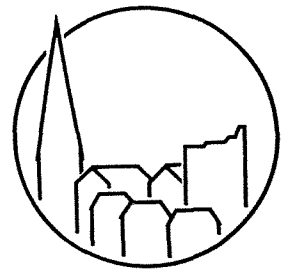

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Diary Dates

Saturday and Sunday 1st & 2nd February:
Scoil Uí Riada Slogadh: Regional Finals in Scoil Cairtriona Ballymun.

Tuesday 4th February:
Senior Citizens Committee A.G.M. Health Centre, 8pm.

Thursday 6th February: I.C.A. monthly meeting at 8p.m.
I.C.A. Hall.

Thurs. 6th Fri. 7th Sat. 8th Sun. 9th Feb., Maynooth
Post Primary School. "Oklahoma" in Parish Hall 8p.m.

Sunday 16th February: Senior Citizens Valentines Party at
Post Primary School 3.30p.m.

Sunday 16th February: Maynooth Mortality Society
A.G.M. in Band Hall at 3.30p.m.

Friday 21st February: St. Marys Boy's National School
Parents Association 70's Disco G.A.A. Club.

Thursday 27th February: Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. Cookery
demonstration by Odlums in Glenroyal Hotel, at 8p.m.

Sunday 16th March: Ceilí and set dancing in Glenroyal
Hotel 9pm - 1am. Admission £5.

EDITORIAL

Maynooth's traffic problems continue to be a popular topic of conversation for the town's residents. Anyone attempting to travel through the town at school opening and closing times will attest to the fact that the opening of the bypass has alleviated the problem but, at certain times of the day, chaos still reigns.

Without the bypass it seems likely that the town would be in a state of permanent gridlock for 12 hours a day. As it is, the sheer volume of traffic means that the short trip from Parsons St to Greenfield Shopping Centre can take up to 15 minutes.

To some extent this chaos is unavoidable given the layout of the town with the majority of the population living to the south of Main St. and the schools and the Roman Catholic church to the North. However, careless and inconsiderate parking plays its part in the traffic chaos. The local Gardai have recently drawn up a draft set of traffic by-laws which were outlined at the January meeting of the Community Council and will be considered this month by our local county councillors.

If adopted the by-laws will curtail parking on Main St particularly on the right hand side as one faces the College, on both sides of the road leading from the College on to Main St and at some other points where the flow of traffic is regularly disrupted by parked cars. The parking of cars, minibuses and vans on the footpaths will obviously be illegal.

Excellent off-street parking is available beside the Glenroyal Centre and behind the Roost, and those car parks are seldom more than half full. No doubt some will complain - the effort of walking fifty metres from car to shop to collect the morning paper can be beyond the physical capacity of some residents!

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Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

New Members

Maynooth Community Council have accepted the nominations of the following new members at our January meeting.

Silken Vale: Aileen O'Connor and Patricia Masterson.

College Green: John Raleigh

Cable T.V. Reception

Maynooth Community Council has written to their Residents Associations contacts requesting that each association carry out a survey of their residents opinion on the quality of the television reception in their area. A summary of the result should be returned to the community council who will then request a meeting with Cable Management Ireland.

Maynooth Community Festival

The Festival Committee will meet in February to discuss plans for the 1997 Community Festival. The 1996 festival was a great success but the committee are always looking for new ideas and for people to help with the organisation of this annual event. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact the community council office.



Norah McDermott having been presented with a bouquet of flowers by the Community Council Staff.

Norah McDermott - A decade of service

At our January meeting Maynooth Community Council Chairman Mr Tom McMullon proposed a vote of thanks to Norah McDermott for her work with the council over the last ten years.

*Paul Croghan
PRO*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Heritage Project

As stated before this is a medium to long term project, for which there is no direct funding available at present. However, meanwhile we can develop the Heritage aspects of Maynooth, and seek designation when a number of projects are completed.

We are pleased that we have received strong local support from many interested groups both commercial and voluntary. We agreed to invite other groups when appropriate to work with us as the project continues.

Meanwhile we will hold an information meeting in February for all the local groups who replied to our invitation in December.

Traffic Bye-Laws

Kildare County Council are expected to adopt traffic Bye-laws in February, which will hopefully bring to an end the existing traffic chaos in the town.

Development Plan

As a result of the completion of the Strategic County Development Plan for Co. Kildare, an opportunity exists for a rethink by Councillors on where the growth should occur in Kildare over the next five years. Development has mostly occurred in the North East Kildare towns in the last decade. Many areas in South Kildare have lost out, leading now to a two speed county. On the other hand towns like Maynooth are finding the levels of growth experienced in the last five years difficult to absorb with further pressure expected in the next few years because of the full impact of the population increase catered for under the 1985 Plan.

In these circumstances it seems likely that the Plan for Maynooth will have to change significantly in order to be compatible with the overall planning of Co. Kildare and indeed the Mid Eastern Region which includes Counties Meath and Wicklow.

*Paul Croghan
Chairman
Planning & Development Committee*

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

We held our Christmas teenage disco on 2nd January in the Glenroyal Hotel. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. The group of young people that attended this disco were extremely mannerly and well behaved.

We would also like to say that if there is any one out there new to Maynooth who would like to help out during the month of July we would appreciate the help. This is the time to get in touch with any member of the committee or call to the Community Council Office in the Main Street.

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*Claire O'Rourke
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CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE

Know Your Rights

Source: New One Parent Family Payment

A new One Parent Family Payment came into effect on the 2nd January 1997. This is a means tested payment similar to the Lone Parent's Allowance. This payment will replace the current Deserted Wife's Benefit / Assistance, Lone Parent's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife's Allowance for all new claims.

* Existing DWB claims will remain in payment for as long as the claim remains unbroken and the conditions are satisfied. The Non - Contributory Widow's Pension will continue to exist for widows without child dependants and the existing means test for NCWP will remain unchanged.

* The rate of payment will be the same as the Lone Parent's allowance.

Means Test:

* The means test for the OPFP is more favourable than the means test for Deserted Wife's Allowance, Lone Parent's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife Allowance. the first £6,000 a year (115.38 a week) of gross earnings from employment or self-employment will be disregarded, plus half the earnings over this figure. Childminding costs or travel expenses will not be allowable.

* This new payment will not be payable where income exceeds £12,000 (£230.76 a week). This is a reduction on the income 'cut off' of £14,000 which applied to Deserted Wife's Benefit. However there will be provisions to ensure that there is not a sudden 'cut off' if income goes over £12,000.

* Maintenance payments will be assessed as means, however maintenance which is used for the purpose of paying rent or mortgage, up to a limit of £75 a week, or £3,900 a year will be disregarded when assessing means.

* Women aged between 38 and 40 in January 1997 when the new One Parent Family Payment comes into effect who no longer have a dependent child will requalify for DWB at age 40.

* Women who are aged over 40 without child dependants and who might up to now have qualified for Deserted Wife's Benefit / Allowance or Prisoner's Wife's Allowance will in future have no specific payment. They may qualify for Unemployment Assistance or Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

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Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Dunboyne Community Centre)
Thursday: 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (Leixlip Library)

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Maynooth I.C.A. women out in force at National Womens Signing On Day December 1996



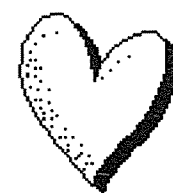
L-R Viva Kearins, Connie Harpur, Brídín Twist, Betty O'Neill and Rosemary Hanley.



L-R. Mary O'Gorman, Brídín Twist, National I.C.A..President, Norah McDermott, Maynooth Guild and Nellie Dillon, National I.C.A.. Treasurer.

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MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES

MRALC was formed in 1987 by local householders in reaction to the imposition of Local Charges and the threat by Kildare County Council to disconnect water supply and stop refuse collections from residents who refused to pay. Our opposition to these Charges included the fact that we had already paid for these services through PAYE deductions and our contention that the family home was not a proper source for the raising of tax revenues. We conducted a vigorous campaign which included lobbying local T.D.s and County Councillors, organising a protest march and demonstration of 300 people from Quinnsworth Shopping Centre to the Council's offices in Maynooth (the previous march had been in 1916 by the Volunteers who joined in the Easter Rising), assisting householders whose water had been disconnected and collecting funds for legal challenges. More recently MRALC members, and our colleagues in similar groups throughout the county, established the Co Kildare branch of ACRA to allow us to join in a nation-wide campaign against Local Charges and on other Residents' Associations' issues. Therefore, we are pleased to acknowledge the scrapping from 1st January 1997 of the hated Water Charges and hail their abolition as a vindication of our decade-long campaign. In doing so we declare that this has been brought about by the combined efforts of campaigners right around the country and more recently, and crucially, by the Dublin Federation against the charges. That said, we are concerned to note that the end of Water Charges has not been brought about by comprehensive tax reform and that Refuse Charges are to remain. For the very same reasons they too must go and in the current economic climate of the "Celtic Tiger", tax reform must be enacted. Could there be a better time than now? We believe that this should be a major issue in the forthcoming General Election and urge householders to judge politicians accordingly. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Maynooth for the support over the years and the Plumber's Union for their practical assistance. Finally, we wish to salute our daytime support group, mainly women, who bravely challenged the Council's disconnection crews outside many homes. They were in the front-line of the battle. Fortune favours the brave!

Michael Quinn
Chairperson
13 Lawrence Avenue

R.C.A.G NOTES

Chomhairle Aisnteachta an Chánail
Ríoga Cumann Maigh Nuadh.

The Royal Canal Amenity Group is back in business after the Christmas break.

We are at present putting together the new Worker Development Plan for 1997 which includes 18 workers; 4 in Kilcock, 2 in Confey and 12 in Maynooth. We hope to run the Steam Train as usual early in the year, further information to follow.

During the summer festival we will be holding the "Miss Royal Canal" competition. Any girls interested in participating please contact our office at 6290980 or any committee member.

We hope to publish the results of the survey taken in September '96 within the next month.

Thank you for the support and good wishes during the year.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Maynooth Mother and Toddler group will begin again on Wednesday the 5th of February. The group runs from 10.15 a.m to 12.00 noon. There is a charge of £1.00 per morning which covers tea or coffee and juice and biscuits, and helps towards our costs of covering insurance, equipment etc.

The venue is the M.A.D.E centre. This is located between the Post-Primary school and the Boys National school on the Moyglare Road. The building itself is beside the Post-Primary tennis courts.

The last few months have seen a make or break situation arising with the Toddler Group. Many of the original members of the group have now moved on as their children have started in playschool. Others, coping with young babies, still enjoy the group but do find the organisational aspects of the group demanding at times! With this in mind we would, as always, welcome new members and new ideas and suggestions. We need your support as the group is run by parents for parents as a social outlet and can only be successful if new people are continually willing to become involved.

To finish we would like to wish all Maynooth residents a Happy New Year. If you are new to Maynooth or would like a social outlet for yourself and your child, why not try to make it to the Mother and Toddler Group this year.

Mams, Dads, Tots and Babies, all welcome.

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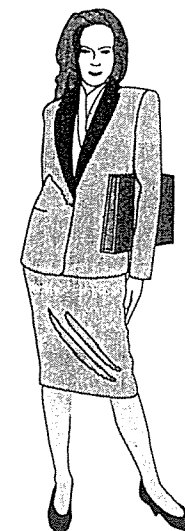
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MAYNOOTH
PLANNING ALLIANCE

The Draft County Development Plan is still under consideration by Kildare County Council, and will, sometime during the Spring, go on public display. Of most concern to Maynooth is the radical proposal contained in it that future residential growth be partially redirected away from north Kildare to central and southern parts of the county. The key section reads as follows :

“ It is the policy of the Council to promote the southward move of development within the county to re-direct pressures from the north-east, and to encourage the spread of development through the towns of the centre to the west and south of the county.... The substantial zoning of land in Maynooth, and the additional zoning of lands in Celbridge would be contrary to the advancement and aims of this policy. “

If this plan is adopted by councillors, the question then arises - what do they propose by way of residential rezoning for the Maynooth Development Plan ? Here the waters get very muddy because our local political parties seem to be unusually quiet concerning the on-the-ground actions they propose for Maynooth to meet the objectives of the County Plan. The independent consultants who were involved in the production of the County Plan foresaw a need to accommodate between 2,500 and 4,000 extra residents in Celbridge Rural District, encompassing Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth, Kilcock, Straffan, Balraheen, Cloncurry, Donadea, and Donaghcomper. So what is proposed at present by local councillors for Maynooth ?

Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have made no public changes in their position from that of supporting the Amended Draft Development Plan of 1996. This proposes the rezoning of lands in Maynooth alone to facilitate an increase in population from 9,062 to 21,189 people - more than doubling the size of Maynooth and providing for a population increase similar to what is expected for Counties Kildare, Meath and Wicklow combined by 2011!

Labour currently propose rezoning 100 acres, adequate to house between 2,500 and 4,000 people i.e the entire Celbridge Rural District increase.

Democratic Left have not given a public commitment to any specific acreage proposals for Maynooth.

It seems to Maynooth Planning Alliance that there is a considerable inconsistency between what can be agreed at county level and what is proposed at Maynooth level. Councillors cannot have it both ways and Maynooth Planning Alliance will highlight these inconsistencies with increasing regularity as election time approaches.

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MAYNOOTH GYMNASTIC CLUB

The coaches of M.G.C. would like to take this opportunity to wish all gymnasts and their parents a very happy and successful '97. We would also like to congratulate all the gymnasts who competed in the Interclub Championships in Newbridge in December.

A special mention to the trophy winners:

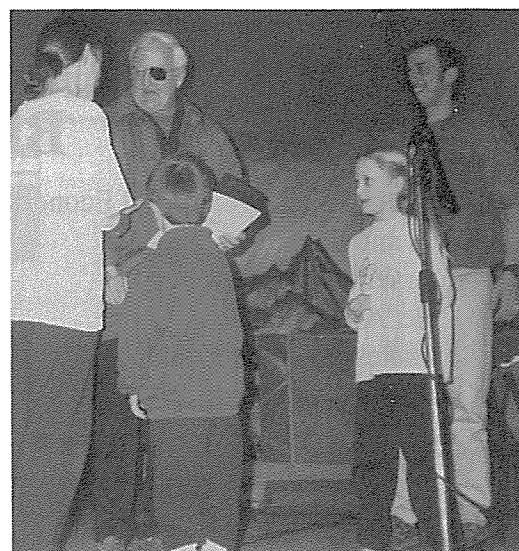
Robert Moore 1st, Nevan Buckley 2nd, Sean Foxe and Conor Bean (Joint 3rd) Rían Glynn 4th in the boys under 8. Aisling O'Rourke 2nd Girls Under 6. William Donovan 1st Boys Under 6. Lee Walsh 2nd Boys Under 10. Lauren Eddery 1st Girls Under 10. Aisling Bean 2nd Girls Under 12. Emma Higgins 1st Under 14 and Rachel Cunningham 2nd Under 14.

Maynooth Gymnastics Club proved to be a club with great potential and hope to continue to be just as successful in their future training and competitions.

The club trains on Mondays from 2pm-3pm and 3pm-5pm in St. Marys Parish Hall. We cater for both boys and girls aged 4yrs upwards. If you would like to give your child the chance to experience the fun and challenge of gymnastics then come and meet Leonard, Aisling and Leona during the above times. Alternatively you can contact Leonard on 087-462885. We look forward to meeting you.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER COACH

On Saturday, 21st December, a presentation was made to former Maynooth gymnastics coach, Des Hogan. Des, from Newbridge, had taught gymnastics in Maynooth and other areas until he retired last May through illness. Des was a very dedicated coach and was well loved by his pupils. He was presented with a piece of crystal, a cheque and a card by Lauren Eddery, Rachel Cunningham and William Donovan, all pupils of his. The presentation was made at a gymnastics competition in Newbridge.



SHAW BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

Due to the unwillingness or inability of Kildare County Council to provide information on the Shaw Bridge Project, the above action group has felt it necessary to contact, by letter, local and national public representatives in an attempt to gain support in forcing Kildare County Council in answering the pressing questions, as outlined last week, raised by the people of Kilcock.

After consecutive letters from this action group and numerous other groups from the town of Kilcock seeking information on the Shaw Bridge Project, only one courtesy letter has been received from Kildare County Council. Because of these unfortunate circumstances the Shaw Bridge Action Group have this week taken legal matter is now being raised by our legal representative with Kildare County Council.

It is of the utmost importance to the people of Kilcock, that Kildare County Council honour their commitment to the community and proceed without delay on the widening of Shaw Bridge. The members of the Shaw Bridge Action Group have made it known that they are available to meet with the Executive of Kildare County Council at any stage to forward this project.

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It has come to that time of year again when we hold our annual fund-raiser. This year it is being held in the G.A.A. Club Maynooth on 21st February 1997 and it will be a 70's disco. The tickets will cost £3 for one or £5 for two.

This year rather than calling to the door we are hoping to send out tickets with the boys in the school. We would be grateful if all payment for tickets would be returned to the school as soon as possible. It is also necessary to return unused tickets.

We would like to congratulate Mr Grundy and all the boys involved in producing and editing the school newsletter at Christmas, one copy was distributed to each child free of charge. This was sponsored by the Parents Association.

Claire O'Rourke.
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Our Annual Dinner took place on January 12th and not on the 5th as planned. The change of date as you will know by now was as a result of the inclement weather conditions. The decision to reschedule the event was not taken lightly but like all our decisions, was taken in the interest of safety.

Many thanks to all those who helped in getting information to all concerned. The priests of the parish who read the notice at Mass, to C.K.R. who advised the public at regular intervals on Saturday and Sunday and of course to Peter O'Brien who not only gives the dinner each year but like the professional that he is, was able to re-schedule at short notice. Of course Tom Ashe and Liam Mooney (Post Primary School) took the whole upheaval in their stride.

The meal was most enjoyable, well presented and well served as usual by Thomas, ably assisted by our own committee members, not forgetting our young helpers, Robert Hayes, Paddy Lee, Peter Finnan, David and Dermot Moore, and of course Kilcloon and Mulhussey committee, whose members also attended the event. Congratulations to all who won prizes in our Waltzing competition, Lucy Tolan and Peter Mullahey, Ita McTernan and Angela Caffery, Carmel Reilly and Imelda Delaney, Eileen Geraghty and Anne Mathews, Betty Farrell and Mary O'Reilly.



'Senior Citizens' polishing off their dessert at the recent Annual Dinner.

We had the pleasure of a very special display by Norah Campbell and Vincent Mulready. The footwork was indeed a sight to behold and would have made Jean Butler and Michael Flatley green with envy. (Riverdance eat your heart out). Of course the cause of all this excitement was the superb music by our own "Bourbon St.". This is a band fit for all occasions. Many went home with spot prizes but the prize of the evening went to Emma Benzies, a resident in Moyglare Nursing Home, who joined the band for several songs from her native Glasgow. This was an excellent evening and many thanks to all who contributed.

Our A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday the 4th of February in the Health Centre and our Valentine's Party will be held on Sunday February 16th in the Post Primary School at 3.30 p.m. Transport as usual. There will be a competition for the most "romantic couple" and the most romantic card or verse. So out with the pens and start writing.

Speaking of writing, how many spotted the name change? Cast your eye back to the heading of this item. Yes, we have now entered the arena of "political correctness".

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Peter Branagan, Jack Cleary, Tony Flynn, Margaret Dowling and Andy Gill, all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

Josephine Moore



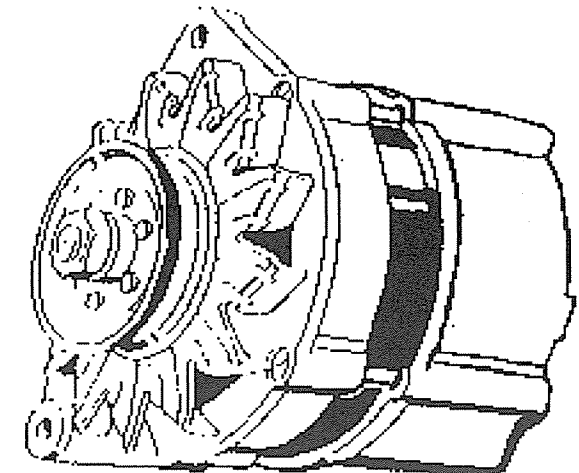
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MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Rays Long Wait Is Over

The final outing of the year took place to Castle Barna Golf Club on November 9th. Ray Delemere with 40pts gained his first overall prize in 14 years, a Christmas Hamper sponsored by Gardiner Security. Well done Ray. The thirty six golfers enjoyed a great day which ended with a presentation in Lysters Pub Rochfordbridge. Lysters overcame Maynooth Golfing Society in the annual challenge.

Castle Barna (Daingan) Christmas Outing:

Overall:

R. Delemere (12) 40 pts

Class 1:

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2nd - L. Farrelly (10) 35 -
3rd - J. Moore (10) 34 -

Class 2:

1st - B. Hayden (16) 36 pts
2nd - J. Doyle (16) 33 -Back 9
3rd - J. Carroll (18) 33-pts

Class 3:

1st - P. Conway (23) 35 pts
2nd - S. O'Connor (18) 33-pts
3rd - O. Byrne (25) 30-pts

Front 9:

S. Tracey 18pts

Back 9:

M. Foy 18-pts

Vistor: Breen Cassidy 35 pts

Nearest The Pin: Pat Conway

2's Club: Pat Conway, R. Delemere

G.O.Y.: Terry Moore (Sponsor Bank Of Ireland)

Senior G.O.Y.: Owen Byrne

Team Winners: Ray Delemere - Seamus Grant - Owen Byrne

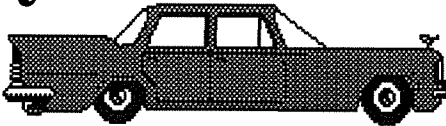
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A.G.M. will take place in February.
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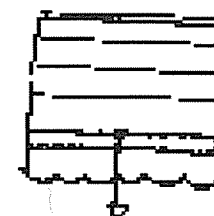
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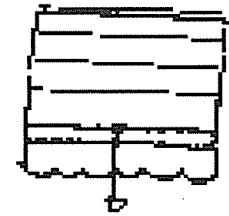
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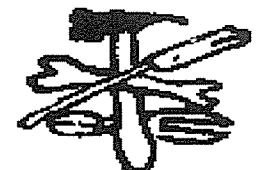
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LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

A committee has been set up to deal with the long standing number of problems in relation to Laraghbryan Cemetery. Serious work will have to be undertaken if the cemetery is to be brought up to an acceptable standard in which our loved ones can be interred. Members of the association have visited a number of cemeteries recently and we take no pride in reporting that Laraghbryan must rank among the worst kept of those visited. One is loathe to apportion blame for the general untidiness of the cemetery but we as a community must look at ourselves and ask with some degree of honesty "what are we doing about it?" Very little has been done in the past and it is now time that steps are taken to eradicate the problems which exist within the cemetery and its surrounds. The badly overgrown parts of the cemetery only serve as an open invitation to dump any type of unwanted rubbish without the fear of early detection. Wheelie bins have been provided over the past few months for the collection of broken wreaths, dead flowers etc. and are being removed on a regular basis by the refuse collectors. The dumping of bottles, beer cans along by the walls and in the undergrowth is a mean despicable act of wanton disregard. The added hazard of rat infestation can be attributed to the dumping of household waste which often provides ample feed for long periods.

To eliminate the problems which currently exist, a long and painstaking programme of work will have to be undertaken. In order that such work can be carried out we have applied for a FAS work scheme to be provided for the cemetery. If granted it will take several weeks before such a scheme would be placed on site. In the meantime work days will be arranged for volunteers to attend the cemetery on designated dates. Notices will be placed advising people of such workdays. As with all schemes, funds are urgently needed and various fund raising events are being organised to meet this need. An account has been opened at AIB Maynooth, Account No. 15443186, in the name of Laraghbryan Cemetery Development Association to which donations can be made. In order to keep expense to a minimum the Association will gratefully accept the offer of machinery, handtools, flowers, labour, (skilled or otherwise), or any other form of assistance. Just contact any member of the Association if you can be of assistance. Public meetings will be arranged at suitable intervals to inform the public of progress, events to come etc. The lead is now being set and we hope that the following will be large and enthusiastic.

Association Members :
Chairperson - Lenny Murphy
Vice- Chairperson - Tony Mooney
Hon. Secretary - Helen Johnson Ph. No. 6272807
Treasurer - Dominic Nyland
Ita Mc Ternan, Breda Holmes, Marie Nolan.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

We did not have a very successful start to 1997, because of weather conditions. We had to cancel our first swim after Christmas on January 4th. This day will be credited to all members in the last term.

The 2nd term is almost completed but there are still some fees outstanding. As we are a non-profit making club we need to have the fees paid on time in order to pay our expenses such as the pool, Bartons bus service and 4 instructors.

This month we have included a picture of our junior members receiving their Certificates for the current year.

Mary Molloy
P.R.O.



MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Band Hall on Sunday, February 16th 1997 at 3.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Members are also reminded that all subscriptions must be cleared by A.G.M. or be out of benefit according to rule. The Society is accepting new members for 1997. It is hoped to mark the 160th Anniversary of the founding of the Society during 1997. Members will be notified of same. The Committee wishes all members a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Chairman: Gearoid Mac Teigrn  in
Secretary: P. Nolan



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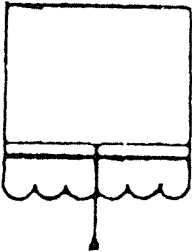
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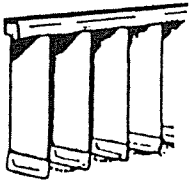
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

Maynooth I.C.A. Guild held its first meeting of 1997 in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 9th January. Mrs Marion Souhan, President, welcomed the large attendance and wished the ladies "A Very Happy New Year".

Marion sympathised with Mary Flynn on the death of her father-in-law. Marion congratulated Irene, our Entertainment Officer for organising our Christmas Party in the Glenroyal Hotel which took place on the 13th December. The night was a great success and was enjoyed by all. Marion, our President also thanked Des, Irene's husband, for all his hard work.

Activities

Badminton continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall at 10.30am.

Calligraphy on Friday nights at 8.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall.

Crafts on Monday night in the ICA Hall at 8.00pm. Craft people can bring along any craft gifts they have

received over Christmas, said Jo, our Craft Promoter.

Counselling Service

The I.C.A. are very fortunate to have an excellent counselling service available to its members nationwide and all for the cost of a local call. The counsellor is Mrs Regina Martin and she would welcome a call from any member who may be experiencing problems in such areas as; sexual abuse, marriage breakdown, bereavement, stress etc. Regina is in her office two days each week, Wednesday and Thursdays, so anyone wishing to talk to Regina, in confidence, should call. **1850-652-652 Wednesday or Thursday 10.00am-4.00pm.**

Bake-A-Cake

The I.C.A., in association with the National Council for the Blind will hold a Bake-a-Cake Week from 3rd to 9th March.

New Rector

The Maynooth Guild will be helping out with the catering for the Tea following the installation of the new Rector, Mr Wilkinson on 31st January.

Spot Prizes

Many thanks to the following who donated spot prizes for our Christmas Party held on 13th December in the Glenroyal Hotel:-

Quinnsworth, Maynooth
Bord Gais
House Pride
Marion Souhan (President)
Ann Broughan
Margaret Houlihan

Guild Competition

The winners of our January Guild Competition "Slice Christmas Cake":-

1st Bernie Doyle
2nd Teresa Corcoran
3rd Pat Tuite

Our next Guild meeting will be held on Thursday 6th February in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.00pm. The Kildare Federation Produce Promoter, Mary Jo Fitzpatrick will be attending our meeting. The Guild competition on that night is - "Homemade Handcrafted Valentine Card".

*Irene Matthews
P.R.O.*

BAND BULLETIN

Our AGM on Thursday 9th January was one of our most successful to-date. It was refreshing to see so many of our younger members taking an active part in all discussions and keen to get involved in all aspects of the committee. Many topics were raised during the course of the meeting and as a result I'm sure that 1997 will be one of the best years to date. The committee elected to see us through the year is as follows:-

President: Paul Brady
Chairman: Paddy Boyd
Vice Chairman: Michéal Dempsey
Secretary: Deirdre Stynes
Ass Secretary: Colm Carroll
Treasurer: Jennifer Quigley
Asst Treasurer: Rachel Alcorn

Committee:

Cliff Murphy Michael Murphy
Mark McCarron John Curran Helena Healy

The Year Ahead

We start on a high note with our new assistant conductor Niall O'Connor on Monday 20th January and our immediate target is the National Band Championships on 5th and 6th April. We hope to improve on our second position in 1996. We also have our St. Patricks week-end "Marathon" when we hope to take part in several parades on March 17th. and the annual trip to Limerick's Marching Band Competitions on the following day. Hopefully we will do well once again this year.

New Members

Once again we extend an invitation to new residents of Maynooth who may have played with a band in another location, you are welcome to drop in to our Band Hall any Monday or Thursday night, we would love to see you. That invitation also extends to past members of the band, you know where we are and we would love to have you back with us, especially with our new assistant conductor joining us.

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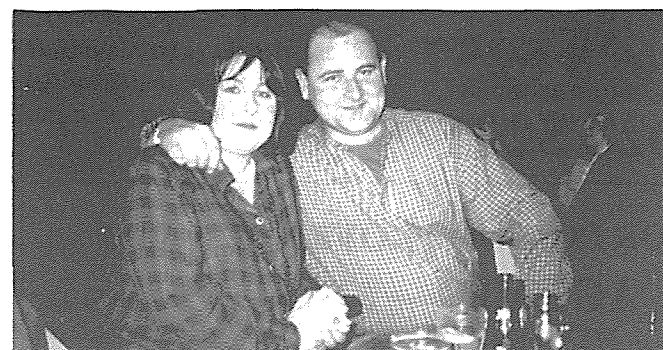
SILKEN VALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 1996 - 1997

Following the AGM of September 1996, the committee members have been meeting on a monthly basis.

Primary issue to date has been the non-completion of work on the estate by the Builder/Developer, North City Builders.

The estate roads have yet to be finished/surfaced and the southern boundary wall to be started. Only half of the estate has the benefit of functioning street lighting, with the result that a substantial number of residents are now in the middle of their third Winter in darkness on the Estate.

Both this committee and the preceding committee have been in substantial contact with Kildare County Council, Minister Emmet Stagg and with North City Builders themselves in an effort to see this work completed. It is the understanding of the committee that Kildare County Council has instructed its solicitors to take enforcement action in the courts and an enforcement notice has been served on North City Builders. The lack of finish on the estate gives the whole estate a very poor appearance and reflects badly on a builder who is currently involved in other building projects in the area. Residents will be informed of progress !



Coleen & PJ Bracken who were seated at Eileen & Paul Duffy's table, and got their picture instead.



Veil Dancers: Silken Steps at the GAA Club.



Neighbourhood Watching. L-R; The Unknown Soldier, Anne Farrell & Carol & Ciaran Courtney.

On a lighter note, the committee organised a social evening for Silken Vale Residents on the 17th of January 1997 in Maynooth GAA Club, the results of which can be seen in the photographs.

Other projects to be addressed by the committee include Children At Play, Neighbourhood Watch Signs and A Clean-up Of Litter On The Estate.

MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Moyglare Village boundary with Moyglare Road.
The association has put ongoing pressure over several years on both Kildare County Council and the developers of Moyglare Village regarding the completion of a safe boundary with the Moyglare Road. You can imagine our surprise when Kildare County Council agreed to our recently delivered twigs. A large public open space, used by children to play, borders on the road and therefore the hedge supplied (if it survives) is not a safe boundary. The association will be appealing the decision as the Residents, in a household survey, voted for a wall.

Moyglare News

The next edition of this popular local newsletter will be produced in February. If residents have any information that they would like to include in this edition please contact any member of the committee.

Residents Meeting

The committee will advise residents with the details of a meeting to be held sometime in February.

*Paul Croghan
Chairman*

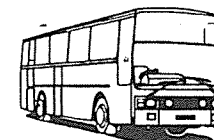
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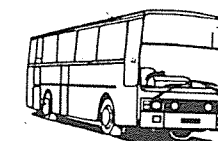
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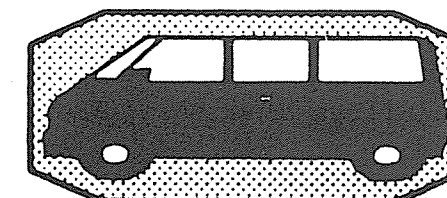
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Due to the weather conditions over the past month the service was stopped occasionally keeping in mind your safety. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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SHOP LOCAL IN '97.

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The local shops support the local people through employment, support local organisations through donations and the locality through financial contributions during the year and in order for them to fill your Christmas stockings they need you to shop with them throughout the year. There is no denying that the larger stores and shopping centres sound more inviting as a result of very expensive advertising campaigns, their prices can be cheaper due to their ability to bulk buy, and they also have a wider range of product to offer. However, if you add the cost of travel, mugs of essential coffee, lunch, parking and the purchase of the totally unrequired extras the cheaper item has suddenly become far more expensive than anything you would pay locally and with a lot less stress. I checked out some prices in the more popular cheaper outlets and found cheaper in my own shop.

A wider range of product can only be had locally if the shopkeepers can gain confidence in their market, this can only occur if the local people use their local shops regularly and tell the shopkeepers what they want.

Why not make a new year resolution, to ensure the future of the local shop and to ensure less hassle for yourselves doing next years Christmas shopping - SHOP LOCAL in 1997.

We wish you all a very healthy and prosperous year for 1997.

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Yours sincerely,

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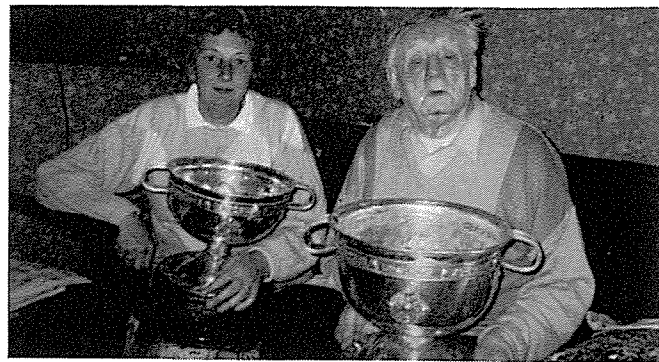
Features

Local Hero

The number of people who reach their 90th year are still relatively few. One such nonagenarian is Maynooth resident Dinny Breen, and the remarkableness of his age is matched only by the clarity of his memory. There have been many colourful events throughout Dinny's long life; and most of those have taken place in or around a football pitch.

Dinny, who was a member of the Garda Siochana, and his wife Mary Brigid Boyhan, moved to Maynooth in 1939 where Dinny kept up his habit of joining the local football team. (He had already played for the Dublin side Parnells, for Ardagh in Longford and for Newbridge Sarsfields).

When his playing days were over he went on to become the Chairman of Maynooth GAA, and though long since retired from that demanding position, he continues to take an active interest in the affairs of the Club.



Dinny with his daughter Madeline Stynes.

Dinny's two greatest achievements though, came before he moved to Maynooth and concerned his beloved County Westmeath. As a fit and strong 23 year old, Dinny played in mid-field for his home team Rochfortbridge Warriors, and was further selected to represent his county at junior level. 1929 proved a fruitful year for Westmeath football, as the junior team went from strength to strength and landed the All-Ireland title; the final taking place in February 1930 - almost 11 months after the first round victory over neighbours and rivals Meath. In that time Longford, Laois, Roscommon, Limerick and finalists London Irish were also seen off by the gallant Westmeath men, inspired as ever by the dynamic midfielder Dinny Breen.

This victory with his county was matched six years later when Dinny was chosen to represent Leinster in the Railway Cup. Over the years this Inter-Provincial competition has faded in significance, but in the 1930's it represented a great honour for the chosen players and huge crowds always flocked to the games. Dinny was a proud member of the 1935 Leinster winning side, and was (probably) the first Westmeath footballer to win a Railway Cup medal.

Dinny was afforded a great honour in 1996, when the Westmeath All-Ireland Minor Champions paid him a visit at his Maynooth home. It was a sure sign of the high esteem in which the former footballer is held. An esteem no doubt, that is well deserved.

(Just as we were going to press, we were saddened to hear of the death of Dinny's daughter, Emily (Mo) Hughes. The Maynooth Newsletter would like to extend our sympathy to Mo's husband, son, daughter, sisters, brother, father, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace).

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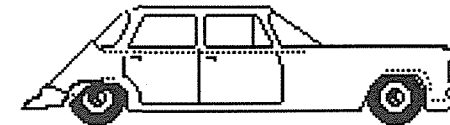
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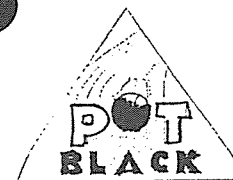
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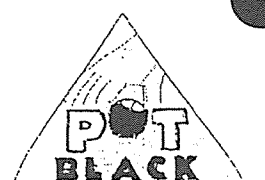


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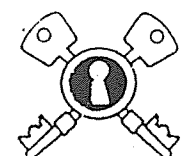
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'Anois teacht an Earraigh
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síneadh
Is tar éis na Féile Bríde
Is ea thógfad mo sheol.'

With the coming of spring
the days are getting longer
and after the first day of
spring Lá Fhéile Bríde, the
poet Raifteirí will lift up his
sail and make haste to visit
his native Cill Aodáin.

The days are thankfully
getting longer and with the
arrival of spring comes new
growth and vigour. The
children and múinteoir are refreshed after the Christmas holidays. Before looking to 1997 we wish to thank a couple of
visitors to the scoil before Christmas.

Aifreann in Gaeilge

We are very grateful to an tAth PJ O Conchúir for celebrating mass in the Gaelscoil on the feast of St Nicholas. Is as Corca
Duibhne an tAth PJ ó dhúchais agus ba aoibhinn caint saibhir na Mumhan a cloisteadil i Mhaigh Nuad. Fr PJ was delighted
that so many of the parents attending the ceremony knew the responses in Irish.

Cuairt Daidí na Nollag

The last school day of Christmas concluded on a high note with the arrival of Daidí na Nollag by helicopter to the Gaelscoil.
There was not enough room for the sleigh to land in Beaufield, so Daidí na Nollag landed in Weston airfield. A helicopter
was provided by Weston aviation and with the help of Gerry Bolger in the TSB bank Maynooth, Daidí na Nollag completed
his journey in great style. The excitement of the paistí was palpable as the helicopter hovered overhead and the children
caught a glimpse of the red suit.

1997 Calendar

All households in Maynooth should have received their complimentary calendar. The calendar is a source of badly needed
finance. On behalf of the Cairde Committee who organised the féilire we say a míle buíochas to those who sponsored the
calendar. We respectfully request that support is given to those companies who took advertisements in the calendar, so that
gratitude is shown in a practical way. The calendar also contains a list of useful telephone numbers, so no home should be
without a féilire. There are still some available in the Gaelscoil.

Enrolments for 1997 and subsequent years.

There are a limited number of places on offer for 1997. We would appreciate an early application as we are currently
preparing our classes for next year. The school enrolment policy states that preference is given to brothers and sisters of
children currently attending the scoil, when application is made before the end of February. The Maynooth Gaelscoil
operates a strict first come first served basis. There are no pre requirements, except the wish of the parents to have their
children receive their education through the medium of Irish. Parents should not feel put off the idea of Irish-medium
education if they feel that their own Irish is not great. In a national context over 90% of children attending Gaelscoileanna
come from families where English is the first language of the home. This is a unique opportunity to offer your child the
benefits of Irish-medium education in their home town.

You are most welcome to call up and meet and discuss the scoil and your child's education on Fridays between 1.30 pm and
2 pm during school term. The various school committees meet at 8.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month, where
members will be on hand to advise on the workings of the scoil.

Ranganna Gaeilge do thosnaitheoirí / Beginners classes in Irish

These classes will commence on Monday 2 February to Easter
Times: 8.30pm to 9.30pm.



Daidí na Nollag telling Daniel, Stephanie and Marco Marcello
that he will see them on Oíche Nollag

(contd)

Children's Corner

WHICH TAP HAS GOT WATER?

MAKE them into pairs.

1+	2+	3+	4+
5+	6+	7+	8+
9+	10+	11+	12+
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3rd Prize	3rd Prize
Shane Delaney 129 Kingsbry Maynooth	Aileen McTernan 4 Moyglare Village Maynooth

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This seven week course is designed for those with little or no Irish. It is based on the communicative method with total emphasis on speaking the language. At the end of the course participants will be able to conduct a basic conversation in Irish.

The classes will be held in the Gaelscoil which is located in Beaufield. Táille/ Fee £10. Senior citizens and unwaged - £7.

Enrolments will also be taken on the night. So this is the chance you always promised yourself to learn or improve your Irish. *Go neirí libh.*

Coming Events

Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich wish to acknowledge the support of mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad in 1996 and hope to continue to enjoy your support in 1997. There will be a Cookery Demonstration by Odlums on the 27th February in the Glenroyal at 8pm. Admission is £5 and is in aid of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. *Beidh oíche mór Ceilí agus seiteanna don Fhéile Pádraig.* A St Patrick's Day ceilí and set dancing night will be held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 16th March. Music by the Emerald Ceilí Band and dancing is 9 - 1am; admission, £5. In conjunction with the Irish language organisations based here in Maynooth a host of events *as Gaeilge* will be held in Maynooth during *seachtain na Gaeilge* in March. Further details will be available in the March issue of *The Maynooth Newsletter*.

Mar focail scoir, gúimid gach rath ar mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad don bhliain atá rómhainn. Is mise le meas,

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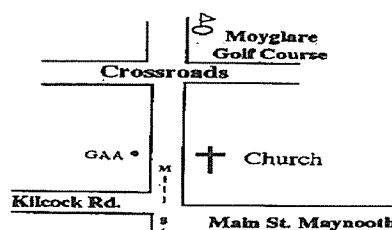


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THE STRANGER AND THE POOKA by Patrick Devaney, Mentor Press.

Some years ago I had the joy of reading Patrick Devaney's "Rua the Red Grouse" to our two children, both of them avid readers, not yet having been subject to T.V. and video saturation. I distinctly recall the angst with which they received each new instalment of the disasters which befell Rua's family.

Parents need not worry on that score in regard to 'The Stranger and the Pooka'. Indeed from the beginning, the "good guys" win. I can imagine the chuckles that will greet the account of the "comeuppance" delivered to the youthful "vandal" in chapter one. This theme is evident to the end and the 'baddies', 'Johnno' the young vandal and 'Big Jim' the adult vandal are on their way to the boat in the last chapter. Shades of Co. Leitrim district court sentencing, or is it Roscommon?

A feature of the novel which strikes the reader is the language problem. The difficulty experienced in Brian Friel's "Translations" comes to mind. Mr Devaney has sought to grapple with the absence of language with which to communicate with the Pooka. He coins a "new" vocabulary so the reader quickly comes to accept 'white nest-place', 'Francach', 'season of dead plants', 'crutins' etc. It is a solution to the problem, perhaps the only one possible, and I'm sure, quite acceptable to the young reader.

The provision of a map is an added boon, -memories of the 'The Lord of the Rings'. Some young readers will trace the exhilarating "deerback" escape to Lackendarragh wood via the south of Slieve Brack and find that Mr Devaney is very attentive to detail, that time, place and distance match.

The conservation message, the element of the supernatural and 'big' business interests etc. are woven into a story that will captivate readers from the senior classes in Primary School to the junior classes in Post Primary.

I cannot recommend a more pleasant or profitable activity than that of the parent reading a good story to their young children at the age when they still have wonder. This is such a story.

Michael O'Donnell.

AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES IN 1996

LAND PRICES HIT £3,900 PER ACRE.

Coonan Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Maynooth, Co. Kildare specialists in the sale of agricultural land and stud farms report a busy year in 1996, especially in the first six to eight months, with a little bit of uncertainty creeping into the market in the latter part of the year.

As can be seen from the table below, the average land price per acre was £3,900, an increase of £1,400 per acre (i.e. 57%) since 1994.

The statistics this year are based on 29 land sales combining in total 1800 acres which the agents were involved in. The farms reached a total of £7,000,000.

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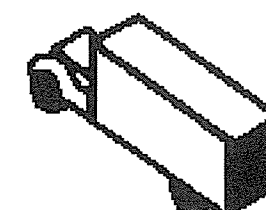
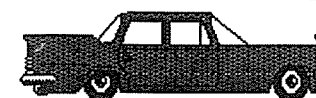
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CROM ABU

"I come not to praise Caesar, but to bury him".
"But having found him not dead, I'll begin praising right now".

They say all good articles should begin with a quotation. Well this isn't a good article, but there was a spare Shakespearean quote knocking around the office, so I used it anyway. But the fact is that the quote fits perfectly around the story I intended to cover.

Having been sent to the GAA club to cover the new handball alley, I went along expecting to see a sign up saying "closed due to robbery", because as is now common knowledge, the club was broken into and ransacked on Monday the 13th of January. I had heard that all the stock was taken and that the thieves basically took what they could carry so I was totally unprepared for the sight that greeted me when I entered. Right in front of me was absolutely no sign of any crime whatsoever!

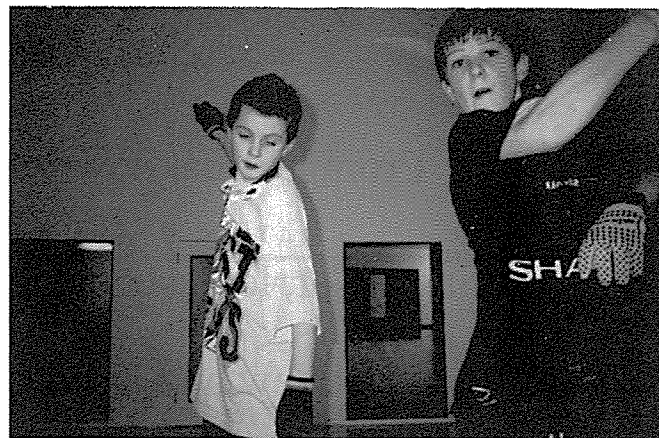
In fact the thieves had done their best to ensure that Maynooth GAA club shut up shop and that patrons of the club and the bar be forced to seek alternative arrangements. While gaining entry to the club they smashed the alarm system and damaged doors and then set about rifling the pool table, cigarette machine and phonebox. Their only concession to decency was leaving the Maynooth Old Folks collection box untouched (perhaps they're hoping it will help their case if they get caught).

In spite of the damage done and the stolen stock, on the very same night as the raid, the bar opened as usual and the club's AGM went ahead as planned. By carrying on business as usual the club sent a simple message to the thieves and those like them, "Crom Abu".


Handball Bounces Back

The slap of ball against glove, the thud of ball against wall and the squeak of runners on a hardwood floor can now be heard emanating from the new building at Maynooth G.A.A's clubhouse. Although barely open a month, the new handball alley is proving to be a hit with both young and old members alike.

As a sport handball is inexpensive and simple to take up. The only requirements are a pair of runners, gloves (or leather hands) and protective eyewear, which can be provided by the club. The therapeutic benefits of bashing a rubber ball around four walls are instantly obvious and attainable, but mastering the skills of the game take a good deal of practice (my own attempts at mastering the 'kill' have thankfully been buried back in the mists of time). If you feel like getting back into a great game you may have forgotten, or, like the two young men in the picture, want to learn the game from scratch, then the court is open all day, but it is recommended that you book a time to be sure you don't get caught on the hop.



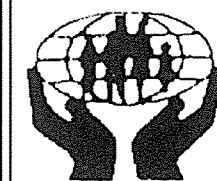
Justin O'Connell, left, and Padraig Brady, right



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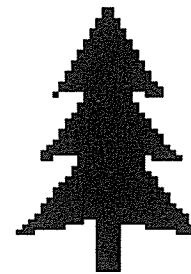
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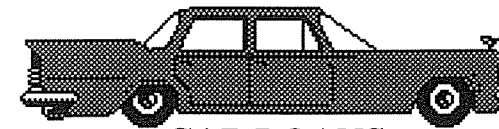
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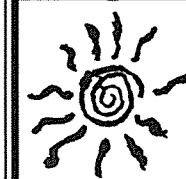


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MORNING IN COURT

The bus dropped me in Kilcock early one Tuesday morning. The square was deserted, the wind whistled in my ears and tumbleweeds drifted aimlessly across the empty streets. A certain uneasiness filled my veins as I thought of the task before me; my first experience of the District Court and of 'Hanging' Judge John Brophy. I wondered where he was, what he was up to, and had the word gone out that there was a reporter from the Newsletter in town?

A young woman - two children by the hand - came towards me. "Excuse me ma'am" I said "I'd be mighty obliged if you'd point me in the direction of Judge Brophy's courthouse." She looked at me long and hard before answering, then she said, "Yeah, its over the bridge and to your right." I smiled and said "Why thank you ma'am", to which she replied "This is North Kildare y'know, not North Dakota, maybe you should drop the accent." With this she hurried off, leaving me to ponder her remarks and the deflating effect they had on me.

Court was due to start at 10.30a.m.; the place was packed and the only seat I could find was the hotseat - a heater fixed to the wall at the back of the room. The Judge entered and everybody stood. He sat down, followed by those lucky enough to be able to do so. There must have been at least 30 people lining the walls, standing in the doorway and filling the foyer. (Readers who have been to the court will know I use the word 'Foyer' with extreme license).

And so down to business. The reason I had chosen this particular Tuesday to attend the Court was to hear the case of the Students Union Club License Renewal. I anticipated heated testimony, acerbic remarks and the boiling over of deep-rooted fears and prejudices. Judge Brophy's views on student social activities were well known, and I pictured myself leaping to my feet and shouting "Objection!" whenever I felt the student body as a whole were being unfairly maligned. My thesaurus had been over worked looking up words like consternation! uproar! and disputatious sophistry! (Beat that, Kevin Myers).

As it turned out, the case was adjourned until March, and Judge Brophy even ventured that if there were no complaints, then he had no problems with the functions continuing. So much for my story.

Next up were the speeding offenders, and a sorry bunch they were, each apologising to the court and offering a variety of excuses. The lesson I learned from this experience was that if you don't have a genuine excuse then you shouldn't attempt to offer one. It sounds very lame in court when a person is accused of travelling 98 miles per hour and they say, 'but Judge, I was overtaking', or 'sorry Judge, but I was late for work.' Judge Brophy has a policy which seems reasonable to me, first time offenders get away with a fine, subsequent offenders or anyone travelling over 100 mph receive an endorsement and a three month ban. As he put it himself in that succinct style of his - "over the ton, you're off the road."

For those not directly addressing the bench, Judge Brophy likes to indulge in banter, to the entertainment of everyone else and at the expense of the other person involved, usually the hapless solicitors and barristers who have been instructed to plead for leniency. (Of course they're only hapless till they pick up their cheques and expenses).

Once such Judge v solicitor argument centered on whether the defendant could offer a charitable donation by way of recompense. Judge Brophy indicated that he was having none of it, then followed with the more promising 'what have you in mind? The solicitor gamely offered £300, the Judge's scoff must have been audible at 30 paces, certainly it was enough to force the solicitors hand, "£400!" he called. "No" replied the Judge. His understated tone combined with the raising of the 5 fingers of his hand, called the solicitors bluff, "£500" he meekly offered. "Done" said the judge, "to Our Lady's Hospital".

After all the traffic offences, the court turned its attention to crimes of a more serious nature. One in particular involved the allegation by an Agriculture Department Inspector that his life, and that of his family, was threatened by a local farmer. More on that in next months *Newsletter*.

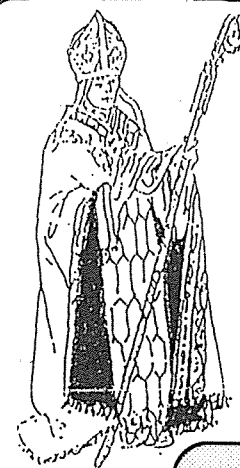
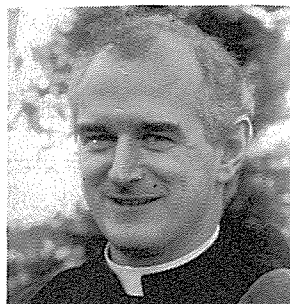
COLLEGE NEWS

**Very Reverend Dermot P. Farrell, B.Sc., D.D.
President, St. Patrick's College.**

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Trustees of St. Patrick's College Maynooth the Reverend Dr Dermot Farrell was appointed President of the College. Dr Farrell is the 27th President of Maynooth College and succeeds Monsignor Matthew O'Donnell who died suddenly on 27th September of last year.

Aged 42, Dr. Farrell has served as Vice-President of the College for the past three years. He is a native of Castletown-Geoghegan, Co Westmeath and was ordained in 1980 and served for a time in Mullingar Cathedral Parish before completing his doctoral studies in the Gregorian University, Rome. For a time he was director of formation in the Irish College in Rome and later served in Tullamore parish before returning to Maynooth in 1990. A dogmatic theologian by training Dr Farrell has worked with the Irish-Inter-Church Department of Theological Questions and has lectured extensively in the field of moral theology.

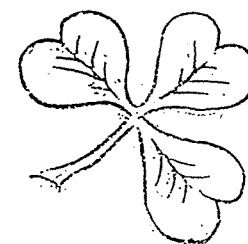
On receiving news of his appointment Dr Farrell confessed to being somewhat daunted by the task in hand but affirmed his commitment to providing leadership to the National Seminary at a crucial time in its history. He also expressed the view that in the light of new legislation for the universities there would be a great opportunity for the Pontifical University and the National University of Ireland, Maynooth to evolve a strong, lasting and distinctive relationship.



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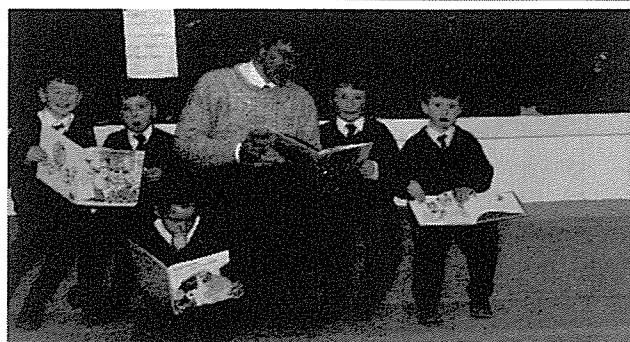
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SCOIL UI RIADA SAYS "THANK YOU" FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO MAYNOOTH LIBRARY

The 16th of January proved to be a red letter day for Maynooth Library, when County Librarian, Ms Breda Gleeson paid a special visit. The purpose of Breda's visit was to accept a presentation of children's Irish books from Seamus O Muirthe, Priomhoide of Scoil Ui Riada. This year Scoil Ui Riada, official gaelcoil for Maynooth and Kilcock, is celebrating its 10th birthday, i.e. *deich mbliain ag fas*. The school decided to mark this important milestone in its development in a practical way by making a donation of children's Irish books to the Maynooth and Kilcock Libraries. A similar donation will take place next month in Kilcock Library.

Speaking at the ceremony in the Library where the books were gratefully received by County Librarian, Breda Gleeson, and Maynooth Librarian, Fiona White, Scoil Ui Riada's Principal Seamus O Muirthe said "The school decided to present the books to the library to commemorate our tenth anniversary. Scoil Ui Riada wants to repay the parents and the wider community of Maynooth for the tremendous moral and financial support given to the school since it was established." Seamus O' Muirthe added that he hoped the donation would contribute to the promotion of the Irish language in the community which is an important part of the ethos of the school. "Particular emphasis has been given to the selection of pre-school books designed to stimulate pre-reading skills. The pages of these books have illustrations which abound with things and happenings and are virtually guaranteed to draw forth comment and talk from young children. It is hoped that these books may help to instill an appreciation for the Irish language in a new generation of children in Maynooth and Kilcock," he concluded.



Back Row : Aindrias Ó Uinaín, Jonathan Ó Caoimh-Ahern
Muinteoir Tomás Ó Riain, Críostóir Ó Hartneacha
Briain Mac Cába Front Row : Edel Ní Chuirín

Breda Gleeson, while acknowledging the contribution that Scoil Ui Riada had made to the Irish Cultural Landscape spoke *as Gaeilge*, saying "I would like, on behalf of the Library Services, to extend our thanks and congratulations to Scoil Ui Riada. Thank you for your book donation and congratulations for reaching your tenth birthday. I am very pleased to receive these books and I am happy that they will be available to the people of the community and that they will encourage and foster an interest in learning and reading *as Gaeilge*."

Departing from her prepared speech, she said it was a delight to listen to the ease and fluency with which the Scoil Ui Riada children present in the library spoke *as Gaeilge*. This made her realise how, in her own case, not speaking the language regularly lead to a lack of confidence when called to do so, despite the fact that she loved and spoke it well at school and college. In a gesture which both surprised and delighted the audience the County Librarian said she would now make a contribution equal to the amount donated to both libraries by Scoil Ui Riada. She also intends to increase the stock of Irish books in the library over a phased basis. She added that she would like to think of the library becoming a venue for informal meetings of friends who shared the same enthusiasm for speaking the *cupla focal*..

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The library donation was organised by parent's representative Miriam Ahern. *Mile buíochas* are due to John Byrne of Maynooth Bookstore who supplied and sourced the books, to Diarmuid O Cathasaigh, from Bord na Gaeilge who supplied catalogues and advised on the selection of books and also to Fiona White for organising the venue.

"The books donated suit children of all ages from pre-school to 6th class," said Miriam. She added that "books are one of the great pleasures of life, and are vital in providing children with the words to express emotions, ideas and thoughts. Moreover they help to explain the world around us. Books provide the impetus for imaginative play, they introduce new ideas and most importantly they are fun. The vast majority of these books have been selected by the school children themselves."

The final word went to Breda Gleeson who congratulated all those involved in the undertaking. She concluded by saying that she hoped to be back in Maynooth in ten years time to celebrate Scoil Ui Riada's twentieth birthday. "*Go mbeirid beo go leir ag an am seo arís a duirt sí.*"

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Where he hails from the word
'Mean', is sacred I've heard
He goes back all the time
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He sips pints in Maynooth
Pays in cash that's the truth
Around six is his time
But then that's not a crime.

Where he's seen to converse
With a scribbler of verse
At least some of the time
But then that's not a crime.

And a computer buff
Who knows all kinds of stuff
Whom he slags all the time
But then that's not a crime.

And a great many more
Well at least three or four
And now maybe its time
To reveal a real crime.

[Now I know its unfair
To his kinsfolk out there
as they gasp in despair
And they tear out their hair
As they become aware]

That in public display
In the Roost, New Year's Day
Drinks came up on a tray
And I saw this, OK.

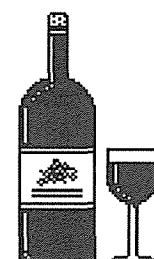
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Down in Cavan they'd say
He should be locked away
Yes, down there he'd do time
For this treacherous crime.

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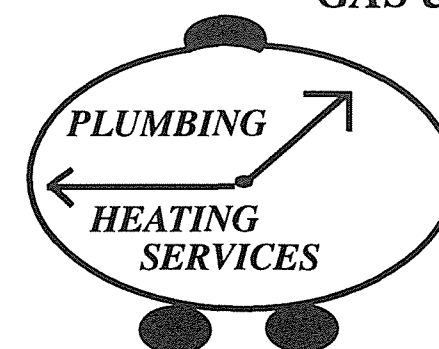
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UNDERAGE VANDALISM IN COLLEGE GREEN

It seems that wherever one turns these days, vandalism and intimidation is rife. In this issue of the **Newsletter** we will deal with one section of Maynooth where these problems are an everyday occurrence. The focus of our interest this month is the College Green estate.

Residents are it seems being subjected to this sort of harassment almost daily and while the offenders are not from this estate they are known both to the Gardai and to the locals being intimidated.

Youngsters between the ages of 9 - 14 years old are frequenting the College Green area. It seems that the people most affected are elderly, people living alone and single mothers, these people being more vulnerable.

The youngsters make a habit of running through peoples gardens, damaging lawns, fences, shrubs and flowers in the process. Apparently the fences act as an obstacle course for these children and little can be done to prevent repetition of this act, as it is virtually impossible to catch a child who is running from you at any time, let alone if you are at any sort of disadvantage such as being elderly or a mother with small children who can't just leave them at the drop of a hat to chase hoodlums. By the time you leave your house they are well gone, often shouting abuse from a safe distance.

Side fences seem to be most at risk of damage from this "game". One man was forced to erect iron posts in a new fence, instead of the usual wooden posts, to try to reinforce his fence after it had already been knocked and destroyed.

It seems a bit much that anyone should have to rebuild their own property for the sake of so called "fun" for these youngsters.

As can be expected if ever one is lucky enough to catch one of the offenders, the response is always denial. As these boys are usually in groups it would usually come down to a case of "your word against mine". Some residents feel that they are on their own in such situations and that there is little they can do to help themselves.

One course of action is to phone the Gardai as they assure us they always react to every complaint. They also said that they are aware of the happenings in this estate, but unless a complaint is made they can do very little.

Perhaps the answer is to start to complain.

It has gotten to the stage that one man was considering putting barbed wire on his side fence to avert these youngsters, but unfair as it may seem he could not do so because even though it might put an end to this particular problem for him, It could cause another in so much that if the children did injure themselves he would be liable, regardless of the fact that they were trespassing.

Another favourite pastime of these youngsters is to torment locals by ringing door bells continuously. Ignoring them and hoping they'll go away is one solution but how effective is that, no resident should have to endure this unjust invasion of their property, their privacy and their time. Older people in the neighbourhood are afraid to react as they feel that once the youngsters grow up they might become a target of a different sort for them.

Another type of incident which has occurred in recent times is the intimidation and even assault on people as they pass through the walkthrough between Beaufield and College Green.

The following is the story of a young woman who on passing through a group of 4 -5 boys of the age group of 13 - 14 years, who were sitting on the walls on both sides of the walk through, was kicked and intimidated. For no apparent reason the young lady was kicked as she passed through and one of the boys demanded to

know who had given her permission to cross through that path. She felt terrified and said she wondered why she had been singled out as she had done nothing to these boys before.

She also feels that she would no longer feel safe to go out once it is dark. As bad as being intimidated while being outside of her home must have been, it did not end there. The boys followed her to her house and spent some time throwing pebbles at her house and ringing her bell continuously. It is one resident's opinion that planning authorities are to blame as they have not allowed sufficient recreational facilities in this area, but can such behaviour really be put in a nutshell that easily.

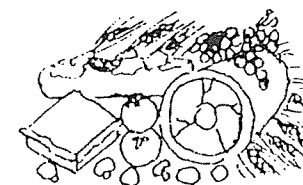
The question must be asked who is to blame and who will take responsibility and put an end to this ridiculous carrying on. We would like to point out that on talking to the Gardai, their opinion was that "these estates are no worse than any other," but surely that's no excuse for allowing it to continue.

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MAYNOOTH IN FEBRUARY 1987

The following are excerpts from the Maynooth Newsletter of 10 years ago

What happened to the class of 1980?

Frances Daly and Sheila Larkin were participants in the AnCo Return to Work course which was held in Maynooth from September to December 1986. Part of the course consisted of a research project, and the question that Frances and Sheila set out to answer was what happened to the members of the Leaving Certificate class who left the Post-Primary School in 1980.

With the help of Tom Ashe, Principal, and the parents of the 1980 class, it was possible to follow the progress of the 44 pupils who left in 1980. Frances and Sheila have made available to the *Newsletter* a summary of their findings, which make very interesting reading.

The most encouraging finding is that only three are unemployed, of whom two are married and working in the home, and one is unemployed through illness. Three are still studying. However, of some concern is the number abroad, thirteen, which indicates that almost one third of the group have had to emigrate. Certainly, a statistic which brings home the seriousness of the situation which faces school leavers.

Over one fifth (9) of the group had obtained degrees by 1986. A relatively small percentage (29%) had married, despite the fact that most of the group would be aged 23 years and over at the time of the survey. The group had found a wide variety of occupations - there are secretaries, electricians, technicians, chefs, librarians, ESB officials. Other occupations are teacher, nurse, barman, garda, and a number of others.

It is satisfying to see how successful the class of 1980 have been in gaining employment. However, there should be no complacency where one in three of our students have left the country. It is sad to see the revival of the old tradition of emigration.

Maynooth By-Pass

There has been much talk of late about a relief road that has been proposed along with the planned By-Pass. The relief road is to be built whenever the lands east of Railpark, which are all zoned for building, are developed. The Community Council are urging the County Council to build the relief road in conjunction with the by-pass in order to take the pressure of through traffic off the main street and Straffan Road.

Harbour Field

Proinnsias Breathnach (Chairman) and John McGinley (Secretary) had a very positive meeting before Christmas with the Trustees of the Harbour Field, from which agreement in principle was reached regarding the Council's proposals for landscaping and developing the field. A meeting was also arranged with AnCo, who are also prepared in principle to support the proposal, while Kildare County Council has sanctioned an Amenity Grant towards the cost of the project. The Community Council is hoping to work in co-operation with the Royal Canal Amenity Group in order to pursue a co-ordinated approach to the overall development of the Canal Harbour area. The Council is currently having the project costed for submission for AnCo approval.

Riot at Connolly Station

People power produced a train at Connolly Station on Tuesday, 13th of January, after a terse announcement revealed that the Maynooth train was cancelled. Enraged commuters who had waited for almost an hour for the 4.15 pm train in arctic conditions refused to take news of the cancellation lying down.

As several hundred angry travellers converged on the station master, a spokesperson addressed the mob: "We want answers - firstly, why was the cancellation not announced earlier, and most important, what alternative arrangements are being made to bring us home". Furious commuters

threatened to hijack a train, if something was not done.

In face of the force of numbers, CIE climbed down, and in minutes, a train was produced. A less arrogant and unfeeling announcement came over the loudspeaker to the effect that CIE regretted the delay which was due to the inclement weather.

The cheering commuters swarmed onto the liberated train in the swirling snow, and were reminiscent of earlier revolutions in Siberian conditions. Perhaps the day of liberation for the commuter is near. Commuters of the world unite, we have nothing to lose but late and non-existent trains.

Top Ten Singles

1. Jack your body - Steve Silk Hurley
2. Is this love - Alison Moyet
3. C'est la vie - Robbie Nevill
4. Knew you were waiting - George Michael
5. Surrender - Swing Out Sister
6. Didn't matter - Style Council
7. Big Fun - Gap Band
8. Something Happens - Two Changes
9. Wasteland - The Mission
10. Reet Petite - Jackie Wilson

Top Five Albums

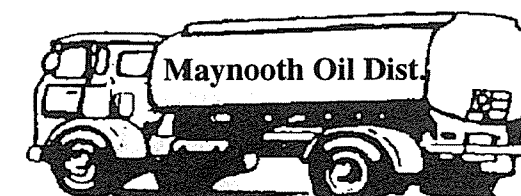
1. Graceland - Paul Simon
2. Revenge - Eurythmics
3. Kate Bush - Greatest Hits
4. Sheer Live Magic - Queen
5. Communards - The Communards

Traffic congestion, unhappy commuters, plans for the Harbour Field and emigration! How much has really changed over the last 10 years? A good question in an election year. (Oh I just remembered, there are no local elections this year).

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VIDEO REVIEW

The Rock (15's)

Nicholas Cage plays a chemical weapons expert and Sean Connery is an ex-prisoner who must break into Alcatraz when the island prison is taken over by a madman who threatens to launch poison gas missiles at San Francisco. This is an excellent film that will have you on the edge of your seat as you are grabbed by the scruff of the neck and taken on a roller coaster adventure from start to finish. The performances from Sean Connery and Nicholas Cage are, as you would expect, first rate, particularly from Connery, and the photography and special effects are terrific. All in all a film that is highly enjoyable and a great way to pass a couple of hours.

Verdict.....Worth seeing

Last Man Standing (18's)

The story takes place in Jerico, Texas in 1931. Two rival Chicago gangs vie for control of the illegal flow of booze crossing the Mexican border. The town sheriff is powerless to stop this warfare. Into the midst of this chaos comes a mysterious stranger, Smith, who seems to be just passing through. He soon gets recruited by one of the gangs and then the other, and very cleverly plays both sides against the middle.

Starring Bruce Willis as the stranger, this is a very good and well crafted movie even if at times it is a trifle violent. It is of course a remake of that classic first spaghetti western 'A Fistful of Dollars' with Willis in the Clint Eastwood role and works quite well in the re-telling. Direction is taut and the film rolls along at a nice even pace. Also stars Christopher Walken of 'Deer Hunter' fame.

Verdict.....Hugely Entertaining

Mission Impossible (12's)

For fans of the television series of the late sixties, early seventies, this film is a positive must! Excitement, intrigue, adventure, plot upon sub-plot; it's all here in spades. Tom Cruise is terrific, as are all the other stars; Jon Voight, Jean Reno and Emmanuelle Beart. The music by Lalo Schiffrin is the same as it always was' right up there with the James Bond theme. The special effects can only be described as extraordinary, from the disguises to the brilliant chase scenes.

This film is guaranteed to hold you on the very edge of your seat before blasting you every way out of it!

Verdict.....Un-miss(ion)able!!

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PROFILE OF PAUL CROGHAN, PRO, MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Question: When did you come to live in Maynooth?

I came to live in Maynooth eight years ago.

Question: Why did you choose to live in Maynooth?

I spent twelve years living in flats in Ballsbridge and Donnybrook in Dublin. I have many fond memories of those years, where I met many of my friends. I was born in Roscommon, a town with a good community spirit. Maynooth was still a quiet village on the road to the west which I felt would be a nice place to live.

Question: When did you get involved with Maynooth Community Council?

Like most others my first interest in local matters began when I joined Moyglare Residents Association. They nominated me to attend the Planning & Development Committee meetings and later to attend the Community Council meetings.

Question: What in your opinion is the role of Maynooth Community Council?

The Community Council serves many useful purposes and its survival has shown that it is more important than any one of us who serve on it. Over the years it has adapted to meet the ever changing needs of the community. Its great strength is in the fact that its membership comes from Residents Associations, Voluntary Community Interest Groups and Clubs. I see the Community Council as the focal point where matters of local interest are debated by representatives of the community. The Council can then act on behalf of the community, either in dealing with Statutory bodies or in any other matter that needs attention.

Question: What do you think has been the main benefit to the people of the town?

In my view its biggest single achievement is in the Council's promotion of Community Employment Projects which give valuable re-training opportunities to local people who want to get into the workforce. Because of the wide range of personal training and transferable skills offered and particularly because of the dedication of the staff they have been successful.

Question: How do you see your role as PRO?

When I became PRO I decided that my main objective in the position would be to look at ways of promoting the Community Council as the most important forum for discussion in Maynooth. I will be encouraging any groups not represented to attend. I am also looking at ways where the council can help to further develop community spirit in the town, particularly in promoting events that help people in the town to get to know each other.

Question: Are you a member of a political party and do you have any political ambitions beyond the Community Council?

My earliest memories of meeting a politician was in 1972 when my mother sent me to ask the local Dail deputy to use his influence to get Roscommon County Council to repair the road outside our house where it regularly flooded. The man in question was Mrw Brian Lenihan, Minister for Foreign Affairs at the time. He told me that I was the youngest ever constituent to lobby him on an issue and that it was important that politicians always listen to the needs of the people even the young. My admiration for his pragmatic approach to issues remains my abiding memory of him, particularly his ability to admit to changing his mind when he judged the public mood on the issue. I am not currently a member of any political party. The responsibility and pressures on Politicians to make the best decisions for the community are immense and it is a lifestyle that takes up a considerable amount of time. I do not know if I would have the commitment.

Question: What would be your wish for Maynooth in the future?

Maynooth is both one of the most historically important and yet is also currently one of the fastest growing towns in the country. I believe that it is important to protect our vast heritage as well as ensuring the sensitive development of the town to cater for the needs of the entire population.

This profile is Part One of a series where we aim to introduce to readers of the Newsletter the five members of the Executive of Maynooth Community Council. We would like to thank Paul Croghan for the time he gave for the writing of this article.



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SCOIL UI RIADA

Ceolchoirm na Nollag

The world is a stage, the stage is a world of entertainment.

The lyrics of this well known song rang true on the 11th and 12th of December when Scoil Uí Riada's school children took to the stage in Halla Naof Ioseph, Kilcock. Each night they delighted the packed hall with their singing, dancing and music. Parents, grannies and grandads were treated to such musical delights as An t-Asarlai ó Oz (Wizard of Oz), Hiawatha, Cu Chulainn, Humpty Dumpty, to name but a few. The innocence with which the naionan beaga classes performed "Sceal na Nollag" touched the hearts of the audience and certainly brought home the true spirit of Christmas.

The success of the Christmas concerts was due, in no small way, to the teachers who gave so unstintingly of their time, to the parents who worked so feverishly on the costumes and props and to the Cairde Committee who kept the audience well supplied with light refreshments and snacks.



Ceolchoirm na Nollag. 3 little elves, L-R Áine Ní Dhurcáin, Eoin Ó Baille agus Curtis Mac Thréinfhír

Success for Scoil Uí Riada in Tallaght Library "Book Review of 1996" Competition.

In this recent competition two of our pupils from rang a sé Aisling Ní Shiotcháin and Lorcan Ó Breithiunaigh, achieved second and third place respectively. The competition, open to all schools, required the participants to carry out a two hundred word review of a book which they had read in 1996. Aisling chose to review "Timin agus an Nollaig" while Lorcan reviewed "Cime!". The prize winners were presented with CD-ROMs and books at a presentation ceremony in the Tallaght Library by Ms Siobhán O'Neill, Children's Librarian, who also happens to hail from Maynooth.

The books selected by Aisling and Lorcan were part of a large collection of children's Irish books which were donated by Scoil Uí Riada to the Maynooth Library on Thursday 16th January.

Slogadh 1997

We are proud to report that our pupils who participated in the area finals of Slogadh 1997 in the Cor, Dramaíocht, and

individual Scealaíocht sections have now all successfully progressed to the Regional Finals. These will take place on February 1st and 2nd at Scoil Cairtriona, Ballymun. Ar eirigh leo go maith!

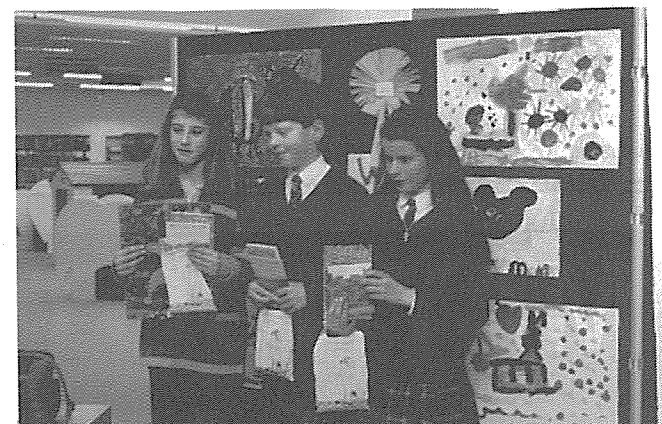
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Miriam Ahern

PRO Committee

(Pictured on the Front Cover, from Sceal na Nollag, are L-R; Laura Ní Mhurchú and Caoimhe Ní Dhuinn, (back row) and Áine Ní Mhorda and Dean Ó Faolain).



Above are the Book Review of 1996 Competition Winners. L-R, Orlagh Bolger (Clondalkin NS), Lorcan Ó Breithiunaigh and Aisling Ní Shiotcháin (Scoil Uí Riada).

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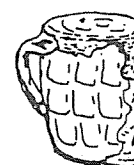
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PREDICTIONS FOR 1997

This year our soothsayer missed the copy date for the January issue of the Newsletter but, as in previous years, it appears that his predictions are just as accurate as ever.

JANUARY

On the sporting front a prominent football manager will suddenly resign. Paid huge salary and seen as a Messiah by the supporters, he finds the expectations of the fans just too difficult to meet. The Kildare Co. Board appoint Kenny Daglish to succeed Mick O'Dwyer.

FEBRUARY

St. Valentine's day is marked by a series of surprise announcements of forthcoming weddings. These include Sir Bob Geldof and Sile de Valera, Bertie Ahern and Mary Harney, Buggy Horan and Naomi Campbell, Daniel O'Donnell and Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

MARCH

Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade proves to be an outstanding success. Guest appearances are made by U2 - launching their world tour, Madonna - seen drinking in Brady's Pub after the parade and Oasis - who came second in the Best Band Competition. Among those on the viewing platform will be Fidel Castro, Father Supple, Yasser Arafat, Nelson Mandela and Norah McDermott.

APRIL

In an unprecedented development, the GAA embrace professionalism. As part of their youth policy Maynooth GAA immediately sign Mick O'Connell, Jimmy Keavney, Kevin Moran and Pat Spillane. Kevin Keegan is appointed manager. Club chairman Mick Gillick expresses complete confidence in Keegan after a heavy defeat by Coill Dubh Junior B's but sacks him the following day. Crom Abu Ltd. is launched on the stock exchange. Shares trade at 3.5 pence and the club is immediately taken over by Maynooth Soccer Club. Plans for Lenny Murphy Super Stadium are lodged with Kildare Co. Council.

MAY

Election fever sweeps the country as the General Election is called. The Political parties in the new constituency of North Kildare are shocked when a number of surprise Independent candidates enter the race. Danoli, winner of the Gold Cup in Cheltenham in March, launches a manifesto banning the use of the whip. Madame Sin runs a campaign promising the use of the whip. Other surprise candidates include Eamonn Dunphy - promising the abolition of car tax and insurance, Michael Lowry - offering free tax advice for all, Ben Dunne - free house extensions, Albert Reynolds free legal advice. Countrywide the election proves to be a triumph for the independents who form the next government. Dustin (Nass Rd constituency) is elected Taoiseach, Brush Shiels is appointed Minister for Arts and Culture and Liam Gallagher (Oasis) is appointed to Justice.

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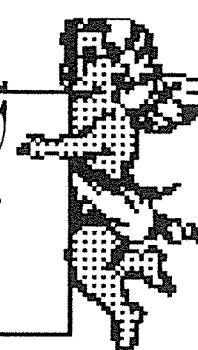
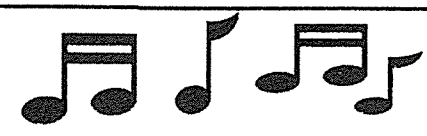
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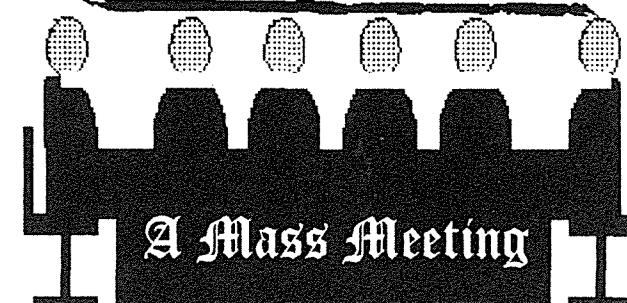
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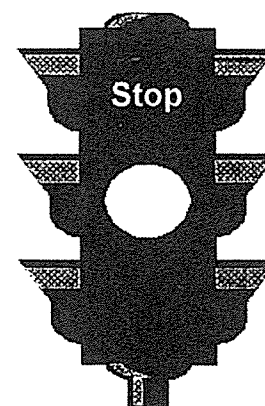


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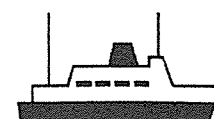
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JUNE

Maynooth College gets a new president- Father Ted. Father Jack is appointed Professor of Dogmatic Contrariness and Father Dougal appointed spiritual director of the chronically bewildered. Father Jack, having been barred from all the pubs in Maynooth and charged with assaulting a number of African nuns in the hostels on the Moyglare Road is appointed to a parish in Columbia to assist Bishop Casey on his missionary work. Theology lectures hosted by Father Dougal in the Parish Hall draw hundreds every Thursday night. As a result religion goes into serious decline in Maynooth until Mrs. Doyle gives birth in the College Infirmary and claims that the father is the Holy Ghost - at least this is the report publicised by Father Ted. Maynooth becomes a centre of pilgrimage, vocations increase, a Eucharistic Congress is held in the Harbour Field.

JULY

Kildare win the Leinster Final. Plague and pestilence stalk the land. Graves in Laraghbryan Cemetery crack open and the dead walk. Maynooth is struck by an earthquake which flattens the town except for the four pubs in the main street- so that won't be so bad.

AUGUST

In the hottest summer in living memory, Maynooth experiences drought conditions. Such is everyone's thirst that the pubs have to stay open 24 hours a day. Another month to look forward to.

SEPTEMBER

The Maynooth Development Plan is agreed by Kildare Co. Council. The plans include a new all - seater covered stadium, incorporating a sports centre and swimming pool; an arts and leisure centre to include a theatre, cinemas and new library; Carton Demesne is designated a public park, a high speed train link to Connolly station, good weather every summer, Santa Claus to visit everyone on Christmas night, fantastic sex, good health, no baldness, toothaches or fallen arches.

OCTOBER- DECEMBER

The crystal ball clouds at this point. Visions of Maynooth are shrouded in mists. Darkness gathers, all is unclear - I shouldn't have had that last pint.

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TEARS FLOW FOR DEPARTING FRIENDS

Friday the 18th of January saw the Community Employment workers from Maynooth Community Council saying goodbye to some of their colleagues. In all, eight of the workers have left since October, moving on to bigger and better things. (Or so they say). Most of them had completed their one or two year terms, while lucky Martin Davies escaped after a four month sentence.

The night out was held at the Glenroyal Hotel, and many former inmates turned up for a bit of reminiscing and to hear Supervisor Norah McDermott's silken tones once more. They were not to be disappointed; presents and speeches being given out aplenty by Norah and Freda Kelleher. Jewellery was the favoured gift, though I shouldn't have revealed that as the surprise has now been ruined for Maeve McCullagh, whose present still awaits her in the office. (Maeve has been kicked upstairs in the Newsletter and now resides exclusively on the Editorial Board).

The eight fatefully departed are: Antonio Quinones, Sheila McKenna, Bernie Kavanagh, Derek (I'm comin' knockin' at your door) Lowry, Martin Davies, Sarah O'Connor, Magazine-Maeve McCullagh and Fiona O'Connor. (The search is on to fill the artist void left by Fiona's departure). (The post is entirely non-paid and involves copious amounts of abuse).

If you, or anyone you know, is in any of the photos below - you ought to be ashamed of yourself.



L - R Betty Brilly & Sheila McKenna



Derek Lowry & Martin Davis (seated)



L - R Sarah O'Gorman, Antonio Quinones
& Fiona O'Connor



L - R Clare Cullen, Sarah O'Connor,
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AUBERGINES WITH WALNUTS AND GARLIC *Makdous*

The aubergines will have been prepared for at least one month.
This recipe is made with small, round aubergines, no more than 10cm/4in long.

750g/1 lb 10oz small aubergines
1tbsp coarse sea salt
90g/3oz walnuts
8 cloves garlic
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
or 1 fresh green chilli pepper, topped and seeded
1 tsp fine sea salt
extra virgin olive oil

Cover aubergines in salted water and boil for 5 minutes. Drain and cool. Put the peeled garlic cloves in a blender with 1 tsp salt and process until nearly smooth. Add the walnuts and cayenne pepper (or fresh chilli pepper) and blend until the walnuts are ground medium-fine. The fillings should have a fine crunch. Take one aubergine and slit down the middle, lengthways, cutting halfway into the flesh (make sure you do not cut through the other side). Prise the flesh open to create a pocket for the filling and press a teaspoon of walnut and garlic mixture into the aubergines. Smooth the filling with your finger or a spoon to level it with the aubergine skin, put on a plate and finish the rest of the aubergines in the same way. Pack the aubergines in layers with the filled side up, in a sterilised glass jar, fitting them quite snugly together but without crushing them. Cover with extra virgin olive oil, close the jar and store in a cool dark place. Eat after one month or more.

TART LEMON TART Serves 8

8in/20cm sweet pastry flan case, baked blind

For the filling:

2 lemons quartered
1/2pt/300ml dry white wine
8oz/225g sugar
3 eggs

Pre-heat the oven to 350F/180C/gas4. Poach the lemon quarters in the white wine with the sugar for 15 minutes. Remove the pips and put the lemons in the food processor along with the syrupy wine mixture. Turn on to whiz at top speed, and add the eggs one at a time to blend thoroughly. Pour the lemon custard through a coarse sieve into the pastry case and bake for about 30 minutes.

CHICKEN WITH BURGHUL

1 medium free-range chicken	1.5 litres of water
1 medium onion, peeled	3 cinnamon sticks
1tbsp coarse sea salt	25g unsalted butter
200g burghul	600ml chicken stock
1/2tsp ground cinnamon	1/2 tsp ground allspice
1/8tsp finely ground black pepper	
450g plain yoghurt (optional)	

Rinse the chicken under cold water and put it in a saucepan. Add the water, place over a high heat and bring to the boil. When the water is about to boil, skim the surface clean, then add the onion, cinnamon sticks and salt. Reduce heat to medium, cover pan and boil gently for 1 hour. Half an hour before the chicken is ready, remove 600ml of the chicken stock for cooking the burghul (the chicken will go on cooking with the stock left in the pan). Or you can roast the chicken basting it with pomegranate syrup. Melt the butter in a saucepan over a medium heat, add the burghul and stir until it is well coated with butter. Pour in the chicken stock, season with cinnamon, allspice, and pepper and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 25 minutes or more until the burghul is cooked exactly to your liking and the stock is absorbed. Take the burghul off the heat, wrap the lid with a clean kitchen towel, put it back over the pan and leave to sit while you prepare the chicken. Transfer the chicken on to a chopping board and cut into slices or pieces as you prefer. Spoon the burghul into a shallow serving bowl. Arrange the chicken pieces on top of it and serve immediately and preferably with a bowl of yoghurt.

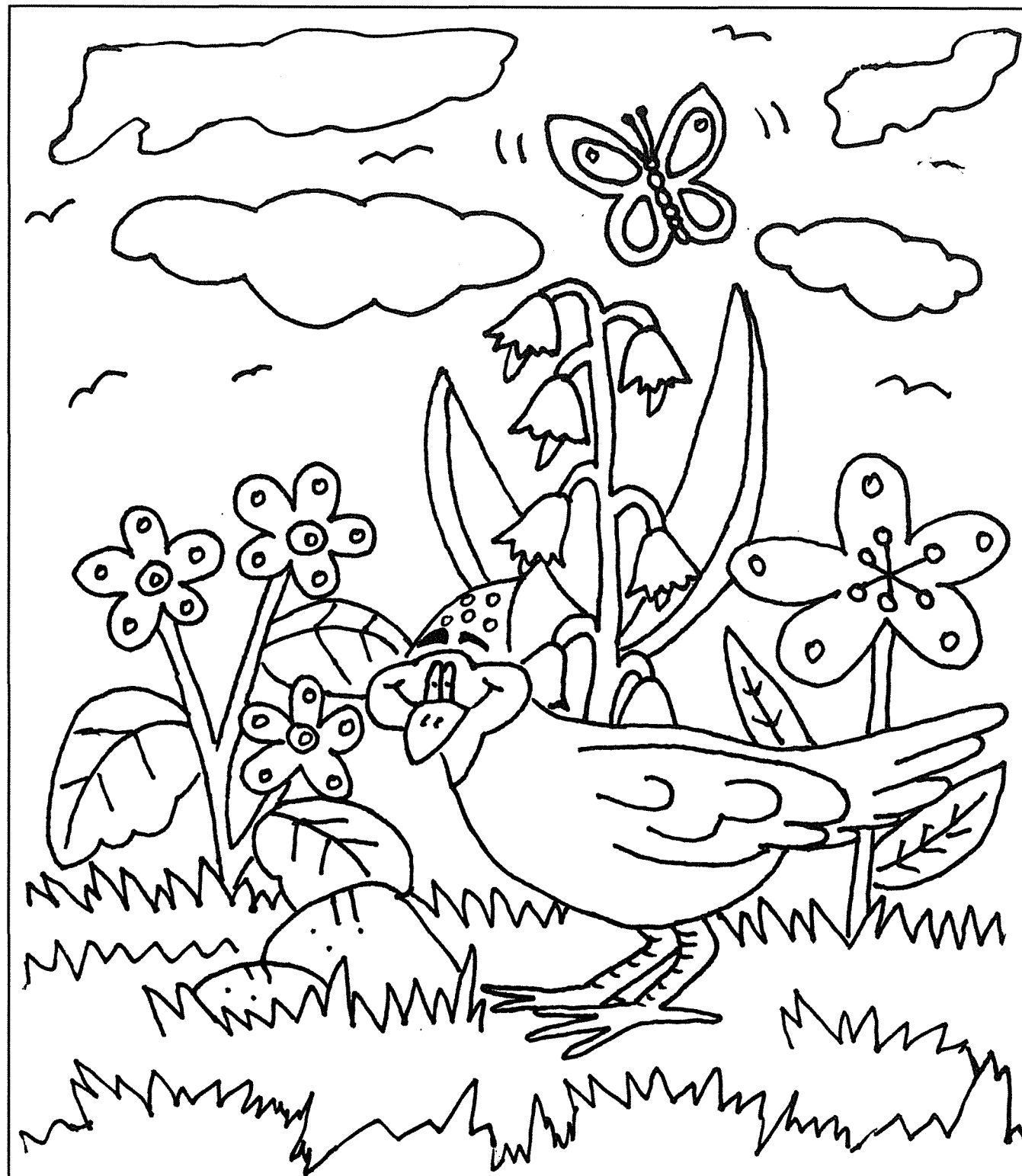
SHORTBREAD

Enough for 24 fingers



8oz plain flour, sieved
4oz fine semolina
4ozs castor sugar
8oz soft butter

Pre-heat the oven to 300F/150C/Gas 2. Mix all the ingredients in a food processor. Spread the mix into an 8in by 10in tray and bake for about 1 hour. When cooked, leave to cool and sprinkle with vanilla sugar. Cut into fingers while warm. Alternatively, make 12 tartlets: fill with paper cases and baking beans; chill for 30 minutes then bake blind.



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GARDENING HINTS

GENERAL TASKS

Prune overgrown hedges as early as possible and lower than the height you actually want, as young shoots will grow quickly from the top. It is advisable to shape the hedge narrower at the top and wider at the base.

It is important that all weeding of borders is completed. Cut back dead stems, rake fallen leaves off plants.

LAWNS

If you are making a new lawn the ground must be prepared now, so as to allow the soil to settle.

First cutting of the year can be done now, if growth has started and provided of course that the grass is dry. Set the mower blades higher for the first 2 cuttings of the season. Rake out the dead grass in the lawn in spring to allow light, air and water through to the roots.

BULBS

Lilies will be coming into the garden centres now. Avoid bulbs that have been shrivelled and stick with fat juicy ones. They prefer moisture-retentive, well-drained soil that's rich in organic matter, so dig in plenty of compost or manure. Improve the drainage of heavy soils by adding coarse grit, and put each individual bulb on a small mound of grit in the planting hole. Plant so that the bulbs are covered with about 4"-8" of soil, preferably in groups of three to five. The one exception is the madonna lily (*Lilium candidum*) which is planted with its top just below the surface. If the soil is not in good condition, pot the bulbs to plant out later. Overcrowded clumps of bulbs should be dug up carefully with a fork, separated into smaller clumps and replanted immediately at the same depth at which they were growing previously.

SHRUBS

Pot-grown shrubs benefit from top dressing with fresh potting compost. Remove the top few centimetres of old soil, taking care not to damage the roots, and replace it with compost to which you have added a slow-release fertilizer. Thin out overgrown evergreens by removing entire branches either where they join the main stem, or at ground level. Only hardier evergreens like Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*) should be pruned now. Those varieties that are susceptible to frost damage such as Mexican orange blossom (*Choisya ternata*) are best pruned in Summer.

VEGETABLES

Early potatoes are best sprouted in advance of planting next month. They'll grow away quickly and give a bigger yield. Buy seed potatoes and set them out in boxes, trays or old egg boxes, with the end containing the most 'eyes' uppermost. Stand them in a light, airy, frost-free place. Feed overwinter vegetables, including asparagus beds, applying a balanced general fertilizer. Prepare seedbeds by covering the ground with clear polythene. Apply a general fertilizer two weeks before sowing.

POT PLANTS

Dahlias and chrysanthemums stored over winter should now be brought into growth so that cuttings can be taken

from the new shoots. Put the potted tubers in full light, water well and spray with water regularly. Newly bought dahlia tubers can be treated in the same way. Dahlias provide spectacular colour from mid-summer until the first frost, and they're also good for cut flowers. There are many different forms to suit all tastes-vivid and tall cactus varieties, pompons and decoratives for borders and cutting, dwarf anemone-flowered forms with unusual double centres, and simple, single-flowered mignon dahlias. The dwarf forms are particularly good for tubs. Take cutting by removing shoots when they're 3"-4" long. Use a sharp knife to cut just below a leaf joint and then cut off the lower leaves. Dip the entire cutting into liquid fungicide (wear gloves for this or have a good scrub afterwards), dip the base into hormone rooting powder, and put it into a pot of compost made with equal parts of coir compost and horticultural vermiculite. Place the pots in a propagator or in a polythene bag, ideally with a little bottom heat to maintain a temperature of 10-13°C.

TAKING ROOT CUTTINGS

- 1 Dig up a plant and shake or wash the soil from the roots. Cut off an entire root near the crown of the plant.
- 2 Cut the root into sections about 2" long, making a slanting cut at the lower end so you know which way up to put them.
- 3 Dust the pieces with fungicide powder and push them, sloping-end down, into pots of compost.

TIPS

- Continue planting trees and shrubs if weather permits.
- Prick out vegetables sown last month.
- Bring in any remaining bulbs being forced in pots.
- Complete the pruning of apple and pear trees this month.
- Cut back dead stems of herbaceous perennials to ground level.
- Start sowing half-hardy annuals.
- Check that all tools and machinery are in good working order.
- Firm in recently planted shrubs and trees loosened by weather.
- Put out regular supplies of food and water for the birds.
- Stock up pots, compost, labels, twine and other sundries.

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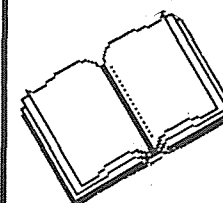
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County Strategy Plan

The next meeting on strategy for development in the county will be held on 3/2/97. Cllr. John McGinley has tabled a number of questions and motions on the plan. They include:

1. How much water can be extracted from the Liffey and the Barrow?

2. How much development would this allow in houses and industry?

3. What are the limits of the present water treatment plants? i.e. how much we can get now and what this represents in houses and factories.

4. Questions 1, 2 and 3 also apply to sewerage.

5. What is the amount of land now zoned (1985 and 1996) for housing and industry and can our water and sewerage systems cope with this or is there spare capacity. The spare capacity or lack of it will determine the volume of rezoning. We can then decide in what general area that zoning should go - South, Middle, North East or North West. Cllr. McGinley has submitted 13 motions. They include:

1. **Carton Demesne**
To preserve this amenity it is important that lands on either side of the avenue be retained in its present agriculture use and not be used for other development.

2. **Bonding**
Planning permission will not be granted to builders who have left estates unfinished.

New Public Lights
Minister Emmet Stagg, TD, has requested Cllr. John McGinley to seek the provision of three public lights in order to light up

Pound Park.

- * 1 at the Band Hall.
- * 1 at centre of Pound Park.
- * 1 at the side of house No. 18 Leinster Cottages.

Bus Turning Points.

Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., asked Dublin Bus to do something to stop buses from driving on the green areas at the two turning points on the Straffan Rd. John Ryan of Dublin Bus has assured the Minister that this practice will stop as another parking arrangement has been put in place.

Parking Bye-Laws

Your local councillors were presented with a draft of the Bye-Laws at a meeting on the 10th of January, even though they were dated the 12/11/96. Cllr. McGinley has sent a copy of the report to the Community Council for their consideration. However as there are 44 areas with yellow lines it is very difficult to make sense of it without the lines being shown on a map. Cllr McGinley has asked the council to provide such a map in order for the local community to have a real input.

Fás Workers for Cemeteries.

The Council say that they have serious problems in getting any applicants for Fás schemes in Maynooth/Celbridge/Leixlip area. The Council have agreed to re-advertise.

Bond Bridge Update.

The planning permission granted in respect of the 20.685 acres of land in Newtown has been appealed to An Bord Pleanala. This means that the special development levy of

£22,000 per acre, which is to fund the realignment of Bond Bridge, will now be considered by Bord Pleanala. If those who have appealed can be satisfied following consultations, and the appeals are withdrawn, then the special levy will stand and Bond Bridge will be well on the way to realignment.

Extra signage at Junction of Dunboyne Rd/Blacklion Rd. Following representations from Minister Stagg the Council have agreed to provide extra signage at the junction of Dunboyne Rd./Blacklion Rd in order to improve safety.

Cul De Sac signs - Greenfields Lane.

We are pleased to note that following representations from Minister Emmet Stagg the Cul De Sac signs at the entrance to Greenfields Lane have been reinstated.

Extension of Speed limit -

Minister Stagg has again requested Kildare County Council to extend the speed limit on Newtown Road to beyond Ashleigh. Following discussions with the engineer in charge of speed limits we are confident that this extension will occur under the 1997 bye laws.



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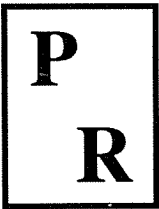
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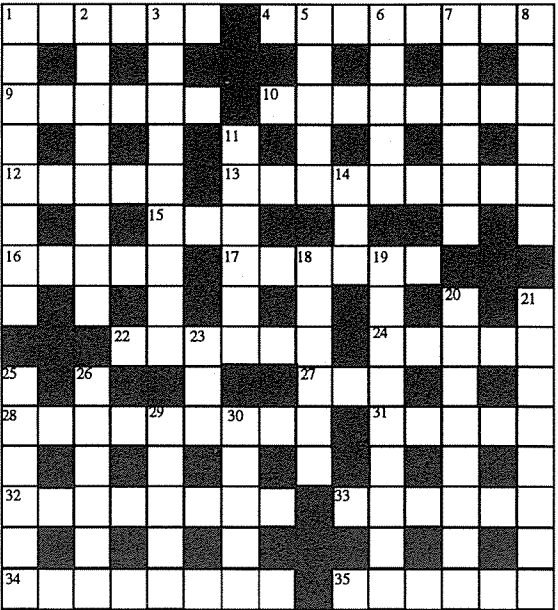
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- 32. Scented. (8)
- 33. Fold. (6)
- 34. Vikings. (8)
- 35. Lower oneself. (6)

Down:

- 1. Geometric figure. (8)
- 2. Cigarette by-product. (8)
- 3. Lie. (9)
- 5. Unruly disturbances. (5)
- 6. Edible fowl. (5)

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- 7. Incursion. (6)
- 8. Horses headgear. (6)
- 11. Licentious. (6)
- 14. Self. (3)
- 18. Smart. (6)
- 19. Repay. (9)
- 20. Drainage. (8)
- 21. Slovenly woman. (8)
- 23. Vessel. (3)
- 25. Joint injury. (6)
- 26. Zeal. (6)
- 29. Speak. (5)
- 30. In flames. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 110.

Across: 1. Canopy; 4. Epidemic; 9. Timbre; 10. Swindles; 12. Punch; 13. Bartender; 15. Mar; 16. Lithe; 17. Ornate; 22. Studio; 24. Empty; 27. Dia; 28. Perennial; 31. Tango; 32. Dribbled; 33. Bistro; 34. Resolute; 35. Astray.

Down: 1. Catapult; 2. Nominate; 3. Parchment; 5. Power; 6. Dance; 7. Malady; 8. Castro; 11. Abroad; 14. Tea; 18.Noodle; 19. Theatrics; 20. Spinster; 21. Typology; 23. Urn; 25. Spider; 26. Traits; 29. Nobel; 30. Inert.

Winner of Crossword No. 110:

Sheila Fleming, 63 Maynooth Park, Maynooth.

Party Political

DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Water Charges turned off.

Councillor Catherine Murphy has welcomed the Government's decision to abolish water charges. Democratic Left has always opposed these highly unpopular charges as a form of double taxation. When the present government was formed in 1994, a first breakthrough was achieved when arbitrary cutoffs were halted and tax relief on charges were introduced. Now we have achieved a total end to water charges. This is a complete vindication of the stand taken by large numbers of North Kildare residents against these charges from the day they were first introduced.

Bond Bridge Action Group

The Bond Bridge Action Committee met Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council at its January meeting. Some confusion has arisen over the cost of having the bridge rebuilt because of the inclusion by Kildare County officials of the Straffan Road link road from Meadowbrook in the overall project.

Catherine Murphy has requested Kildare County Council to produce a written breakdown of the project costings which will indicate separately the cost of rebuilding Bond Bridge. Catherine Murphy has also asked the Council to state clearly the level of development levies which are being attached to new planning permissions in the Newtown area and if these levies will be used exclusively for rebuilding Bond Bridge. Finally, Catherine Murphy has asked the Council to state how long it will take to get the bridge rebuilt through the use of development levies.

Drinking Water Quality

The high levels of chlorine which are making the public water supply in the North Kildare area unpalatable are directly due to high pollution levels in the River Liffey. High dosages of chlorine are being applied at the Water Treatment Plant at Leixlip in order to neutralise pollution and render the water safe to drink. The main problem is high concentrations of ammonia due to meat processing, farming activities and untreated sewage entering the Liffey upstream. Catherine Murphy has called for a thorough review of water quality in the River Liffey and an action plan to tackle the pollution problem at source.

Telephones in Beafield

Catherine Murphy has contacted Telecom Eireann about the unsatisfactory situation regarding public telephone boxes in the Beafield area. Currently there are only two boxes, located at Beafield Shopping Centre. Long queues are a nightly feature at these boxes. Catherine Murphy has requested Telecom to undertake an overall review of public telephone provision in the area in view of new housing developments and associated population growth.

Public Lighting In Silken Vale

Catherine Murphy has asked Kildare County Council for information concerning the public lights on the main avenue in Silken Vale which have yet to be switched on. At the moment the avenue is very dark at night and this is a cause of concern to local residents. Catherine Murphy has also asked for information concerning a likely date for completion of roads in the estate.

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Party Political

FINE GAEL NOTES

Joan Slade River:

Clr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare Co. Council to contact the authorities at Maynooth College to clarify the correct ownership of the Slade river. The river urgently requires cleaning of trees and debris to eliminate the possibility of any future flooding at Parson St.

Traffic Island - Straffan Road:

The following motion has been placed on the agenda for the next meeting (7/2/97) of the Celbridge Area Committee by Senan Griffin "That the traffic island at the Greenfield Shopping Centre on the Straffan Road be painted and that a centre island light be provided so that it is made safe for all road users". This island is extremely dangerous and motorists have found it almost impossible to see it during recent weather conditions.

Maynooth - Draft Parking Bye - Laws:

The area committee will consider the Maynooth draft parking bye-laws on 7/2/97. Any person wishing to make suggestions re. same should contact Clr. Senan Griffin at 6285177.

Bond Bridge

The five area councillors met the Bond Bridge Action Group at the area meeting on the 10/1/97.

The action group outlined their worries to the councillors about the delay in having the bridge re-aligned.

It was agreed by the five councillors that everything possible will be done to expedite work on this the most dangerous bridge in Co. Kildare.

Clr. Senan Griffin further suggested that C.I.E. be contacted for funds to re-align the bridge because of their requirement that the bridge be raised to accommodate the electrification of the line at a future date. It should be noted that C.I.E. will obtain 'Euro Funding' for this line and Clr. Griffin sees no reason why some of that funding cannot be used for Bond Bridge. The meeting agreed to this approach.

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G.A.A. NOTES

On Monday evening 13th January '97 the re-convened A.G.M. was held in the Club House with the largest attendance for a number of years. After spending twelve years as Chairman, Michael Gillick told the meeting that he was not going forward as chairman for the coming year. He thanked all the people who worked with him on committees over the years for their commitment and dedication, and if he fell out with anybody, offended anybody or insulted anybody over the years, that it wasn't intended. He asked people to support the people elected to run the club for 1997 and hoped that the club will have a successful 1997.

Officers elected at our Annual General Meeting held on Monday 13th January, 1997.

Presidents: Jimmy Treacy, Dinny Breen, Phil Brady, Josie Murphy, Jim Nolan.

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Hurling: Kieran Diggins, Football: Kevin Connolly, Finance: Matt Doran.
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Handball

It gives me great pleasure to state that the court is now complete and ready for use. It is a 40' x 20' indoor court so anybody interested in playing or coaching is more than welcome to join. Contact Seán Donovan, Chairman, or any committee member.

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Set Dancing:

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Under 15 Footballers end 1996 with a superb win:
In the semi-final of the under 15 League Maynooth had a convincing win over Ballymore on a score line of 3-12 to 2-3 played at a very well prepared pitch at Sallins on 8.12.'96. This set up an eagerly awaited final between Maynooth and Ballyna whom Maynooth had beaten earlier in the League by a narrow margin of 1-4 to 0-3.

The final was played on a very well prepared pitch at Straffan on 15.12.96 before a large attendance of supporters for both teams. Maynooth got off to a good start and after a few minutes Michael Gleeson had the ball in the net followed by a point from Peter Kinsella before Ballyna got their first point. This was followed by a superb penalty taken by Liam Farrelly to leave Maynooth leading by 2-1 to 0-1. Pdraig Hurley had a point for Ballyna which was followed by a point for Maynooth by Karl Ennis. Maynooth were playing excellent football at this stage and were unlucky not to have stretched their lead with good efforts by

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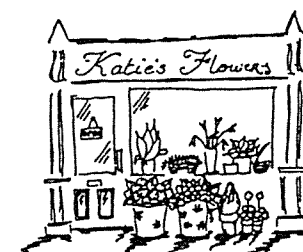
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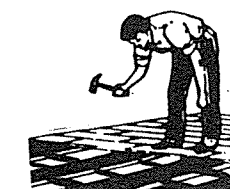
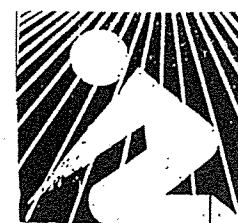


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Sport

Michael Gleeson and Padraig O'Sullivan. Ballyna came back strong with 3 points from Padraig Hurley. Peter Kinsella and Liam Farrelly replied with points for Maynooth and on the stroke of the haltime Angus Gannon had a goal for Ballyna to leave the half time score Maynooth 2-4 Ballyna 1-5.

Maynooth started the second half in a very determined fashion and quickly added two points from Peter Kinsella and Aidan McCarron. Ballyna responded with a point by Eoin Robertson. With about ten minutes remaining Ballyna sensed that the game was slipping away from them and they really tried everything to get those vital scores. Credit has to be given to the Maynooth backline of A. Geoghegan, T. Halton, T. Cassidy, C. Diggins, D. Carr and S. Devereux for withstanding enormous pressure during this period and for a number of great saves by Barry Doyle in goal. A point by Karl Ennis helped to take the pressure off Maynooth and when Michael Gleeson collected the ball on the three quarter line he made a run forward to score a beautiful point and Maynooth held on for a great win.

Final Score: Maynooth Team 2 - 8
Ballyna Team 1 - 6

Maynooth Team

Barry Doyle, Alan Geoghegan, Thomas Halton, Trevor Cassidy, Connor Diggins, Daragh Carr, Shane Devereux, Peter Kinsella (0-3), Carl Ennis (0-2), Liam Farrelly (0-1), Padraig O'Sullivan, Aidan McCarron (1-1) Trevor Naughton, Tommy Masterson, Michael Gleeson (1-1).

Ballyna Team

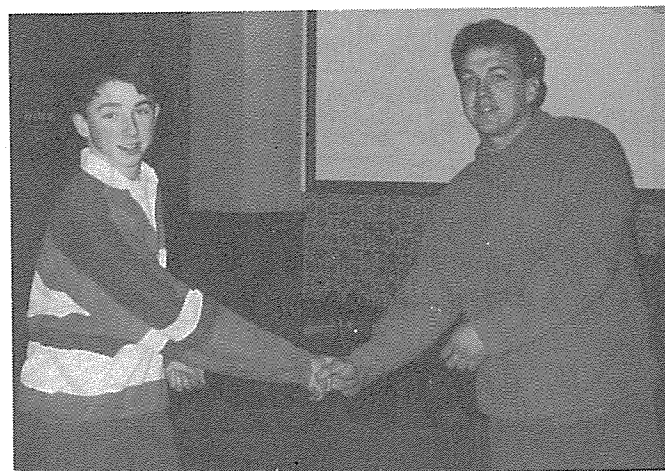
Brendan Farrell, Johnny Sally, Paul Dixon, Sean McEvoy, Angus Gannon (1-0), Eoin McCabe, Damien Nolan, Padraig Hurley (0-4), Tommy O'Connor, Johnny Knowles (0-1), Paddy Farrell, Richie Mullen, Paddy O'Connor, Eoin Robertson (0-1), Colm McNally.

JUVENILE CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the annual Christmas party for the under age players in the Club, the under 13 hurlers and footballers received their North Kildare League medals.

The football medals were presented by Meath footballer Brendan Reilly while his colleague Enda McManus presented the Hurling Medals. The players listened attentively as Enda McManus told them how important it was to enjoy the game and become dedicated to training and practicing the skills of the game.

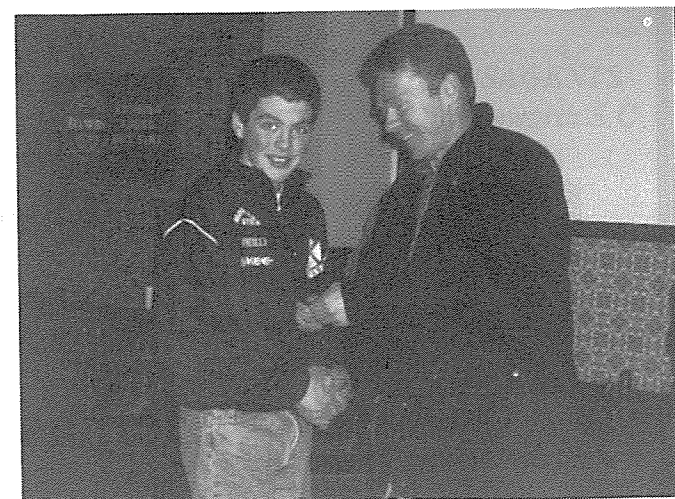
When the minerals, crisps, sandwiches and marsh mallows were finished the players watched a video. Our thanks to Ben Mee for opening the Club House early and to everyone who helped organise the party.



Patrick O'Rourke receives his football medal from Brendan Reilly



Dermot Canning receives his hurling medal from Enda McManus

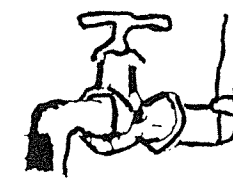


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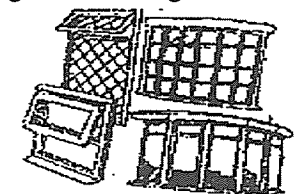
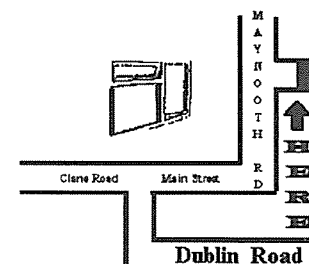
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To the Husband, Son, Daughter, Father, Brother, Sisters, Nephews, Nieces, Relatives and Friends of Emily (Mo) Hughes (nee Breen).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dowling: The family of the late Margaret Dowling, 348 Greenfield Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. Those who attended the removal, Mass and funeral, sent Mass cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr Supple, Fr Cogan, Fr Boylan, Fr Thynne and Fr Dempsey for their kindness. Mr Tom Ashe and the staff of the post primary school, the priests, doctors, nurses and social worker in Blanchardstown Hospital. Dr Cowhey and Nurse Campbell. Trevor Reilly and Pamela Geraghty. The neighbours in Greenfield especially, Brian, Liz and Darren Farrell.

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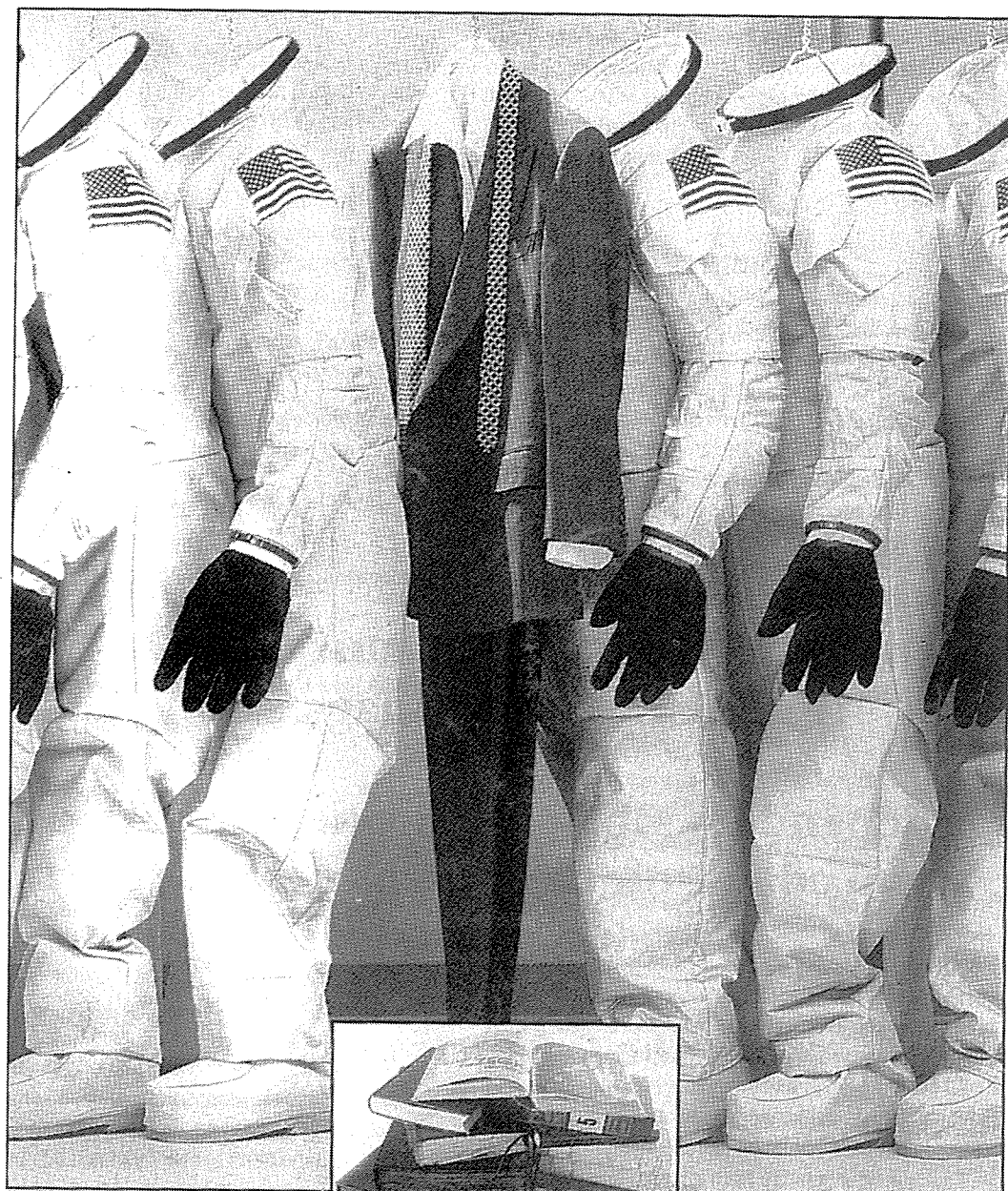
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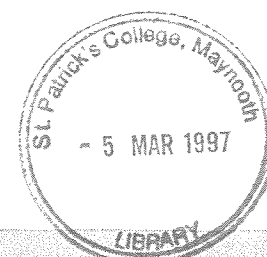
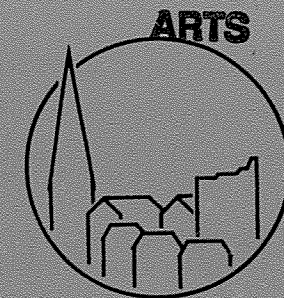
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Diary Dates

Tuesday March 4th: A table quiz in aid of Church of Ireland parish funds will be held upstairs in Kelly's Lounge, Dunboyne at 8.30. All are welcome.

Wednesday March 5th: Greenfield Estate Residents Association A.G.M. in I.C.A. hall 8.30pm

Thursday March 6th: Public meeting in Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm. Proposed Dumping Site, please give your support.

Thursday March 6th: I.C.A. Meeting 8pm I.C.A. hall.

Friday March 7th: Presentation Primary School Irish Night at Glenroyal Hotel at 9pm.

Friday March 14th: Newsletter Copydate

Friday March 14th: Scoil Uí Riada Oíche Ghaelach, Glenroyal Hotel.

Sunday March 16th: Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich are holding a Ceili, seintenna and old time by the Emerald Ceili Band, Glenroyal Hotel. Annual flag collection for Conradh na Gaeilge.

Monday March 17th: St. Patrick's Day Parade - 11 a.m. start Greenfield S.C.

Monday March 17th: Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich / The Aifreann Gaeilge will be celebrated in St Mary's Parish Church on St Patrick's morning.

Tuesday March 18th: Maynooth Flower and Garden Club meeting.

EDITORIAL

Pub Licencing Laws

A recent 5 pence increase in the price of the pint in Dublin, which was subsequently reversed, led to a public debate about our pub licencing laws. Public houses remain one of the few sectors of the retail trade which is subject to strict regulation. For instance, a new licence may not be issued unless an existing licence lapses.

The result is that Maynooth had four pubs thirty years ago when the population was less than 2,000 and still has four pubs today when the population is approaching 10,000. It is not clear that such a strict prohibition on the issuing of new licences is in the public interest.

The four existing pubs in Maynooth are perfectly reasonable places to go for a drink. But one or two new pubs in the town would certainly introduce some competition and might even encourage our publicans to invest in refurbishing their premises.

Paddy Desmond

The Newsletter and Community Council wish to extend their sympathy to the family and friends of Paddy Desmond who died recently. Paddy was a stalwart at our St. Patrick's Day Parade for many years and will be sadly missed as an active member of our community.

Apology

Some readers took exception to material published in the February issue under the heading Predictions for 1997. The feature contained some references which might be considered in bad taste. We apologise for any offence caused. No offence was intended.

Friday March 21st: Closing date for receipt of nominations for M'Lady Kildare competition. (See article in Newsletter).

Thursday April 3rd: Maynooth Summer Project Disco at 8.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Glenroyal Hotel.

Friday April 11th: M'Lady Kildare Competition Glenroyal Hotel.

Friday 19th September: Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association are holding a "Racing Night Out at The Dogs in Harold's Cross" Everyone welcome.

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Community Council Notes

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir/Madam,
I see from the February Newsletter that the membership fees of the Maynooth GAA are due before April 1st. "Single" members are charged £15, a "Husband/Wife" combination are charged £20. Does this mean that co-habiting couples are not welcome in the GAA, or do they have to pay the full £15 a head? I suppose that's one way to keep the sinners out of the GAA!

*Yours sincerely,
Richard Wills.*

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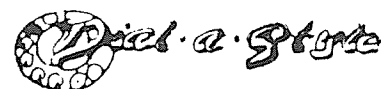
The Maynooth Development Plan

An audit of land available for residential development undertaken by Kildare County Council in January '97 confirmed 106 acres in Maynooth. Taken together with Celbridge it reveals that a landbank of 386 acres is available for residential development in this area. This could cater for a maximum increase in population of 16,212 people. In the lower Liffey Valley region which is served by the Leixlip treatment works, enough land is zoned residential to cater for a maximum population increase of 26,376 people. This is before Kildare County Councillors rezone any further lands in the Kilcock, Celbridge or Maynooth area.

Heritage Project

In February we met representatives of the interested groups, together with Mr Ray O'Connor from the Mid-East Regional Tourism Organisation. A frank discussion on the merits of Maynooth as a tourist location as well as our ideas on the benefits of achieving Heritage town status were discussed.

*Paul Croghan
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MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

That time of the year has come around again - Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade. The floats are coming in steadily already and we hope to have a great parade again this year. The starting time and place will be the same i.e. starting time 11 am at Greenfield Shopping Centre.

This year the Parade will be passing the reviewing stand once. The position of the reviewing stand this year will be on the roadway outside the Irish Permanent so disruption of traffic is inevitable.

A message this year from the Gardai - traffic will be disrupted on the morning of the Parade from approximately 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Hoping to see a big crowd again this year.

*John McGinley
(Secretary - Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade Committee)*



MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

We look forward to participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We ask all clubs/associations to put litter on the Agenda of your meetings.

- How can we help to keep Maynooth Litter Free.
- We are working on our 1997 Tidy Towns Application.
- Volunteers needed for Sunday Mornings Clean Up. Please meet at Geraldine Hall at 9a.m.
- We have been asked about re-cycling. More on this next month.

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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Our A.G.M. took place on 4th February in the Health Centre with Josie Moore in the chair.

Nurse Nora Campbell was welcomed and thanked for attending.

Minutes of last A.G.M. February 6th 1996 were read and signed.

Annual reports from the Chairperson and Secretary were very comprehensive and proved what a lot of good work had been done during the past year-

Treasurer's Annual report included presentation of account which gave a very good account of the amount spent during the year for the benefit of the Senior Citizens.

Next on the Agenda was the appointment of Officers for the coming year-Nurse Campbell kindly took the chair to accept nominations.

Results as follows-

Chairperson - Josie Moore

Vice chairperson - Imelda Delaney

Hon. Secretary - Patsy Rafferty

Minutes Secretary - Joan Lennon

Treasurer - Catherine Mulready

Ass. Treasurer - Patricia Cusker

P.R.O. - Betty Farrell

I must not forget all other members of the committee who will be working very hard on the particular duties allocated to them.

The committee wish to thank most sincerely all who helped and supported our group throughout the year. A special thanks to the Management of the "The Roost" for so kindly holding a Raffle for our funds, to the G.A.A., Bradys and Barrys, for the on-going facility with our collection boxes and last but not least, the customers of these establishments for their generosity at all times.

Our Annual Collection takes place from Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th March. So wherever you see a box facing you please give generously. We always depend on your support. On a lighter note, our group of Senior Citizens have been invited to a party in the College on Sunday 9th March, a day out we all look forward to.

The Management of the Post Primary School must be thanked for inviting a group of our elderly to see Oklahoma. A most enjoyable evening, all were loud in praise of the talent of these young people. The music was excellent and great praise and congratulations go to all who contributed towards its success not least Fr. David Boylan, who is doing so much for the culture of our young people, and who obviously enjoys doing it. Well done — all of you.

Our Valentine Party held in the Post Primary School was a great success, starting with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Boylan. Some members from Celbridge group attended.

Tea was served as usual by the Committee and then the entertainment began, with plenty of singing and lovely music for dancing. Josie never tires and never fails to give of her best, and here she was ably assisted by Kevin who never lets us down. Judging the Valentine cards and Valentine verses caused some laughs.

Here are the results in Verse section - 1st Margaret Walsh, 2nd May Tansey, 3rd Tom Deane, 4th M. Kearney, 5th Mary Deane

"Best Valentine Card" 1st Betty Farrell, 2nd G. Cassidy, 3rd Angela Caffrey, 4th Ita McTernan

"Most Romantic Couple" This prize went to Celbridge — Monica Cullen and Eddie Kellett. Congrats to all. That ended a lovely evening.

Finally our sincere sympathy to the wife and family of the late Pat Bourke R.I.P. who died recently.

The death of Paddy Desmond was received with shock and consternation by all who knew him, most especially by our committee who always relied on him as a friend and a tireless worker. Paddy was a former Chairperson of the "Old Peoples Committee" as it was then known and was always ready to help any way he could down through the years. He will be sadly missed at our Annual Fund Raising in November, each year he was the "Main Cog" in "Spin the Wheel," standing there all afternoon, with a happy quip for both winners and losers.

To his wife Imelda and his family, may we offer our deepest sympathy in their bereavement. May he rest in peace.

Betty Farrell
P.R.O.

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

In the High Court on Monday 10th February the actions of Kildare County Councillors, in passing the Clane Development Plan last July, were judged to be illegal.

This judgement has widespread implications for the planning process throughout Kildare, not least for Maynooth, and marks an important milestone in opposition to excessive residential rezoning being co-ordinated by the *North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning*.

Clane has many similarities to Maynooth. As a relatively small village it has seen its population mushroom in the last 5 years by 67%. The plan now deemed illegal would have provided enough residential rezoning to further treble its population to a size larger than the current size of Maynooth. 97% of Clane's population were opposed to the proposed Plan and now have at least a breathing space in which it is hoped their public representatives can rethink the logic of the original proposals.

Maynooth however is still facing proposals which could more than double its population from 9,000 at present to 21,000 over the next five years. But are such huge residential rezonings in any way justified by a scarcity of

building land in Maynooth? The recently revealed results of the residential land audit undertaken by Kildare County Council suggests not. 106 acres are presently available for building on in Maynooth, enough for a further 3,000 people without any more rezoning occurring. Such a discovery vindicates the stance taken by Maynooth Planning Alliance in opposing any significant residential rezonings in the forthcoming Maynooth Plan. According to the County Council figures there is also adequate land presently zoned residential throughout the county to provide for approximately 23,000 houses, enough to house the projected growth in the population until at least the year 2040.

Are we really going to spend taxpayers money on a massive scale for unnecessary servicing of lands which may not be required for decades? The results of the land audit are an astonishing revelation of how much excessive rezoning has already occurred throughout County Kildare. However, it also provides an opportunity for all political parties to review their public position and re-evaluate what, if any, extra residential rezoning is needed in Maynooth over the next five years. Maynooth Planning Alliance will welcome unreservedly any change of heart which results and its citizens will long remember any changes of heart which do not.

BAND BULLETIN

Our Bulletin this month opens on a sad note with the sudden passing away of one of our dearest friends and supporters, Paddy Desmond. Paddy was a most able M.C. for our Annual Race Night for many years. He took on this job and made it his own, making his own notes as to the ability of the runners and passing on this vital information to the waiting punters. In latter years, he also doubled up as an outstanding Auctioneer for the "Auction Race", squeezing the last pound from syndicates and at the same time swelling the Band's coffers. We will miss him too, as he stood outside his hall door during all of our Town Parades. We extend our deepest sympathy to Imelda, Clodagh, Barry and Frank.

March as usual, is one of our busiest months. On Sunday the 16th we once again set sail for Limerick to take on all-comers in the Annual International Marching Band Competitions. This also gives us an opportunity to let our hair down (at least those who have some!) on the journey home, win, lose or draw. We let the talent flow and this year there will be real talent in the form of our fabulous alto saxophonist Rachel Alcorn following her stunning performance in Oklahoma staged recently by Maynooth Post Primary School. Rachel - we'll be waiting for an encore.

St. Patrick's Day.

Much make up (for the ladies) and plenty of polyfiller (for the men) will hopefully camouflage the after effects of Limerick when we turn out for our St. Patrick's Day marathon, with parades in Maynooth at 11 o'clock, Kilcock

at 1.30 and Enfield at 3 o'clock. We have no doubt that we'll stay the distance, all we need is the help of the Gods with a little fine weather and warm sunshine. We hope to be joined for the Maynooth Parade by the boys and girls from our Junior Classes to give them a taste for the Big Event. Hopefully, they will be taking a playing role with us very soon rather than a marching role as this year.

Band Championships

We are presently practising very hard under our new conductor for the Annual Band Championships on 5th and 6th April. We took second prize in 1996 and this year we hope to go one better.

Vandalism

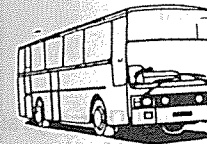
For the first time in many years we have been the victims of hooligans who smashed one of our windows with a large rock. Was it the result of a drinking session in the Green or a group holding a drinking session actually in the passage way outside the Band Hall. On several occasions we have found broken cider bottles, empty beer cans and other rubbish outside our door. We have now taken steps to have the offenders monitored and reported to the Gardaí and, hopefully, we will not have a repeat of this vandalism in the future.

More here next month.

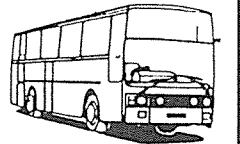
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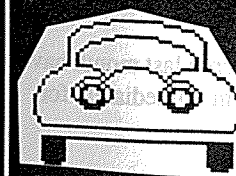


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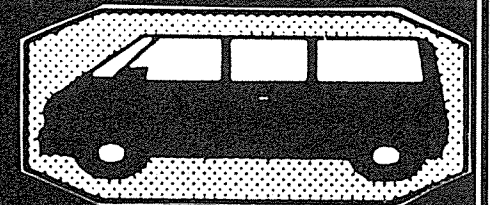
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The February meeting of Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association took place in the I.C.A Hall on Thursday 6th February. Mrs Marion Souhan, President expressed her sympathy to Madeleine Stynes on the death of her sister and to May Haren on the death of her father.

Guild personality of the year

Madeleine Stynes will represent Maynooth in the competition for Guild Personality of the Year. This competition is open to Guild members who are also involved in their local community. As Madeleine is involved in many clubs and does trojan work, she aptly fits the bill.

New Rector

Our President Marion, and Secretary Rosemary represented the Guild at the installation of the new Church of Ireland Rector, Rev Adrian Wilkinson on Friday 31st January. They had a very pleasant evening and enjoyed the tea and sandwiches.

St. Vincent De Paul

The St Vincent De Paul Society are holding a Charity Luncheon in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 7th March. The tickets are £35 "a worthy cause" said Felicity Satchwell as the society is hoping to build a Refuge Centre. The Guild bought 2 tickets which were raffled among the members. The lucky winners were Rosemary Hanley and Imelda Delaney.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

On March 18th, Nuala Hegarty will be at our club meeting in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. Nuala is a wonderful demonstrator, and always has so many tips and advice to give. This is a night not to be missed, for everyone interested in flowers and flower arranging.

Club competitions that evening for:
Class A Exhibit in Jug - Space 30"
Class B & C Exhibit in Jug - Space 24"

Plant Competition: 3 Daffodils.
Our Annual Spring Show will be on April 19th. Full details in April Newsletter.

At our February meeting, the members were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Paddy Desmond, R.I.P. on Ash Wednesday. His wife, Imelda, is a founder member of our club and Treasurer at present. She is always most helpful and kind to all, especially those members new to the club. We extend our sympathy and support to Imelda and her family at this sad time. May Paddy rest in peace, and he will be remembered by all of us.

Produce Promoter

Mary Jo Fitzpatrick, Produce Promoter for Kildare Federation was a very welcome and interesting guest at our meeting. She spoke about the Brainne Competition, gave very helpful information and encouraged some of the members to do their brainnes.

Guild Competition

The winners of our February Guild Competition "Homemade Handcrafted Valentine Card"

1st	Mary O'Gorman
2nd	Jo O'Connell
3rd	Connie Harpur

Raffle

1st	Irene Matthews
2nd	Mary Deane
3rd	Patricia Healy
4th	Mary O' Gorman

Guild Activities

Badminton in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30 a.m. Crafts as usual in the I.C.A Hall on Mondays at 8.00 p.m.

Our next Guild meeting will be held on Thursday 6th March in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.00 p.m. The Guild Competition on the night is "Handcrafted St Patrick's Day Badge" (wearable).

IRENE MATTHEWS
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

As usual we will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 17th March. All who are interested please assemble at Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11 a.m.

Last year, you will all remember that we won the prize for the funniest section.

The safety forms, which we hand delivered last month have not all been returned. Please return them immediately for the health and safety of the children.

The third term will run until the 19th April with the break for Easter on the 29th March.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our members.

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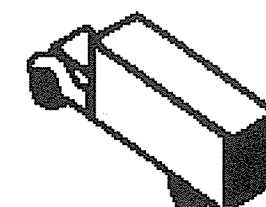
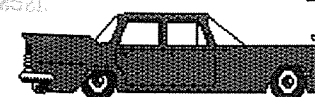
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Wednesday 5th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
	Evening Prayer	8.00 p.m.
Sunday 9th	Family Service	10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 12th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 16th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
Monday 17th		
St. Patrick's Day (Note Time)	Eucharist	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 19th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 23rd	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 26th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 26th	Evening Prayer	8.00 p.m.
Friday 28th		
Good Friday	12.00 - 1.00 p.m.	
Hour at the Cross	Readings and Meditation	
Sunday 30th		
Easter Day	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.

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Rev. Adrian Wilkinson was instituted as Rector to Dunboyne Union of Parishes in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, on Friday 30th January by Bishop Richard Clarke. The service was attended by parishioners, representatives of local institutions and community groups, St. Patrick's College and the Roman Catholic Church.

The new Rector and his wife Jacqueline and two year old son Gary, came from Douglas Union of Parishes in Cork from where a bus load of people attended the institution. The Preacher, Rev. Robin Bantry-White, Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, spoke of Adrian's work as a curate in Cork, saying "he is a man of God for the people of God, and a very diligent worker". The choir, brought together for the occasion under the direction of Paul Duffy, added to the dimension of the service, which was attended by almost three hundred people. Also, thanks must go to the Soloist, Jean Carr and the organists, and the Church Wardens, Cherry Prendergast and Margaret Howe, who had so much extra to do to make the occasion the success it was.

The service was followed by refreshments in Maynooth Post Primary School and we once again thank Mr Thomas Ashe for allowing us the use of the school. Thanks must also go to the local I.C.A. who helped make and serve the refreshments. If anyone has been left out, please accept my apologies.



New Rector To Dunboyne Union of Parishes Rev. Adrian Wilkinson and his wife Jacqueline.

During the vacancy the Rev. Jane Galbraith looked after the Parish, and we are indebted to her for her hard work. She was always there ready for anything she was asked to do. Thank you, Jane.

As previously mentioned, Most Rev. Richard Clarke, Bishop of Meath and Kildare, officiated. He was made Bishop last September following Most Rev. Walton Empey becoming Archbishop of Dublin. We welcome him also as he lives in our Parish in the Bishop's House in Moyglare. We wish Jacqueline and Adrian many happy years among us.

Tuesday March 4th

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the boys, staff and parents a happy St. Patrick's Weekend and also a Happy Easter.

Claire O'Rourke,
PRO.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

As we are coming up to Easter it is time for another Summer Project Disco. It will be held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday 3rd April from 8.30 - 11.00 pm. The age group is 12 - 16 years and admission is £2.50 per person. All are welcome.

It is also time for the St Patrick's Day Parade and the Summer Project will take part. Any boy or girl who has taken part in previous Summer Projects are welcome to take part and march behind our banner in fancy dress. Please give your name in at the Community Council Office before Thursday 12th of March if you are interested; costumes will be available for all.

Wishing you all a happy St Patrick's Weekend, and a happy Easter.

Claire O'Rourke,
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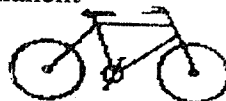
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RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION NOTES

AGM

A well attended and enthusiastic A.G.M. of the above association was held in the Boy's National School on Monday, 3rd of February. In attendance were councillor John Mc Ginley and a great number of residents ready to voice their concerns about a variety of issues.

Correspondence

Outgoing chairman, Manus McCarron, read the correspondence which included the council newsletter for Council Estates. He drew attention to the fact that the council grant for maintenance of open spaces would be paid this year in the Spring rather than the Autumn. This was worth £500 last year. Home composting bins are also available from the council free for council tenants and at a cost of £10 to others. While winning second prize in Maynooth Tidy Estates Competition this year, I'm afraid we didn't pick up a prize in the Kildare Council Estates Competition. The judges, while complimenting our flower beds, referred to our damaged trees and mentioned weeds and litter. To help us overcome these problems they have passed our application for a grant for the installation of litter bins. As you read this we hope to have the litter bins erected.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer Kevin McGovern reported on a very good financial '96 for the Association. He thanked everyone who supported us financially especially those who had bought lotto numbers, paid membership fees and the many businesses who had sponsored our many activities. £4,102 was paid for Lotto numbers in '96. That is a lot of support for the Residents Association taking away prize money (£2,080) and collectors fees (£321) we are left with a profit of £1,701. Other sources of income were the grant - £500 membership fees - £390 Activities - Disco's, Bar B Q etc. - £560. Total Income was £3,156. If our income was high so was our expenditure and rightly so, at £3,116. This included - insurance - £210, Trees, Shrubs, Strimmer etc. £567 - Grass cutting - £545, skips and sprayers - £328 Litter collection - £120 etc. Despite all this we had a healthy balance on 3rd of February 1997 of £557.

The chairman congratulated the treasurer on his diligent and surefooted handling of the accounts. He also thanked the Lotto sellers, Thomas and Karina McGovern, for their hard work and all the residents who supported the Lotto and received Thomas and Karina with courtesy and kindness. With continued support of all concerned we can certainly achieve the many goals the residents have set themselves.

The Committee

With John Mc Ginley in the chair a new committee was elected for 1997

Chairman: Manus Mc Carron

Vice-Chairman: Leo Mc Glynn

Secretary: Margaret Mc Carron

Treasurer: Kevin Mc Govern

Assistant Treasurer: Doreen Mc Court

The chairman paid tribute to outgoing secretary Anne Birchall.

He expressed the sadness and regret of everyone present that she was unable to continue due to personal reasons. Anne had worked tirelessly on behalf of the Residents of Old Greenfield. It could be said, and rightly so, that there would be no residents Association except for Anne Birchall. She was one of the founding members of Greenfield Action Group and was in at the ground floor of Residents Association. When Anne paid a visit or got on the phone, it is no exaggeration to say that the officials in Kildare County Council quaked. However, she was on first name terms with them all as they and the committee admired her organisational skills. The incoming secretary has big footsteps to follow. Everyone wishes her well and hope that in the future she will step back into the breach, she will be most welcome.

Topics Discussed at AGM and Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

1. Dogs: Gardaí are observing the situation of loose dogs roaming around the estate. The Gardaí are in close contact with the dog warden. It is now illegal to let dogs roam. Owners are now responsible for their pets and must clean open spaces, footpaths and roads if fouled by their animals. They may be prosecuted by the Gardaí or individuals or Residents Associations can take civil suits against the pet owners.

2. The River: Failure of Larch Homes to erect a fence and restore hedging has resulted in the County Council taking legal action against the builders. The Association are watching the outcome with interest.

3. Cars crossing on footpath beside river: Gardaí have been informed of the small number of environmentally unfriendly motorists who indulge in the sport of driving across your neighbours green spaces, these motorists could be playing another game of guessing the amount of money they have to cough up to keep Judge Brophy's worthy charities going. Don't say you haven't been warned.

4. Illegal dumping is also a problem in Old Greenfield. Once again those involved have been observed.

5. Reseeding of Green in Phase 2: Representation is being made to council on this matter.

6. Noisy Neighbours: Be they students or otherwise, they no longer need to be tolerated. There is now an Environmental Protection Act in place which puts an end to this yobboish behaviour. £5 secures court proceedings and puts an end to the problem. The Residents Association will support anyone with this problem financially and legally, just come to the next meeting. Yes, Residents Associations are useful things.

Work Planned or In Progress

Nameplates have to be passed by a full meeting of Kildare County Council. Then it will be full steam ahead. Goal Posts will be repaired while litter bins are being erected. It is hoped to spray weeds in the middle of March. Subscriptions were set at £5 and hope to be collected in March. Young men are required to use mowers this season. Contact any committee member. Ladders, brushes, shovels etc. to be purchased. The chairman asked the residents to support Martin Caine in his great work with the NoName club and NoName Social Club. He deserves support in his efforts to give young people between 12-18 a social outlet. More litter wardens also required. Apply to committee.

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SILKEN VALE

RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

The Resident's Association Committee met again on Monday 3rd February 1997 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

First item on the agenda was the recently held "January Jive" residents night out in the Maynooth GAA Club. It was generally agreed that there was a good turnout and the event itself was deemed to be a success. The committee wishes to thank the GAA Club and Secretary Noel Farrelly for the use of the club facilities and compliment them on the excellent buffet. There were a number of spot prizes with first prize of dinner for two in the Orange Tree being won by Paul Masterson. It is rumoured that the singing and dancing continued into the early hours in a number of Silken Vale dwellings, but as yet there have been no complaints about noise!!

With the positive feedback received from residents, the committee is keen to organise another event for the summer months. The committee thanks all those residents who attended and hopes that the turnout will be even greater at the next 'do'.

Residents vs. Developers

Returning now to the North City Builders issue, the committee was pleased to note that Councillor Catherine Murphy had been making representations on behalf of Silken Vale to Kildare County Council with regard to the non-functioning street lighting. As regards completion of the estate, there has still been no communication from, or progress made by NCB Ltd. The committee members drafted and approved a letter to be forwarded to all local TDs and Councillors appraising them of the situation and requesting their assistance in resolving the problem. This letter is to be accompanied by a copy of the Enforcement Notice served on NCB Ltd which lists in detail the works yet to be completed. The letter highlights the dangers to residents and the public arising from these incomplete works, and the effect on the visual amenity of the area. Copies of the letter are being sent to Kildare County Council and to NCB Ltd themselves.

Finally the committee extended a welcome to the new "Co-opted members" Elaine O'Connor and Patricia Masterson who will represent Silken Vale at the Community Council meetings.

*Anthony McLoughlin,
Secretary.*

MOYGLARE

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Moyglare News

If you have not received your copy please contact any member of the Committee

Moyglare Residents to meet...

The AGM will take place in early March, date and time will be advised. As there are a number of serious issues to be decided, we would appreciate your attendance.

Concern over possibility of recycling facility.

We attended a Public meeting held in the Glenroyal Hotel on February 12th 1997, regarding the possible application to Meath County Council to locate a large waste recycling plant close to the Moyglare area.

More information in Moyglare News.

*Paul Croghan
Chairman*

Moyglare Residents Association

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Greenfield Estate Residents Association will take place on Wednesday 5th March 1997 in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.30p.m.

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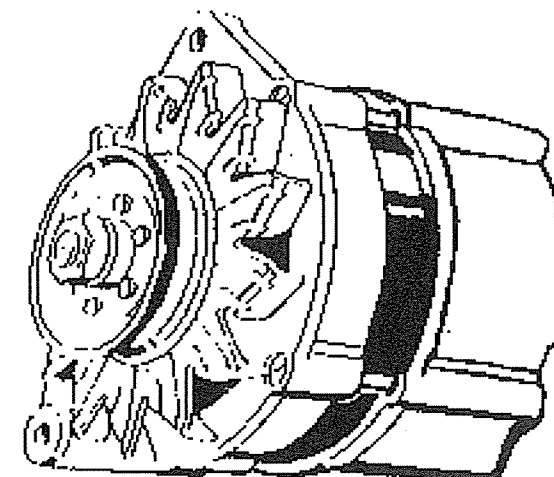
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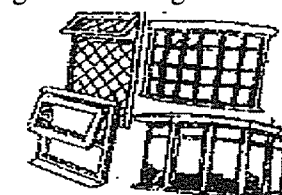
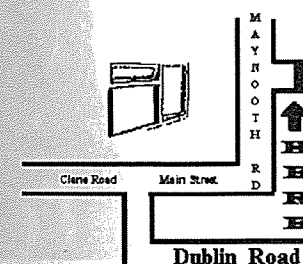
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E COLI AWARENESS

E Coli is a bug that we are hearing more and more about everyday. We are all very familiar at this stage with the name and we are all aware that this "bug" is one we want to avoid being infected by, but how many of us really have an understanding of what an E Coli is and how it can affect us?

Where did the name come from?

E.Coli is the abbreviated name of the bacterium in the Family Enterobacteriaceae named Escherichia (Genus) Coli (Species).

What is an E Coli?

E Coli is the most abundant bacteria that exists. It lives in both our, and many other animals intestines. We need a certain amount of E Coli to be present in our intestinal system for good health. It is a source of Vitamin K and B complex vitamins. From the day we are born, we are never without bacteria, most of which are helpful but some of which can be lethal.

It is a certain "strain" or type of E Coli bacteria called E Coli 0157:H7 which is very harmful to us.

E Coli 0157:H7 is a member of the EHEC Enterohaemorrhagic E Coli group.

Enterohaemorrhagic means intestinally-related. This organism causes haemorrhaging and therefore loss of blood.

It is very easy to pick up this bacteria as it is everywhere in the environment. Everything you eat, drink or have touched that has been a part of an animal or near an animal can infect you. This is a reason for washing hands!

How does an E Coli affect us?

E Coli strain, 0157:H7 contains a gene that can cause a toxin to be produced, called Shiga-like toxin (SLT), or sometimes called Vero toxin.

The toxin is a protein which causes severe damage to the intestinal epithelial cells (the cells that line the wall of the intestine).

The damage is so severe that if we acquire this bacterial strain, not only do we lose water and salts, blood vessels are damaged, and bleeding occurs - lots of bleeding - haemorrhaging.

This condition can be particularly dangerous to small children and it can even be lethal.

Children are far too small to tolerate much blood and fluid loss.

This is why small children should not be allowed to become dehydrated, even in mild cases of diarrhoea. In some cases another syndrome is involved which is called haemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), which is characterized by kidney failure and loss of red blood cells. Approximately 5% to 10% of children progress to this stage of disease - which is very dangerous for them.

In severe cases, the disease can cause permanent kidney disease. It is also very dangerous for the old or infirm.

There can be a combination of HUS and some other things which involve the blood system, which can be lethal to the elderly in 50% of cases.

Where is E Coli in our hamburgers?

Unless there is a cut in the meat, the meat below the surface is normally sterile. Outside surfaces of all meat will have bacteria present, so if the meat is infected with E Coli strain, 0157:H7, it will be on the surface of the meat and not down inside the fibres of the meat.

However, as soon as the meat is cut with a knife or punctured with a fork, it will carry the bacteria down into the cut.

When meat is ground for hamburgers, the bacteria cells get distributed throughout all of the meat. This is why meat should be well cooked.

Vegetables can also be infected if handled by a contaminated person. Water can also be contaminated as can non-pasteurised apple juice.

When should I get worried?

It can take hours or days for symptoms to appear but if there is any blood in the stool or if fever, vomiting, etc. are present, take heed and inform a doctor.

How can I reduce the risk from E Coli?

- (1) Always clean any surface that has come in contact with raw meat, before any other item is placed on that surface.
- (2) Always thoroughly wash your hands after handling raw meat, and before you handle any other utensils or other food items.
- (3) Never use the same plate, tray or utensils for the cooked meat that you use for the raw meat - unless you thoroughly wash the plate, tray or utensils in between.
- (4) Always cook meat, especially ground meat, until the juices run absolutely clear, pink is not good enough.
- (5) In day-care centres, schools, etc., any small children with diarrhoea should be carefully handled, and kept separate from all well children. All nappies, and any soiled clothing should be kept separate from all well children. The day-care worker, teacher, and health-care personnel should practice strict hygiene at all times, regardless of the health of the children.

The above information was taken from a Microbiology report by John C. Brown, and is available on the Internet at: (What the heck?/"Bugs"/My Homepage/XU Microbiology)

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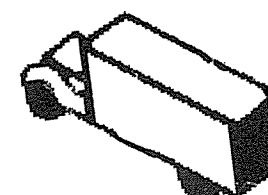
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JUST WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

Well, it's this....

The Internet grew out of a need for Universities in the USA to collaborate on some US Department of Defence research projects. The list of Universities involved grew and both commercial and non-profit organisations became involved. Today it is a complex network of millions of computers of all sizes and types spanning the Globe.

To most people the Internet provides a number of basic services with which they interact. These are:

***World Wide Web.** This is the graphical end of the Internet that is most people's first view of the Internet. The World Wide Web can present information in pictures, text, sound and video. The World Wide Web has built in search facilities to help you find that elusive bit of information.

***Usenet News.** (News groups) - News groups are a huge list of informal discussion groups on almost every topic under the sun. These range from adoption, origami, architecture, computers to basketball, aliens, startrek, football and survivalism.

***E-mail** - This is the facility to send messages to other people with e-mail addresses. You do need to know the e-mail address of the intended recipient of the message. Messages can be as long as required.

***File transfer protocol (FTP)** - There is a wealth of free software available on the Internet as well as documents, and other material. FTP is the means to copy these to your own PC.

***Internet Relay Chat (IRC)** - This allows two people to have a "conversation" using the keyboard via the Internet.

WHAT YOU NEED?

So what do you need to connect and use the Internet? The first and most basic requirement is that you own your own computer of some sort. Aside from this you need the following:

***A telephone line**

***A computer modem**

***An "account" with one of the Internet service providers**

***Internet Software** - a World Wide Web Browser, E-mail software, News group software, File transfer software (optional). Typically, the Internet software is provided by the Internet service provider or your modem supplier for a nominal fee.

The most important points to bear in mind are:

- Make sure that the service provider has local number access in your area. The access number is the telephone number you dial to connect to the Internet.
- Buy the fastest modem you can afford. The faster the modem, the less time you need to spend connected. The fastest modem on the market today is rated at 33600BPS.

AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

There is information on almost any subject you care to mention on the Internet. Some examples are:

- Newgrange in County Meath, with pictures and explanations and details on the significance of the construction.
- The History and origin of the Cork Examiner.
- Very detailed information and pictures from all the UK premier league football clubs with special pages for fan clubs etc.

- Help and support from all the major computer software manufacturers.
- There is a 30 page area dedicated to Dublin's Temple Bar area.
- All major new films have Internet sites details information and photographs from the film in question.

COSTS

One of the two most common questions asked about the Internet relate to its cost. (The other question is discussed in the next section...). There is considerable confusion about costs and how they are incurred.

The first cost involved is purchasing a modem and subscribing to one of the Internet service providers. Typically these costs including VAT are: Modem £150, Internet Software £30, Annual Subscription £121.

None of the major Internet service providers in Ireland charge connect time so the only on-going costs are the annual subscription and the telephone call costs. Connecting to the Internet is the same as making a telephone call.

PORNOGRAPHY...

The other common concern expressed about the Internet is the availability of pornography. Yes, pornography is available - just as it's available in book form and on video. For parents this means that similar levels of control need to be imposed as for videos or magazines. Software is available on the Internet to block access to Internet sites containing pornography.

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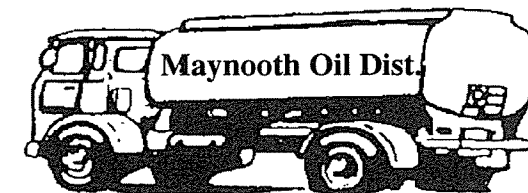
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LAUNCH OF TREO 2000

Launch of TREO by Michael D. Higgins, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

The report of the Commission to examine the role of voluntary Irish language organisations was launched on 28th January 1997 by the Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht in his Department. The members of the Commission were: Fionbarr Bradley, Caoilfhionn Nic Pháidin, Margaret Mac Curtain, Eoghan Ó Cadháin and Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Chairperson). Loretta Ní Mhaoldhomhnaigh from the Department acted as Secretary. Over a 12 month period, they examined the role, structures, efficiency of 15 Irish language voluntary organisations such as Conradh na Gaeilge, Gaelscoileanna, Glór na nGael etc. and made recommendations for the future. The statutory Bord na Gaeilge was included at a later date at their request.

The large gathering heard the Minister thank the members of the Commission and the Chairperson in particular for their voluntary, unpaid work. He welcomed their recommendations as radical and revolutionary. He said that he was giving the organisations three months to consider the findings and respond to the report. He would then make the necessary decisions. The Chairperson also thanked the members, highlighting the service given to them by the Secretary, Loretta Ní Mhaoldhomhnaigh. She stressed that this was the beginning of a process which would bring the Irish language into the third millenium and that the Government and the State should build on the goodwill and interest of the public in bilingualism in particular.

The report of 120 pages was published in Irish and English so that it would reach a wider audience. It discusses the various aspects in which the voluntary sector is involved such as family, education, enterprise, community and culture and selections from submissions received from the public are scattered throughout the document. The report was widely praised and

its recommendations welcomed as radical and visionary by most organisations with the exception of Bord na Gaeilge who have publicly criticised the findings. The newspapers however, have praised their courage and boldness. Dúradh in eagarfhocal Foinse ar an 2 Feabhra:

Ta an Coimisiún.... le moladh go mór siocáir go raibh se de dhánacht agus de mhisneach acu moltaí réabhlóideacha a chur chon tosaigh ina dtuarascáil.

Bhí an-fhearg ar Bhord na Gaeilge le moltaí an Choimisiúin go gcuirfí eagrais dár teideal An Chomhairle Ghaeilge ar bun. Caitheadh ina leith nár cuireadh dóthain agallaimh ar an mBord agus nár tuigeadh a gcás í gceart. Leanfaidh an cur agus an cúiteamh ar an ábhar seo go ceann tamaill fada eile. Tá 3 mhí tugtha ag an Aire dona heagrais moltaí agus aighneachtaí a sheoladh ag an Roinn Ealaíon, Cultuir agus Gaeltachta. Tá geallúintí, poiblí tugtha aige go ndéanfar cinneadh sar mholtaí an Choimisiúin ansin.

The major recommendations of the Commission were:

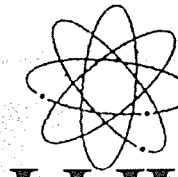
1. An Chomhairle Ghaeilge be established which would be responsible for all aspects of the language.
 2. An Chomhairle Ghaeilge should develop a planned language strategy and examine the need for a Language Equality Bill.
 3. All voluntary language organisations should be funded by projects with careful costings and ongoing monitoring.
 4. Fás and EU funding projects should be used widely.
 5. Fás should lay more emphasis on Irish language courses to provide work opportunities for people to work in this area.
 6. A national network of quality Irish language classes should be provided with recognised certification.
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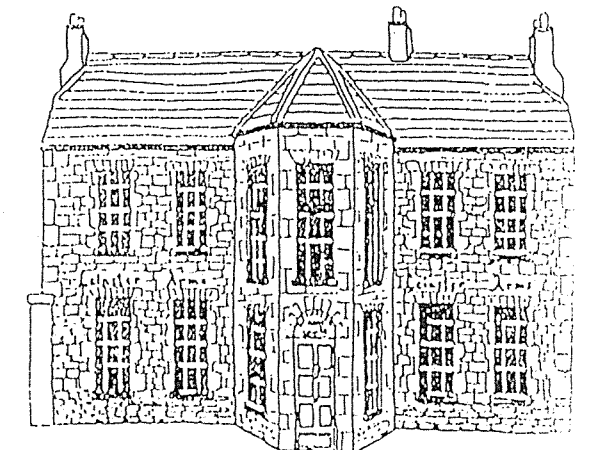
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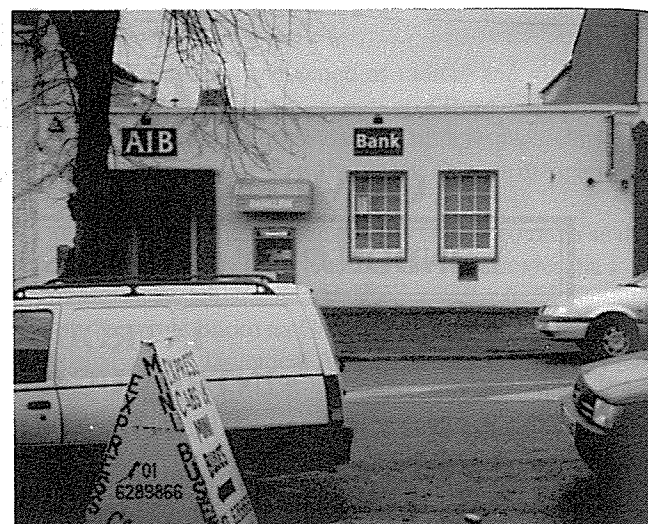
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To Be Or Not To Be — AIB Extension

"Time flies when you're having fun", this definitely seems the case with the restoration plans for the A.I.B. streetscape. With A.I.B. earning in excess of £300 million annually one would wonder, is it that they are enjoying themselves so much counting their millions that they have forgotten the promise they made to Maynooth residents a mere 7 years ago.

As far back as 1990 residents were told a second storey would be added to the already existing building in an effort to restore the Maynooth streetscape. So far all that has been produced are empty promises of no material benefit.

The community widely supports AIB - perhaps AIB should start to support the community.



Topless AIB building.

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I wish to thank the people of Maynooth for their generous response to our appeal for Donations on Monday 10th February 1997 in the Glenroyal Hotel. You have helped someone.

Alan Stafford

Local Organiser 088-2748321

RESIDENTIAL SALES REVIEW 1996

Messrs Coonan Auctioneers Maynooth report an excellent demand for all types of residential properties in year just completed and are very positive about the prospects for the coming season.

The market in general increased by 15-20% during the course of the year for all types of houses and Maynooth itself was particularly buoyant.

The 3 bedroom semi-detached houses finished averaging £65,000 - £70,000 each, with the 4 bedroom semi-detached up to £85,000 with Rockfield and Parklands much higher.

The market for houses in the country was particularly good with up to £220,000 being achieved for a residence on 3 acres and several similar type properties being sold from £175,000 upwards.

The Agents mentioned that with the commencement of operations at Hewlett Packard and the extension in Intel coming on stream together with the recent opening of the M50 ringroad to the airport and other developments in the North Kildare area, prices are likely to increase further during the coming year.

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MAYNOOTH'S NEW TILE SHOP

Wednesday the 12th of February marked the opening date for Maynooth's newest business "Value Tile".

"Value Tile" is the new tile shop situated in the Quinnsworth Shopping Mall.

This shop is part of the Value Tile Franchise group which has 20 shops around the country, all of which are individually owned but collectively run by a head office.

Rob Meharg, is the proud owner of this fine store. Rob, who is originally from Belfast, has been living in Maynooth for the past 3 years.

He said that "having realised the potential for the ceramic tile market in Maynooth and the surrounding area was growing all the time, he decided to open the first tile store in Maynooth to service this market".

He hopes to provide Maynooth with a wide variety of all floor and wall ceramic tiling.

Rob has 20 years experience to his credit in the ceramic tile industry. The impressive showroom that he has designed stands as a testament to his apt ability in his trade.



INTERNET HITS MAYNOOTH

Maynooth may have been by-passed by the M50, but now it is firmly linked to the information Super Highway with the opening of Cyber-X, an Internet café in the Glenroyal shopping Centre. This café, the first of its kind outside a major city in Ireland, is the brainchild of Padraig McGough and local man Aiden Doran from Kingsbry. Boasting state of the art technology in a space age environment, they aim to provide Maynooth with a link to the rest of the world.

The cafe will provide an all encompassing service including e-mail addresses and the provision of Web pages for customers who can use either Netscape or Micro Explorer. Web pages would be very useful for providing information about Maynooth and the local area to interested parties.

The floor displays are only beautiful with their intricately detailed patterns and Rob's tile mastery is evident throughout every inch of his shop.

The displays are not only a pleasure to the eye they also serve as a source of prior knowledge to the customers, as they can see effectively what they are buying before they make a purchase.

The shop boasts a range of stock such as hand made mosaics and terra-cotta from Italy and hand made kitchen tiles and natural stone tiles from France and to add an oriental flavour there are natural slate tiles from China.

All of the aforementioned provide the basis for creating very innovative and fashionable styles.

A free delivery service is available with purchases. The staff in the showroom are courteous and helpful and they invite customers and curious eyes alike to come in and have a look around. The aim is to provide a great value for money service in a friendly and efficient manner.

Rob said that "so far the support from the Maynooth people has been excellent and he hopes it will continue for many years to come".

We would like to wish him the best of luck in the future.

The café also provides facilities for multi-player gaming with Quake among the titles available. Members who range from as young as 7yrs upwards have the opportunity to choose games themselves. The café aims to provide a learning facility for both children and adults, where they can surf the internet, learn how to set up their own Web pages and acquire basic computer skills. They hope to provide a weekend childrens club which will last for 2 hours on Saturday and Sunday. Net Nanny; the internet screening software, is provided on all machines. With the availability of refreshments and up to date music in the background one can easily lose oneself in these surroundings. For further information phone : 6291747 or Fax : 6291517

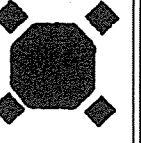
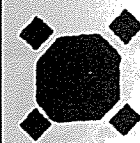
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VIDEO REVIEW

Independence Day (12's)

Well!! At last it's here on video, the film that broke all box office records on its release. The story begins with the appearance of massive spaceships. However, the aliens are far from friendly and they blast beams of fire down on cities all over the planet. The earth's only hope lies with the survivors who band together for one last strike against the invaders before it's too late. The story's been told before; but that doesn't matter! It's actually a reasonably good story; but that doesn't matter! The two principal actors, Jeff Goldblum and Bill Pullman, give good performances, but that doesn't matter! This film stands or falls on its special effects, and boy! are they something else! Sci-fi fans will love it and will probably watch it over and over again. It is an absolutely brilliant movie and should not be missed by anyone who still believes that the cinema is all about entertainment (if you want a message buy a newspaper). It is just over two hours of pure escapism, and believe me the time very definitely doesn't drag.

Verdict: You'd be mad to miss this one!!

Nothing Personal (18s)

Is the story of a Loyalist murder squad going on the rampage for twenty four hours in Belfast after the announcement of the 1975 cease fire agreement. It is a very violent and harrowing film, made even more so by the fact that it takes place on this island and is, presumably, based on actual events. The cast are brilliant: Ian Hart and John Lynch are worthy of special mention as a Loyalist killer and an innocent bystander respectively, as well as a good performance from Michael Gambon. The story is based on the novel "All Our Fault" by Belfast writer Daniel Mornin and the direction by Thaddeus O'Sullivan is first rate. All in all a worthwhile if worrying piece.

Verdict: Recommended

Flipper (P.G.)

Elijah Wood plays Sandy Ricks, a discontented teenager (is there any other kind!) sent to live with his uncle, played by Paul Hogan of Crocodile Dundee fame, in the Bahamas. He's determined to escape from what he sees as a fate worse than death. I mean, you'd feel the same, wouldn't you? Living on a tropical island; nothing to do but lounge around in the sun all day catching a few rays. Wouldn't it be awful!! Anyway, this terrible existence starts to look up a bit when he makes friends with, you've guessed it, a dolphin. In the course of this friendship Sandy "finds himself" and they all live happily ever after. This film is absolutely awful. It is nauseating in the extreme and should have been called "Free Willy's Woeful Little Brother". The least said about it the better.

Verdict UGH!

OKLAHOMA!

What A Show! We salute our students and teachers.

The Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association express our deep appreciation to all the students and teachers who have given so much of themselves to ensuring that, following upon the major success of the past two year's musicals Oliver and Calamity Jane, this year's production "Oklahoma" was equally as brilliant.

This extra curricular activity, spearheaded by (Fr.) David Boylan and supported by Mr. Tom Ashe (principal) and his teaching staff, is a major undertaking by any standard and one which received the unconditional support of all students and their parents.

A project, involving the production of a musical, is a means of character formation involving team co-operation and participation which will, I am sure, be beneficial to all our students, in the longer term.

Our Parish Hall was transformed into a "Sound of Music and Theatricals" not seen for many a year. All characters were equally strong in their performance and every word was clearly heard and the scene changes were 'slick' implementing clever set designs.

At our monthly meeting of the Maynooth Post Primary Teacher Association, the committee passed an unanimous vote of appreciation, congratulations and thanks to All involved in the production.

Dermot Nangle, Chairman.

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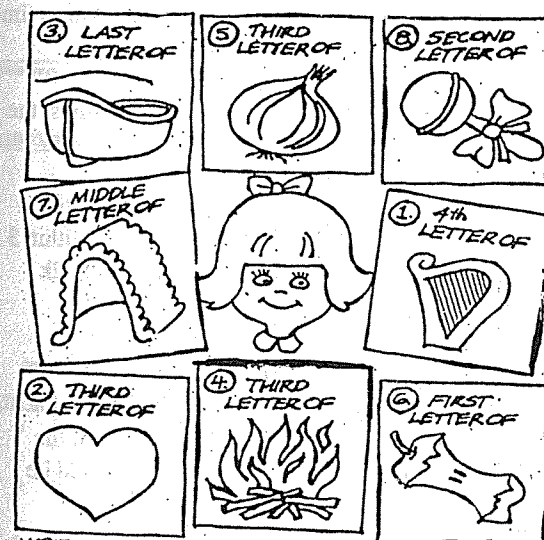
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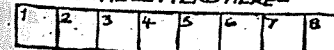
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PERSONAL FACTFILE - MUIREANN NI BHROLCHÁIN

Galwegian. M.A. and Ph.D. from UCG. Moved to Maynooth 1981 to take up present employment: lecturer in Irish and Medieval Studies, St. Patrick's College.

Starsign: Taurus

Other involvements: Secretary of the Maynooth Community Council, member of Irish Ms. Commission and Board of School of Celtic Studies, chaired the Commission to examine the voluntary Irish language organisations, author of 5 Irish language books for teenagers.

Interests: music, gardening, cats, Gran Canaria, media, politics, drama, archaeology and culture.

Marital Status: still not divorced.

Ambitions: not to suffer fools gladly, to say no more often, to be a famous writer.

Pet Hates: people who say 'someone should do something...', badly conducted meetings, pettiness, those who say 'the Community Council never does anything'.

What other job would you like to do?

Actor, writer, gardener, politician, journalist, lawyer, psychologist.

Elected to the Council in 1987. Served as Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and Secretary, involved in the Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Planning and Development, the CIC and Communications committees. Having decided to stay, I wanted to improve the town for my children in particular. Initially, I wanted the 66 bus extended to Celbridge (done), a proper train service (done), see the By-Pass and roads completed (done), resolve the ludicrous position of the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field (outstanding) and have a Community Centre for teenagers (outstanding).

Are you a member of a political party and do you have any political ambitions beyond the Community Council?

Member of the Labour Party. Unlike some other former chairpersons I have no interest in Kildare County Council. Politics can be an awful, though fascinating life, devoid of privacy. Many members of the Council are political, they tend to be the workers in any community. If you want something done, ask a busy person.

What do you get out of being on the Community Council and particularly the Executive?

What incentive is there for others to join?

Making a difference to the town, being involved at every level, knowing everything that happens, knowing everyone. It is a learning experience in friendship, loyalty, trust, finance, co-operation, managerial skills, being the employer of 3 supervisors and approx. 45 workers. I have made wonderful friends. The negative side includes: being accused of being paid for the work, suspicions of ulterior motives, being attacked while socialising. Very little incentive to join the Executive except hard work and no recognition.

Outline the amount and work involved in the Executive.

I spend about half a day a week on Council work, visiting the Office about three days a week, ringing every day. Constantly writing letters and filing application forms. Committee involvement, organisational skills, dealing with all statutory bodies, Kildare County Council, Fás, being an employer, finance, Fás training courses, meeting the NSSB, committees and others i.e. Soccer club., GAA, MDA, College, politicians, Intel, HP, planning, dealing with staff problems. Learning not to waste time and get to the point. I could have meetings three nights a week, sometimes at weekends.

What sacrifices have you had to make for the Executive?

Writing, weekend breaks, being home at night, privacy at home and outside, academic research, personal relationships, the stage.

Are you happy with the work of the Council and what are your expectations for the future?

I am frustrated with the slow process of red tape, lack of development on the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field still in foreign ownership, worried about the growth of single issue lobby groups. I want Maynooth Town Council status within 3 years, Carton Demesne intact in public ownership, a Community Centre, a Festival within 10 years that people will talk about, ground floor accommodation, for all projects.

Is Maynooth a good place to live?

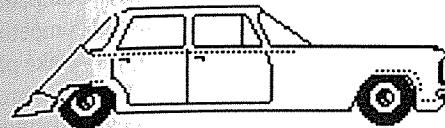
For me, yes. For my children, not particularly. There are no facilities for them. I am close to my job, my neighbours are wonderful, the people are lovely, I know everyone and every service is personal. But I miss Galway, the sea, the Gaeltacht, Gaeilge, the theatre and cinema on my doorstep, the buzz of festivals all year round. Maynooth is the University and the University is Maynooth - they are inextricably linked. The students are the economic life blood of this town. It could be Cambridge. We have the natural amenities.

What would you say to the apathetic/pessimistic people?

If you don't get involved stop whinging. Stop saying 'someone should do something about....' - do it. The community must provide its own Community Centre - no one else is going to do it for us. Look at what would not exist without the Community Council - St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Festival, the Newsletter, Information Directory, Community Games, Summer Project - never mind the multiplicity of services provided by the Council Fás projects and the 45 - 50 jobs provided allied with training and employment prospects. Read local newspapers and the Newsletter to see what happens.

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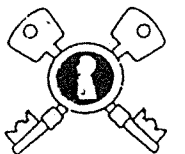
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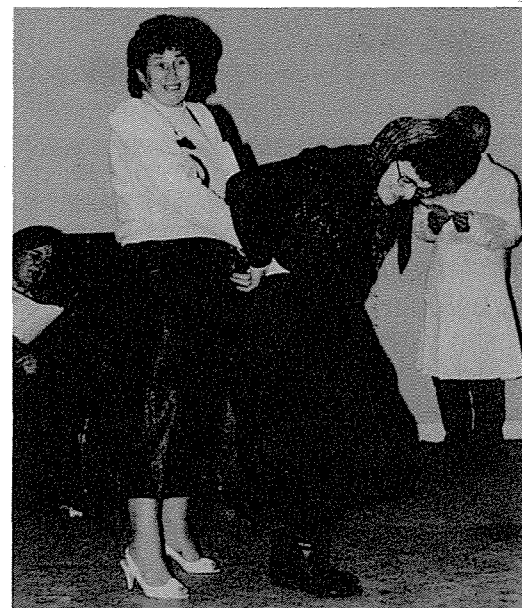
REVIEW CULLED FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF MARCH 1987

LARINE PLAYERS

The Larine Players, Maynooth's new drama group, got off to an excellent start on the 6th and 7th of February '87 in the Geraldine Hall. The chosen play was **Womberang**, a one-act 'adult comedy', by Sue Townsend, author of the Adrian Mole books.

Set in a gynaecologist's waiting-room, the play brings together an assortment of women waiting submissively for their turn with the male specialist. Submissively, that is until the arrival of Rita. Rita, fresh out of a psychiatric hospital on her way to the gynaecologist (there's a come down for you!) believes in speaking out and stirring things up, and soon wins her sister patients over to her side, much to the disarray of the hospitals administration. The play is effectively a series of jokes around this situation, making no great dramatic point but providing a rich opportunity for pointed comedy.

In this production of what is basically an English play, a number of Irish and Local references were inserted ("I saw the Minister of Health Barry Desmond at the Health Centre". "Did he say anything?" "No, he just made



What are Carol Barton and Mary Burke up to? Rehearsing for "Womberang", we are told

a speech"). This was the right decision, but could have been done more thoroughly. The comments on a "free" National Health Service were obviously out of place, and the discussion of Mrs. Thatcher might just as easily have centred on an Irish political figure - Gemma Hussey perhaps?

But this is carping. The play worked well, especially when the pace was right and the lines came in pat. Director Clair O'Connor deserves congratulations for initiating the idea, getting the cast together, and extracting some fine performances. Carol Barton was excellent as the terrible Rita; in effect the play revolves around this character, and she carried it with brio. As her sidekick Dolly, Fiona McKibben gave a nicely judged performance, dark with hidden potential. Ann Fitzgerald, the reception clerk, had the task of providing the indication of impending disruption as she was the first to confront Rita and be defeated; this set things up well for Riana Walsh's appearance later as the harassed hospital assistant administrator, desperately trying to persuade herself that she is in control. Helen Doyle gave a well-controlled

performance as Mrs. Lovett, while Mary Burke let herself go delightfully as Mrs. Connelly, stepping out of her corsets to win our sympathy for a woman who learns to say "To hell with my cancer". Jim Cunningham and Martina Tyrrell showed an eloquent pair of feet as the lost God and discovered sex in the changing-room and Des Tierney as the gynaecologist made a striking entrance at the end. The prompts by Patti Lavin and Jeannette McLoughlin were a model of their kind - not needed too often, but clear and definite when required.

All in all, an auspicious start, and we look forward to the next production.

M'LADY KILDARE COMPETITION '97

Maynooth Community Council are hosting the '97 M'Lady Competition following a very successful competition in '96. This Competition will take place on 11th April 1997, in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. This Competition is for ladies over 35 who are married, widowed, separated or divorced and live in Co. Kildare. Last year's Competition had twelve entrants from all over the county but alas no one from Maynooth. There was a packed house on the night and a great night's entertainment was had by all. So come on Maynooth, and make sure we have an entrant this year!

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

The winner will receive a trophy plus a cash prize at Kildare level, and will go forward to take part in the National M'Lady Erin Competition which will take place during the Balbriggan Festival on Saturday 31st May '97.

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

We would like you to nominate a suitable person from your area, club or organisation on or before Friday the 21st March '97.

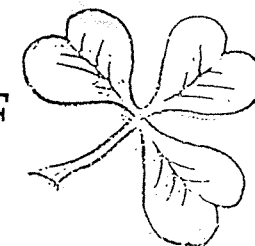
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| 5. Most Topical Float - £25 | 6. Funniest - £25 |
| 7. Best Costumes - Trophy | |

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before 3/3/97 or phone Freda Kelleher (office hours - 6285922) or John McGinley (6265293 - After office hours)

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SAFETY IN THE HOME

Far too many accidents occur in our homes today, most of which could be avoided. There are a few areas where accidents occur most frequently and these are the kitchen, living-room and hallway.

Kitchen:

A lot of accidents occur in the kitchen, mainly scalding from hot water, burns from hot objects and poisoning from medicines and cleaning agents.

Prevention:

1. Put saucepans well back on the cooker.
2. Buy a cordless kettle and use the minimum amount of cord from the kettle to the base and store well back on the counter.
3. Use safety catches on cupboards.
4. Don't leave pointed objects lying around.
5. If you get rid of an old fridge or the likes make sure you take the door off before discarding it so that a child doesn't climb inside and smother.
6. Have a fire blanket or extinguisher in clear view in the kitchen.

Hall and Stairs:

How many children have been hurt from falling down a stairs or by falling through glass?

Prevention:

1. Never have glass panelling on internal doors of the house, (particularly in areas where children run, play and slam doors.)
2. If you have glass panelling at the bottom of the stairway make sure it is safety glass.
3. Check your stairs for horizontal bars that a child could climb through. Bars should be vertical and the width between them should be no more than 10cm (4in). - If a child falls through the bannister he is likely to suffer a skull fracture or worse.
4. For crawling infants put gates at the top and bottom of the stairs.
5. Badly fitting carpet or carpet with holes on which children could trip should be got rid of or made safe.
6. Toys should not be left lying on steps or stairs or in the hallway as people might slip.
7. Make sure you have a smoke alarm in the hall and landing area.

Living-Room and Playroom:

No one wants their child injured at play!

Prevention:

1. Keep sharp objects out of reach of children.
2. Small pieces of lego etc. should be stored safely.
3. Electrical sockets should be out of sight of children.
4. Avoid trailing flexes and extension cords where children could trip.
5. Keep matches away from children.
6. Use safe guards with sides and tops.

Bathroom:

Bathtime should be fun, here's how you can help, avoid

scaldings.

Prevention:

1. Make sure you have a thermostat fitted, set to a maximum of 54°C (130°F).
2. Never leave young children alone in the bath as a child can drown in just a few inches of water.

Bedrooms:

You should be relaxing, not worrying in this room, here's how to help yourself relax!

Prevention:

1. No child under the age of 6 should be left to sleep in an upper bunk bed.
2. Make sure bunk beds have 2 safety rails, one at each side of the bed unless the bed is at the wall.
3. No bunk bed should have a gap in the base or bed-head of more than 7.5cm (3in).
4. Any ladder or foothold should be firmly secured.
5. There should be a 75cm (2ft 6in) of space between the upper and lower bunk.
6. There should be a minimum clearance of 10cm (4in) between the upper surface of the mattress and the top of the guard rails.
7. Don't have a ledge big enough to sit on in an upstairs window.
8. Never leave furniture near a window.
9. Windows within childrens reach should be fitted with an automatic device to prevent them opening it more than 10cm (4in). These devices should be designed so they can easily be undone by an adult if there is a fire.

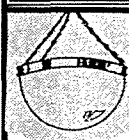
Toys:

Toys are to play with, not to kill you, be careful.

Prevention:

1. Most fatalities are caused by choking.
2. Most common injuries are cuts or bruises.
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5. Keep toys belonging to older children away from younger children.
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SCOIL UÍ RIADA

Slogadh 1997 All Ireland Finals

The Scoil Uí Riada junior choir, consisting of students from Ranganna I agus II have reached the All Ireland National Finals of Slogadh Gael Linn, which is to be staged in Carlow during Easter Week. The children, under the baton of their teacher Inion Ní Riaghnaigh, deserve great credit for their achievement as this is their first time participating in the competition. Ranganna III agus IV have also reached the All Ireland Finals in the Dramaíocht section with the production of Cu Chulainn or Setanta. The dedication and hard work of these pupils and their muinteoir, Colm O hAnluain, paid dividends - in spite of stiff opposition from other Gaelscoileanna. Two pupils, Tomás Ó Baille (Scealaíocht) and Sean Mac Duarcain (Ealaín), will also represent fourth class in the finals.

Go n-éirigh go geál leo go léir!

School Newsletter

This month sees the launch of a new school Newsletter produced by parents for parents. It is hoped that it will keep parents up to date on school events, happenings and competitions. It will feature a Notice Board and an Events Diary and should prove useful to all our new parents coming on board in September '97. Speaking of new parents, there are still a number of places available in our junior infant's classes should you wish to enrol your child. For further information please telephone Scoil Uí Riada at 01-6287906.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Continuing with our support for the Irish language in the community a special presentation of children's Irish Books will take place in the Kilcock Library during Seachtain na Gaeilge.

St. Patrick's Weekend

St. Patrick's Weekend should prove to be a busy weekend for people in the Maynooth and Kilcock area. Getting it off to a cracking great start on Friday the 14th in the Glenroyal Hotel, will be the Scoil Uí Riada Oíche Ghaelach, ceili, country and old time music - a little bit of something for everybody! If that doesn't get your feet tapping and your hands clapping, then come along on Sunday afternoon (16th March) to the Glenroyal Hotel for what promises to be a great afternoon's family entertainment. Performing in the hotel in conjunction with Scoil Uí Riada will be the Filmore Junior High School Marching Band from California USA. See posters for further details. The band will arrive in the Maynooth-Kilcock area on March 15th and will be staying as guests of Scoil Uí Riada families. You will have another opportunity to see the Band in the Dublin parade and in the Band competitions on St. Patrick's Day.

Beannachtaí na Feile Padraig oraibh go léir

Miriam Ahern

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GLENROYAL TALENT SHOW

If it is a fun filled night with little or no overheads you're looking for, then look no further than the Glenroyal bar on a Thursday night.

The hotel is hosting a series of talent show heats which will eventually result in the big finale where £1,000 cash prizes will be presented to the winners. Being a general talent show the show is open to all, the only stipulation being you must be over 18 and an amateur.

The management hope to continue hosting the show for at least another 10 weeks, with the overall final being held in April.

Although it is still early days for the show, the management have already expressed their delight at the wonderful response the show is receiving.

The talent is very varied with singers, bands and impersonators being the most popular acts. Both solo and group performances are possible with a back up band,

"The Partners", provided by the hotel adding an extra sense of confidence to ones act.

The audience can become totally involved as it is actually they who vote for the winners at the end of each night, this is a great idea as this involvement gives the audience an input into the show itself.

The final will be a more formal occasion with a judging panel making the final decision on who the overall winner will be.

The management also told us that "by the end of the first night the audience were only dying to participate in the show", but they were told they'd have to hold themselves back until the following week.

So for any of you would-be stars you know where to go for your 15 minutes of fame. Good luck and remember us when you hit the big time.

For further information contact: Claire at the Glenroyal Hotel.

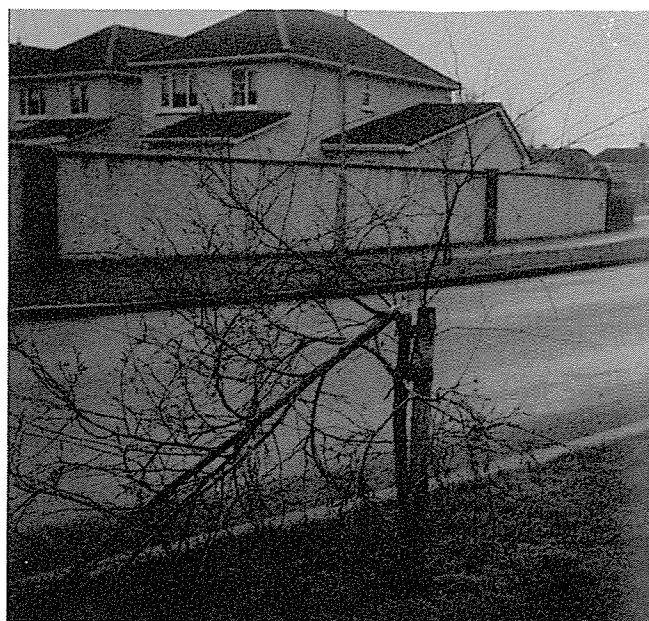
VANDALISM IN ROCKFIELD

Rockfield residents have to combat ongoing vandalism in the form of tree breakage. Bill Gannon a member of the Rockfield Residents Association said he found the whole situation "most disheartening". Rockfield is a relatively new estate and the concept of tree lined pathways is a lovely idea, which would enhance and add a sense of maturity to the area.

However, what should be a simple task is turning out to be somewhat of an uphill battle. It seems no sooner has one tree been replaced by the developer than another is broken.

Recently, over a weekend seven newly planted trees were vandalised as can be seen in the photos.

While this whole business is very frustrating for residents who feel it is a case of one step forward, two steps back, they are still committed to the preservation of these young trees and would like for them to be given a chance to grow without being interfered with.



Why not be "Seen To Be Green" and give these trees a chance?

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

On Thursday, March 20th at 8p.m., the College Orchestra presents an hour of popular Classical music. This is their third concert since their foundation two years ago, and the venue is the splendid Aula Maxima on the Old Campus, where the recent "Faith of Our Fathers" album was recorded.

This talented young orchestra, "Maynooth Orchestral Players", draws its membership of students and staff from all Departments of the College, and is itself a member of the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras.

Combining the past and present, the concert opens with Mozart's lively Overture to the opera "The Magic Flute", and is followed by the lovely slow movement from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony. The orchestra is then proud to present the first performance of "Alea", a specially-composed piece by Martin O'Leary, a lecturer in the Music Department and a prominent Irish composer. The concert closes with the dramatic Symphony No.8 "Unfinished" by Schubert, which celebrates this year's Bicentenary of his birth.

Tickets for the concert are £4 and £2 (Concessions), and are available from both the University and Town Bookshops.



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BARRACKSTOWN / KILCLOON DUMP

Public Meeting: 8 pm Thursday 6th March, in the Glenroyal Hotel.

A landfill site of 550 acres is proposed for the area north of Maynooth, between Barrackstown and Kilcloon. Apart from severe disruption in the immediate vicinity of the dump, heavy trucks will come along the Straffan Road and through the centre of Maynooth from the M4 motorway. This is likely to affect **everyone** in the area. Following the public meeting held on 12th Feb. the North Kildare/South Meath Environment Protection Group was formed and a committee elected to co-ordinate opposition. PLEASE give your support by attending the public meeting on March 4th.

Ann Scanlon (PRO)



J1 VISA OPENING DAY

On the cold and wet day of Wednesday 5th February 1997 it proved to be "D" Day for the students of Ireland with their sights set on a long hot summer in the US!!

For all those who don't know what the J1 Visa is... here is a quick lesson. The J1 Visa is the legal work permit which allows students to work from 1st June until 31st October. The J1 programme is organised with USIT and our co-sponsors in the States CIEE.

1997 is the 31st year for this US Travel Programme and during this time over 100,000 Irish students have availed of the opportunity to sample life stateside.

As you will see from the photograph attached the programme is very popular and a lot of students arrived to our office from 6.00 am on the opening day.

We processed 107 the first day and to date we have received 230 visas at this office. Although in all the USIT offices in Ireland we have reached up to 4,500 applications, we have around 6,000 visas available. So we would anticipate that it should close in the next couple of weeks.

We hope this will answer all the questions that were being asked around Maynooth that week regarding the influx of students to the town. Thank you all for your interest.

Eileen Reidy
Travel Options

BAD DAY BLUES

Richard Wills
Maynooth.

i've got whiskey on the left
and ice cubes on the right
and a headache right inbetween.
i've got a rough week behind
and a long night ahead and a
face that shouldn't be seen.

i've got friends calling over and
enemies to meet and
silence refuses to be found.
i've got too much to do and
then more after that and there's
no time anywhere around.

some people are plain nasty
and others are mean and
more still are just too nice.
some say they're your friend
and sell you outright but i
suppose everyone's got their price.

i used have a bright side and
never held Murphy's Law, but
i think it just got passed.
some times i feel i'm
way out ahead and then crawl
home worse than last.

i'm too tired to think and
too sore to sleep and
a drum beats in my head.
it plays out the rhythm
of all today's hell and the
horrible things people said.

the ice cubes have melted
and the whiskey is watered and
now i don't want it at all.
my friends never showed and
i'm damned if i go; i'll
just stay and stare at the wall.

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"You'll get by with a little help from your friends"

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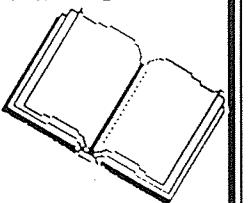
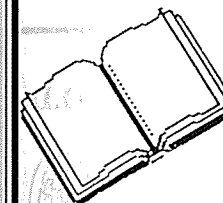
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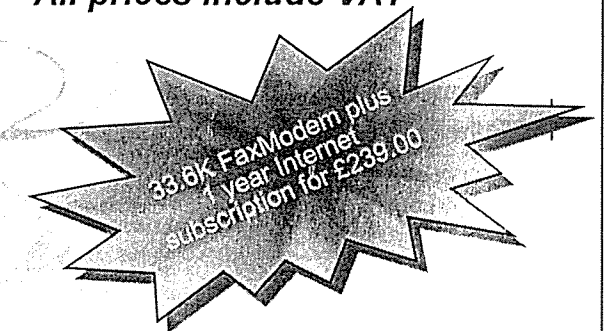
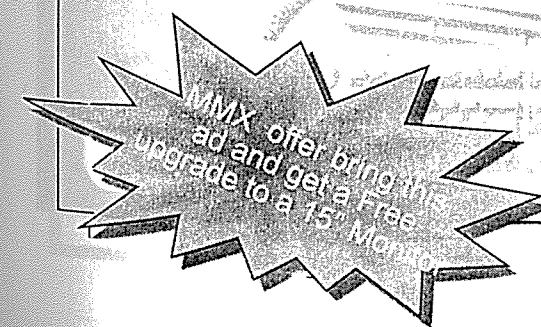
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- Weak, mousy cry rather than the usual strong, lusty one.
- Irritability - not seeming comfortable no matter what you do, and crying inconsolably.
- Acting as though movement is painful.
- Crying without tears, not urinating for more than 6 to 8 hours, sunken eyes.
- Any fever over 38C (100.4F) in a baby under 2 months.

All Ages:

- Cool, clammy skin with paleness, grey or dusky blue colour (when you press on the skin with a finger, it takes more than a second or so for colour to return.)
- Limpness, lack of strength or decreased movement to the limbs or head.
- A vacant expression in eyes that are usually alert and lively.
- Poor co-ordination, staggering, confusion.
- Rapid, shallow breathing. Do not confuse this with the rapid breathing that accompanies a high fever; if your child appears otherwise well, bring the temperature down before worrying about this.
- Noisy breathing with grunting, crowing or other abnormal sounds.
- Sinking in of the area above or below the rib cage or the spaces between the ribs with each breath.
- A moan, groan, grunt or 'uh' sound with each breath.
- A stiff neck accompanied by fever, irritability or any of the other signs of illness.
- Sunken eyeballs, dry mouth, loss of skin elasticity.
- Lack of eye contact. This is the most telling sign for doctors; even children who feel terrible with minor illness can still look people in the eye and object to their presence. A child with a serious illness often stares into space, seemingly oblivious of surroundings.

COT DEATH OR SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

This mainly affects babies under six months of age - only one out of seven cot deaths occurs in babies older than six months. Remember that cot death is rare, but it is useful for all parents to know how to reduce the risks.

- Place your baby on his or her side to sleep.
- Make sure your baby cannot become completely covered by bedclothes: place him or her near the foot of the bed and

pull the bedclothes up to the shoulders but no further.

- Stop smoking during pregnancy - it increases your child's chance of dying as a cot death.
- Avoid exposing your baby to tobacco smoke.
- Do not let your baby get too hot or too cold.
 - keep the room temperature at around 18C (65F).
 - never let your baby sleep with a hot water bottle or electric blanket, or next to a radiator, heater or fire, or in direct warm sunshine.
 - babies who are ill may need fewer clothes, not more.
 - babies can get too cold outdoors or in draughts, especially in their first four weeks.
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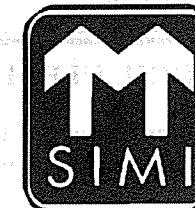
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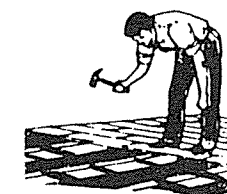
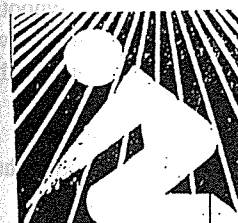
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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

**'Dóchas linn Naomh Phádraig
Aspal mór na hÉireann.'**

In this month of March we celebrate the feast day of our national saint, St Patrick. It is not alone the time that we pay tribute to the one who brought Christianity to Ireland but also an occasion when we as a nation, at home and abroad celebrate with pride our sense of identity in being Irish. As a small nation we take pride in the achievements of past generations of Irish people to the part we now play on the world stage. As a nation we have always identified the Irish language as a unique part of our cultural identity. That respect for our culture has given us the confidence to respect other cultures and traditions. Here in Maynooth we can be especially proud that there are currently twenty two young Maynooth children enjoying full exposure to all facets of the Irish culture. We are equally proud of the twenty one adults who have made remarkable achievements in the conversational Irish class.

Ranganna Gaeilge/Uachtarán Chonradh na Gaeilge

This group of adults who have achieved a high level of spoken Irish

were honoured at a function recently in the Glenroyal Hotel. All those who attended the cúrsa have achieved such a high level that they were presented with An Fáinne Airgead. The presentation on the night was made by Gearóid Ó Cairleáin, Uachtarán, Conradh na Gaeilge. The Maynooth branch of Conradh na Gaeilge had organised the classes in conjunction with Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. The Uachtarán paid tribute to the successful Gaelgeoirí and spoke of the importance of the fáinne. They were now proud to show that they could conduct a basic conversation *as Gaeilge* and were willing to engage with others in conversation *as Gaeilge*. The Uachtarán praised the work of the Maynooth branch of Conradh na Gaeilge and stated that he was looking forward to the day when he or a future Uachtarán would be returning to Maigh Nuad to present An Fáinne Ór.

Bronntanas Airgead/Financial Contribution

The Uachtarán was wholesome in his praise for the achievement of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. He had taken great heart from the way in which Gaelscoil Feirste in his native Belfast had helped to bring all sections of the community together. The Gaelscoil was the nucleus from which not alone Irish medium

education had evolved but was also the starting point of many community projects. The city of Belfast was particularly pleased to be hosting Oireachtas 1997 and this was the culmination of years of development in the Irish language, music and culture. Conradh na Gaeilge organised a Gig Gaelach in the Olympia for those Gaelscoileanna who as yet had not received State funding. He duly presented Betty Ní hÍr, scoil cisteoir, with a financial contribution.

Taispeántas Cócaireacht/Cookery Demonstration.

A very large group of people turned out to support a cookery demonstration in the Glenroyal Hotel, organised by the coiste cairde / fundraising committee. The demonstration was provided by Odlums. The Gaelscoil are grateful to Odlums and Flogas for sponsoring the event. Many delightful recipes were prepared and will hopefully be duplicated in Maynooth in the future. A seisiún ceoil followed the demonstration and all enjoyed the nights events. We wish to again acknowledge the support of the Maynooth community in making the event a great success.

Na Féile Phadraig.

March 10-17th Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Sunday 16th Ceili, seitenna and old time by the Emerald Ceili Band, Glenroyal Hotel. Annual flag collection for Conradh na Gaeilge.

Monday 17th The Aifreann Gaeilge will be celebrated in St Mary's Parish Church on St Patrick's morning. An Paráid Mór / The Big Parade. Look out for our float. Cluiche Comogaíochta / Iomanaíocht, annual dual hurling camogie match, GAA grounds, Moyglare Road. Ceol agus Spóirt, Clubáras CLG - Music and Entertainment in the GAA clubhouse.

Beannachtaí na Féile Phadraig ar mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad.

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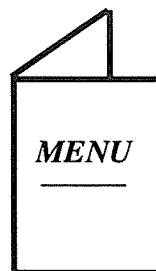
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15g / $\frac{1}{2}$ oz gelatine
3 eggs, separated
75g / 3oz golden caster sugar
85ml / 3fl oz single cream
fine lemon shreds, to decorate.

1. Using a potato peeler, peel the rind off the lemons, leaving behind the pith. Squeeze the juice. Place peel in a heavy based pan with the milk and infuse over a low heat for 30 minutes.
2. Soak the gelatine in three tablespoons of water and leave to swell. Place the egg yolks in a large bowl with the sugar and the cream. Whisk in the hot milk, strain through a sieve and return to the pan. Cook over a low heat, stirring continuously, until the mixture thickens just enough to coat the back of a spoon. Add the lemon juice.
3. Melt the gelatine and stir into the custard. When it begins to set slightly, whisk the egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold in. Spoon into four large wine glasses and chill until set. Decorate with lemon shreds.

GARLICKY MUSHROOMS WITH GOATS CHEESE.

Serves 2.

4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 garlic gloves, crushed
4 large flat mushrooms, wiped and stalks trimmed.
4 slices goat's cheese
6 tbsp chopped fresh parsley and thyme
seasoning.

1. Heat the oil in a large sauté pan over a medium heat, add the garlic and fry it for 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and cook for 4-5 minutes, turning them once or twice and basting with the juices.
2. Place a slice of cheese on each mushroom, scatter over the herbs and seasoning and fry for about 2 minutes. Serve with pasta.

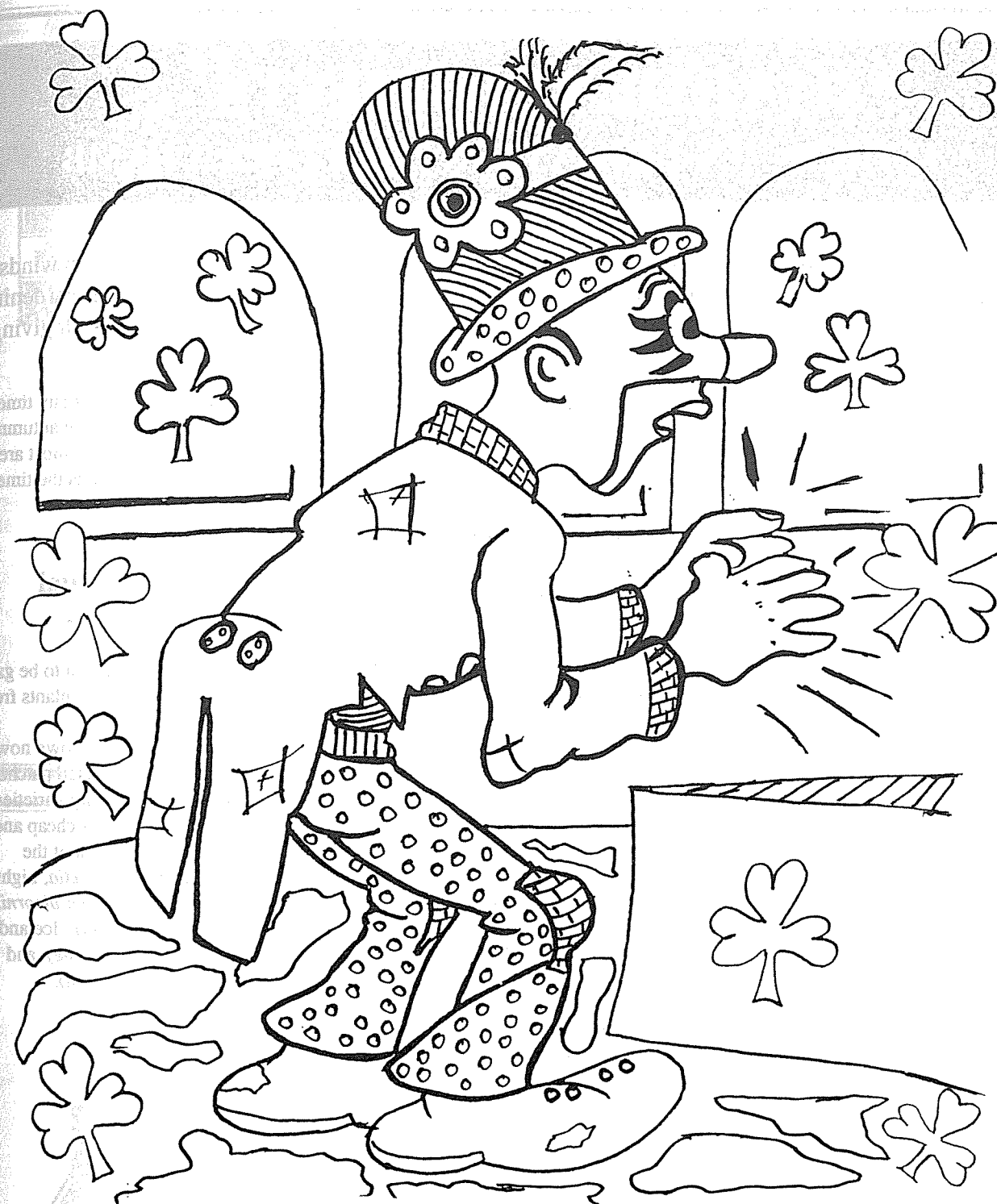
CHILLI LAMB WITH POTATOES AND TOMATOES.

Serves 2

225g / 8oz potatoes, cut into chunks
1 tbsp chilli oil
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 leg of lamb chops
1 green pepper, sliced
225g / 8oz red and yellow cherry tomatoes
50g / 2oz sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and finely chopped
2 tbsp pesto
seasoning



1. Boil the potato chunks in salted water for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oils in a sauté pan and brown the lamb chops over a medium to high heat on both sides.
2. Drain the potatoes and add to the pan with the pepper, fresh and dried tomatoes, pesto and seasoning. Reduce the heat a little and cook for 5-8 minutes until the potatoes have softened and the chops are cooked through.



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This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds.
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GARDENING HINTS - MARCH - IN LIKE A LION - OUT LIKE A LAMB

Whilst March heralds the arrival of the gardener's spring it can often be a month of high winds, frost and heavy rain so these factors must be taken into account when planning your gardening. The good news is that the evenings are getting longer and the hour moves on in March giving even more time to work in the evening — should you feel so inclined!

Lawn

So, where do you start? The weeds must be tackled before their roots grow strong so either dig them out by hand, or as a very last resort, use a selective lawn weed-killer. Take great care to follow the manufacturer's instructions and be absolutely sure that none of it gets on your borders or you'll kill your plants. Next to the lawn itself — don't forget to get your lawn-mower and garden shears serviced and sharpened. There is nothing worse than trying to use blunt instruments — they not only ruin your grass and edges but fray your nerves as well. And gardening is supposed to be relaxing! You should mow an established lawn during mild weather. Set the mower blades higher than usual for the first cut, gradually lowering them over the next two or three cuttings. Before the first cut of the year use a stiff broom to scatter worm casts, and repeat whenever necessary before mowing. Feed the lawn with a granular or liquid fertiliser, again taking care to follow the manufacturer's instructions.

SHRUBS

Roses can now be pruned, including rambler rose that were not pruned after flowering last Summer. Rose pruning is necessary to develop a vigorous healthy, well-balanced plant with plenty of flowers. Removing excessive growth lets plenty of light and air around the plant, which helps prevent disease and encourages healthy growth.

Late summer-flowering shrubs should also be pruned towards the end of the month, including butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) blue spirea (*Caryopteris*) *Ceratostigma* and flowering nutmeg (*Leycesteria*). Cut the plants back hard, leaving around 5 cm (2 in) of last year's growth.

Shrubs with coloured stems like dogwood (*Cornus*), *Rubus* and shrub varieties of willow (*Salix*) should be hard pruned towards the end of the month. Do this by cutting all the shoots back to within 15-30 cm (6-12 in) of the ground or to the trunk if there is one. On heavy or poor soils where the plant is growing less strongly, prune only every other year to avoid weakening the plant. This hard pruning encourages plenty of new, straight, bright coloured stems.

Winter-flowering heathers should be lightly trimmed with shears once flowering has finished to encourage neat and bushy growth.

The Garden Indoors

Amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) bulbs should be watered regularly as required and fed weekly with a liquid feed. Continue watering and feeding after flowering has finished so that the bulb builds up its reserves for next year.

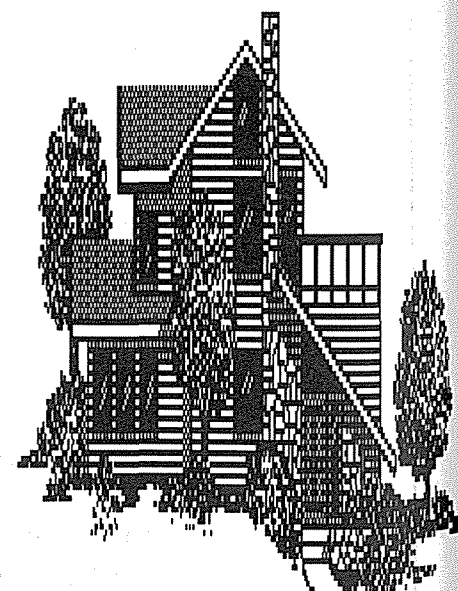
Don't forget to plant **Polyanthus** that have finished flowering indoors in a sheltered spot in your garden. They will benefit from division and replanting every three or four years, especially where they've formed large clumps, or when the centre of the plant is becoming bare.

Division can be done at any time during the winter, though autumn and early spring are best. In most areas of the country this month is the time to start.

Ornamental Garden

There's great satisfaction to be gained from growing your own plants from seed.

Hardy annuals can be sown now in rows or irregularly shaped patches outside. There are many varieties that can provide a wealth of cheap and cheerful colour throughout the summer, including *Godetia*, night-scented stock, (*Matthiola bicornis*), love-in-a mist, (*Nigella*), Iceland Poppy (*Papaver nudicaule*) and snapdragon (*Antirrhinum*). Have Fun!



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Maynooth Development Plan

It now appears likely that all 430 acres which have been sought for rezoning in the Maynooth area will be forced through by the Fianna Fail/Fine Gael coalition which has already been responsible for vast rezoning elsewhere in Kildare, contrary to the wishes of local communities. This follows adoption of a development "strategy" by Kildare County Council which amounts, in effect, to no strategy at all. Essentially, the rezoning majority on the Council have chosen to ignore the request made by the Minister for the Environment that an overall strategy for the county be adopted. They have also virtually ignored the strategy options put forward by the Council's own consultant. It remains to be seen whether the Minister will be prepared to accept the fudge concocted by the Council's rezoning majority. In the meantime, consideration of the Maynooth Plan now reverts to the Celbridge Area Committee. However, past experience suggests that, no matter what rezoning restrictions are proposed by this Committee, these will be overridden by the full Council whose majority seems hellbent on a planning free-for-all. This means that an additional 11,000 people could be accommodated in Maynooth during the plan period, to add to the 10,000 already here.

Catherine Murphy is, of course, completely opposed to these tactics, and will continue to work with local groups and individuals to prevent the transformation of Maynooth into a soulless and underserved concrete jungle.

Secondary Level School Crisis

There is a growing second-level school crisis in North Kildare due to the lack of proper accommodation, a survey conducted by Democratic Left members has shown. Of the eleven schools in the area, ten are either completely or

partially housed in temporary prefab buildings. Of a total school population of 7,400, about 1,800 are in this type of accommodation, many in overcrowded conditions. Four schools have no P.E. facilities, one has no canteen and one has no library. Four schools can offer only limited Transition Year facilities and three are unable to offer the Leaving Cert Vocational Programme, due to space constraints.

Inadequate science facilities are also a major problem, and are compromising the ability of local schools to support the demand for technical skills being generated in the region by firms such as Intel and Hewlett Packard. The massive rezoning threatened throughout North Kildare will make the schools accommodation crisis even worse.

Councillor Catherine Murphy has made a submission to the Minister for Education based on the survey and has asked for urgent measures to tackle the growing crisis situation facing the county's secondary schools.

Public Payphones

Following representations by Councillor Catherine Murphy, Telecom Eireann are to embark on major improvements in the provision of public payphones in Maynooth.

An additional double kiosk is to be installed at the junction of Meadowbrook Road and Beaufield Estate, where there has been a particular problem with long queues. Double kiosks will also replace the existing single kiosks in Carton Court and in Old Greenfield.

Telecom is also to meet with Catherine Murphy to discuss possible locations for additional kiosks on Maynooth Main Street. Anyone with views on this should contact Catherine Murphy at 6244903 or 088 - 696450

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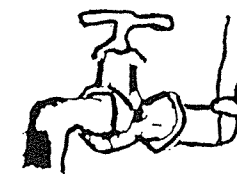
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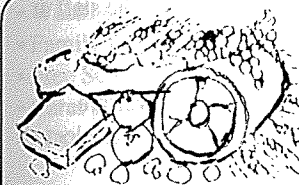
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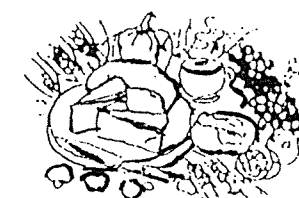
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FINE GAEL NOTES

On Thursday February 6th 1997, Bernard Durkan, Minister of State at the Dept. of Social Welfare, visited Maynooth to officially open the Maynooth Money Advice and Budgeting Service, (or MABS). Situated on the Dublin road adjacent to O' Neills Autoshop, MABS provides a service that is **Confidential, Independent and Free**. Funded by the Department of Social Welfare, MABS is designed to assist people of Limited Income who are over indebted, be it with household bills or Money Lenders.

Minister Durkan said that the MABS service, which is now available at over 40 centres throughout the country, provides the cheapest form of credit available. He added that "MABS enables people to ease themselves out of a cycle of debt and the consequent pressures that it brings, and over time to reach a point where they feel they have more personal control over their own situation". Staffed on a full-time basis by money advisor Margaret Quinn, MABS provides several services. As well as advice and support to individuals or families who have financial difficulties, MABS also helps by setting up special accounts with the Credit Union. It deals with creditors on behalf of the individual and it provides valuable assistance in working out a Budget which is tailored for the individual or family.

Minister Durkan highlighted these several advantages and emphasised that when the family tradition of borrowing from the Money Lender is broken, the burden of debt is lifted. The individual's dignity, self confidence and independence is thus restored. Maynooth MABS is fully operational and for future information about the service feel free to contact the staff at (01) 6291660.

The budget which occurred on January the 22nd 1997 has created many improvements within the area of social welfare. Minister of State Bernard Durkan welcomed these changes and improvements and for your information provides a selected summary below.

The general increases in this Budget are as follows:-

- £3 increase in all personal rates.
- £1.50 increase in all Adult Dependant Allowances
- Child Benefit is up by £1 on the lower rate and £5 on the higher rate.

As of September 1997, the new Child Benefit rates will be £30 each for the first 2 children, and £39 for the third and subsequent children per month.

CHILD BENEFITS

Table A		
Number of Children	Monthly Rate £	Weekly Equivalent £
1 child	30.00	6.92
2 children	60.00	13.85
3 children	99.00	22.85
4 children	138.00	31.85
5 children	177.00	40.85
6 children	216.00	49.85
7 children	255.00	58.85
8 children	294.00	67.85

Table B			
Family Size	Present Income Limit £	Increase £	NEW income Limit £
1 child	195	10	205
2 children	215	10	225
3 children	235	10	245
4 children	255	10	265
5 children	280	10	290
6 children	300	10	310
7 children	317	10	327
8 children	334	10	344

FIS is calculated at 60% of the difference between weekly income and the income limit for family size. The £10 increase in thresholds means most families on FIS get an extra £6 per week. Those paying PRSI (income over £80 per week) or levies (income over £197) will get further additions.

The Weekly income thresholds for the Family Income Supplement (FIS) will be increased by £10 giving £6 a week increase for

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most recipients.

Time Table for Improvements

April 1997

- PRSI reductions
- Disability Allowance Improvements
- Occupational Injuries Benefit Changes
- UB Requalification Changes
- Retention of Child Dependant Allowances for Additional People.
- UA linking rules
- Pre-Retirement Allowance
- Treatment (Dental and Optical) Benefits
- Old Age Pension (rental income)
- Disability Benefit exempted from tax for first three weeks.

June 1997

- Weekly payment increases
- Family Income Supplement increases
- Free Schemes extensions
- Carer's Allowance Improvements
- Maternity/Adoptive Benefit Improvements

September 1997

- Child Benefit increases.

October 1997

- New Sickness Allowance
- Pensions improvements
- Retention of Adult Dependant Allowances
- New Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension.

November 1997

- New Pro-Rata Pensions.

For Carers, there will be an additional payment of 50% for those carers who are providing care to more than one person. For Pensioners and Old Age Pensions there will be an introduction of Pro-Rata Pensions for People with the yearly average of between 10 and 20 PRSI contributions. For Dependant spouses, they are to retain their entitlement to Treatment (Dental and Optical) Benefits when they qualify for the old age pension in their own right. All pensioners over the age of 75 are to qualify for free electricity allowance and free telephone rental allowance regardless of their households circumstances. In the area of Unemployment Benefit, PRSI contributions paid after 6 months are to reckon for re-qualification purposes. This change will benefit casual workers. There will be an increase of places in the Back to Work Allowance by 5,000 places, an increase from 17,000 to 22,000 with 1,000 places reserved for a pilot scheme for people with disabilities. Finally there is to be a special fund of £300,000 set up for projects to assist unemployed people to return to work. For those who are interested in obtaining more information, a fact sheet is available from the Social Welfare Department or your local Social Welfare Office.

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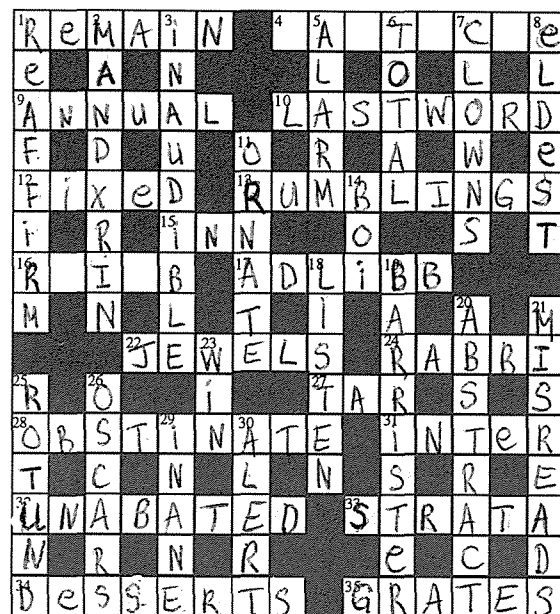
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Across:

1. Stay behind (6) *WARSTOLD*
4. A very small piece (8) *STALWORD*
9. Yearly (6) *SAWLOD*
10. The worst ~~lad~~ must have it (8)
12. Old fashioned - not willing to change (5)
13. Noises (9) *rigid*
15. A place to have a drink (3) *LOWSTORD*
16. Take the ow out of trout (5) *lrt row*
17. Improvises (2-4) *SALTWORD*
22. These stones are expensive (6) *WARTSOLD*
24. Minister of a synagogue (5)
27. Used to make roads (3)
28. Headstrong (9)
31. Bury, especially with funeral rites (5)
32. Unsuppressed (8) *O-A-A-E D*
33. Layers (6)
34. Last courses of a meal (8)
35. Reduces to shreds (6)

Down:

1. State again (8)
2. The fruit of Chinese rulers (8)
3. Too low to be heard (9)
5. You raise it when in danger (5)
6. The complete sum (5)

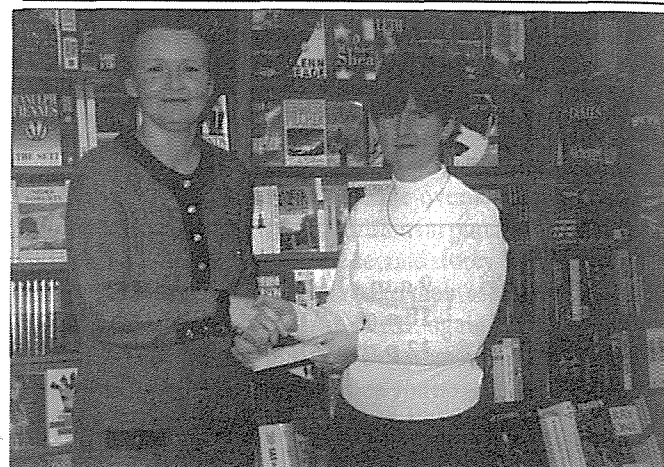
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7. Funny dressers (6)
8. First in family (6)
11. Decorative (6)
14. You might get a loan here (1-1-1) *101 104*
18. To take heed (6) *AIB*
19. Solicitor (9) *EBS*
20. Difficult to understand (8)
21. Misinterprets (8)
23. Not to lose (3)
25. Spherical in shape (6)
26. Actors prizes (6)
29. Senseless (5)
30. Vigilant (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 111.

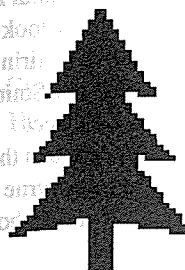
Across: 1. Panama; 4. Brackish; 9. Recess; 10. Corporal;
12. Baton; 13. Insensate; 15.Fib; 16. Lingo; 17. Accord;
22.Smudge; 24. Ideal; 27. Vim; 28. Parsonage; 31. Bleat;
32. Aromatic; 33. Crease; 34. Norsemen; 35. Demean.

Down: 1. Parabola; 2. Nicotine; 3. Misinform; 5. Riots;
6. Capon; 7. Inroad; 8. Halter; 11. Ribald; 14. Ego;
18.Clever; 19. Reimburse; 20. Sewerage; 21. Slatern;
23. Urn; 25. Sprain; 26. Ardour; 29. Orate; 30. Afire.
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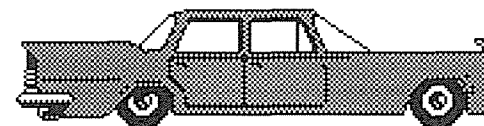


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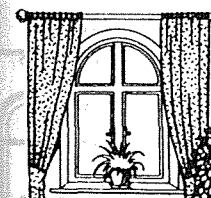
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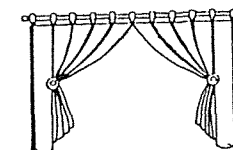
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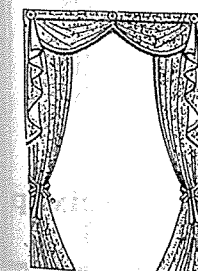
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Some recent results to hand are as follows.

L.F.L. Premier Division Sunday

Maynooth Town 1 Inchicore Rangers 1

Maynooth were unlucky not to take all three points in this drawn game. The loss of two points may prove to be costly at the end of the season in a tightly fought division. Maynooth fell behind in the 20th minute when slack marking gifted Inchicore their goal. Feargal Barton and Eamon Dunne got to grips with their opposite numbers and cut out most of the threat by Inchicore. Dermot Myles had a header just wide from a James Delargy corner. In the 36th minute James Delargy crossed accurately for Keith Cooke to head to the net for the equaliser. Maynooth had a number of good chances after this but were unable to force a winner. Best for Maynooth were Paul O'Sullivan, Anthony Smith, Keith Cooke, Eamon Dunne and Feargal Barton.

L.F.L. Division 1 Saturday

Anner Utd 1 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth were in top form throughout this game and were good value for their one goal win. Paul O'Sullivan and Martin Byrne were on top of their game right from the start and gave Maynooth a decided edge. A Paul O'Sullivan corner gave Anthony Smith the chance to volley to the net from fourteen yards. Maynooth kept up the pressure and stretched their lead in the 40th minute when Martin Byrne provided an excellent pass for Paul O'Sullivan who lobbed the keeper from 25 yards. The Anner defenders were a durable lot and restricted Maynooth to two goals before scoring a late consolation goal.

Best for Maynooth: Martin Byrne, Alan Millett and Keith Cooke.

Dalton Cup 4th Round

Anner Utd 0 Maynooth Town 1

Maynooth grabbed a notable scalp when defeating major Division side Anner Utd at the Brickfields. In a bruising encounter Maynooth were fortunate to come away from the game without serious injury. Joey Dempsey and Donncha McCarrick came in for particularly rough treatment and had to be replaced because of injury. Maynooth kept their composure and would not be drawn into a bruising battle. Anner paid a dear price in the 24th minute when Joey Dempsey was hacked down when in sight of goal. James Delargy accurately placed his kick over the wall and between keeper and post for what proved to be the winning goal. This inspired Maynooth and a Michael Murphy header was cleared off the line two minutes later. Anner defended in numbers and relied on catching Maynooth on the break but this was a fruitless ploy as Maynooth were in commanding form and remained in control. Keith Cooke had a shot just over and a James Delargy free kick was scrambled away, Maynooth easily held out for a deserved win. Best for Maynooth were James Delargy, Paul Byrne, Joey Dempsey, Feargal Barton and Eamon Dunne.

L.F.L. Division 1 Saturday

Maynooth Town 1 Bacchus 1

A draw was a fair result following a less than inspiring game. Maynooth had a number of good chances in the opening period but some poor finishing squandered the opportunities. Midway through the first half Maynooth lost possession near the half way line. Bacchus quickly took up the initiative and forced Maynooth to defend before firing past Niall Naughton for the opening goal. Anthony Smith was proving a real handful for Bacchus with his direct running and he was rewarded in the 55th minute when the Bacchus keeper failed to hold his shot and Martin Byrne was on hand to shoot home. Best for Maynooth were Anthony Smith, Derek Dolan and Owen Maloney.

Premier Division Sunday

Maynooth Town 4 St Vincents 0

This was easily Maynooth's best performance of the season. Getting on top right from the start they never allowed St. Vincents to settle and were in control throughout. A top class team performance without a weak link meant that St. Vincents were mostly spectators for long periods. Niall Naughton made a good stop in the opening minutes following a rare St. Vincent's attack. Maynooth responded quickly with Paul Byrne in excellent form and chances being created by a dominant midfield. Paul Byrne, Keith Cooke, James Delargy and Joey Dempsey all saw chances saved before the opening score finally arrived in the 26th minute. Michael Murphy sped down the left wing before firing in a cross that was hit home by that doyen of defenders Gerry Thompson who popped up at the far post to slide his shot home. Joey Dempsey was taken down shortly after for Martin McCernan to strike home the penalty. Just before the break Niall Naughton denied the "Saints" with a wonderful point blank save. Five minutes into the second half Michael Murphy increased Maynooth's lead from a narrow angle following excellent approach play by Keith Cooke and Donncha McCarrick. Maynooth completed the scoring in the 60th minute when Paul Byrne netted following a James Delargy corner.

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Sport

Paul Byrne was top man for Maynooth with many others enhancing their reputations.

L.F.L. Div. 1. Saturday

Maynooth Town 3 Castle Park 3
Maynooth had to stage a magnificent fightback to take a share of the points following a bright opening which soon went horribly wrong. A second minute free by Martin Byrne bounced to safety after coming off the upright. Five minutes later the same player made the opening for Stephen Hallinan to score. Castle hit a purple patch after this and were on terms just a minute later. Two further goals in the next ten minutes gave them a commanding two goal lead.

Martin Byrne threw Maynooth a lifeline when he reduced the lead before the break. The second half saw Maynooth throw everything into attack but a packed Castle defence were holding onto their precious lead. Maynooth kept battling away and a late Martin Byrne free was fumbled by the Castle Keeper for Paul O' Sullivan to gladly accept the chance to equalize. An amazing fightback which deservedly earned a point. Best for Maynooth were the Byrne brothers Martin and Danny, Alan Millett and Paul O Sullivan.

L.F.L. Premier Div. Sunday.

Maynooth Town 1 St. James' Utd. 4
Maynooth's proud unbeaten league record went by the wayside despite a good performance. League leaders St. James will feel flattered by the scoreline which does scant justice to the home sides efforts. Unlucky breaks at vital stages of the game contributed greatly to Maynooth's downfall. Maynooth rocked the leaders in the 62nd minute when Paul Byrne was taken down when in a good scoring position. James Delargy's free deflected off the defensive wall into the path of Joey Dempsey who made no mistake with his ground shot. St James equalised five minutes later when forcing the ball home following a scramble on the Maynooth line. The St. James' keeper deprived Maynooth from regaining the lead when turning away a Donnacha McCarrick effort. St. James took the lead when a shot

came back off the crossbar and was fired to the net.

St. James third goal was the crucial score of the game which was blatantly offside but was allowed to stand. Maynooth failed to recover from this body blow and conceded a late goal from the penalty spot to close the scoring. Maynooth can feel aggrieved by this result but there is plenty of spirit in the side to come bouncing back. Best for Maynooth were Gerry Thompson, Martin McTernan, Joey Dempsey and Paul Byrne

Watkins Cup 1st Rd

Maynooth Town 1 Jobstown Celtic 0
Our Saturday side opened their Cup campaign with this narrow hard fought win over Jobstown Celtic. Maynooth opened confidently and were intent on advancing to the next round. Martin Byrne was a constant threat to Jobstown with his accurate crossing and expertise from dead ball situations. Joe O'Riordan had a header cleared off the line in the fifteenth minute. Martin Byrne had a free kick saved before an Anthony Smith shot was blocked on the line. Colm Carroll had a shot turned away for a corner in the 27th minute. Maynooth got the all important winner just before the break when Anthony Smith chested down a Martin Byrne free before crashing the ball to the roof of the net. Anthony Smith, Colm Carroll, Derek Dolan and Joe O'Riordan were best for Maynooth.

D.D.S.L. U/12 B.

Maynooth Town 6 St. Patrick's Ath. 2
Maynooth confirmed their superiority over "The Saints" with this impressive victory. Maynooth went into an early two goal lead with D.J. Canning scoring twice. St. Patricks rallied and scored twice in a short period to equalise. Wayne Byrne regained the lead for Maynooth midway through the

second half and quickly stretched that lead with a Neil English goal. David Redmond had to make two good saves to stop St. Patricks getting back into the game. David Comerford and Paul Farrelly each scored before the end to set the seal on a highly impressive performance.

Best for Maynooth: Wayne Byrne, James Keegan and D.J. Canning.

D.D.S.L. U/9 Saturday

Cashelvilla 2 Maynooth Town 4.
Maynooth opened the scoring in the second minute through a David Fagan goal but Cashelvilla recovered quickly to equalise eight minutes later. Eddie Power scored just before half-time to push Maynooth in front once more. Cashelvilla would not give in and got on terms early in the second half which boosted their confidence. David Fagan scored his second to restore Maynooth's lead and set his side on the road to victory. Pablo Bros put the issue beyond doubt with Maynooth's fourth goal in the closing stages. Best for Maynooth: J Glynn, M Doyle, D Fagan, P Bros.

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Senior Football League commences on 9/3/97 Division 2.

9-3-97	Suncroft	v	Maynooth
16-3-97	Maynooth	v	Kilcock
23-3-97	Ardclough	v	Maynooth
13-4-97	Maynooth	v	Rheban
27-4-97	Monasterevan	v	Maynooth
4-5-97	Eadestown	v	Maynooth
11-5-97	Sallins	v	Maynooth
18-5-97	Confey	v	Maynooth
17-6-97	Maynooth	v	Kill
1-7-97	Maynooth	v	Castlemitchell
15-7-97	Maynooth	v	Celbridge
22-7-97	Maynooth	v	Cappagh
29-7-97	Maynooth	v	Rathangan

Minor Football commences 2/3/97

2-3-97	11 a.m.	Balya	v	Maynooth
16-3-97	11 a.m.	Maynooth	v	Rheban
30-3-97	11 a.m.	Naas	v	Maynooth

Training for Seniors and Minors has commenced at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The Club would be very interested in any new players who have come to live in the town.

Handball

Our 40' x 20' indoor court is in full use and anybody interested, please contact Sean Donovan, Chairman or any Committee member or call to the clubhouse any night after 8 p.m. to book court.

Set Dancing

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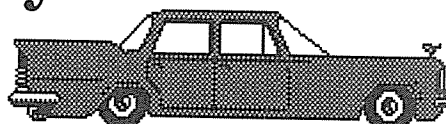
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On Friday January 24th. the Committee of Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. Club held a "Poker Classic" in The Club House on Moyglare Rd. The Club would like to thank all those who helped to make the night such a success. Those who sold tickets, bought tickets, and supported the event in any way. Thanks also to all those who helped to run and organise the Games on the night.

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We hope to organise another classic in the near future. Training continues but with a slight difference. The Tuesday night training has been changed to **Wednesday Night at 7.30p.m.** and as usual on Saturday 2.30p.m.
ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

To encourage new members the club will hold a spring weekend event for Girls and Ladies from 10 years upwards to learn the basics of the game.

At present nine members of the club are on the Kildare Ladies Panel and have taken part in the first match of the season versus Westmeath on Feb 9th Result: A draw 3-12 to 3-12
The new Season starts officially in March, so come on Ladies
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B. Breslin P.R.O

G.A.A. HURLING NOTES

Attention all young hurlers. Please note coaching and training commences on Saturday 1st March at 10.30am in G.A.A. pitch. New players from age 7 upwards are especially welcome. Coaching and training for intermediate and junior players has already commenced on Wednesdays at 8p.m. and on Saturday at 4p.m. Any new residents to Maynooth who wish to continue their hurling careers are more than welcome to join a progressive hurling club such as Maynooth.

Thomas Coffey
Hurling Committee

SCHOOLS U16 FOOTBALL

I would like to take this opportunity to commiserate and congratulate the players and mentors of the Schools U'16 football team who were beaten by St. Declan's Cabra, in the Dublin Schools semi-final match recently.

With some terrible luck and some strange refereeing decisions they went down by the narrowest of margins, one point.

Lads! Hard Luck, yet like all parents and supporters who were at the game I was very proud of your performance and attitude in defeat. Yes, a few tears were shed and heads were very low but you did yourself, your school, and your town proud in defeat.

To your mentors, you prepared the lads with great enthusiasm and pride and I'm sure all the squad appreciate very much your dedication.
Chins up and take heart!!! Táim cinnte go mbeidh lá eile againn.

Sean Fagan (Parent)

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Congratulations to the Cub Scouts of the 8th Kildare Rye Valley Region on coming 1st and 6th place in the Regional Finals of the Cub Scout Quiz:

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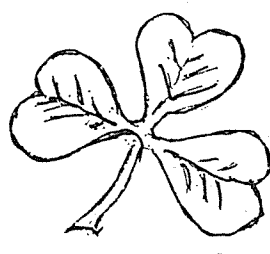
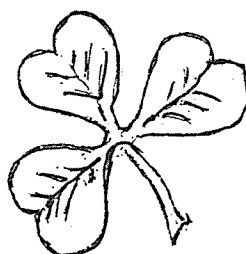
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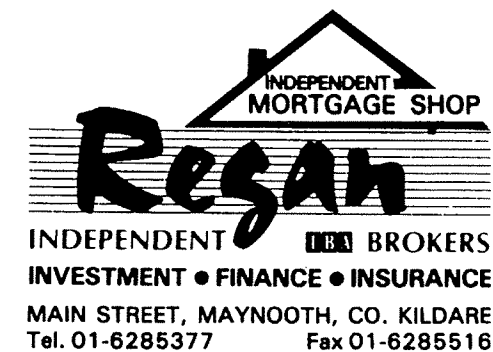
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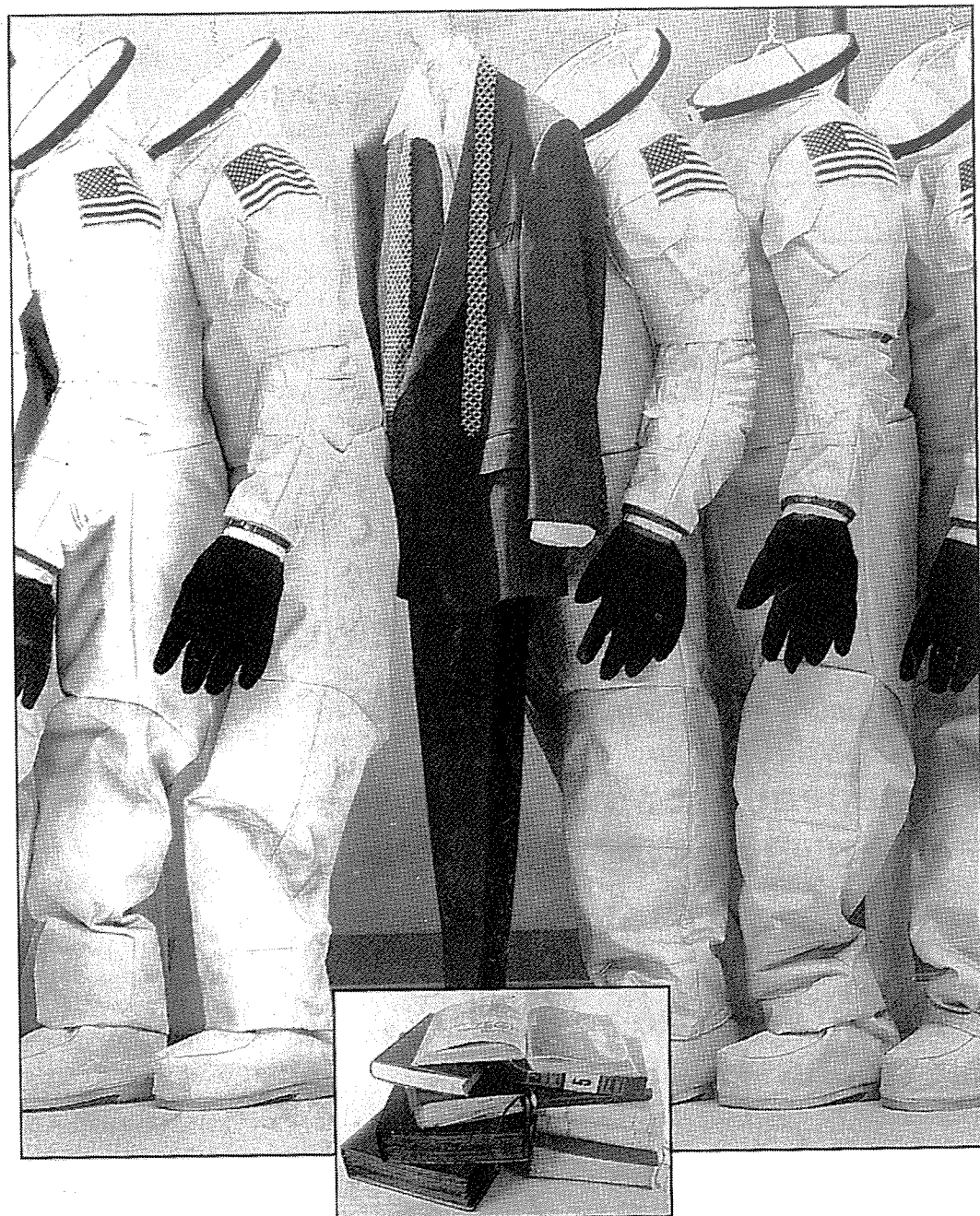
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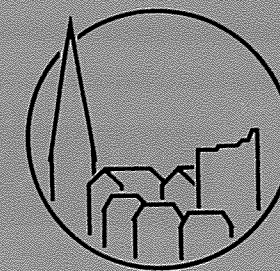
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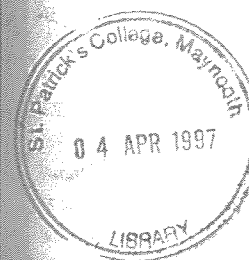
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DIARY DATES

Thursday April 3rd: Maynooth I.C.A. Meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. in the Hall.

Thursday April 3rd: Maynooth Summer Project Teenage Easter Disco in the Glenroyal Hotel from 8.30pm - 11.00 pm

Saturday April 5th: Maynooth Athletic Club Sports Day for Juveniles in the G.A.A. Club.

Sunday April 6th: Maynooth Senior Citizens Easter Party is in the Post Primary School. Begins with Mass at 3.30pm.

Tuesday April 8th: There will be a meeting of Maynooth Peace and Reconciliation and Justice Group in the Committee Room in Caulfields at 8pm Everyone Welcome.

Thursday April 10th: Maynooth Womens Forum meeting in the Post Primary School at 8.00 pm.

Friday April 11th: The Ladies G.A.A. will be holding a "Poker Classic" in the Clubhouse on Moyglare Road.

Friday April 11th: M' Lady Kildare Competition in the Glenroyal Hotel at 9.00 p.m.

Saturday April 12th: The ladies G.A.A. will be holding an information session at 2.00pm.

Tuesday April 15th: Maynooth Tidy Towns are holding an open night in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.00 p.m.

Friday April 18th: Maynooth A.F.C. are holding a race night in the G.A.A. Club, Moyglare Road. First race at 9 pm.

Saturday April 19th: Maynooth Flower and Garden Club are having their Spring Show in Loftus Hall in St. Patricks College.

Saturday April 19th: Riding for the Disabled Association. Local Sponsored walk Quinssworth Shopping Centre to Kilcock Starting at 2pm

Saturday / Sunday April 19th/20th: Community Games County Finals for Art and Modelling will be held in Confey.

Sunday April 20th: Maynooth Chamber Choir's Annual Concert in the College at 8pm.

Friday April 25th: Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich are hosting a disco/ceol na seachtoidí in the G.A.A. clubáras at 9.00 p.m.

EDITORIAL

One of the most heartening aspects of Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade is that it emphasises the large number of voluntary groups working away in the community. As we watch sports clubs, bands and youth clubs march up Main Street the Parade gives the people of the town an opportunity to celebrate the sense of community which exists in Maynooth.

As Maynooth continues to grow at a rapid pace (doubling in size in the last 10 years) this sense of community will be more difficult to retain. The Community Council, and the various projects running under its control - including the Newsletter - play an important role in promoting and highlighting cross community activity.

The FAS funded Community Employment Projects represent Government support for community activities in Maynooth but as the town grows it is becoming increasingly apparent that the community needs more resources to make Maynooth a decent place to live. All of which points up the totally inadequate level of funding available to local authorities. A classic example is that Kildare Co. Council has no parks department.

Such a situation would be considered totally unacceptable in a comparable area in France or Holland where local authorities play a key role in promoting the quality of life in local communities. And Maynooth still awaits Town Commission status despite repeated promises from governments going back almost ten years.

But to end on a positive note, congratulations to all the groups who participated in our St. Patrick's Day Parade and may they continue to make their valuable contribution to the life of the town.

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Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Plan for Harbour Field

A plan for the development of Maynooth's Harbour Field is expected to be completed in the next two months. The plan being prepared by Maynooth Soccer Club, GAA Club and Athletic Club together with Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee will improve the appearance of the area.

North Kildare Community Councils to consider impact of Development Plans

Maynooth Community Council unanimously supported a proposal that the Community Councils from all the North Kildare towns should meet to consider the impact of Kildare County Councilors development proposals for their towns. The meeting agreed that the secretary would respond to the proposal which was received from Clane Community Council.

Kildare County Council to keep Maynooth clean

Kildare County Council will work with the community to keep Maynooth clean particularly for the big occasions. This was confirmed in a letter following a request from the community council for additional street cleaning services for the town. However, the possibility of the appointment of additional full-time services were ruled out because of the shortage of funds.

Intel visits Community Council

Mr. Frank Turpin recently visited our offices to meet the executive and staff. Maynooth Community Council were pleased with the interest shown in our activities and look forward to continued links with the company in the future.

Get well wishes to Tom McMullon on behalf of Maynooth Community Council and the the people of the town.

We would like to extend to our Chairman, Tom McMullon, best wishes for a speedy recovery to full health. Tom is recovering from a recent spell in hospital.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Our thanks to all the boys and girls who took part in the St. Patricks Day Parade in Fancy Dress. You all looked very well.

Don't forget our Teenage Easter Disco which will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 3rd April from 8.30 - 11.00.

At the moment we are all busy organising the programme of events which will be distributed in the local schools nearer to the time of the Summer Project.

Registration Day will be the first Tuesday in July.

Claire O' Rourke
PRO

MAYNOOTH PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Maynooth Development Plan

Kildare County Councilors have agreed a development strategy for the county. The revised wording will be available in the next two months. The revised strategy will be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment and put on display during the summer. The Councilors will then complete the development plans for the individual towns. The development strategy put forward to the Councilors by their independent consultants, Blackwell & Associates, included a direct reference to Maynooth and Celbridge. In broad terms it stated that if Kildare County Councilors want to ensure the development of the county as a whole, they should restrict the amount of land rezoned in Maynooth and Celbridge, as this would be contrary to achieving this goal. The majority of Kildare County Councilors did not accept the need to include this reference in the strategy document and agreed an amendment. The majority of Councilors on the Celbridge Area Committee who will in the first instance decide on both the Maynooth and Celbridge development plans have given commitments to the people of Celbridge that no further rezoning will take place there.

Maynooth Traffic Bye-laws

The details of the bye-laws have been agreed by the members of the Celbridge Area Councilors and the Gardaí and we will all soon have to get used to the fact that we can no longer ignore those yellow lines.

Provision has been made to allow for half hour deliveries to business premises in the main street area. If the introduction of these new bye-laws do not solve the traffic delays in the town, surely "Operation Free-Flow Maynooth" cannot be far away.

Paul Croghan
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Maynooth Planning & Development Committee

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Fifty seven different groups took part in this year's parade. The weather was reasonably kind to us. On behalf of the Parade committee I would like to thank all the participants and all of those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful parade. In particular I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. A special mention for our major sponsors: Intel, Caulfields, Lee Mallaghan, Willie Kiernan, Glenroyal Hotel and Airlie Stud.

I would also like to thank the following:

- Mattie Callaghan and Paul Kelly Transport for providing the reviewing stand
- Leo Bean, Elaine Bean, Melanie Oliver and Ollie Bright for preparing the reviewing stand
- The staff of the Community Council Office for their trojan work
- Jane MacNulty, Betty Brilly, Ann Walshe, Kathleen Gannon and Margaret Nolan for flower arranging for the reviewing stand
- Katie's Flowers for additional Flowers for the reviewing stand
- Willie Kiernan for again providing and installing the Public Address System. A major undertaking.
- Aidan Flood, our master of ceremonies
- Our Guests on the reviewing stand
- Minister Emmett Stagg T.D. for being guest speaker
- Jim McManus for the power supply for the Public Address System
- Sergeant Peter Kearney and the Gardaí for their advice and help
- Owen Byrne, our Lord Mayor, for leading the parade
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks professionally
- Quinnsworth for the use of the car park
- Pat Travers of the Parish Hall Committee for providing the chairs and steps for the reviewing stand

- The Glenroyal Hotel for providing tea and sandwiches for our guests
- Eddy Sherry for cleaning the Main Street
- George O'Connor for the crash barriers
- Leinster Arms for providing tea and sandwiches for the O.N.E. and Army
- Freda Kelleher and the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for giving the Maynooth Community something of which to be proud
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation
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The Parade Prize Winners were:

- (a) Best Commercial Float: Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Club
- (b) Best Club Float: Maynooth Pitch and Putt
- (c) Best Band: St Mary's Brass and Reed Band
- (d) Best Marchers: F.C.A. Colour Party
- (e) Best Costumes: Keable School of Dancing
- (f) Most Topical: L.S. Autos
- (g) Funniest: Jimmy the Hoover

John McGinley
Secretary, St Patrick's Day Parade Committee

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COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Games was held in the ICA Hall on the 5th February. There was a poor attendance at the Meeting, but a committee was formed with the few that attended.

The committee:

Chairperson - Marie Gleeson
Secretary - Ada Doyle
Treasurer - Madeline Styne

Committee Members: Bernie O'Shea, Jim Fleming, Matt and Liz O'Callaghan, Mary O'Gorman and Brigid Cody-Kenny

We would like to thank all who sponsored the Community Games last year, Maynooth Credit Union, St. Patrick's College, A.I.B., Ulster Bank, Derrinstown Stud, Irish Permanent Building Society and the Golf Shop. We would like to thank the GAA Club, the Soccer Club, the Schools and the Swimming Club for their help with the Swimming Competition last year and to the Pitch & Putt Club and the Community Council Office for their help during the year.

This years competitions have started. The Chess Team played Straffan but were in hard luck. The local heat of the project was held in the Boys School on the 9th March and 5 teams are through to the County Finals on the 22nd March in Nurney. We would like to thank all who took part in the project and all the projects will be on display in the library from the 26th March for a few weeks.

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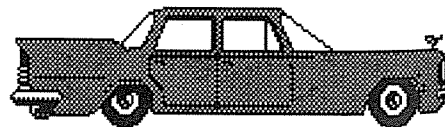
The Art and Modelling was held in the Boys' School on the 26th March at 3 p.m. County Finals of the Art will be held in Confeiy on the 19th and 20th April.

Basketball B - 26th and 27th April
Volleyball - 24th May
Gymnastics - Watch out for Local Date
Swimming - Watch out for Local Date
Athletics - 11th May at 2pm in the GAA field Maynooth

We would like to thank all who helped with the different events last year, and a special Thank You to Matt O'Callaghan and the Pitch & Putt Team who came 4th at the National finals in Mosney last year.

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MAYNOOTH GUILD ICA MARCH MEETING

The meeting was held as usual in the ICA Hall with Marian Souhan presiding. Sympathy was extended to members recently bereaved.

Activities continue

Weekly crafts in the hall at 8 o'clock on Mondays presided over by our very enthusiastic crafts promoter J. O'Connell. Twice weekly Badminton is in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30am.

Speaker

Our guest speaker was Ruth Allen who is a hypnotherapist and resident in Maynooth.

Competitions

Winner of the guild competition, "A St. Patrick's Day Badge" was J. O'Connell, 2nd Rosemary Hanley, 3rd Mary O'Gorman. April competition is a decorated egg.

Federation Meeting

The next Federation meeting is in Newtown. A fairly large group of our members will attend.

The next meeting is on April 3rd at 8 o'clock in the hall.

Our International Officer is planning an Irish night and members look forward to some ceoil, craic and the cupla focal. Prospective new members may contact the committee or just drop into the hall on the 1st Thursday of each month.

R. Hanley
(Secretary)

MAYNOOTH MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The Mother and Toddler Group continues to meet every Wednesday morning at 10.15 am in the MADE Centre, beside the Post Primary Tennis Courts on the Moyglare Road. There is a charge of £1.00 every morning to cover refreshments and costs.

Last Wednesday we had a very informative and interesting talk from Linda Southgate of The Healthy Way in Leixlip. Many Thanks Linda!

The group will be finishing for Easter on Wednesday the 26th of March. We will re-open on Wednesday the 9th of April.

Happy Easter to all. Mums, Dads, babies and toddlers all welcome.

For further information contact Imelda at 6286783.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

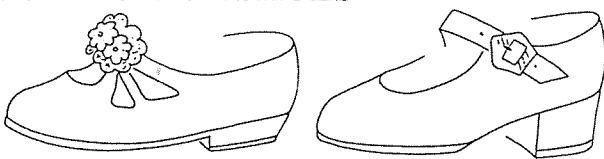
A very big thank you to all the boys and girls who took part in the St. Patrick's day parade. Congratulations to all our winners of the Fancy Dress Competition and many thanks to Bartons for sponsoring the prizes. A special thank you to Lavins for supplying the refreshments.

All fees for this term are now overdue with the new term starting on the 26th April. Details for the Galas, Community Games and family swim will be hand delivered to all members by the committee. I hope everybody has a very happy Easter.

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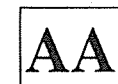
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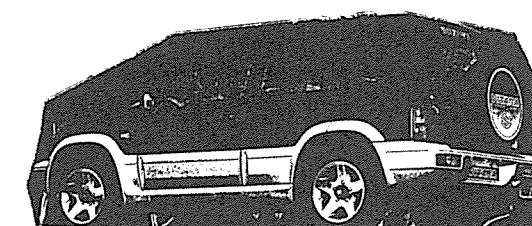
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

I begin my report this month with an apology. At our Valentine Party held last month, I gave the results of the competition "Best Valentine Card" and "Best Valentine Verse" but I omitted the most important part of all, and that was the judges. I would now like to thank most sincerely Ailis O'Malley and Claire Higgins who did an excellent job and hope they will accept my apology.

Our Annual Fundraising collection took place from the 6th to 9th March at usual venues. We thank the Management of Quinnsorth Shopping Centre and the Licensed Premises who allowed us to collect, to all the customers of these premises who so generously subscribed, and for all other donations so gratefully received. To all of you many thanks for your support. The total figure at time of writing is £1,511.11.

On Sunday 9th March the St. Vincent de Paul Group within the College invited our Senior Citizens to an afternoon party at the College. Members from Celbridge were also invited. After Mass in St. Mary's we had a lovely tea served by the students. We were then brought to visit the museum, a wonderful archive of mementos and heirlooms of many years. We were then entertained to some beautiful music and even better singing by these talented young people. This ended a very pleasant afternoon.

To those who organised the event, and all who helped on the day, may we once again thank you very much.

The next date for the diary is 6th April. This will be an Easter party in the Post Primary School. As is customary we begin with Mass at 3.30 p.m.

Highlight of the party will be the Easter Bonnet Competition. We expect to see sensational creations to dazzle the judges. So ladies get to work straight away.

Betty Farrell

MAYOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

This year the Spring Show will be on Saturday, April 19th. Venue is the usual, Loftus Hall in St. Patricks College. Theme for the show is "The Shopping Mall".

Class 1: 'The Flower Shop'.
An exhibit in a basket. Space 24". Confined to those who have not won a 1st prize at any flower show.

Class 2: 'The Cafe'.
An exhibit to include a Teapot. Space 18". Confined to those who have not won 3 1st prizes at any Flower Show.

Class 3: 'The Sports Shop'.
A modern exhibit. Space 18".

Class 4: 'The Garden Centre'.
To be viewed all round. Space 30".

Class 5: 'The Boutique'.
An exhibit. Space 30".

Class 6: 'The Newsagent'.
A miniature exhibit. Not more than 4" overall.

Class 7: 'The Antique Shop'.
A petite exhibit - between 4" and 9" in height, width and depth. Entries taken on morning of show. Entry fee 50p per entry. Staging 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Judge this year- Mrs. Eve Kennedy. And for those with green fingers there is a plant section in the show.

Class 8: One Stem of flowering Shrub.

Class 9: One daffodil or Narcissus.

Class 10: Three daffodils or Narcissus, same or mixed

Class 11: Collection of cut flowers from garden, excluding daffodils, narcissi and shrubs.

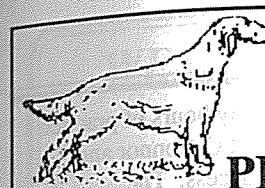
Class 12: Three tulips, same or mixed.

Class 13: A collection of herbs in jam-jar.

All entries in Classes 8 to 13 must have been grown by the exhibitor. It is not a requirement to be a member of Club to be an exhibitor - Show - All will be most welcome.

Show open to public on afternoon from 3.30 pm - to 5.30 pm. Remember, Saturday April 19th
Any enquiries to Sarah Angel, Newtown, Prospect, Tel. 6287231.

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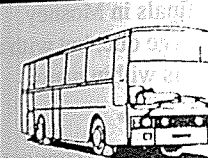
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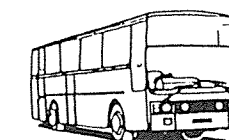
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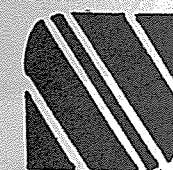


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BAND BULLETIN

March was a bit of a mixed bag this year with failure away but success at home.

Limerick Marching Band Competition

Sunday 16th March saw us once again hitting the high road to Limerick at the crack of dawn to join in competition with Bands from the USA, UK, NI and the ROI hoping to repeat our successes of previous years. Despite performing even better than last year we failed to carry off a prize but we did enjoy meeting some fine American Bands with up to 200 members and some really amazing sounds. Nevertheless our Limerick Motto is "enjoy the day, come what may" and we did just that at a wonderful location on the shores of Lough Derg in Nenagh on the journey home where we topped up empty tummies, oiled up dry throats and presented the Member of the Year Award to Jennifer Quigley for her fine all round work in 1996. Then home to Maynooth for an earlier than normal night in preparation for our Paddy's Marathon the following day.

17th March - Three-in-a-row

Monday 17th came too soon for many of the boys and girls in Blue but we had a tremendous turn out including members of our Junior classes, some of whom did a first class job as flag bearers and no doubt it won't be too long until they join the ranks of playing members of the Band. The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade holds a special significance for the Band, being the originators of the Parade and we made a special effort to turn on a first class display. Our preparations include marching practices on a number of Sundays before the big day and ensuring that only those members with one leg are excused from marching with the Band. We were delighted to win the Best Band Award this year and thank the Community Council for providing sufficient edibles to see us through our following trips to Kilcock and Enfield.

Parades 2 and 3

Yes, folks, Maynooth was just the start for us, while most other parades were adjourning to the various hostel and hostelrys in the town we were heading west for the Kilcock Parade at 1.30 and Enfield at 3 o'clock. Both Parades were excellent and different to Maynooth in their own way with donkeys appearing in Kilcock and part of a Hunt in Enfield. Thankfully this year the rain in the main stayed away for all three parades but by the time 3.45 on St. Patrick's Day came there were many weary legs, over blown lips and sloped shoulders. Music can be great for the soul and the ears but too much of playing it ain't too good for the body. Maybe next year we might take things a little easier.

All Ireland Competition

Saturday 5th April marks our second appearance in the National Band Championships in Dublin. Last year we took second place in our class and we are hoping for better things

this year. We have been putting in many hours of practice under our new assistant conductor Niall O'Connor and hopefully it will be rewarded with a success. The competition is indeed tough but we won't go down without a fight. Hopefully we may be reporting a victory in next Month's Bulletin.

That's about all the news for this month, see you in May.

MAYNOOTH GYMNASTICS CLUB

The County finals of the Community Games in Gymnastics will shortly be upon us. The gymnasts of M.G.C. have already commenced training for this exclusive competition and some of the gymnasts have their sights set on representing their county in the National finals in Mosney. The task of reaching a national final is a large one, but with a bit of effort and plenty of determination it is within many gymnasts reach.

The head coach of Maynooth gymnastics club is no stranger to the hard work that goes into producing National Champions in Mosney. Having trained the Cork gymnasts to win medals in Mosney every year for the last 10 years (mostly gold medals) the potential for doing the same for Maynooth is good.

If your child is interested in training for the community games for '97 or '98 then it is never too soon to start. Maybe your child has the potential to become a national champion. You will never know unless you give them the chance. We train every Monday from 2 pm to 3 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm, in St. Mary's Community Hall on the grounds of the boys school.

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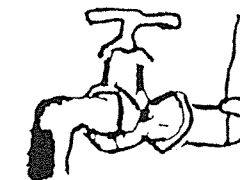
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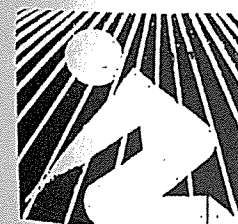


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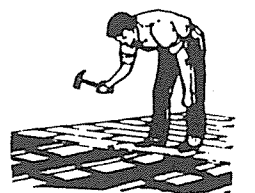
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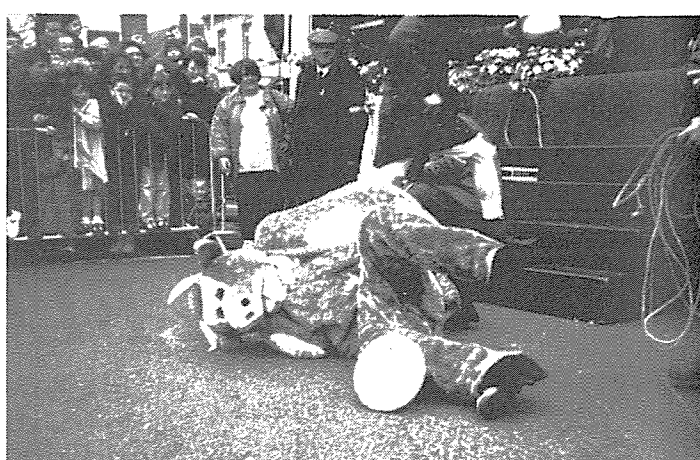
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Towns people enjoying the Parade



Tae Kwon-Do Club taking a bow at the reviewing stand

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8TH KILDARE SCOUT UNIT CUB SCOUTS

Cub scout meetings take place on Tuesday nights from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Scout Den. New members always welcome. We are now also enrolling girls, there are 8 places available for girls aged 8 - 10.

Congratulations to our quiz team who won the National Quiz in Tullamore on 22nd February and did the region proud. Those on the team were: Brian O'Rourke, Muiris Dunworth, Patrick Byrne, Cian Duffy, Conor O'Rourke and James Brady, many thanks to the parents who provided transport both to the national and regional competitions, and to Sean Donovan for his generosity.

As the weather improves, we hope to entertain a full programme of outdoor activities, the first being a regional cubs day which is being held in Lough Dan, Co. Wicklow.

Scouts: We are currently planning a week camp in conjunction with Confey Scout Unit. This will take place from Sat 28th June to Sat 5th July in Mount Mellery.

Scout meetings take place on Thursday nights from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Scout Den. There are currently places available for boys aged 11 - 15.



Quiz Champs: Brian O'Rourke, Muiris Dunworth, Patrick Byrne, Cian Duffy, Conor O'Rourke and James Brady

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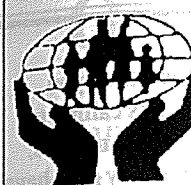
We would like to thank all the sponsors who provided us with spot prizes for our fundraiser in February which was held in the GAA club. Many thanks to them for the use of their facilities.

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45. Donovan's Post Office
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47. Just Gifts
48. Regan's
49. Cardinal Press
50. Hair Craft by Dorothy

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Mullen, our new headmaster to the school, and to wish him well in his new post.

Claire O'Rourke Pro

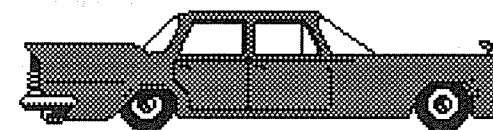


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PLANNING ALLIANCE

On February 17th, Kildare County Councillors finally concluded their debate on the new County Development Plan. After the necessary wording changes have been completed, this will go on public display. To guide their deliberations, councillors had before them a Draft Plan prepared by their own Planning Department. This incorporated the results of an independent consultant's report on strategic approaches towards accommodating the anticipated growth in population of the county of 13-20,000 people over the next ten years. This was an excellent and comprehensive document which urged relieving some of the growth pressures on the north eastern towns of Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip by redirecting growth to those parts of the county where development is more urgently needed. This Report embodied the characteristics requested by the Minister for the Environment when he froze the passage of further plans by the councillors last autumn.

Unfortunately, councillors opted to reject the key elements of the Draft Plan which advocated specific restrictions on further residential rezonings in Maynooth and Celbridge. Section 2.5 contained the following:

Neutered

"The substantial rezoning of lands in Maynooth and the additional zoning of lands in Celbridge would be contrary to the advancement of the aims of this policy."

In removing this clause, the strategic aspect of the plan was effectively neutered. Councillors have now opted to develop the north east, south, west and north west of the county as well as the centre! In such circumstances developers are able to target those areas which they want, not what may be best for the area concerned. Property developers will undoubtedly be pleased if this plan results in further excessive residential rezonings in the

north-eastern towns of Maynooth, Kilcock, Clane, Leixlip and Celbridge. By no stretch of the imagination can councillors therefore be seen to be following the kind of strategic approach requested by the Minister and it remains to be seen how he will react when the Proposed County Development Plan is presented to him. Essentially, Maynooth may be back where it started last spring - at the mercy of councillors who want to almost treble its population over the next five years.

Further Developments

The Population of County Kildare is 134,000. Lands already zoned residential will provide for a further 80-90,000 people, enough for the projected increase in population of the county for the next half century. One

"One cannot help wondering why our local politicians want to provide for excessive amounts of further residential developments."

cannot help wondering why our local politicians want to provide for excessive amounts of further residential developments. As the election approaches you might wish to ask them some basic questions. Why for example do they want to provide lands to facilitate the doubling of Maynooth's present population? Why do they want to double the number of cars in Maynooth? Why do they want to double the number of school children in schools already at bursting point? Why do they want to double the amount of vehicular pollutants in the air throughout Maynooth? Why do they want to rezone large areas of passive amenity and open space around the town? Why do they want to rezone the environs of the historic Carton Avenue? Why do they want to plan for an extra 12,000 people in Maynooth alone when the anticipated increase in population for the entire county is projected to be 11,400 over the next five years? Are your local politicians carrying out your agenda? Maynooth Planning Alliance think not.

Canvassers

These are the questions which you must ask of the canvassers calling to your door over the next few months. Of course local TDs will say they have no control over their party's councillors. If you believe this, are such TDs really the sort of people you should cast your vote for? Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will no doubt see the usual promises of a footpath here, a street light there. But these are mere sops. What is really happening is a concerted attempt to change irrevocably the face of Maynooth, and also North Kildare by some of your local politicians. Do not be fooled by their blandishments.

Maynooth Planning Alliance has continued its attempts to highlight the problems alluded to above by participating in the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning. As part of this larger grouping considerable success has been achieved over the past few months.

The Clane Development Plan has been declared illegal in the High court. The Kill Plan is currently also undergoing judicial review on the same grounds. The Leixlip Plan is subject to appeal to An Bord Pleanála on the grounds that it too was passed illegally by Kildare County Councillors. The Blessington Plan has been sent to the High Court also following advice given to our colleagues there.

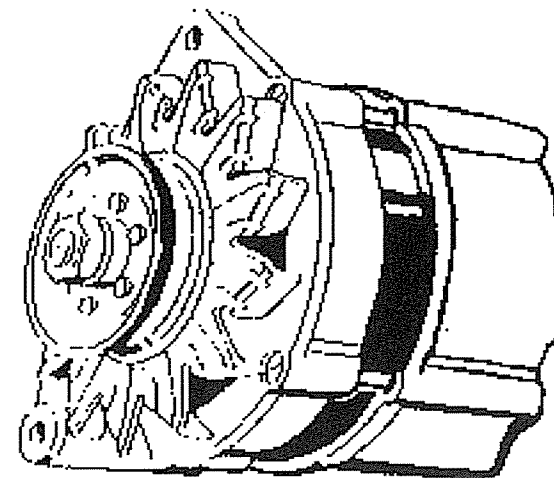
A flood of contacts from elsewhere in the country shows that the problems of North Kildare are not unique. Last month they were presented by the Alliance to the National Economic and Social Council in a special briefing at Dublin Castle. But ultimately it is your unshaking support which is essential and which has provided the impetus for those working to secure a better Maynooth. People power is on the move throughout Ireland and Maynooth Planning Alliance will continue its efforts to articulate the wishes of the overwhelming majority of residents of Maynooth wherever the opportunity arises.

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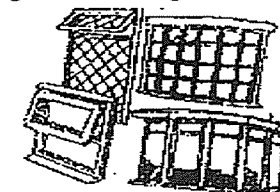
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Mark Wins Gold in Europe

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Mark Sedgwick, Chairman of Celbridge Camera Club, winner of a number of gold, silver and bronze medals at national level and holder of AIPF and AFIAP distinctions became the **FIRST Irish photographer ever to win an FIAP Gold Medal.** FIAP The Federation Internationale d'Art Photographique is the world amateur photography representative body which promotes the art of photography.

The Irish Photographic Federation (IPF) were requested through FIAP to provide a photographer of high international calibre to compete in an EU sponsored Photographic Competition/Exhibition organised by Foto Amateur Klub Lumen in a town called Goirle in Holland. One photographer only represented each of the 16 European Union Countries. The IPF selected Mark to represent Ireland on the basis of the standard of his work and that of Celbridge Camera Club over the past year. The format for the European Union Photographic Exhibition required competitors to submit 6 images in either colour print or monochrome. Gold, silver and bronze medals being awarded for the best individual image of the competition. Renowned international judges **voted one of Mark's images to be the best individual image of the Salon.** They also voted Mark's Panel of 6 images to be the panel winner.

Mark beat a field of highly accomplished international photographers with his image titled "Blue Boy". Visitors to Celbridge Camera Club's Annual Exhibition will have seen this image and the same image has won gold for Mark in the IPF National League Club Finals held last May.

Sean Casey FIPE, AFIAP - President of the Irish Photographic Federation - informed Mark of the news over the weekend, and said that Mark and Celbridge Camera Club has put Ireland on the international photographic map for years to come. It is a superb achievement for Ireland & Celbridge.

Mark will travel to Holland in April to attend the prize-giving ceremony and to collect his Gold Medal.

National Print and Slide Individual Finals

At national level the Irish Photographic Federation Print and Slide Finals were held in Dublin at the end of January. Over 250 photographers from all over the country participated and Celbridge again took medals. Many of the winning prints and those selected in the top 10 in the country will go on to represent Ireland in international competitions over the coming year.

Those on the winners list were:

- Peter McCormack who won a Bronze Medal in Colour Slide and has a further colour slide selected in the top 10 in Ireland.
- Mark Sedgwick also won a Bronze Medal in Colour Print and had a further print selected in the top 10 in Ireland.

- Liam O'Reilly had a Black & White print selected in the top 10 in Ireland as did Colm Kavanagh with a Colour Slide.

Over the years the Club has amassed a clutch of awards beyond what might be expected of a Club this size with gold and silver and medals being awarded in previous years.

New Members:

As always CCC are looking for new members and with a hectic schedule of events lined up till the end of June now is the right time to join up. Phone us now on 6288904 or 6273476 for further details.

Contact: Michael G. Davitt LIPF: Phone 6045690, or 6288904. Celbridge Camera Club was formed in 1985 and has a membership of approx. 60 people. The Club caters for all types of photographers. The Club meets each Monday from September to July and has been among the top 3 Clubs in Ireland for the past number of years.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH BRANCH

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We are pleased to announce that the Steam Train will be running on Sunday the 25th of May from Maynooth to Enfield return in the morning and afternoon.

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Tickets can also be ordered from the Royal Canal office The Mall, Main Street, Maynooth, Tel: 6290980.

Both trips were fully booked last year so it is advisable to purchase your tickets in advance as this trip attracts people from West Dublin, South Meath and North Kildare.

Times of departures and cost of tickets will be available in the next issue of the Newsletter.

MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB TIMETABLE FOR 1997

April:

Sports day for juveniles in GAA field on Sat 5th April
All welcome to come along and try out a few events.

Coaching every Wednesday at GAA Club 7.30 p.m.

May:

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Residents Association

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association takes place on Wednesday the 5th of March. We sympathise with those who have been bereaved and welcome new residents to the estate. A disappointing attendance heard Chairman Mattie Callaghan report on the year's work of the committee.

- New hedging was bought and planted by the committee.
- Replacement posts were bought for Laurence Avenue fences.
- On-going discussions were held with K.C.C. and S.I.A.C. Engineers re the state, in which Straffan Road walls, paths, greenery and shrubbery were left.
- Bórd Gáis still have some work to complete.
- Telecom Eireann are undertaking survey to ascertain whether additional kiosks are needed at Shopping Centre.

OLD GREENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

Sad Note

We begin this month's notes on a sad note as we remember Tom Nolan who passed away. Fr. Supple called him a unique person and indeed he was. He was one of the "characters" of Maynooth who added colour and a little bit extra to the humdrum of daily life. He is remembered very fondly in Old Greenfield where his pleasant manner will be sadly missed. Tom was one of many people, who had time 'to stand and stare' and ask why? While the rest of us were too busy catching up with the rat race. Sad to say many of these people who marched to a different beat are no longer with us. We are the poorer for it as a community, as the Maynooth landscape becomes peopled with bland, gray, uncommitted people. To his brother, sister and many nephews and nieces we extend our sincere sympathies.

Spring

Spring seems to have sprung a bit earlier this year. By the time you this read our grass cutting team should be in place and the greens looking spick and span as usual. The hedges hopefully will be trimmed. The weeds should be zapped and subscriptions collected. They stand at £5 this year again. The application for our County Council grant of £500 has been made. The litter problem should be tackled as we hope to have a general clean-up over Easter. We hope to organise a few more beds and shrubs.

Name Plates

A full Council meeting in February passed our new names. So they are now official. Just to remind you, they are:

- (1) Greenfield Lane becomes-Greenfield Avenue
- (2) Phase 1 becomes Willow Crescent
- (3) Phase 2 becomes Greenview
- (4) Phase 3 becomes Hazelmere

So for example 1205 Greenfield will be 1205 Hazelmere, Old Greenfield. Name Plates should be in place in the next month or two. No longer will we have to put up with the terrible Phases 1, 2, or 3 to locate people in Old Greenfield.

Litter bins should also be in place over the next month or two. This should help the litter problem. Unauthorised dumping has stopped and hopefully this will not re-occur.

Next Meeting

The residents meetings are held every month in the Boys National School Moyglare Rd. They are held on the first Monday of the month except when the Monday is a bank holiday or holiday. It is then held on the second Monday. Our April meeting will be on Monday 7th April at 8.30 p.m. As many as possible are asked to attend and join in the decision making process concerning your estate. It is no point complaining afterwards, come and make your contribution. The hard working committee need all the help and advice they can get.

SILKEN VALE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE 1996 - 1997

Silken Vale Residents Association are pleased to report that the street lighting within the estate has finally been completed. In addition the committee met with the developers, North City Builders Ltd. on March 12th. A commitment has been received from them to complete the outstanding works to the cul-de-sacs and to progress the remaining works on the estate with immediate effect. Hopefully by the time of publication these commitments will have been met and will be evident to all. A more detailed report will follow in the next issue. The committee will continue to pursue North City Builders Ltd. to ensure continuing progress is maintained.

Following the success of the 'January Jive' social night a further social night is being planned for later in the year. We will keep you posted!

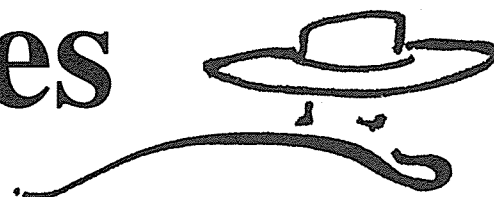
Collection of the £10 annual subscription for the Association is ongoing and we would hope to have all money collected by mid April. Your continuing support is welcomed.

We are hoping to organise a tidy up of the estate in the near future. Details will be advised in due course and we would encourage everyone to support us.

Quite a number of residents have expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of the cable television signal on the estate. Combined with other estates in Maynooth the results of a recent survey will be forwarded to Cable Management Ireland Ltd.

Damian Roche
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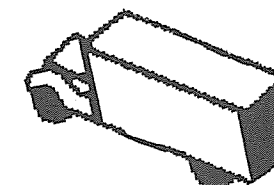
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INTEL MMX PENTIUMS

Just after Christmas this year Intel introduced a new version of its Pentium range of CPUs (Central processing unit) chips called MMX.

To understand what MMX means we need to delve a little into what a CPU is. Basically a CPU is like a computer programme permanently written into the silicon of which it's made. It comprises mostly of millions of instructions which other parts of a computer and software programmes can call on to get things done. A Pentium also has a small amount of memory (16kb) which is used as a temporary storage area while other things are happening.

With the MMX version of the Pentium Intel have enhancements.

- Firstly there are 57 new instructions, which are designed to speed up operations involving video, sound and graphics.
- Secondly the temporary storage memory (cache) has been doubled to 32KB.
- The third enhancement involves a process called "branch prediction". In simple terms this allows the chip to "guess" more efficiently about what it will have to do next.

That's what they have done! So what does it all mean to you?

To gauge the impact we need to look at 2 situations.

- The first situation involves using existing software that you might already own. The additional memory and enhanced branch production technology is immediately going to make the operation of the chip about 10% - 15% faster than an equivalent standard Pentium.
- The real difference will come with software which is specially written to take advantage of the MMX additions. There are a number of software packages already available and more promised in the near future. Differences in speed with these software packages could be up to 40% over standard Pentiums.

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Can I upgrade?

If you own a Pentium 75, 90, or 100 then you can add a Pentium MMX overdrive. If your PC is faster (and more recent), then you can probably change the CPU for a P166 MMX.

In the long-term we can expect Intel to stop producing non-MMX Pentiums but I would expect standard Pentiums to be available until at least the end of this year.

All MMX Pentiums are extremely scarce at this moment and you should expect some delay when ordering. As yet, the MMX overdrive chips are not available in this country.

A final note on P200 MMX chips. These chips have some very special requirements. They require a special motherboard and additional cooling fans. It is extremely unlikely that any Pentium systems currently on the market can be upgraded to a 200 MMX without significant changes to the PC.

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BREAK AWAY

Solving a Holiday Problem:

Short breaks and holidays are important for everyone - both adults and children and even more important when a child has a learning disability (mental handicap).

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Brid Leahy, Break Away Co-ordinator,
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Many thanks for all your help over the years.

Brid Leahy.

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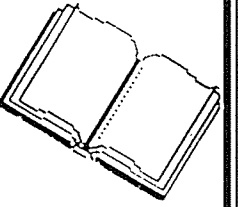
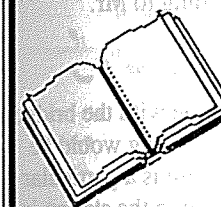
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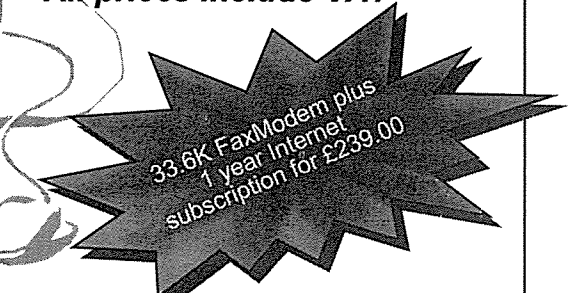
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Discussions on Straffan Road Plans

The following is an edited version of a report of the meeting between Proinnsias Breathnach, Chairman, Maynooth Community Council and Gerry O'Brien, Kildare Council Engineer, held on Monday 23 February.

Improvements await by-pass sanction

Mr. O'Brien stated that the Straffan Road Improvement Plan would not receive a high priority among the County Council engineering staff until the Minister for the Environment sanctioned the building of the Maynooth By-Pass later this year.

At that stage consultant engineers will be engaged to draw up the detailed plan for the Straffan Road, which will show a high level of detail, on large scale maps, showing exactly (in feet) how much land will be taken up by road-widening, and where.

Most traffic generated in Maynooth

A traffic survey was carried out in Maynooth in August 1986 (at the height of the harvest season). This showed that, at the corner of the Square, between Larine House and the Manor Court apartments, a total of 8,650 vehicles per day passed through in either direction. At Ryan and Tyrrell's garage, the flow was 6,000 vehicles, while on the Celbridge Road (just beyond the junction with the Straffan Road), the flow was 2,000 vehicles. This means that a daily flow of 650 vehicles was generated by Rail Park and Old Greenfield (the difference between the flow at the Square and that at the latter two points).

Further out, at Noone's garage (beyond Carton Court), the recorded flow was 1,900 vehicles per day. This means that Greenfield Estate (including the Greenfield Shopping Centre,) Carton Court and Kingsbry generated a traffic flow of 4,100 vehicles (the difference between Ryan and Tyrrell's and Noone's garages). In other words, the housing estates along the Straffan Road generate over half the traffic flow on the Straffan Road as measured at the Square, and two thirds of the flow as measured at Ryan & Tyrrell's

Only 340 vehicles per day go between the Straffan Road and the Dunboyne Road (170 in each direction). Of this, 23% consists of heavy traffic (i.e. 40 vehicles in either direction).

It is estimated that there will be a flow of 2,500 vehicles per day getting on and off the by-pass at the Straffan Road interchange. Of this it is projected that 1,600 (two thirds) will be generated by the housing estates on the Straffan Road alone. In other words, the interchange will mainly serve these estates, and will be of great convenience to them, according to Mr. O'Brien.

Local Relief Roads

As regards traffic coming from the Newtown area, Mr. O'Brien confirmed the intention of closing off the end of Greenfield Lane to prevent this route being used. The by-pass is expected to be opened before 1992. By then, land beyond Kingsbry is expected to be developed, and the relief road linking Newtown and the Straffan Road to be completed. He did not envisage the other relief road, linking the interchange with Blacklion, being developed for some considerable time. On the basis of his opinion that traffic from the Dunboyne direction is not a problem now, nor is it likely to be, he did not see the latter relief road as a priority.

The part of the Harbour Field to be taken for road widening is overgrown and unused at the moment, stated Mr. O'Brien. However, it was pointed out to him that the Community Council has plans for developing and landscaping the field. The handball alley would be moved back, and would be left in a better condition than it is now, according to Mr. O'Brien.

It was difficult to know what would be done with the bridge, thought Mr. O'Brien, but he said that everything would be done to preserve its present character. There is a particular problem due to the fact that the access road to the station is located in the middle of the bridge. Proinnsias Breathnach suggested that pedestrian lights should be installed at this point. This would slow down traffic on the main road, would give station traffic a chance to get out, would give Rail Park residents a chance to cross the road, and would give pedestrians coming from Old Greenfield area a chance to cross the road also.

Mr. O'Brien said that he would consider the idea of using a "Yield" sign to allow traffic to filter left from the Celbridge Road to the Straffan Road.

In conclusion Mr. O'Brien insisted that no proposals would be steam-rolled through without prior local consultation.

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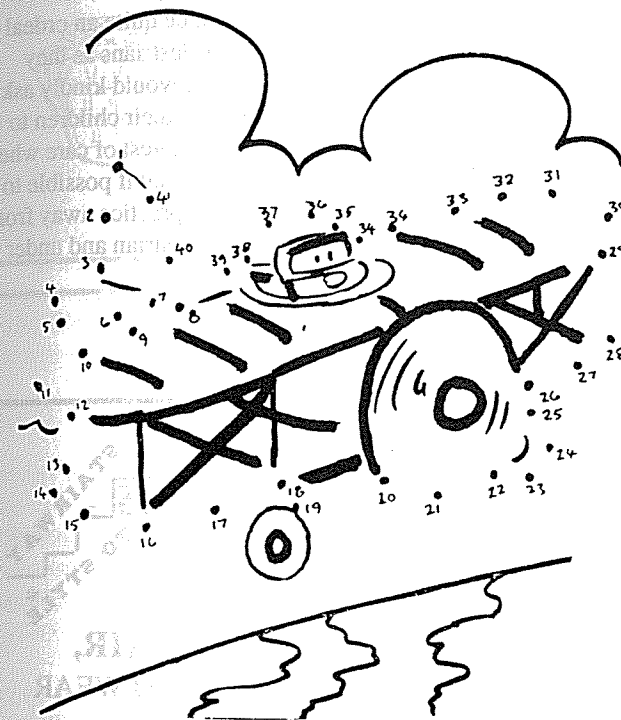
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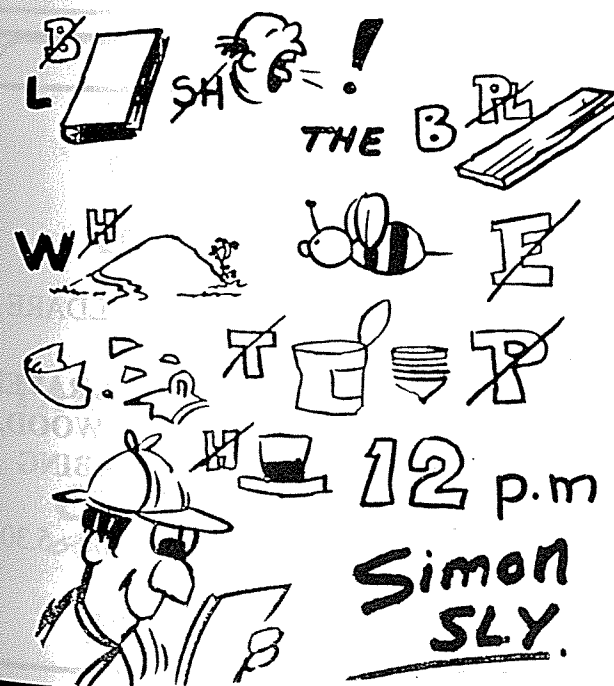
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GARDA TALK

Road Awareness:

(1) It has come to the notice of the Gardai at Maynooth that a number of drivers are engaging in inconsiderate road behaviour about the town. Many pedestrians are as concerned as we are for their own safety, and especially the safety of our next generation, i.e. young children. As you are all well aware there are numerous lanes and sideroads off Maynooth Main Street and many drivers avail of these. The problems arise when some drivers are exiting

these side-lanes. One must remember that before reaching the roadway, one has to drive across a rather wide footpath, and should stop to check for pedestrians before doing same. Also the Gardai would like to again appeal to motorists to avail of the off street parking provided and abide by the yellow lines as this will greatly lubricate traffic movement.

(2) Another issue the Gardai at Maynooth would like to draw to the attention of parents and indeed users, is the popularity of roller-blades. Some youths, and especially those using the blades

are totally oblivious to danger, while using same. There have been many reports of youths holding on to taxis, mini-buses and lorries, to obtain a pull along. This practice is extremely dangerous and can lead to the most serious of injuries. Also groups of youths roller-blading together on footpaths can be quite an ordeal for elderly pedestrians as they whizz by. We would kindly ask parents to urge their children to exercise the greatest of care when roller-blading, and if possible to exercise same practice away from traffic and pedestrian and under supervision.

CHAMBER CHOIR

The Maynooth Chamber Choir will hold their Annual Concert in the College Chapel, on Sunday April 20th at 8 p.m.

They will be performing works by Palestrina, Stanford and contemporary Irish composer Martin O'Leary.

They will also perform Dvorak's Mass in D.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for students and O.A.P's. There will also be a limited number of tickets available at the door on the evening.

For further information contact: Music Department at the College.

HELPFUL HINTS AROUND THE HOUSE

- (1) Ease a sticking drawer by rubbing it with candle wax.
- (2) If you polish and oil the underside of table tops now and then it will prevent warping.
- (3) Clean stained decanters with a mixture of 1 tablespoon common salt to 150 ml (1/4 pint) vinegar. Leave to stand for some time before rinsing.
- (4) A quick way of neutralising an unpleasant smell is to strike a match and immediately blow it out.
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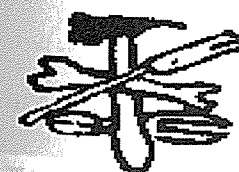
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"P.A.W.S." FOR THOUGHT.

P.A.W.S., Peoples Animal Welfare Society is a new registered charity set up to help prevent abuse and cruelty to animals.

The society was founded by Deirdre and Gina Hetherington. Gina who used to work with the Kildare Animal Foundation on fundraising is no newcomer to this scene. Her experience in fundraising is of great use to the society. Due to the fact that P.A.W.S. is a voluntary association, fundraising activities are very important. The society aims to set up a shelter and a cattery but needs funds to do so. A Midsummer's draw is being held to help raise the necessary funds. First place will be a top of the range camcorder and second place will be a pamper day in the luxurious health farm in Powerscourt Springs in Wicklow and the third place will be a substantial hamper.

P.A.W.S aim is to rescue, re-home, re-socialise and where necessary provide veterinary care for these animals. Initially the aim was to help raise funds for these animals but as they encountered needy animals the need arose for the members to care for the animals themselves.

The members of P.A.W.S pay for veterinary care and food for the animals out of their own pocket. P.A.W.S is at present looking for a sponsor for collection buckets, on which the sponsors name will be printed in recognition of their help. The organisation deals mainly with cats and dogs but it has been known to come to the aid of the odd donkey as it works in conjunction with the donkey sanctuary. Every animal that P.A.W.S. deals with is spayed/neutered and vaccinated before being sent to their new home. Every new home found for these animals is carefully checked to ensure it will suit the animal's particular needs. The Society's work is continuous and demanding and in recognition of the work its members do we would like to say well done and keep up the good work to :



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Gina Netherington with Lisa, Maddie, Cassie and Clint

Mrs. Deirdre Hetherington and her daughter Gina from Sallins.

Ms. Tina O'Reilly of Tinas Pets, Naas.

Ms. Sonia Power-Smith of Johnstown, Naas.

Mrs. Monica Farrell of Daars, Sallins.

Ms. Marguerite Devine of Mill Lane, Leixlip.

The society would be very grateful for donations of tinned dog/cat food, plastic dog beds, pet carriers, newspapers, dettol, black bags, sheets, food dishes and of course money for veterinary services.

Here are a few of the P.A.W.S. success stories to date: Firstly we'll tell you about 3 shelties, Clint, Maddie and Cassie who have been reunited after 8 years. Gina owns Clint an 8 year old sheltie, she has owned him for 4 years now. Clint came to Gina after a lady from Dublin could no longer care for him, and since then they have become firm friends. Soon after the setting up of P.A.W.S a lady in Sallins gave two more shelties to the society and once Gina looked at their papers she noticed that the two new shelties were sisters to Clint. Maddie and Cassie were the two new shelties and Maddie was actually Clints' twin. Their reunion however will be short lived as Maddie and Cassie have to head to their new home in Killarney.

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CLINT'S SLIMMING COMPETITION

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MEETING HELD TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT POTENTIAL LANDFILL SITE CLOSE TO MAYNOOTH

The possibility of an application to Meath County Council for permission to develop a recycling facility and landfill site close to Maynooth was outlined at a public meeting held at the Glenroyal Hotel.

The meeting was told that the 250 acre site which is north of Maynooth and close to the Moyglare area, could include 100 acres for recycling of waste and 30 acres could be used for landfill.

The North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Protection Group who are opposed to such a development were formed following a public meeting held in February and have three sub-committees dealing with technical issues, publicity and finance.

In any proposal of this nature the issues that concern people include the following:

- Proximity of the water table.
- Fear of leachate reaching the water table.
- Presence of a large number of vermin.
- Increase in the number of sea birds.
- Fire hazard due to spontaneous combustion.
- Spillage of rubbish on approach roads.
- Noise pollution.
- Air pollution and smell.
- Increased traffic.
- Impact on value of property in the area.
- Visual amenity.

In the case of any such development close to Maynooth additional concerns expressed include:

- Danger to stud farms and the bloodstock industry.
- Possibility of a significant increase in heavy traffic approaching from the M4 Motorway and travelling through the town and the Moyglare area.
- Impact on the tourism potential of the historically important university town.

The issue of waste disposal is a very contentious one particularly in counties close to the Dublin region. In Kildare the landfill site proposal for Kill is still being challenged in the courts seven years later. The Kill site which is owned by the combined Dublin councils is 120 acres. The anticipated traffic flow to it is a lorry every three minutes.

An application for a recycling and landfill development is in the first instance made to the local County Council.

- The proposal is considered by the county Manager.

- Depending on the decision taken an appeal can be made to An Bord Pleanála.
- Any further action can be taken in the Irish Courts.
- The development would require a licence for the Environmental Protection Agency, which can be appealed.

Politicians for both Meath and Kildare who spoke at the meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel pointed out that neither Councillors or T.D.s have any power in deciding this matter. The only power Councillors have is to instruct the county manager under a section 3, which advises him that he should not give permission.

Comments from the public included concern regarding the monitoring of this type of development, particularly in the longterm. Politicians came in for some criticism as the lack of a national waste disposal policy means that the issue of waste disposal will continue to be a contentious one.

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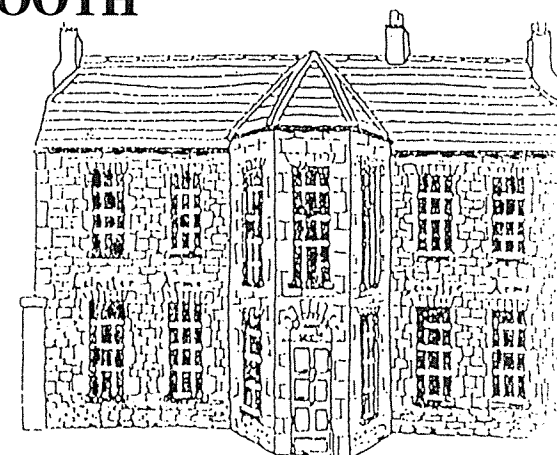
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Pure sorrows lonely dove
Swoops down my penstrokes curve,
The dark hat and coat you wore
Encased so happy, so bright a core;
Your love for every child and native
Your kindly words were celebrative.

A pillar of archaic decency
You absorbed life's pageant in a witty way.

Every joy from life you wrung,
An architect of happy banter sprung.
You who have done no wrong
Can teach the angels a new song.

Your seat in Brady's was a throne of regalmint;
A legend of the fabled corner, we lament.
Your easy wit and repartee commanding
Of life formed wisdom and understanding.
But perhaps not everyone could access
The depths of your noble goodness.
The colours of your expansive mind,
With a gentle tranquillity were combined.
It was an honour to know
A man devoid of any Foe.
You held a world aloft which few could enter,
Your poetical, mesmeric, dream fermenter.

The sun spoke to you one day
Saying "Just shine and fade away"
You who lived by wit and will,
Always enjoyed your wholesome fill.
The Great Creator gave you every resort
And guided you home to his golden port.
You who stayed afloat despite so many thuds
Your great tide ne'er turned to suds.
The Bridge is now lamenting and silent
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The Brady Bunch (Willie Healy)

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MAYNOOTH PEACE RECONCILIATION & JUSTICE GROUP

Maynooth Peace, Reconciliation & Justice Group is hosting a meeting of interested people in Maynooth and surrounding areas to establish a local group to commemorate the Bi-Centenary of the 1798 events. This was a very positive period in Irish History when the Society of United Irishmen united Catholics, Protestants & Dissenters against British Rule in the country.

There is a wealth of local connections with the United Irishmen and the meeting will explore the possibility of examining ways and means of gathering this information together.

Meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th April at 8.15 p.m. in the Committee Room at Caulfields. Everybody welcome.

*Hilda Mooney
(Hon Sec)*

MAYNOOTH APRIL 1897

One hundred years ago in April 1897 The Irish National Teachers Organisation held its Annual Congress in Galway. It issued a journal to its members telling them about the sights to be seen on their journey to the West. This is what it said about Maynooth.

At Maynooth stands the far famed College of Saint Patrick at the entrance to which is to be seen to the right one of the old strongholds of the Geraldines still in a fair state of preservation. We remember the traitorous conduct of the captain who held the castle for his master in the ill starred rebellion of Silken Thomas and of the fitting retribution which followed his treason with startling rapidity. At the opposite end of the village is the entrance to Carton, the modern and princely residence of the noble Leinster family whose ancestors were of no mushroom growth when they spurred hard across the Downs of Hastings by the side of the Conqueror.

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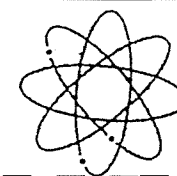
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ST. PATRICK'S Day Parade



Maynooth School of Speech & Drama stepping it out at Parade



Crowd scenes during the Parade



No Name Club enjoy their dance routines during the Parade

Photos by J. McCann

ST. PATRICK'S Day Parade



Members of St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band in action during the Parade



St. Patrick with Members of Maher School of Irish Dancing



Keable School of Dancing, Leixlip, stepping it out at Maynooth Parade

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VIDEO REVIEW

Emma (P.G.)

Jane Austen's immortal story brought to life on the big screen starring Gwyneth Paltrow in the title role. For those of you who don't know the work of Ms. Austen, she was the female equivalent of Charles Dickens, but without the satirical sidewipes at nineteenth century English society. The story revolves around Emma's misguided attempts at matchmaking, while being blind to her own desires (too busy minding everyone else's business). La Paltrow is excellent as the heroine and is supported by a very good cast; Ewan McGregor, Alan Cummings, Toni Collette and Juliet Stephenson. The direction by Doug McGrath is efficient and the entire production is faithful to the book. The trouble is it's all been done before, sometimes better sometimes worse.

Verdict: If you like that sort of thing.

Stealing Beauty (18's)

Director Bernardo Bertolucci should have called this one **Sleeping Beauty**. The stars of this misguided offering are Jeremy Irons (yawn), someone named Liv Tyler and the usually excellent Donal McCann. Tyler plays an adolescent New Yorker on the verge of womanhood during a 'vacation' in Italy (where else?). However she just doesn't manage to convince as a young girl who's about to experience love for the first time and the rest of the cast look as though they'd rather be somewhere else while she's doing it.

All of these characters are extremely shallow and what should have been a reasonable story has been sacrificed at the temple of lush aimless mushy tripe.

Verdict: For 'serious film' buffs and insomniacs only.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame (U)

This one will appeal to children of all ages between five and eighty five. It is Disney at his absolute best, certainly since The Little Mermaid. The classic story of Quasimodo and Esmerelda, written by Victor Hugo, is one of **unrequited** love and this animated version has all the usual brilliant Disney touches while still sticking reasonably well to the original tale. The soundtrack is as ever superb and the animation and photography is simply terrific.

Need I say more?

Verdict: Brilliant!

M'LADY KILDARE COMPETITION

Up to going to press we still do not have a Maynooth Contestant for our competition. The competition will be held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 11th April 9p.m. It promises to be a great nights entertainment. There will be competitors from Leixlip, Kilcock, Celbridge, Sallins, Rathangan, Newbridge etc. Tickets will be £3 and will be available from Maynooth Community Council Office. There will be a bar extension and late dancing till 2 a.m. Music will be by Mick McGarry. Last years competition was a great success so we are expecting an even better one this year.

Tir Na Nog

IRENE McCLOSKEY

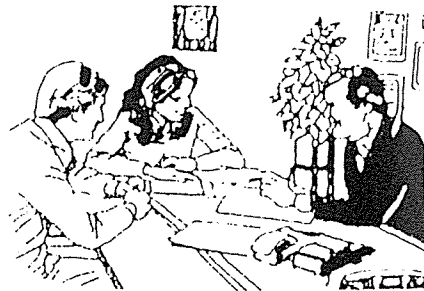
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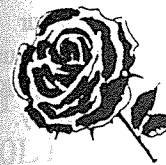
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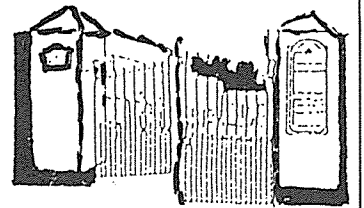
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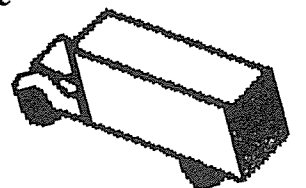
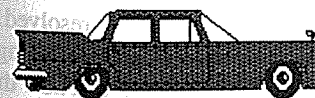
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PROFILE OF DOMINIC NYLAND

Dominic Nyland - Treasurer of Maynooth Community Council

Question: What is your star sign?
My star sign is Leo.

Question: What other interest or involvements have you apart from the Community Council?

In my spare time, which at the moment is very limited, I enjoy playing golf and badminton and am a member of Edenderry Golf Club, Maynooth Golf Society and Maynooth Badminton Club. I also happen to be involved on the committees of the last two, as well as being on the committee of Laraghbryan Cemetery Development Association. I also enjoy pub quizzes and the cinema.

Question: How long have you lived in Maynooth?

I have lived in Maynooth since 1970, when the family moved from Dungarvan Co. Waterford.

Question: When did you get involved with the Maynooth Community Council?

On St. Patrick's Day 1987, I was approached by the then Chairperson Proinnsias Breathnach to see if I was interested in joining the Council. I thought no more about it until one night in April 1987, he called to the house. It took some persuasion on his part to convince me and I have been there since.

Question: How do you see your role as Treasurer? What does your position entail?

As Treasurer of the Community Council, I see my role as being responsible for the proper handling of the finances but not for the actual raising of funds. Once a year to prepare a statement for audit and ensuring that these are available for the Annual General Meeting.

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My position entails overseeing the number of Bank accounts that the Council has and making sure that they work to our best advantage. I also have to make sure that there are of course, proper bills and receipts left verifying all of our transactions. Also, I have to report at our meetings of our financial situation and keep the members informed of any changes good or bad that may be happening financially.

As regards fundraising, I do not see my role as Treasurer as being responsible for fund raising. I see my role as identifying the need for funds thus giving the committee maximum notice of any necessity for extra funds. I would be responsible for all the monies collected to see that they are properly lodged and spent only as authorised.

Question: Are you a member of a political party and do you have any political ambitions beyond the Community Council?

The answer to this is very simple, no.

I am not a member of any political party contrary to what some people may believe and I do not harbour any ambitions beyond those of the Community Council.

Question: What in your opinion is the role of the Maynooth Community Council?

I see the role of the Community Council as being the official voice of the Maynooth area, with its aims being:-

- (1) promote the well being of the community
- (2) to secure facilities which are considered lacking
- (3) to provide or help to provide employment
- (4) to assist local associations in dealing with the statutory bodies.

Question: Do you find your involvement in the Community Council rewarding and if so in what way?

Yes, I do find it rewarding. I joined in 1987 and since then I have met some very interesting people and have become friends with some of them. I have seen changes in Maynooth since 1987 that the Community Council have been instrumental in achieving, and that in itself makes it somewhat rewarding. I enjoy the sense of being aware of what is going on and the different attitudes that people and groups have towards certain topics and ideas.

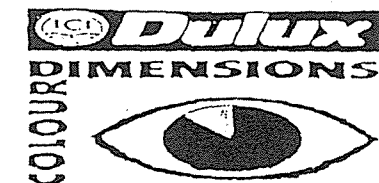
Question: What are your hopes for Maynooth in the future?

I would love to see the Harbour field developed as an amenity area for the people of Maynooth, also to see once and for all the Geraldine Hall ownership problem resolved. I am delighted to see work on Laraghbryan Cemetery having started and would urge the people of Maynooth that now that a new committee has been set up, to help them in any way possible to maintain and make Laraghbryan Cemetery a place that we can be proud of.

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TO PARK OR NOT TO PARK? THE BYE-LAWS IN MAYNOOTH.

The issue of Maynooth's Traffic Bye-Laws is proving as confusing as driving on Main Street at rush hour; few people seem to be indicating where they're going, and nothing is moving quickly enough. The intention of the law is simple enough; i.e. to free up Main Street and the surrounding areas to provide Maynooth with its own Operation Freeflow and one would imagine that motorists would largely be in favour of this. But then, who are the motorists who have been double parking, parking on the few double yellow lines we have, and parking two abreast or on the pavements, thereby making life extremely difficult for the elderly or those with prams or buggies? Are we to believe that once the byelaws have been passed, that these people will begin behaving responsibly and parking only where they are allowed to, or will it be necessary for the Gardaí to patrol the streets issuing parking tickets?

A "discretionary" approach by the Gardaí is one favoured by Declan Foley, outgoing President of Maynooth Chamber of Commerce. Speaking to the Newsletter at his office, Mr. Foley described the present state of the Main Street as "ridiculous", with badly parked cars "hindering normal trading facilities to the public". It appears then that every one is agreed that something has to be done, the problem lies in deciding exactly what laws are brought in, and how enforceable they will be. The Chamber of Commerce has mentioned a policy of short term parking (up to half an hour) but schemes like this would presumably have to be



accompanied by either parking meters or a system of disc parking.

There is also the problem of vans and trucks needing to load and unload, an occupation traditionally done on the pavement, on side roads and double parked on Main Street. The provision of loading bays would be the ideal answer here, but where the space for these bays is to be found is another matter, a solution for which is unlikely to be easily found.

The shops and businesses in Main Street have an obvious need for these deliveries, and the Newsagent in particular relies upon people being able to drop in just for one or two items, a shopping trip is easily dispensed with if it involves having to park 500 metres away.

Whoever enacts the finalised bye-laws has to take all these things into consideration, to make life in Maynooth no less profitable for the businesses here, but a little less stressful for the rest of us.

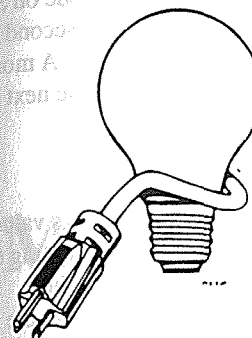
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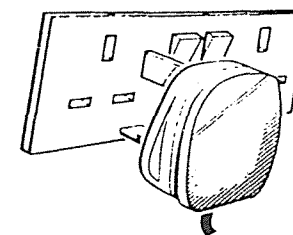


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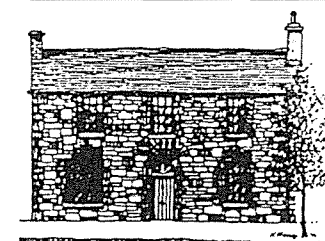


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SCOIL UI RIADA NEWS

Slogadh Update

Scoil Ui Riada will be well represented at the All-Ireland Finals of Slogadh in Carlow during Easter week. Following their success in the Dublin Region finals in February first and second classes will participate in the *cor* competition while third and fourth classes will compete in the *dramaiocht*. In addition to participating in these group competitions two children from fourth class - Tomás O Baille and Seán Mac Durcain - will participate in the finals of the *scealaíocht* and *elaíon* competitions respectively. The parents would like to thank teachers Maire Ni Riaghnaigh and Colm OhAnluain for their efforts in preparing the children thus far.

Continuing with matters musical the school's ceili band and Ceoltoiri Naomh Coca also took part in the Leinster Finals of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann's "Ceol an Gheimhridh" in Enniscorthy recently. The musicians who were among the youngest groups participating performed very well and hope to go one better next year. Tomás O'Baille, who also represents the school in Slogadh, won through to the All-Ireland Final in Thurles on March 23rd with his folklore piece "An t-lascaire Bocht on gCaladh"

Cairde Bowled Over

Cairde Scoil Ui Riada, the group of parents which fundraises on behalf of the school, was bowled over recently by the success of a bowling night held on the 25th February in Superdome, Palmerstown. Tickets were sold out by word of mouth within days of the event being arranged and in all over 100 parents and friends of the school participated. Thanks to John Fox who organised the event. It is hoped to have a similar social event soon which will provide an opportunity to participate for all of those disappointed to miss out first time round.

Hot on the heels of this success came a very successful Oíche Gaelach also organised by the Cairde Committee in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 14th March. Over 300 people attended and were entertained by teacher Tomás O'Riain and friends who maintained a hectic pace until the early hours. The evening offered something for everybody with set dancing, old time dancing, and even a story or two. Thanks to the Cairde Committee who put such a massive effort into organising the event, the musicians, local businesses who donated spot prizes and especially all of you who attended and helped to make the night a social, cultural and financial success.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The festivities continued over the weekend with the Scoil Ui Riada float participating in the parades in both Maynooth and Kilcock demonstrating clearly the prominent role which the school plays in both communities. Thanks to the parents and children who participated in both parades and to the volunteers who gave of their time to prepare the float.

Some parents were doubly busy at the weekend as Scoil Ui Riada hosted the children of Fillmore High School from

California who had come to Ireland to march in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade. The band and colour party treated over 300 people to a dazzling display in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 16th March before participating in the parade on St. Patrick's Day. The band left for England for the second and final leg of their tour on Tuesday the 18th March. A more complete report of their visit will be featured in the next edition.

Kilcock Library Presentation

Children from Scoil Ui Riada presented Irish books valued at £160 to Kilcock Library on the 12th March. Presenting the books Priomh Oide Seamus O'Muirthe said that the presentation was intended to give something back to the community which had staunchly supported Scoil Ui Riada in the ten years since it was founded. He also said that the provision of these books to the library would enable the school to go on playing a pivotal role in the community.

The books were received on behalf of the Library by Pat Lonergan, Senior Library Assistant and Bernadette Gilligan, Branch Librarian, Kilcock. This presentation followed a similar presentation to Maynooth Library in January.

A word of thanks

Scoil Ui Riada would like to thank the students union in Cork Regional Technical College who recently donated £100 to the school in recognition of the efforts being made to foster the Irish language.

Happy Easter

The Board of Management and parents committees would like to wish all parents and supporters of Scoil Ui Riada a Happy Easter.

Further information: Gerry Egan 6615666 (W) 088 591409 (mobile) 6286206 (home).

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Elsewhere in this issue you will find details of our open night for Tidy Towns. The Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth will be just one of the many venues across Kildare for the launch of the 1997 National Tidy Towns Competition. Please come along and hear of the work of Tidy Towns Committee and other Committees involved with improving the environment of Maynooth and see how you can help. Tuesday the 15th of April Glenroyal Hotel 8 o'clock.

Our Thanks to Gerard Mulcahy master

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

butcher Greenfield Shopping Centre for his sponsorship of the Maynooth Tidy Towns float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mattie and Elizabeth Callaghan decorated Gerard's new van to their usual high standards. Their work is very much appreciated.

Finally our present Fás / Community Employment Scheme has come to the end of its two year work schedule. Our Thanks to Martin Sherry and ladies and gentlemen of the Project for all the

hard work. Their last piece of work is a new stone seat opposite Quinnsworth.

A new Project has been sanctioned but certain difficulties have to be sorted out. We will keep you advised.

Please don't forget our open night on Tidy Towns on the 15th of April.

P.S. Sunday mornings clean up continues. Meet at I.C.A. Hall 9 o'clock.

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

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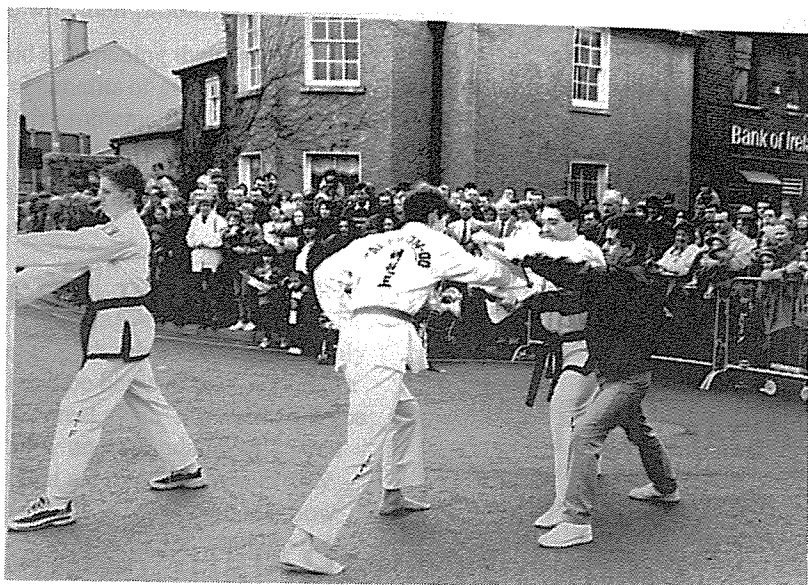
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GAELSCOIL UI FHIAICH

Official State Recognition/Aitheantas Oifigiúil

On Sunday 16th there was a large attendance at the ceilí and old time dance organised to celebrate the granting of recognition by the Department of Education. The Uachtarán of Gaelscoileanna Vivian Uibh Eachach formally announced the recognition and congratulated the coiste and parents on this achievement. Minister of State Emmet Stagg T.D. spoke of the hard work and determination of the Maynooth parents. Minister of State Bernard Durkan T.D. was also wholesome in his praise of the people of Maynooth wishing to have their own Gaelscoil, he wished Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich every success in the future. Bí oíche go maidin ag mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad.

Caint an Cathaoirleach/Chairperson's Address

The coiste were formally informed by the Department of Education on the 5 Márta that Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich is now an officially recognised school by the Department of Education. This recognition is very welcome as it now means that the school will be fully supported by the resources of the state. The granting of State recognition is also a great confirmation of the standard of excellence in the scoil as achieved by the coiste, múinteoir, daltái and tuismitheoirí. It is also a vindication of the need for the scoil and its continuing guaranteed success in the future. An audible sigh of relief can be heard from the coiste cairde. This committee managed to generate a new fundraising venture every month which kept the school.

We wish to say 'go raibh maith agat' to Education Minister, Niamh Bhreathnach for granting recognition. We wish also to thank the officials of the Department of Education who were most courteous and helpful in their deliberations with the coiste. Tá ard mholadh ag gabháil chuig GAELSCOILEANNA a d'obair go dian dicheallach ar ár shon. Fuaireamar an tachaíocht go deo ó Chonradh na Gaeilge, a thug spreagadh, misneach agus cúnamh praictiúil dúinn.

We wish to acknowledge the help and support of Maynooth Community Council, Fr. B. O'Suipéal, S.P., Coláiste Phrádraig agus Ollscoil Mhaigh Nuad. We wish also to thank the business community of Maynooth who supported us in a practical way. Our cause was championed by our local public representatives and to them we are most grateful. A míle buíochas to Minister of State Emmet Stagg T.D., Charlie McCreedy T.D. and Minister of State Bernard Durkan T.D. Our thanks also to Gerard Brady M.C.C. Senan Griffin M.C.C. and John McGinley M.C.C. We are grateful for the support and coverage of our progress and events to: Norah McDermott and Freda Kelleher of *The Maynooth Newsletter*, Sharon Geoghegan of *The Liffey Champion* and Petrina Vousden of *The Leinster Leader*.

But the greatest credit of all is due to the parents of children

enrolled in our Gaelscoil. Through their desire to have their children educated through the medium of Irish they have succeeded in founding and now establishing a Gaelscoil in Maynooth. Through their hard work, determination and tenacity they have secured a unique education for their own children and for generations of Maynooth children. Mar focal scoir we appreciate all the goodwill messages received from other schools throughout the country.

Ar scáth a chéile a maireann na dhaoine.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig

Once again the Gaelscoil's float was most favourably received by the large crowd of people who turned out to view the parade. Our thanks to the parade organisers who work so hard to make the event the success it is every year. A word of thanks to Paul Coyle who went to great lengths to decorate his truck and provide a generator for the musicians. A míle buíochas to Jonathan, Proinsias agus Peadar ár ceoiltoirí. A well done to the children and adults most suitably attired (Ingrid, Caoimhín, Ruairí & Dónal Mhic Canna) and all who followed the float.

12.00 meán lae Aifreann in nGaeilge. Bhain slua mór taitneamh ón Aifreann á ceiliúradh ag an tAth. Oirm. Cogan S.C. Our thanks to Fr. Cogan for the celebration of mass in Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

Our next social outing is a disco/ceol na Seachtoidí in the G.A.A. clubáras on Friday the 25th April at 9.00 p.m. Beidh oíche maith againn.

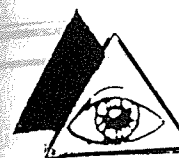
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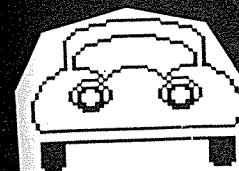
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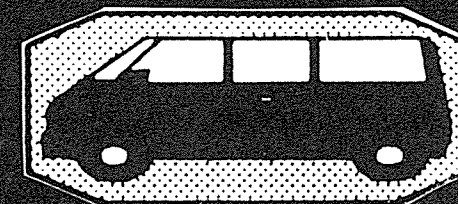


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MAYNOOTH WOMEN'S FORUM

There will be a meeting of the Maynooth Women's Forum on Thursday 10th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Post-Primary School.

All those interested in the progress of the Forum are invited to attend. There will be reports from the Parish representatives regarding the workings of the Forum at Deanery level. The representatives will also be looking for suggestions relating to such matters as Inclusive Language, which will be brought forward to Deanery level.

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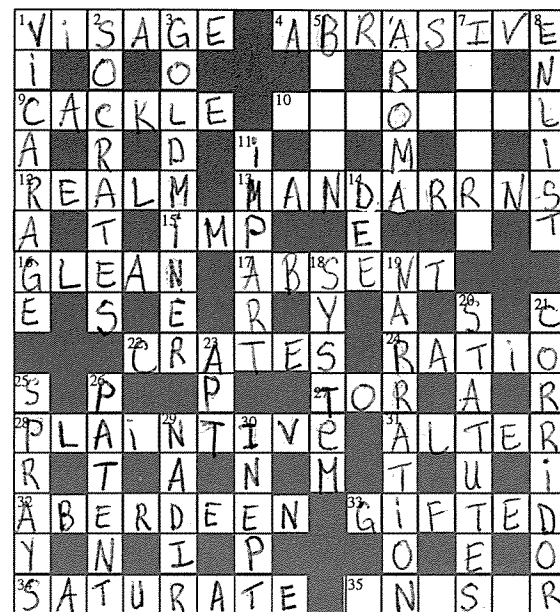
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Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, April, 18th 1997

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Across:

1. Face. (6)
4. Scratch. (8)
9. Laugh. (6)
10. Small Amount. (8)
12. Kingdom. (5)
13. Chinese officials. (9)
15. Little Devil. (3)
16. Gather. (5)
17. Not here. (6)
22. Containers. (6)
24. Proportion. (5)
27. Hilltop. (3)
28. Mournful.. (9)
31. Change. (5)
32. Scottish city. (8) *glasgow edinburgh*
33. Talented. (6) *aberdeen*
34. Drench. (8)
35. Measuring device. (6)

DOWN:

1. Cleric's house. (8)
2. Greek philosopher. (8)
3. Prospector. (9)
5. Domestic fowl. (5)
6. Bouquet. (5)
7. Scientist. (6)
8. Sign up (6)

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11. Convey. (6)
14. River. (3)
18. Arrangement. (6)
19. Story. (9)
20. Laws. (8)
21. Passageway. (8)
23. Befitting. (3)
25. Sprinkles. (6)
26. Indisputable. (6)
29. Lowest point. (5)
30. Incompetent. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 112

Across: 1. Remain; 4. Particle; 9. Annual; 10. Last word;
12. Staid; 13. Rumbly; 15. Inn; 16. Rainb; 17. Adlibs;
22. Jewels; 24. Rabbi; 27. Tar; 28. Obstinate; 31. Inter;
32. Unabated; 33. Strata; Desserts; 35. Grates;

Down: 1. Reasserts; Mandarin; 3. Inaudible; 5. Alarm;
6. Total; 7. Clowns; 8. Eldest; 11. Ornate; 14. B O I;
18. Listen; 19. Barrister; 20. Abstract; 21. Misreads; 23. Win;
25. Rotund; 26. Oscars; 29. Inane; 30. Alert;

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DRINK AND BE MERRY

From a nation that has always been proud to exclaim "A pint of plain is your only man!", it may come as a bit of a surprise to learn that the most popular evening class in Dublin at the moment is....wine tasting. True, it's still alcohol, but the words thick, black and creamy just don't suffice when it comes to describing your favourite Beaujolais or Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine has always been expensive in Ireland, criminally expensive most would say, and so perhaps it is a sign of our growing economic prosperity that more and more people are uncorking les bouteilles du vin rather than cracking open cans of beer or stout. Also, we are growing culturally less insular, the exotic now arouses more curiosity than suspicion, and asking for something Bulgarian or Chilean in your local shop is not now so likely to be reported to the parish priest, or the Gardai.

Our pronunciation of foreign names is also improving, a Cabernet is no longer to be confused with a piece of furniture containing 'shelves, cupboards or drawers for storage or display' (Collins Concise Dictionary), and our sadly mono-lingual tongues can now wrap themselves around names slightly more European than 'Blue Nun' or our old friend from the Rhineland - 'Black Tower'.

Maynooth of course, has always been famed for its cosmopolitan demeanour; cultured, yet witty conversation drifting out from the hostelrys on our leafy-lined Boulevard du Main Street. So it comes as no surprise that our pleasant town recently played host to its first Wine Appreciation Course, run by Berna Hatton of the Mill Wine Cellar.

There are few businesses in Maynooth so suitably housed as this off-licence, with the (wait for it) charming old-worldliness of the exterior brickwork, and the simple elegance of the bright wooden floor. (I'm practising for my wine tasting writing you see, where adjectives are everything). But seriously, The Mill Wine Cellar is all that an off-licence should be; it presents itself as a purveyor of all the alcohols that the world has to offer, rather than the old style 'offy' where people would be ashamed to be seen lest they were thought an alcoholic.

Wine-Tasting

The Wine Tasting Course consisted of 5 classes, and was held on Monday nights. Unfortunately, editorial duties at the Newsletter kept this writer from attending, but Berna assures me that the course was an outstanding success.

Fifteen people attended the classes held in The Orange Tree Restaurant, some with a little experience with wine, others who were just (can you guess?) thirsty for knowledge. The first class was largely an introduction to wine and wine making from the grape to the bottle, including some tasting and a guide on how to taste a wine. (Tasting is a more complex procedure than merely lowering copious amounts of liquid down your throat, and the lesson seems to be: the more you concentrate in tasting (and smelling), the more pleasure will be had from the wine. The evening rounded off

with some of the Orange Tree's finest finger food, with our soon-to-be-connoisseurs seated at their own section of the restaurant, a most pleasant location for such enjoyable pursuits.

An average of 3 or 4 glasses were drunk each night, with the participants tasting between 6 and 12 different wines. One class concentrated solely on New Zealand, a country constantly gaining in popularity as a producer of fine wines, another looked at the problem of finding enjoyable wines for £5 a bottle. (That would have been the class for me). The final class was given by a man soon to be conferred with the elusive title - Master of Wine, and dealt, not surprisingly, with 'the classics' - French wine.

If your taste buds are drooling at the thought of it all, the bad news is that Berna thinks there won't be another course until next September. But for the slightly less committed, she hopes to begin one-evening-talks either this month or next. The queue starts right behind me.

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Serves 4

Preparation time: 8 mins

Cooking time: 15 mins

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1½ lb/675g braising steak, trimmed and cut into strips
- 1 small red pepper
- 1 small green pepper
- 1 small yellow pepper
- 4 shallots, peeled and quartered
- 1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed
- 1 celery stick, washed and sliced
- 2tbsp creamed horseradish sauce
- 2tbsp light soy sauce
- 2tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 4 open-cap mushrooms, peeled and quartered

1. Heat the vegetable oil in a large pan and fry the beef strips for 5 mins, stirring, until browned and sealed.
2. Meanwhile, using a sharp knife, halve and deseed the red, green and yellow peppers. Cut each pepper into thin strips and add to the pan, along with the shallots, crushed garlic and celery slices.
3. Add the horseradish sauce, soy sauce and Worcestershire sauce to the pan, and stir until well blended. Cook, uncovered, for 5 mins.
4. Add the mushroom quarters to the pan and stir well. Cook over a medium heat for a further 5 mins, or until meat is tender. Serve.

ONE DISH SUPPER MINCED BEEF WITH BACON AND POTATO TOPPING

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 20 mins

Cooking time: 30 mins

- 1lb/450g minced beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 carrot, diced
- ½ pt/300 ml beef stock
- 1 tbsp./15ml tomato purée
- salt and pepper
- 4oz/125g sweetcorn
- few drops of Tabasco sauce
- 1½ 2lb/700g potatoes, grated
- 12 rashers streaky bacon
- deep ovenproof dish

In a nonstick pan, brown the mince all over in its own juice. Once brown, add the onion, garlic and carrot and fry until the vegetables are tender. Stir in the beef stock and tomato purée and season well. Add the sweetcorn and Tabasco, bring to the boil and simmer for 15-20 mins. Grate the potatoes either by hand or in a food processor. Pour the cooked mince into the dish, place the potatoes over the top and place the bacon rashers evenly over the potato. Place under a pre-heated low temperature grill and cook for about 10-15 mins until the bacon is brown. Serve hot with seasonal vegetables.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE

Makes 10 Slices

- 50g/2oz cocoa powder
- 175g/6oz unsalted butter
- 275g/10oz caster sugar
- 3 eggs, size 3, beaten
- 250g/9oz plain flour
- 1½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ICING**
- 75g/3oz unsalted butter
- 4 tbsp milk
- 350g/12oz icing sugar
- 2tbsp cocoa powder
- FILLING**
- 75g/3oz unsalted butter
- 175g/6oz icing sugar, sifted.

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4. Grease 2 (20cm/8in) round sponge tins (at least 4cm/1½ in. deep) and base-line with greaseproof paper. Blend the cocoa with 240ml/8fl oz boiling water. Soften butter and place in a bowl with sugar and 4 tbsp of cocoa mixture; beat until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs and remaining cocoa mixture. Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder and gently fold in. Divide the mixture between the cake tins. Bake for 25 mins until risen and firm to the touch. Leave in the tins for 5 mins then turn out on to a wire rack to cool completely. Meanwhile, for the icing, place butter and milk in a small pan and heat gently until melted. Sift in icing sugar and cocoa and beat until smooth. Reserve 4 tbsp of the icing and chill the rest until thickened, stirring occasionally. For the filling, beat the butter and icing sugar until smooth then beat in the reserved chocolate icing. Chill until firm. To assemble the cake, remove lining paper and sandwich the sponges with the chocolate buttercream filling and spread the icing over the top and sides with a palette knife.

GARDENING HINTS

The sun is shining; the birds are singing; the evenings are getting longer and there's loads to do in the garden.

General Tasks

- Containers and pots for use next month should be cleaned and hanging baskets scrubbed out. Clean terracotta and glazed pots (to avoid any risk of disease on pots spreading to new, young plants) using water and a stiff brush.

- Dead shrubs, killed by hard frosts should be dug up and replaced - but make sure they're really dead first! Using your thumbnail or a knife, scrape away a tiny patch of bark near the base: if it's green underneath, the plant is still alive and there's a good chance that it will re-grow in the near future.

- Seeds should be stored carefully after opening (if kept in good condition, they will last for years). Seeds can be stored in sealed containers in the refrigerator (but not the freezer).

- Slugs and snails are pests at this time of the year, so continue to protect plants. If you can, use an environmentally-and-bird-friendly slug-killer, or use egg shells or beer — the snails love a drop! Another way to catch them is to leave a few planks on the ground which encourages them to gather underneath. The next morning the planks can be turned over and the birds can feast for breakfast!

- Lime-hating shrubs like rhododendrons and skimmias that are growing on neutral or limey soils commonly suffer from magnesium deficiency, which shows as yellow patches between green veins on the leaves. Water with a soluble fertilizer or make a more permanent change to the soil's acidity level by adding sulphur chips.

- Silver-leaved shrubs like the curry plant (*Helichrysum serotinum*), lavender and cotton lavender (*Santolina*) should be pruned now. Cut straggly plants back to around 15 cm (6 in), otherwise just trim the bush lightly. Cutting plants hard back into old wood can be risky, so do it only if you've already rooted some cuttings last summer as insurance.

ORNAMENTAL GARDEN

Annuals and Biennials

Hardy annuals can still be sown outside. Plant out those you've raised under cover in a coldframe. Try to choose a few varieties that attract bees and butterflies, like alyssum, anchusa, candytuft, cornflower, godetia, larkspur and scabious. Bees are enormously useful in the garden, and butterflies are just as pretty as the flowers.

Bulbs and Tubers

Dead-head larger bulbs like daffodils as soon as they finish flowering, so that they can put all their energy into building up their reserves for next year. Resist the temptation to get rid of the untidy foliage as it too is very important for next year's growth! Leave flower heads on small bulbs like snowdrops and scillas so that they can self-seed. During dry weather, water bulbs that have already flowered and feed with a tomato or rose fertilizer.

Tender bulbs, including gladioli, can now be planted out. They like a sunny sheltered site and well-drained soil. On heavy ground dig in coarse grit and put the bulbs on a layer of sand or grit so that they don't sit in water and rot. Gladioli can be grown in rows for cutting, in tubs, or planted in small groups in the border 10 cm (4 in) apart and deep. Other tender bulbs worth growing include the 'Peacock Ochid' (*Acidanthera Murielae*) which bears fragrant, white, purple-centred flowers in late summer, and *Nerine Bowdenii* which produces stems of large pink flowers from mid to late autumn.

LAWN

Renovate an existing lawn at any time until autumn, though spring is best. To repair crumbled lawn edges, cut a square of turf to include the damaged part and turn it round 180 degrees so that the hole is in the body of the lawn. Top it with soil and sow with grass seed. Clumps of coarse grass stand out like a sore thumb in an otherwise fine lawn. The best way to remove them is to simply criss-cross the clumps with an old kitchen knife and pull the grass out. Regular mowing is the best way to discourage coarse grasses. Moss can be killed with chemicals, but this really treats only the symptom rather than the cause, which is poor drainage. Improve drainage by aerating and by raking out the layer of dead grass or 'thatch' that builds up at ground level and hinders drainage. Continue weeding lawns and feed if you didn't last month. Trim the edges with a half-moon edging tool or a sharp spade to leave a clean edge for easy clipping with shears or a strimmer in future.

Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES FOR APRIL 1997

Maynooth Development Plan.

Following Minister Howlin's intervention Kildare County Council engaged consultants, at considerable cost to the tax payer, to draw up a strategy plan for the County.

The consultants proposals were discussed by the Councillors over a number of meetings until the final meeting on 17th February where it was due for approval. However, at this meeting Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, supported by the P.D. Councillors, voted to reject the consultants reports and to continue with their massive rezonings. They also voted to remove the following sentence "The substantial zoning of lands in Maynooth and the additional zoning of lands in Celbridge would be contrary to the advancement of the aims of this (the consultants) policy." Instead they inserted the following, "carefully chosen zoning of lands in the remaining Towns of the North-East will be addressed in these Towns having regards to this strategy."

Two weeks beforehand they voted in favour of rezoning for housing and industry either side of Carton Avenue. Is this supposed to be 'carefully chosen zoning of lands'? This reckless behaviour will result in the ruination of our most treasured walkway and will not be tolerated by Minister Emmet Stagg and your Labour Councillors. You can be assured that we will do everything possible to stop them, however, we will need your continued support.

Dillon's Row Footpath and Public Lighting

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to have the footpath completed from the end of Dillon's Row out to the new houses and to install public lighting as a matter of urgency. This roadway is a disgrace and it is very difficult for our senior citizens in Nagle Court to get into Main Street in safety.

Non National Roads Funding

The following has been agreed for Maynooth for 1997.

1. Dublin Road, Maynooth - £80,000 for drainage, resurfacing and footpaths from Main Street to beyond the Cattle Mart.
2. Convent Lane/Dunboyne Road, Maynooth - £20,000 for resurfacing of road.
3. Maynooth - Barberstown - £120,000 for improvements.
4. Crinstown - £12,000 for surface reconstruction.
5. Maynooth - Leixlip - £18,000 surface dressing along Carton Wall.

Cllr. John McGinley and the other Councillors have asked that a traffic count be carried out on the Maynooth/Barberstown road immediately. It was also agreed that an emergency motion be submitted to the full Council asking that this road be given top priority in the County. It is estimated that £3m will be needed to do a proper job. Minister Emmet Stagg has called on Kildare County Council to prevent large commercial vehicles from using this route until the road is upgraded.

Newtown Exit From Horse Shoe.

Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the County Engineer to improve the sight line at this exit and to erect a "Concealed Exit" sign.

Completion of Estates.

There are presently 61 housing estates that are not completed in the County. Kildare County Council have three staff in the Development Control Section supervising this work. In most cases developers are no longer on site. As a result of a motion put forward by Labour Councillors, John McGinley and Colm Purcell, the Council will be submitting proposals to the Department of the Environment which will enable the Council to increase the staff numbers to a level whereby the Council's responsibility can be properly discharged and effective pressure can be applied on absentee developers.

Maynooth Town Improvement Works

The County Secretary has confirmed that Cllr. John McGinley's motion to underground the overhead cables along the Main Street will be acted on. The work which includes new footpaths, new public lighting and new road surface will be carried out this year.

Silken Vale

Minister Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley met with Silken Vale Residents Association to discuss outstanding matters in their Estate. Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley will meet with the developer to discuss these outstanding matters.

Leinster Cottages

The County Engineer has confirmed to Cllr. John McGinley that the road at house nos. 10 - 18 will be resurfaced this year.

Back Lane, Greenfields

The County Engineer has confirmed that drainage and resurfacing will take place this year.

Party Political

Maynooth Allied Irish Bank

Minister Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Chief Executive of Allied Irish Banks that they will be commencing building work in the latter half of 1997 on their old premises at Main Street and that as part of this process the streetscape will be restored. We are very pleased with this outcome which will remove the eyesore of existing single storey premises.

Proposed Dump of Moyglare

Minister Stagg has pledged the full support of the Labour Party in opposing the proposed environmental Protection Group which will campaign against the proposed super dump at Moyglare.

Minister Stagg has pledged the full support of the Labour Party in opposing the proposed environmental catastrophe which would have a disastrous effect on Maynooth and North Kildare.

Carton Court

At the request of the residents Association in Carton Court, Minister Emmet Stagg contacted the E.S.B concerning public lights which were out of order in the Estate.

Minister Stagg has also asked Kildare County Council to include Carton Court in their 1997 Public Lighting Replacement Programme. He has requested that the old mercury lights be replaced with sodium vapour lights and that arms be added to public lighting standards to give a better spread of light and to prevent shading of the lights by trees.

Footpath - Kilcock Road

In response to concerns of locals, Minister Emmet Stagg has requested Kildare County Council to carry out drainage and resurfacing on the footpath along Kilcock Road.

Maynooth Gaelscoil

Minister Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by the Department of Education to grant recognition to Scoil Uí Fhiaich.

The recognition will apply from the 7th of April and will enable the payment of Capitation Grants, funding towards the cost of rent for the existing premises and payment of the teachers salary.

Minister Stagg pledged his support for Scoil Uí Fhiaich and Scoil Uí Riada in Kilcock and he hopes that both schools will now work together in fostering the promotion of the Irish Language in North Kildare.

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Sport

Despite the enforced absence of Martin Storey the victorious captain of All Ireland Champions Wexford due to the inclement weather conditions, Wednesday 19/2/97 was a very important night for the hurlers and camogie players. 1996 proved to be quite a successful year for the under age teams and their endeavours were honoured with presentation of medals to the U/14 hurlers U/15 hurlers and the minor camogie team in the GAA clubhouse. The U/14 hurlers represented Kildare in the final of the National Feile competitions last June in Waterford and did their county and club proud by reaching the semi-final stage in their group. In addition Tommy Masterson, the U/14 captain, won the Leinster long puck competition.

The U/15 Hurlers were victorious in the North Kildare League and put in some fine performances throughout the year. The minor camogie team came of age in 1996 and reached the county final in their first year before being narrowly beaten. The following

GAA HURLING & CAMOGIE NOTES

players were presented with their medals by Roddy Molloy chairman of GAA club who paid tribute to the achievements of the teams and the hard work of the team mentors.

U/14 Hurley Panel.

Tommy Masterson, Pierre Ennis, Sean O'Flaherty, Fergal Molloy, Damien Travers, Colm Cushen, Stephen Kelly, Sean Brady, Chris Flynn, Mikey Gleeson, Morgan Sweeney, Joe Brennan, Eoin Murray, Kevin Gannon, Peter Sheehan, Peter Guinan, Padraic Nevin, Brendan Coffey, Robert Hammond, Mark Kavanagh, John Kinsella, Donal McCarthy, Aidan Molloy and Tom Flatly.

Minor Camogie Panel

Michelle Gillick, Emma Fahy, Geraldine Fahy, Niamh Mulready, Catherine Duff, Laura Neville, Jackie Kinsella, Natalie Duffy, Ann Comerford, Edwina Mahoney, Roisin Lilles, Sharon Cummins, Margaret Callaghan, Ciara O'Neill, Naomi Devereux, Niamh Feeney, Caoimhe Cushen, Ann Marie Farrell and Geraldine O'Gorman.

U/15 Panel (Hurling)

Tom Mulcarkey, Conor Diggins, Shane Devereux, Sean O'Flaherty, Karl Ennis, Trevor Naughton, Aidan McCarron, Sean Lennon, Michael Ryan, Brendan Keogh, Alan Nolan, Tommy Masterson, Mikey Gleeson, Peter Sheehan, Mark Kavanagh, Stephen Kelly, Chris Flynn, Morgan Sweeney, David Travers, Peter Guinan, Joe Brennan, Donal McCarthy, Pierre Ennis, Sean Brady, Robert Hammond, Paul Murray, Tom Flatly, Aidan Molloy and Colin Cushen.

Bord Na nOg U/14 Hurling League Fixtures Division 1 (All on Saturday)

12 - 4 - 97 Leixlip v
Maynooth (Away)
19 - 4 - 97 Maynooth v
Confey (Home)
26 - 4 - 97 Clane v
Maynooth (Away)
03 - 5 - 97 Maynooth v
Ardclough (Home)
17 - 5 - 97 Maynooth v
Coill Dubh (Home)
24 - 5 - 97 Celbridge v
Maynooth (Away)
31 - 5 - 97 Maynooth v
Eire Óg/Corrachoill (Home)
07 - 6 - 97 Naas v
Maynooth (Away)
14 - 6 - 97 A Bye for
Maynooth

Please note training and coaching is in full swing with the senior squad toggling out on Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. and Saturdays at 4.00 o'clock. The juvenile hurlers get together for training and coaching on Saturday at 10.30 in GAA pitch. All new players wishing to join our progressive club in Maynooth are more than welcome.

Thomas Coffey
Hurling Committee

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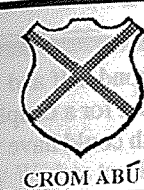


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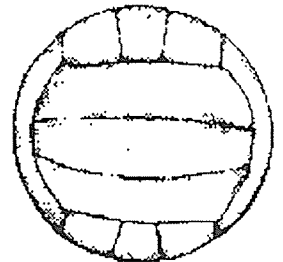
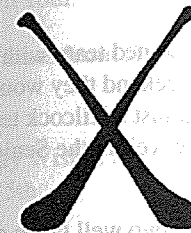
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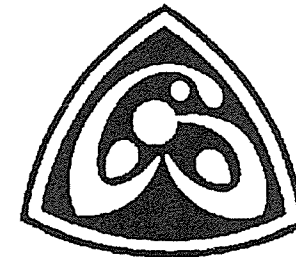


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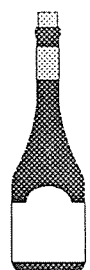
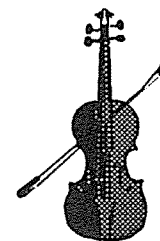
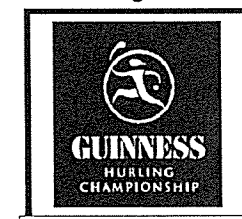
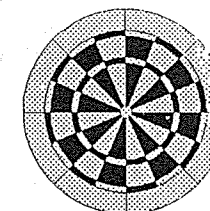


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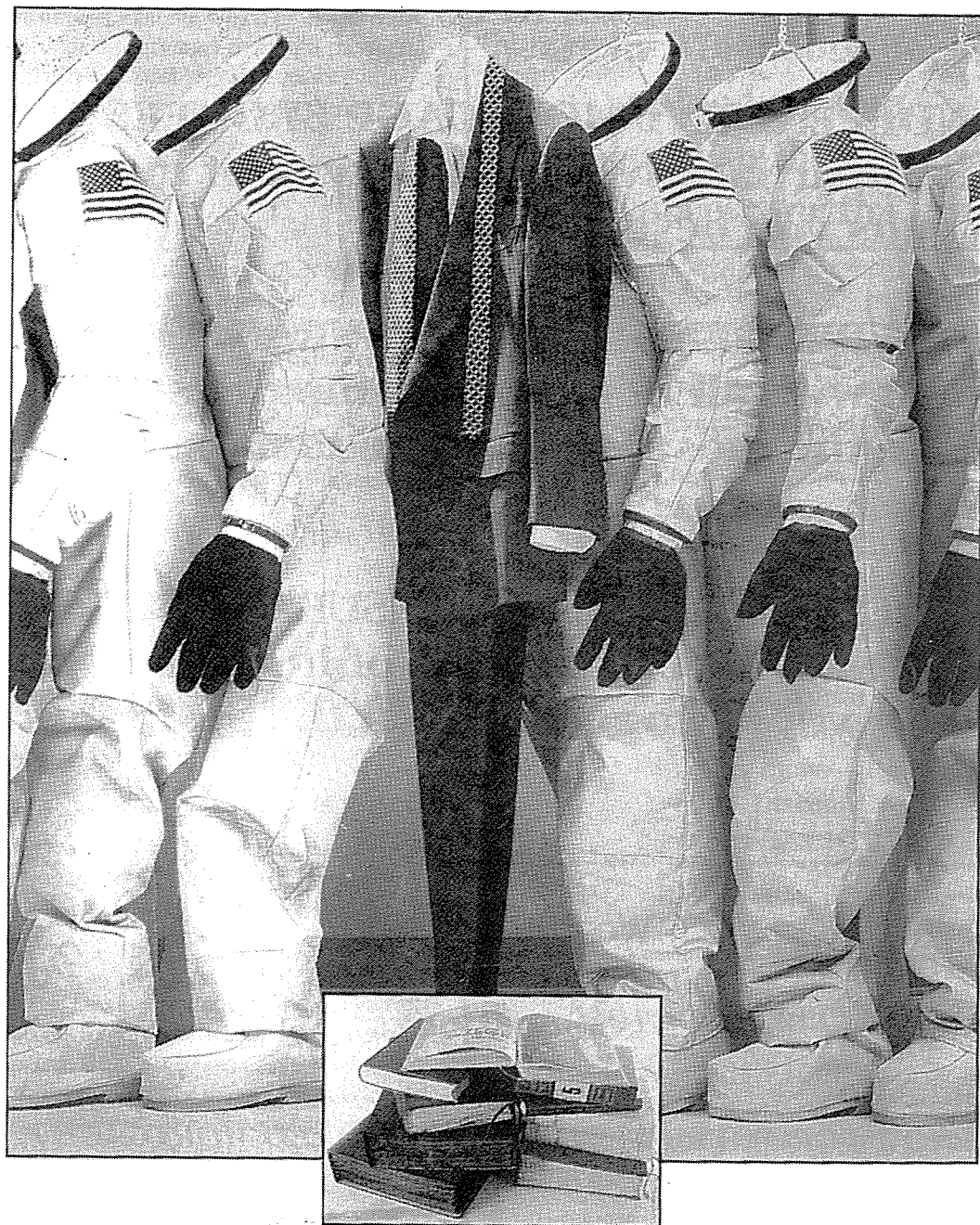
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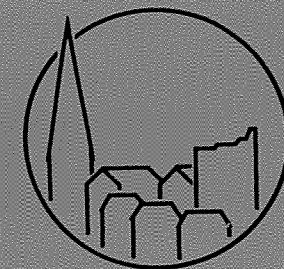


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DIARY DATES

Thursday 1st May: I.C.A AGM in I.C.A. Hall 8.00p.m.

Saturday 3rd May: First Communion.

Sunday 4th May: Royal Canal Walk Harbour 3.00p.m.

Wednesday 7th May: I.C.A Night Out to Shelbourne Park
Dog Track.

Friday 9th May: An Evening of Early Summer Music and
Dance by Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Sunday 11th May: Community Games, Athletics Track &
Field, 2p.m. Venue: G.A.A. Also Wheelchair Events.

Saturday 17th May: Community Games, Swimming,
Stewart's Pool, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday 17th May: Local Community Games, Pitch &
Putt, Bean's Course, Dunboyne Road at 11.00p.m.

Sunday 18th May: Tony Smyth Memorial Walk.

Sunday 18th May: Party for Senior Citizens in Post Primary
School at 3.30 p.m.

Sunday 18th May: Band Victory Dance-Glenroyal Hotel.

Saturday 20th May: Maynooth Flower & Garden Club
meeting, 8 p.m. Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College.

Friday 23rd May: Maynooth Ladies Poker Classic-G.A.A.

Sunday 25th May: RCAG — Two Steam Train Outings
from Maynooth to Enfield at 11.15 and 16.15.

Tuesday 1st July: Registration Day - Summer Project.

Friday, 18th July: Miss Royal Canal Competition,
Glenroyal Hotel.

Friday, September 19th Maynooth Post Primary, Parent/
Teacher Association are hosting a "A Night at the Dogs", at
Harold's Cross Stadium.

EDITORIAL

This month we pay tribute to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee who down the years have been doing Trojan work for the elderly members of our community.

Judging by their notes in the *Newsletter* every month is packed with activities - parties, musical evenings, trips to shows and pantomimes.

The pictures we publish from these events always show our senior citizens having 'a whale of a time'. For some retirement and old age can be a time of isolation and loneliness. A partner may have passed away, children have grown up and may be living abroad. The national press regularly has disturbing reports, particularly from the larger cities, of elderly people living and dying in isolation.

Sadly this often indicates a breakdown in what we might call community values. Maynooth's older citizens are fortunate that Josie Moore and her very active committee are working on their behalf. Their regular meetings and outings are a valuable contribution to the life of the town.

And finally, we urge all our readers to support the Sponsored Walk to be held for Maynooth Senior Citizens this month. Remember, if we're lucky, we'll be senior citizens some day too.

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NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION '97

PILOT PROJECT LAUNCHED IN MAYNOOTH

A new approach to the National Tidy Towns Competition has been adopted by the Department for the Environment this year. Back in February, members of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee met with the Department of the Environment and the National sponsors of the competition to discuss the benefits of holding a special tidy towns awareness night on a pilot basis in Co. Kildare in 1997.

Speaking at this event held in the Glenroyal Hotel on April 15th, Mr Finian Matthews, Principal Officer, Urban and Rural Renewal Section, which includes responsibility for the Tidy Towns Competition, outlined his vision for the future of the competition.

Since the responsibility for running the Tidy Towns competition was transferred from Bord Failte to the Department for the Environment, they had been looking at a number of ideas to re-launch the competition Mr Mathews said. In the last few years new criteria for judging the entrants were introduced. These included marks for efforts to preserve the natural environment such as traditional hedgerows and flowers. His department encouraged forward planning by the local tidy town committees and to this end these groups need to submit a five year plan as part of their tidy towns entry.

Mr Matthews said that he hopes that meetings like the one happening in Maynooth would widen the appeal to the entire community of getting involved in improving our environment and increasing the support to the local tidy town committees. He said that he would be asking the committee in Maynooth to come back to the department with their views on the success of the night.

On behalf of Super Valu, the national sponsors of the competition, Mr Brian Murphy owner of Super Valu, Maynooth, reminded the large attendance at the meeting that the Tidy Towns Competition was forty years old this year. Super Valu have been national sponsors since 1992 and "we have been very pleased to be associated with the competition" Mr Murphy said.

In Maynooth, Mr Murphy promised that his team would offer practical help to the local tidy towns committee in their efforts to improve the appearance of the town. "For too long we have let a small number of people carry the burden," he said. Mr Robert O'Reilly chairman of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee, said that Maynooth did very badly in Category E, which is for towns with a population of between 5001 - 10,000 inhabitants.

He believed that the adjudicators remarks were fair last year and that the report was a valuable guideline to the committee on where the town needs to make a greater effort.



Senan Griffin, Ita McTernan, Josie Wicks, Marie Nolan
at Tidy Town Meeting in Glenroyal Hotel

Mr O'Reilly paid tribute to the efforts of the Community Employment Project workers under supervisor, Mr Martin Sherry as well as to the Sunday morning street cleaning volunteers, many of whom were at the meeting. Mr O'Reilly praised the involvement of previous tidy town committees in Maynooth, remarking that some who are now deceased would not have foreseen an event such as this meeting. He also commended the commitment of a number of Post-Primary School students.

Reviewing the 1996 result, Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee Secretary Ms. Patricia Condron pointed out that the biggest single reason for the low marks was as a result of the severe litter problem that exists in the town. The efforts of the residential areas gained us valuable points she said. The meeting agreed that the problem was that the amount of litter in the town was too much to ask one street cleaner to remove. Exchanges between local Councillors Mr Senan Griffin and Mr John McGinley and members of the audience regarding the availability of the street cleaning truck and the condition of the footpaths in the town, resulted in some lively discussion on the issues. Mr John Gillick, a resident of Rockfield, Maynooth's tidiest estate winner in 1996, and a member of the Sunday morning clean up volunteering crew, suggested to the Councillors that it would not cost much to give us the truck at least once a month. "Lets spend some of the money we are all getting from this boom," he said.

Ms Maria Benndorf, Grounds Manager at St. Patrick's College, representing the President of the College, Rev. Dermot Farrell, made a presentation to the meeting about the value of window boxes and hanging baskets to the appearance of the town. Ms Benndorf also suggested to Mr Brian Murphy from Super Valu that she favoured the use of paper bags in preference to plastic bags as the former are biodegradable. She also questioned whether it is always necessary to give the customer a bag with their purchases. Speaking on behalf of Maynooth Chamber of Commerce, their newly elected President, Mrs Mary Houlihan promised the full support of the chamber to the tidy towns committee in their efforts. She looked forward to the implementation of

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the new litter laws which she felt would make a difference in combatting Maynooth's chronic litter problem. Suggestions from the audience included one from Mrs Kelly, who pointed out that there are no litter bins between the Centra Foodstore and Carton Avenue.

Mr Richard Farrell, PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee, thanked everyone for their attendance and praised the guests for their contributions to the meeting. He said that the tidy towns committee welcome suggestions from the people in

the town. He took the opportunity to canvas for more volunteers for the Sunday morning cleanup, suggesting that if there is sufficient interest, they would consider a similar effort on Saturday mornings. Mr Farrell complemented the displays from Maynooth's Royal Canal Amenity Group, and Maynooth Castle Restoration Committee, saying that both groups are playing an important role in the enhancement of these important features of the town. Mr Farrell extended his appreciation to the Management and Staff of the Glenroyal Hotel, who sponsored the event.

M'LADY KILDARE '97

Seven competitors took part in the M'Lady Kildare '97 contest in the Glenroyal on the 11th of April organised by Maynooth Community Council.

It was amazing the amount of voluntary work these ladies were involved in, from Community Games, Old Peoples Committees, Anti Dump, Romanian Orphans, Dramatic Societies, I.C.A. and Kidney Association etc. The winner on the night was Margaret Delaney, Sallins, a well deserved winner. Margaret is very involved in her community in the Community Games, Rounders Association, Volleyball Club and Old Peoples Committee. She will represent Kildare in the national M'Lady Contest in Balbriggan in May. The Runner up was Bernie Byrne from Kilcock.

We would like to thank our sponsors - TSB Maynooth, Nabola Properties, Maynooth Shopping Centre, Glenroyal Hotel, Just Gifts, Hewlett Packard, Leixlip, Bank of Ireland Maynooth, Katie's Flowers, Flower Pot and Quinnsworth, Maynooth. Thanks also to our Judges from Balbriggan, Marie Wright, Frances Downes and Alice Crowe and thanks also to Matt Kennedy M.C. and to escort Phillip McDermott. Thanks also to Community Council Staff who worked hard



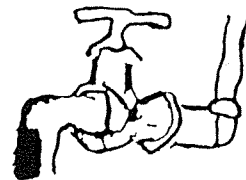
Back L - R Freda Kelleher, Philip McDermott, Una Cross, Matt Kennedy, Breda Thakaberry, Norah McDermott
Front L - R Margaret Delaney (Winner) Iris Brennan, Bernie Byrne (Runner up), Frieda O'Connell and Kay Molloy

on the night. We would also like to thank all those who travelled from all parts of the County to support the contestants.

We would again ask Clubs & Associations to nominate their hard workers for next years competition so that we will have as good a night as we've had for the past two years.

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MAYNOOTH DIRECTORY 1997

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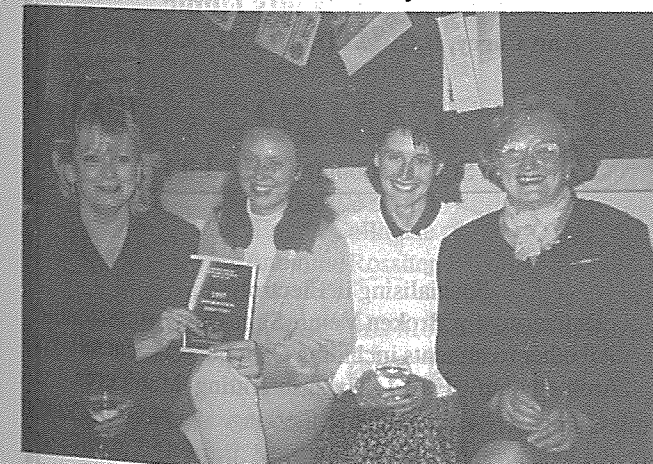
As well as including a list of the many businesses who serve the people of Maynooth, it also details sporting clubs, leisure activity groups and community interest groups. For the benefit of the many new residents who will receive it for the first time, the directory includes it's usual brief history of the town.

The production costs of this local directory are funded by local advertising. The preparation is carried out by our Community Employment Project workers under the direction of supervisors Norah McDermott and Freda Kelleher. Sporting it's bold black and white cover, the directory is the essential local directory for Maynooth and surrounding areas. In fact, if the reaction is similar to that given to previous directories everybody involved in its preparation will feel very satisfied after their efforts.

The formal launch was performed by Ms Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, secretary of Maynooth Community Council.



L-R: Peter Connell, Paul Croghan, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, John McGinley



L-R: Mary McMechan, Sinéad Warfield, Florence Cullinane, Sheila McKenna

Both Ms Ní Bhrolcháin and Mr Dominic Nyland who have spent ten years on the Community Council Executive, admitted that the executive could not claim any credit for the production of the directory and thanked Mrs Norah McDermott for her decade of service to the Community Council.

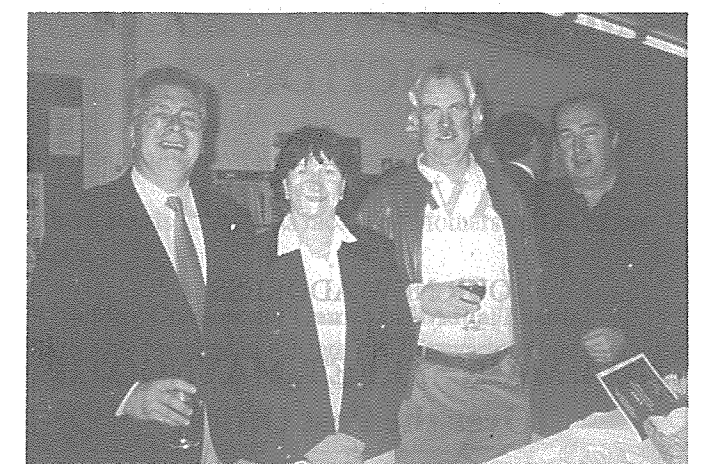
Guests at the launch included Ministers for State, Mr Bernard Durkan and Mr Emmet Stagg, both taking time out to help on the night. Councillors Senan Griffin and John McGinley both members of the Community Council also attended. The single applause on this occasion was reserved for the welcome return after a long illness of Mr Tom McMullon, Chairman of Maynooth Community Council. A special word of thanks to Mr Eddie Treacy from Maynooth Library who prepared the setting for the event and for his help on the night.

The Maynooth Directory was delivered free to each house in the town. It is a very useful local guide to the services and activities available in Maynooth. If you have not received your copy, feel free to collect it from the Community Council office in Main Street.

Paul Croghan
PRO



L-R: Cindy Ankers, Orla Murphy, Sheila Black



L-R: Bernard Durkan, Freda Kelleher, Matt Kennedy, Joe Wall

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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP MAYNOOTH BRANCH Cómhairle Aisinteachta An Chanáil Rioga Cumann Maigh Nuadh

The Royal Canal Group Maynooth, a voluntary organisation, are involved in restoration and development of the Royal Canal in Maynooth.

There are 19 people working on the project utilising a FAS employment and training scheme, 4 in Kilcock, 2 in Leixlip, 3 office staff in Maynooth, and others on site in Maynooth. Over the May Bank Holiday members and supporters of the Royal Canal Amenity Group (RCAG) will join in 14 separate sponsored walks connecting the Liffey to the Shannon. The walks will highlight the value of the Royal Canal.

The Royal Canal Amenity Group walk from Maynooth to Kilcock departs Dukes Harbour (Maynooth Harbour) at 3 p.m. on Sunday the 4th of May, a distance of 3.7 miles, passing by Bond Bridge near where the Joan Slade river is culverted under the canal and where there are the remains of an old wharf which serviced St. Patrick's College.

Then to Jackson's Bridge and the 14th lock. This bridge is unique in being the only one on the 90 mile system with a separate arch for the towpath. Nearby the Lyreen river is culverted under the canal on its journey to Maynooth. Then on to Baileys' Bridge, which is an accommodation bridge, Chambers Bridge and lock 15 at the Maws near the North Kildare Club.

Finally — Kilcock Harbour, opened in 1796.

The canal towpath is mostly grassy, and can be narrow in places, and may not always be suitable for young children or buggies.

We are going ahead with our Miss Royal Canal Competition on the 18th of July in the Glenroyal Hotel. We are looking for sponsors and contestants, contact Gerry McGlinchey at 6290980 or Norah McDermott at the Community Council Office.

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COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

Results to date

Chess: The chess team reached the 1/4 Finals at county level but were beaten by Straffan.

Project: This competition was held locally on 9th March. The winners took part in the County Finals on 22nd March and were highly commended.

Art: The art and modelling took place in the Boys School on Saturday 26th March.

The results were as follows

B U/8	1st Leo Kavanagh 2nd Barry Connellan
B U/10	1st Keith James Wong 2nd Mathew O' Gorman 3rd Brian Twomey
B U/12	1st Peter Lawlor 2nd Sean McNamara 3rd Aidan Corkery

Modelling:

B U/10	1st Mark O Connell 2nd Eoghan McCartan 3rd Adrian Harpur
B U/14	1st Darryl O'Connell

Art

G u/8	1st Sinéad Kearney 2nd Sarah O' Neill 3rd Claire McNamara
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G u/10	1st Ciana Ennis
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G u/12	1st Paula Curran 2nd Catherine O'Riordan 3rd Ashling Sinclair
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G u/14	1st Brenda Kearney 2nd Triona Cahill 3rd Elaine McNamara
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G u/16	1st Frances Hayes 2nd Emma Cullinane 3rd Antonine Rossiter
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There were no competitors in Girls Modelling nor in Boys U/14 or U/16 art.

The County Finals were held in Scoil San Carlos in Leixlip on 19th & 20th April, Maynooth took 1 silver medal which was won by Paula Curran in the G u/12 category. Well done Paula.

Forthcoming Team Events.

Basketball Boys & Girls U/16 — organiser Jim Flemming.

Gaelic Football Boys U/10 — organiser Jerry Lawlor.

Hurling Boys U/14 — organiser Larry Comerford.

Hardcourt Tennis Boys & Girls U/16 — organiser Tom O' Sullivan.

Pitch & Putt Boys & Girls U/16 — organiser Matt Callaghan.

Local competition 11am 17th of May at Bean's Pitch & Putt Course, Dunboyne Rd.

County Finals 22nd June.

Soccer Boys U/12 organiser Gerry Folan.

G u/12's & U/16's organiser Francis Kearney.

Volleyball Boys & Girls U/16 organiser Bernie O' Shea.
Competition 24th May.

Forthcoming Individual Events.

Gymnastics Boys & Girls of all ages from under eights to under sixteen organiser Leonard Bhattachaya
Competition 28th April 3-5pm.

11th May Athletics (Track & Field).

organised by Maynooth Athletic Club. 11th May 2pm in G.A.A. Field Moyglare Rd.

B & G U/8 60m & 80m.

B & G U/10 100m, 200m and Hurdles.

B & G U/12 100m, 600m & Boys Long Puck.

B & G U/13 Walk.

B & G U/14 100m, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Putt, Hurdles, Girls Long Puck.

B & G U/16 100m, 1,500m, High Jump. & Discus.

B & G U/17 Javelin & Marathon & 100m.

Also Wheelchair Events.

Wheelchair Dash B & G U/8 & U/13

Wheelchair Discus B & G U/16.

Wheelchair Shotputt B & G U/16.

2 Categories

(a) Those who have restricted use of lower & upper body.

(b) Those who have restricted use of lower body only.

There are also Tiny Tots races & a Mothers and a Fathers Race.

17th May Community Games Individual Events.

17th May Swimming 4.30pm-6pm Stewarts Swimming Pool Palmerstown — organiser — Jim Flemming.

B & G U/8 Freestyle.

B & G U/10 Freestyle & Backstroke.

B & G U/12 Freestyle & Breaststroke.

B & G U/14 Freestyle Backstroke & Breaststroke.

B & G U/16 Freestyle Backstroke & Butterfly.

B & G U/17 Freestyle & Backstroke.

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There is also relay at County Level & National Level.

Community Games wish to thank all those who have so far helped with competitions and are giving freely of their time. Thanks also to all who supported the Community Games Collection on 17th, 18th, & 19th of April.

For more information contact B. Breslin at Maynooth Community Council Offices. Ph. 6285922

Table Quiz U/14 Competition

On 1st March a competition was held to select two teams to take part in the County Kildare U/14yrs. Quiz. Our thanks to the Principal, Boys National School and Dominic Nyland for their kind co-operation in providing the venue for Maynooth, as usual. Also a word of gratitude to those who assisted on the day itself, Paul Daly, Marie & Mick Gleeson and Anne Howley. The result was a selection of the following teams representing Maynooth at this level.

Team A

Alison Judge	112 Kingsbry	(Tel. 6286954)
Brian Downey	1 Straffan Way	(Tel. 6285619)
Derek Judge	112 Kingsbry	(Tel. 6286954)
Aisling Sinclair	19 Parklands	(Tel. 6290673)

Team B

Cian Duffy	175 Kingsbry	(Tel. 6286774)
Stephen Broderick	8 Parklands	(Tel. 6286697)
Barry Keenan	95 Railpark	(Tel. 6290745)
Niamh Higgins	25 Parklands Rise	(Tel. 6290817)

Subs

Martin Furey	84 Maynooth Park	(Tel. 6285956)
Mark Cooney	105 Kingsbry	(Tel. 6289200)

The Kildare Final was held on Friday 21st. March at 7.30 in Allenwood G.A.A. Hall. A total of more than 40 teams from all parts of the county participated. Again a special word of thanks to the Maynooth supporters & parents who provided transport on the night:

Sheila Furey, Noel Judge, Jim Downey and Jim Duffy.

Despite limited time and availability for practice our teams turned in an entirely creditable performance. The overall result on the night was:

1st.	St. Mary's, Allenwood	89 Marks
2nd.	Straffan	85 Marks
3rd.	Kildare (A)	83 Marks
4th.	Maynooth (A)	81 Marks

Maynooth (B) finished on 76 Marks - well up with the leaders !! We can look forward to next year with real confidence. Our young teams & subs have done us proud !!

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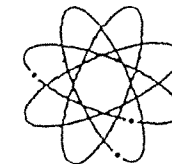
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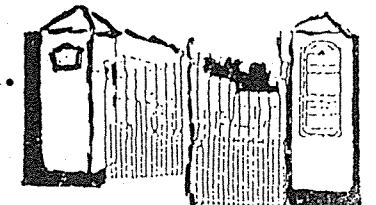
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MAYNOOTH ACCORDION BAND

The committee of Maynooth Accordion Band would like to thank the following for their help in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Sponsors:

Quinnsworth Shopping Centre, Martin Ford for use of lorry, Ciarán Moen for supplying amplification and parents and children who helped decorate float.

Maynooth Accordion Band would like to offer sympathy to the McMyler family on the death of their father, Tom.

MAYNOOTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

The Maynooth Junior Badminton Club wish to thank all who supported their recent fund raising Marathon. Special thanks to Quinnsworth for providing refreshments. Four children won cash tokens in the Promoters Draw.

Well done to our Junior Group who finished the season with victory in a "friendly" against Lucan. A party was provided for all the children.

Congratulations to Colin Phelan and John Healy, winners in the Advanced Group of the Fr. Supple Perpetual Trophy. A high standard of competition was displayed by this group.

Hard luck to our Community Games team who lost to Naas in the last match. Our team was very young. Next year we will achieve better results.

Our thanks to Fr. Supple, the Hall Committee and the parents for their continued support. A sincere thank you to S.O'Riordan and Declan Quigley for their dedication and effort in coaching the children.

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A NOTES

The April meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. took place in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 3rd April. Mrs Marion Souham, President congratulated Connie Harpur and Jo O'Connell on passing their Golden Brannrai.

Activities

1. Badminton continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Parish Hall at 10.30am.
2. Calligraphy on Friday nights at 8.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall.
3. Crafts in the I.C.A. Hall on Monday nights at 8.00pm.

Collections For Charities

Thank you to the people of Maynooth who once again contributed so generously to our recent collections for the charities that had been selected by our members at our last A.G.M. The following are the charities selected:-

Irish Cancer Society (Daffodil Day) - £925

Arthritis Foundation - £112

The National Council for the Blind (Cake Sale) - £160

McCarthy Cup

Kill G.A.A. Centre is the venue for the Federation Table Quiz. This takes place on 30th April. Teams from all over Kildare will take part in the quiz including 3 teams from Maynooth Guild.

Night Out

Some of our members are heading to Shelbourne Park Greyhound Track for a night at the dogs on Wednesday 7th May. This promises to be a good night.

Irish Night

Mrs Helen Finn, International Officer arranged a most enjoyable Irish Night at our Guild meeting. After our meeting she gave us a short talk on the history and culture of Maynooth.

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. of Maynooth I.C.A. will take place on Thursday 1st May in the I.C.A. Hall. We would ask all members to please attend this meeting. The meeting is open to anyone interested in joining our Guild. This is the ideal time to join the I.C.A. For a small membership fee of £20 you can avail of the many activities, courses, trips etc on offer as well as making many new friends. At present we have over 50 members of different ages, backgrounds and interests. We have a very active Guild and we would warmly welcome new members.

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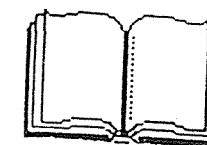
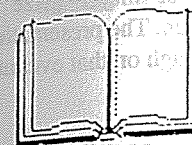
Congratulations to Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee and the participants of the FAS Training Project under Supervisor Martin Sherry, on completion of the Stone Seat across from Quinnsworth. This is a welcome addition to Maynooth's townscape. Another welcome addition to the town are the flower beds planted by the Tidy Towns Committee. These beds are planted at different locations in the town for all to see and enjoy. It would be greatly appreciated this year if they are left where they are planted.

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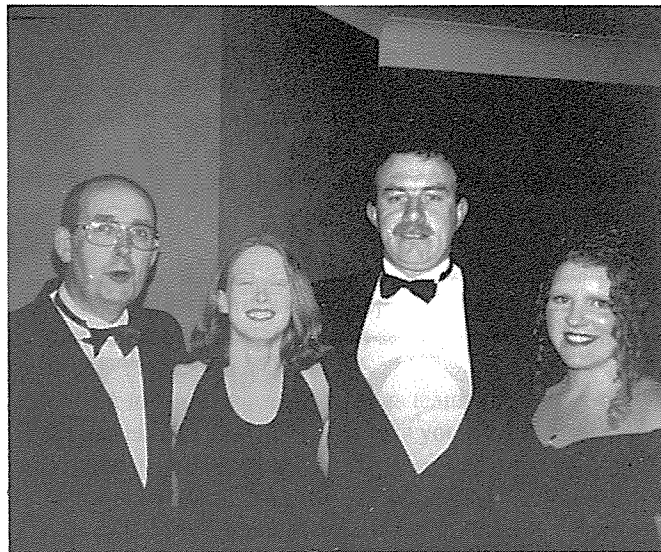
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MAYNOOTH KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

On April 4th 1997 the All Ireland Cabaret awards were held in the Aula Maxima at St. Patrick's College. Competing were Cobh, Carrickmacross, Finglas, Maynooth and Kilcock. The winner was Cobh. It was a great night followed by refreshments at the College and a disco for the travelling clubs. On the 5th April 1997 Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club travelled to Jury's in Dublin for the National Awards Night where we were addressed by the President of Ireland, 650 attended the function on the night. More photos to be in next months issue. Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club wish to thank St. Patrick's College for their generosity towards the Club.

Martin Caine



Adult Leaders at the No Name Club



Photo includes Gerry Bolger from TSB Maynooth, Martin Caine, Johnny Dowling, Josie Moore, Catherine Walsh and some Basketball players at a game in Maynooth College

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Frank "The Tiger" in Mullingar.

The first outing of 1997 took place to Mullingar Golf Club on Saturday 15th March. 40 Golfers competed for the EDDIE KAVANAGH MEMORIAL CUP and played in ideal conditions over this famous midlands venue.

Frank Desmond just pipped Philip Doyle on the back nine with a great score of 43 pts. to win his first "major" prize kindly sponsored by Kehoes' Delicatessen. The presentation was made in Caulfields by Brona Kavanagh on that evening.

Forthcoming outings.

Slieve Russell/Ballinamore Weekend 23rd-25th May Christy Kenny Memorial Cup.

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Glasson - July 5th Captains Prize

Portarlinton - August 23rd Vice-Pres. Prize

Longford - September 27th Presidents Prize

Edenderry - October 25th Joe Murray Memorial Cup.

Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Outing To Mullingar Golf Club 15th March '97

1st Overall	F. Desmond 43pts (back 9)
2nd	P. Doyle 43pts
3rd	P. Conway 41pts
4th	J. Carroll 39pts (back 9)
5th	E. Savage 39pts (back 6)
6th	N. Brady 39pts (back 9)
7th	S. Moore 39pts (back 9)
8th	B. Desmond 38pts (back 9)
9th	M. Flynn 38pts (back 9)
10th	G. McTernan 38pts (back 9)
Front 9	J. Byrne 21pts.
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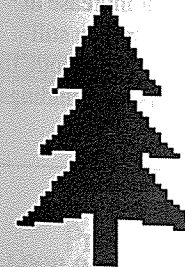
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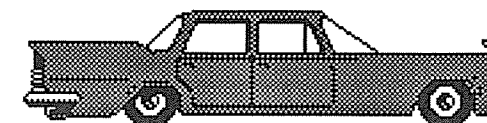
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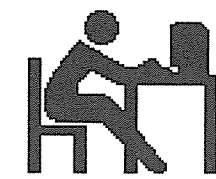


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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

The Water Quality Management Plan for the River Liffey notes that: "In the main channel from Osberstown to Straffan weed growth is now quite marked, phosphorus levels are high and have doubled since the 1983-85 period and, furthermore, recent Dissolved Oxygen and Biochemical Oxygen Demand records indicate some cause for concern". These problems have arisen over the past decade as the rapid growth of towns such as Naas and Newbridge have added sewage and other effluents to the system more quickly than they can be treated or assimilated. Between 12 and 51 hours later this water arrives in Leixlip Reservoir, where after chlorination and other treatment, it is delivered to your taps in Maynooth. Such is the level of treatment necessary before you drink it that its palatability leaves a lot to be desired for anyone used to drinking fresh, unrecycled water.

Water Quality

During low flows on the river, the amount of dilution of effluent which occurs is much reduced. Maintaining a minimum level of water quality for drinking, fish life etc. therefore requires that sewage loadings not exceed a maximum level. At Leixlip, the sewage treatment works are currently being expanded to enable them to cater for a population equivalent of 90,000 people. This encompasses the population from the area around Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock and Leixlip. These four towns currently have a combined population of 40,000. Demand for waste water treatment from Intel when Feb 10 and Feb 14 are both on stream will be equivalent to a further 30,000 people, making a total of approximately 70,000 people equivalents making use of waste water facilities. This does not include several thousand college students and workers (such as in Intel and Hewlett Packard) not counted as resident in the area by the Census. It does not take a mathematical genius to add up the sums and deduce that the extra population of approximately 50,000 people (12,000 in Maynooth alone) proposed by some of our local politicians is not reconcilable with the proper management of water quality on the River Liffey and does not augur well for your own drinking water quality and quantity in the years ahead.

Water Tankers

After one of the driest winters in decades and a long drought in spring, the inability of Kildare Council to supply water to residents will become more and more apparent as the summer proceeds. Already water tankers have been used in Monasterevin and notices have appeared in the national press calling for you to conserve supplies. But while you are being called upon to exercise restraint, some of your councillors seem unaware of the meaning of the word. With enough land already rezoned in Kildare, and as yet unused, to cater for the actual increase in the population of Ireland over the past five years, some of your councillors want further rezonings to balloon the population of Maynooth from 9,000 to 21,000 for example. This means further huge abstractions of water from the river will be necessary, beyond that which can be achieved without severely damaging the ecology of the river. To satisfy their rezoning appetites therefore you will probably be asked to fund huge

schemes to bring water from distant places such as the Shannon over the next decade. Such sources will themselves need expensive treatment to make them drinkable.

Planners Ignored

Maynooth Planning Alliance says a more rational approach to national settlement planning is needed, one which recognises that the resources of this country should be developed in the interests of all the people and not ravaged to meet the needs of sectoral interest. If people come before politics, surely Maynooth people should have their wishes for the future of their town respected by those they elected. Time and time again Maynooth Planning Alliance have asked local politicians why the wishes of the people and those of the professional planners are being ignored. We have not as yet got a satisfactory answer. But you the voters now have an opportunity to give your verdict on the matter. Ask those candidates who don't want to talk about rezoning what target population they envisage for Maynooth and what record their councillors have in rezoning. Ask those who gave you the last Kildare Development Plan why they provided enough land to house the eventual increase in Ireland's population as a whole, and whether they still advocate more in the next. As a resident of Maynooth, think of the future you want for your town and its surroundings. Don't vote for the rezoners!

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PITCH AND PUTT

As proud winners of the Best Club trophy on St Patrick's Day, we fully concur with the views expressed in the April edition of the Newsletter. That is, that the parade is a demonstration by local clubs and other groups of a will to engender a sense of community in a rapidly growing town. We are proud to have developed a local amenity which provides a focal point for sport and social interaction. The University and local schools use our course, perhaps with the hope of discovering an "Irish Tiger Woods". We organise competitions which provides an opportunity for people who may not know other players and we encourage groups through special offers. Many use the course for regular meetings with friends and family. Pitch and Putt is an accessible sport offering a fun way to exercise. It is a perfect learning ground for beginners and is well recognised as the best way to sharpen the experienced golfer's "short game". St Patrick's Day marked the beginning of a new season at our 18 hole course in the centre of Maynooth. We are proud of our local club and our contribution to the local sense of community and we look forward to welcoming many of you in the 1997 season.

Patricia Bean
Maynooth Pitch and Putt



St. Patrick's Day Parade 1997
Tony and Thomas on the Float, Holding the Trophy
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Our Easter party was held in the Post Primary School on Sunday 6th April. Visiting groups from Kilcloon and Mulhussey were also present. As usual the party began with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Pat Joe O'Connor, a very willing stand in for all emergencies in the Parish, always ready to help. Thank you very much Fr. Pat Joe. After Mass, Tea was served after which came our entertainment.

Music as usual was supplied by Josie and Kevin who never get a break. This time they were ably assisted by Patricia Tuite on the Keyboard.

To start proceedings we had special birthdays. Our most Senior Citizen Kitty Thompson celebrated her 97th birthday on Saturday 5th April, a very sprightly lady if I may say so. She stepped forward to be presented with a lovely basket of Fruit, and numerous handshakes, next came Mary Hickey who was 89 earlier in the month and Julia Donovan who was 79 on Saturday 5th. They both received Pot Plants.

Now came the event of the day, "The Easter Bonnet Competition". I can only say it was a "great blooming success". There were 18 entrants and I think every garden for miles was raided, there was such a mass of colour. A very worthy winner was Mary Hickey. There were endless other categories which meant every competitor went home with a prize. Many thanks to Eleanor Caulfield and Claire Higgins who did an excellent job judging these fabulous creations - Thanks to all who entered, all who gave prizes, or helped in any way to make the evening such a success.

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk organised by the Labour Party in conjunction with our Committee takes place on Sunday 18th May. This is an excellent form of exercise, and a fun afternoon. I hope all who can will take part; all proceeds are handed over to our funds and sponsor cards will be available from all Committee members.

On that Sunday also we have a party for our Senior Citizens and a welcome back for the walkers most anxious for the Cuppa and a sandwich etc. All those with nimble fingers who enjoy their arts and crafts will be able to show off their work at the "Bealtaine" exhibition and competition to be held that afternoon. Bealtaine is a National Exhibition of Arts and Crafts organised annually for Senior Citizens and is held during the month of May.

We hope we will have lots of lovely work to show off and the exhibition will be open to the public, so do come along. The Venue as usual will be the Post Primary. Show 3.30 onwards.

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BAND BULLETIN

At last we've made the front page. Yes, this month's cover displays the beautiful and handsome faces of (almost all) those members who had the distinction of winning our first ever national concert band title, on Saturday 5th April. It was a wonderful achievement for a relatively small town band and the icing on the cake was winning a second cup for the best own choice test piece. This was an exceptional feat considering that serious practice for the contest did not begin until mid January when we appointed our new conductor Niall O' Connor. Congratulations to Niall and all the girls and boys who put in a great deal of work to get the pieces to an acceptable contest standard. Well done to all and a special thank you to Maynooth College for allowing us the use of the Aula Maxima for our two final rehearsals so we could acclimatise ourselves to competition surroundings. Many thanks also to Willie Coonan for permitting us to display our winning trophies in his window. Sorry for disrupting your display, Willie.

Celebration Dance.

Everybody likes to mark a victory with some celebration or other and we have chosen a dance in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 18th May, dancing to the music of "Bourbon Street" (which includes two of our own Band, Kevin Boyd on Trumpet and Oliver Bright on Sax) from 10 to 1 o'clock and admission is only £5 payable at door or tickets available from any Band Member.

USA TRIP

Our big objective at the moment is to organise a trip to the USA in 1998. This project is in its infancy at present but we hope to make it more of a reality and less of a possibility. The spin off for Maynooth is an opportunity of an exchange

visit by an American Band in another two or three years. What odds a USA Band here for year 2000. We hope to keep you informed of progress throughout the year.

Maynooth Band on the Internet

Yes indeed fact not fiction. In preparation for suitable locations for our US trip, and with grateful thanks to our canny Celtic cornettist JC, and his PC we now have our very own E Mail Address which is JoeCur @ Tinet.ie so all you E Mailers can contact us at any time with loads of offers of engagements, money, applications for membership or any information which you feel may be of use to us.

New Members

While our present strength is 38/40 members plus some budding musicians coming through from our Junior Classes we are constantly on the look out for experienced musicians who have moved house to Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge or Kilcock in order to allow us to extend the range of music which we can provide for the public. We hope to build on our recent success and broaden our horizons and if you have played with a Brass or Concert band you are indeed welcome to drop into the band hall any Monday or Thursday night between 8.30pm and 10 o'clock.

Ex Band Members

Can we repeat our open invitation to any past band members to drop in on any of the above nights. We are certain you will not be disappointed, a fact which can easily be verified by the experience of one "Lost Sheep" who recently returned to the fold (I said lost, not black) and who has been one of our best attenders at rehearsals. He is absolutely enjoying himself and winning a national title has been a bonus. Finally a reminder once again of our victory dance in The Glenroyal on Sunday 18th May. See you there.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Again I would like to thank all our members who took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our prizewinners were:

1st Prize: Luke Fitzpatrick (Action Man)

Runners up were:

Holly Murray (Mrs Blobby)

Aoife O'Neill (Bo Peep)

Jessica Whelan (Clown)

Our final term for this year will commence on the 26th April and end with the family swim on the 28th June.

There will be **No Swim** on the 17th May as we have given our allotted time at Stewarts to the Community Games Committee. On the 14th June we will be holding the Junior Gala and on the 28th June the senior. Also on the 28th June there will be the family swim. There will be no buses on that day.

The fees for the next term are as follows:

1 Child £21

2 Children £38

3 Children £56

All fees must be paid on or preferably before the 10th May.

As this is our last term we would like to get all our bills paid

and books balanced before our A.G.M. I will have further details of that in the next issue.

Finally I would like to wish all our members who are making their First Holy Communion on the 3rd and 10th May a very enjoyable day.

More next month.

Mary Molloy P.R.O.

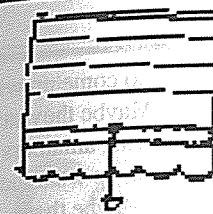
MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Maynooth Summer Project comes around again in July. Registration day will be on 1st July in the I.C.A. Hall for any boys and girls between the ages of 7 years and 16 years wishing to take part.

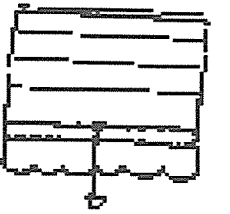
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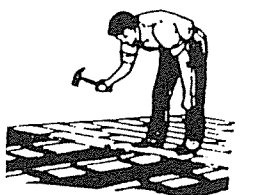
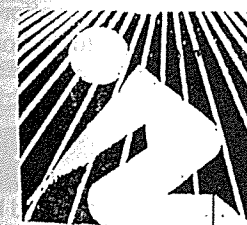
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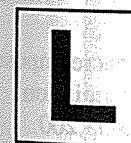
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WOODLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Bond Bridge Paranoia

Did you ever get the feeling that you were being set up as a "Scape Goat" or as a "Red-Herring"?

I write as a member of a "Woodlands Residents Association Sub Committee" which was set up to organise a Planning Appeal in relation to a proposed Housing development adjacent to Woodlands.

The basis of our objections were as follows:

- (i) Privacy; a number of the proposed two-storey houses would have overlooked the bedroom windows of Woodland's bungalows etc.. The proposed house lay-out would have placed a number of the houses very close to the Woodlands boundary etc.
- (ii) The boundary fence of closeboarded construction along the Woodlands boundary we felt was not either durable or secure.
- (iii) The mix of housing proposed (mainly two-storey) is at odds with the current bungalow type construction in this area.
- (iv) Visual Amenity from the tow-path of the Royal Canal and the view of the mature woodlands and fine buildings of Maynooth College would be destroyed.
- (v) Pumping Station: We were unhappy with the potential public health problem arising if this system were to fail.
- (vi) Safety/Traffic Hazard: We outlined our concerns relating to "Bond Bridge", "Parson Street" and "Main Street" regarding the increased traffic along with the inevitable increased dangers and congestion which will be brought about by this development. Also the

proposed entrance is to be sited near a blind bend on the Rathcoffey Road.

We carried out our business in an open manner keeping other parties informed who we thought might have an interest in this issue. I do believe that our objections were completely valid, even the Developer conceded that both our requirements and our behaviour were reasonable at all times. This may beg the question as to why the County Council Planning Department, who were informed of our objections before making their decision to grant permission could not have included further conditions to address our "reasonable concerns". Certainly some of our concerns were relating to Woodlands directly, but others concerning the wider environment of Maynooth are equally important to us. But why the "Paranoia" expressed in the opening sentence, well there were noises being made and coming from unexpected quarters, some discreet some not so, but persistent pressure being applied.

There were suggestions that what we were doing was in some way wrong. That in particular we would put in serious jeopardy the "Whole Bond Bridge Realignment Project". That was "Heavy Stuff" to lay on us. As parents we are very aware that the first fatality or serious injury on Bond Bridge could potentially be one of our own children. I can assure you that as a group we are completely sincere in our stance on "Bond Bridge". Even if our "Objections" were invalid, quirky or odd-bod

I still believe we should have been allowed to exercise our democratic right in making this appeal, without being subjected to undue pressure. We were only one objector out of five others who I don't believe were lobbied as much as ourselves.

I have spent some time trying to figure out why people that have the same interests at heart as our group, were opposed to what we were doing and so

far I have been unable to come up with a conclusive answer. Maybe they saw us as a group of interfering amateurs that were about to screw-up what they had achieved to date? Maybe they were afraid that we would steal their thunder in achieving something they have been unable to do so far? This is where the Paranoia creeps in because if one fears failure in a situation such as this, it may seem convenient to be able to introduce a Red Herring or to have a sacrificial Scape Goat waiting in the wings, I just don't know the answer.

Briefly what has been achieved to date is as follows:

The number of houses have been reduced from 154 to 124.

The Developer has entered into a written agreement with us in which he has agreed on the basis of our Appeal being withdrawn to:

Change the house layout to afford a greater level of privacy to the homes in Woodlands.

Increase the ratio of bungalows in the development which we hope will reduce the visual impact caused by the development.

Construct a wall along the boundary with Woodlands and to reinforce the hedgerow by planting Whitethorn and Holly.

Pay a levy of £22,000 per acre imposed by the original Grant of Permission (£22,000 x 20.6 acres = £453,200 total).

We have gained assurances from the County Council that the Special Levies collected in relation to this development will be spent on the Bond Bridge Realignment Scheme. The original Grant of Permission did not state that the £22,000 levy was for the Bond Bridge Project. This would seem to have been a departure from the norm. Usually the Bond Bridge Project would be cited as the reason for imposing the levy.

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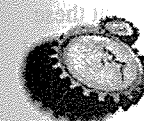
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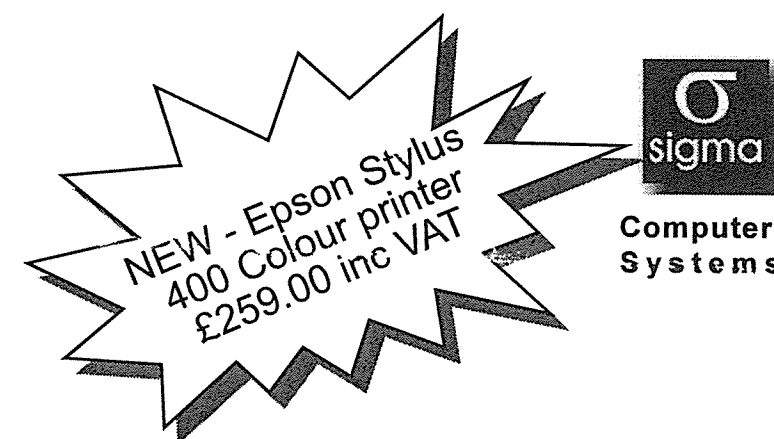
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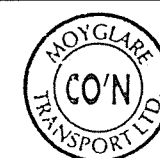
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We viewed detailed drawings indicating the work to be carried out to the entrance of the site which is hoped will improve visibility and road safety.

We also were shown an engineers report on the subject of the Pumping Station which went some way towards allaying our fears about its reliability.

My purpose in writing this is not to upset or fall-out with anyone or any group of people just for the hell of it. My purpose is certainly to defend our position, but more than that I would hope our success would encourage others in their efforts to improve Maynooth's Environment. Also if those in positions of influence would be less dismissive of ordinary peoples input in relation to issues I would be pleased.

Bond Bridge should have been sorted out 20 years ago when Cluain Aoibhinn was being built. Surely this crazy policy of housing before infrastructure in Co. Kildare must be abandoned. Further Re-Zoning in this area should be curtailed until Bond Bridge is realigned.

This of course is the "Irish Year of the Promises" and it has been reported in the past that some strange promises have been made on similar occasions in the past, and sometimes even kept. Surely we must expect even at this late stage the Bond Bridge Project will be kicked into action. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Woodlanders, Sub-Committee, Main Committee and the Residents for their number of ongoing involvement in this issue. Also I extend thanks to a number of individuals who gave us very constructive advice throughout the process. To finish on a somewhat lighter note I'm sure you know what is said of Paranoia? "Just because you're Paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you anyway"

MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Trees damaged in Moyglare Village

Residents in Moyglare Village are annoyed because of the increasing number of trees being damaged. Parents are asked to remind their children to have regard for the trees which indeed are far too scarce in this residential area.

One of the major reasons for damage to the trees is the fact that teenagers who do not live in the estate are congregating on the open spaces in Moyglare Village to play football. These people have little regard for the cost to the residents association to replace these trees.

There is clearly a need to provide proper playing areas for teenagers, a need that will not be satisfied by only allocating extra playing areas to the clubs or schools.

Good Luck to our student residents

Now that the cherry blossoms are beginning to disappear, our student residents will be occupied with their forthcoming exams. With some rare exceptions our student population have been good neighbours. We wish them the best of luck in their exams and trust that the post exam celebrations will not damage our opinions of them.

Grass Cutting has been arranged in Moyglare Village

We have made arrangements to have the open spaces maintained for the growing season again this year. Needless to say this work affects the overall appearance of this area. This work will initially be funded by the residents in Moyglare Village. It is therefore important that we receive full support in the payment of levies from the residents there.

Completion of Moyglare Village - affecting value of houses

Residents in Moyglare Village have been told by auctioneering firms selling their houses, that they must expect less than the values being achieved elsewhere in Maynooth.

The poor quality of the boundary with the Moyglare Road and the lack of an attractive entrance, are costing residents at least £5,000 in reduced sale price compared with the newer estates in the town.

It is in everybody's interest to work to ensure that these issues are resolved without further delay, no matter what action needs to be taken.

Paul Croghan, Chairman
Moyglare Residents Association

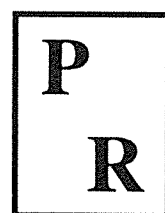
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As reported previously, the committee met with North City Builders Ltd. in March and were advised that various outstanding items would be attended to in the near future. The main estate road surface will be completed at a later date. This is dependent on the kerb and verge being completed along the southern boundary. All open areas will be attended to and tidied and planted as necessary. The construction of the southern boundary wall will commence when details of the proposed housing development in the rear gardens of Old Greenfield are known. The committee is scheduled to have a further meeting with North City Builders in May to review progress.

The committee has had discussions with the Maynooth Planning Alliance and are supporting their efforts in working towards an acceptable level of future development in the area.

The estate clean up is scheduled for later this month and notices will be provided to each household. We would request that everybody make an effort to clear away litter

and keep the grass verges adjacent to their houses tidy.

The County Council require that a walkway be provided between the rear of the estate and the estates behind. The majority of residents have indicated that they are opposed to this. We will shortly be organising a petition against this for submission to the County Council.

With the longer evenings more people, especially children, are out and about on the estate. We would request that people driving in the estate reduce their speed and be more conscious of pedestrians.

With holiday time approaching please remember your Neighbourhood Watch. Even if only going away for a weekend have a neighbour keep an eye on your house. As the quantity of trees broken on the estate is highly unacceptable we would request that anybody who sees people breaking trees report them to the Gardai and committee.

Damian Roche
Vice Chairperson

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Already you will have noticed that the grass areas of the estate have had 3 cuts at time of writing.

To fund this service to the estate the Annual Collection will shortly commence. The Annual Subscription this year as agreed at the A.G.M. is £15. This works out at less than 30 pence per week. We have been asked to provide additional trees, flowers, litter bins etc. on the estate.

This all comes from the Annual Subscription: We look forward to your support.

Richard Farrell (PRO)

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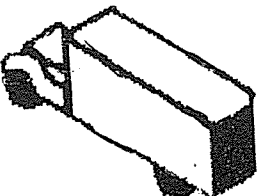
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3	Coate's Lane	East Side	From it's junction with Main Street, north-westwards, to it's junction with Pound Lane.
4	Double Lane	East Side	From it's junction with Main Street, north-westwards, to it's junction with back Lane.
5	Lane "A"	East Side	From it's junction with Doctor's Lane, north-westwards, to it's junction with Main Street.
6	Kilcock Road	South Side	From it's junction with Mill Street, south-westwards, for a distance of 30 metres.
7	Mill Street	West Side	From it's junction with Kilcock Road, south-eastwards, for a distance of 37 metres.
8	Mill Street	West Side	From a point 61 metres north-west of it's junction with Parson Street to a point 94 metres north-west of the said junction.
9	Mill Street	East Side	From it's junction with Pound Lane to a point 46 metres north-west of the said junction.
10	Mill Street	West Side	From it's junction with Parson Street to a point 14 metres north-west of the said junction.
11	Mill Street	East Side	From it's junction with Main Street to a point 14 metres north-west of the said junction.
12	Parson Street	North Side	From it's junction with Mill Street to a point 51 metres south-west of the said junction.
13	Parson Street	South Side	From a point 26 metres south-west of it's junction with Leinster Street to a point 57 metres south-west of the said junction.
14	Leinster Street	East Side	From it's junction with Main Street to a point 7 metres south-east of the said junction.
15	Main Street	North Side	From it's junction with Main Street to a point 14 metres north-east of the said junction.
16	Main Street	North Side	From Pedestrian Crossing No. 1 to a point 43 metres south-west of the Crossing.
17	Main Street	North Side	From Pedestrian Crossing No. 1 north-eastwards to Pedestrian Crossing No. 2.
18	Main Street	North Side	From Pedestrian Crossing No. 2 to a point 12.6 metres north-east of the Crossing.
19	Main Street	North Side	From it's junction with Convent Lane, to a point 11 metres south-west of the said junction.
20	Main Street	South Side	From it's junction with Doctor's Lane, to a point 17 metres south-west of the said junction.
21	Main Street	South Side	From the east-side to the west side of Bus Bay "A".
22	Main Street	South Side	From Pedestrian Crossing No. 2 to a point 12.5 metres north-east of the Crossing.
23	Main Street	South Side	From it's junction with the Straffan Road north-eastwards to Pedestrian Crossing No. 2.
24	Main Street	South Side	From it's junction with the Straffan Road to Pedestrian Crossing No. 1.

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25	Main Street	South Side	From Pedestrian Crossing No. 1 to a point 30 metres south-west of the said Crossing.
26	Main Street	South Side	From it's junction with Leinster Street to a point 7 metres north-east of the said junction.
27	Straffan Road	East Side	From it's junction with Main Street south-eastwards to Pedestrian Crossing No. 3.
28	Straffan Road	East Side	From Pedestrian Crossing No. 3 south-eastwards to it's junction with Doctor's Lane.
29	Straffan Road	East Side	From it's junction with Doctor's Lane to a point 18 metres south-east of the said junction.
30	Straffan Road	West Side	From it's junction with Main Street, south-eastwards to Pedestrian Crossing No. 3.
31	Straffan Road	West Side	From Pedestrian Crossing No. 3, south-eastwards to it's junction with the Entrance to Manor Court.
32	Doctor's Lane	North Side	From it's junction with Straffan Road to it's junction with the Accommodation Lane.
33	Doctor's Lane	South Side	From it's junction with Straffan Road to a point 21 metres north-east of the said junction.
34	Accommodation Lane	West Side	From it's junction with Doctor's Lane north-westwards to it's northern limit.
35	Accommodation Lane	East Side	From it's junction with Doctor's Lane to a point 19 metres north-west of the said junction.
36	Accommodation Lane	East Side	From a point 23 metres north-west of it's junction with Doctor's Lane to a point 31 metres north-west of the said junction.
37	Convent Lane	East Side	From it's intersection with the entrance to the Lime Walk to a point 19 metres north-west of the said intersection.
38	Convent Lane	West Side	From it's intersection with the Main Street to a point 9 metres north-west of the said intersection.
39	Dublin Road	North Side	From it's intersection with the entrance to the Lime Walk to a point 33 metres south-east of the said intersection.
40	Parson Street	West Side	From a point 264 metres north-east of the intersection of the centreline of the railway and Bond Bridge to a point 494 metres north-east of the said intersection and thence in an easterly direction towards the entrance of the Church of Ireland Church for a distance of 20 metres.
41	Parson Street	East Side	From the entrance to the Old Rectory to a point 13 metres north-east of the said entrance.
42	Parson Street	East Side	From a point 82 metres north-east of the entrance to the Old Rectory to a point 96 metres north-east of the said entrance.
43	Parson Street	East Side	From a point 111 metres north-east of the entrance to the Old Rectory to a point 130 metres north-east of the said entrance.
44	Parson Street	East Side	From a point 160 metres north-east of the entrance to the Old Rectory to a point 190 metres north-east of the said entrance.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

These proposed Bye-Laws may or may not be advantageous to the people of Maynooth. These are just some of the views of shop owners and the public.

Brian Marlborough of Maynooth Cycles said it would not suit his business at all because customers need to park nearby and also for deliveries and his own parking needs.

Marion Brennan of Fagan's Lane does not mind parking on the lane once the space in front of her house is respected.

The reason being the house is occupied by a wheelchair bound person. At the moment access to the house is very difficult.

Gerry Murphy and Mark Farrelly of Three Pin Electric with regard to their business said they would be severely hampered. Gerry would like to see that his customers and delivery men could park as near as possible because of having to load and unload heavy electrical goods and to make life a lot easier.

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WHAT'S AVAILABLE ABROAD THIS SUMMER?

At last Summer is here !! Its time to get the Summer clothes and the suntan oil ready !! For those of you that have still not decided on where to go this Summer there are still some holidays available. Travel Options in Maynooth have the following offers:

Budget Travel - Crete

10 May: 1 Week: £189 2 Weeks: £209

17 May: 1 Week: £199 2 Weeks: £222

24 May: 1 Week: £209 2 Weeks: £239

Tax and Insurance have to be added to the above prices.

The Canary and Greek Islands are once again proving very popular with the young singles in the search of some romance in the sun !!

Spain and Portugal once again are the main choices for family holidays due to the large entertainment programme available to keep the children happy while the adults soak up the sun.

Orlando as always is ideal for a family holiday with Disney World and other attractions for the children.

2 Adults & 2 Children: 1 Week: £1,600.

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For those who want the extra special treat why not take a Caribbean Cruise for 9 nights £1,399, this includes the flight from Ireland and full-board on the ship.

Morocco and Tunisia always prove popular for people who like something different and want to experience some other culture and creeds.

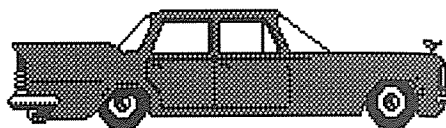
There are such a wide range of holidays available from Ireland that any taste can be catered for. We have found this year that coach touring holidays come into the fold due to the fact that people want to see more of the countries rather than lying on a beach for two weeks.

If you want to view the scenes of the "Sound of Music" you can take a week in Austria with Topflight from £319. This would include one week B & B, return flight to Salzburg and a hotel in St. Johann. For the more far flung traveller Travel Options have excellent fares to Asia and Australia.

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PEOPLES ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Hi there everybody. Just a little update from the PAWS rescue centre in Downtown Sallins... Since last month's article appeared, homes have been found for some of our canine pals that were highlighted in the last issue...

Rambo - The Rottweiler/Alsatian found a super home with Libby Sheey in Celbridge, he now has lots of lovely green grass to play on.

Cougar the Lurcher was placed with the Mulroy family in Clonee and the Storm Puppies were adopted by families as far apart as Clougherhead and Wexford.

We have been very busy of late and some of our more recent cases were very tough ones:

Gippy; A little Yorkie + was thrown over the fence of Navan Puppy Rescue and as they were really pressed for space at the centre, they passed him on to us at PAWS.

Our Vet tells us that Gippy has an untreated dislocated hip from an old injury and he is being operated on as I write. This operation is going to cost us at least £100 and we will have to obtain a foster home for him for 8 to 10 weeks to convalesce.

Another recent call out we got was to the aid of a bitch in heat in Newbridge...She had been on the run from Wednesday to Monday being chased by a pack of Male Dogs and she was close to collapse....

The residents of the area were very distressed about the situation and they had tried in vain to catch her before they called us for assistance...

With the help of a grasper, tins of dog food and brute force we were able to resolve the situation within 15 minutes. The grasper was borrowed from the local Vets and we really need one if any of your readers know where we could get/buy one.

Not one of these dogs had a collar or ID and one large black male was particularly vicious. This scenario is a typical result of uncaring owners not getting their female dogs spayed and it always results in unwanted puppies....

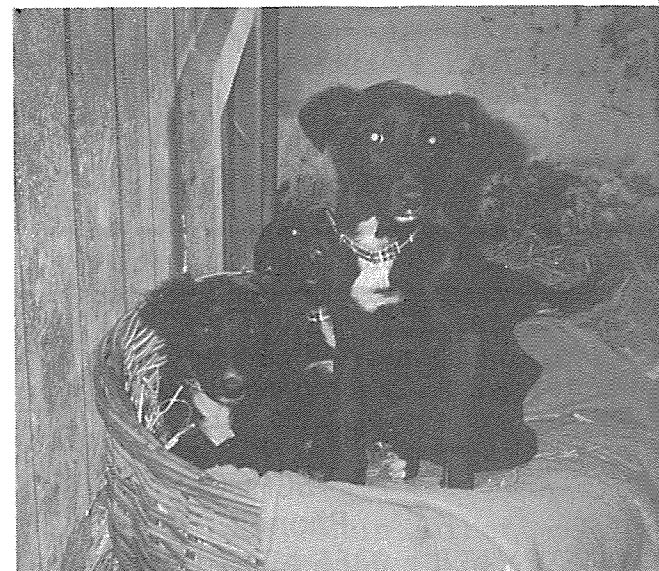
Which brings me to our next story.

The Shadow Puppies: These three beautiful, twelve week old, unwanted labrador puppies were skin and bone and had been locked in a shed since birth with no human contact. When anyone enters their kennel they scatter and cower in the shadows. We will be keeping them until they are re-socialised.

The problem of Feral Cats in Kildare is still growing and we were recently contacted by a pensioner in Naas who had 8 wild cats that she was feeding and she had to buy 23 tins of cat food every week. She asked us to help her to re-home them. We explained that Feral Cats cannot be homed unless they are caught as six week old kittens but we have spayed and neutered them except for two feeding mothers and we will assist her with food when we can but as you can imagine this has put a dint in our already overstretched finances...

Well as you can see we have Happy Days and Sad Days but never a dull moment and if any of you would like to come and talk to me I will be doing a collection at Quinnsouth, Maynooth on 2nd and 3rd of May or phone us on 01 6243724 or 045 894041.

Gina Hetherington



The Shadow Puppies



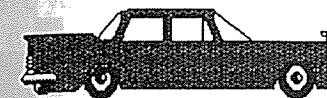
Gippy convalescing after surgery

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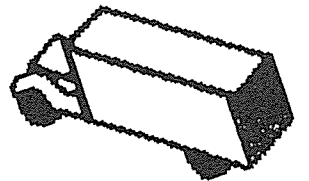
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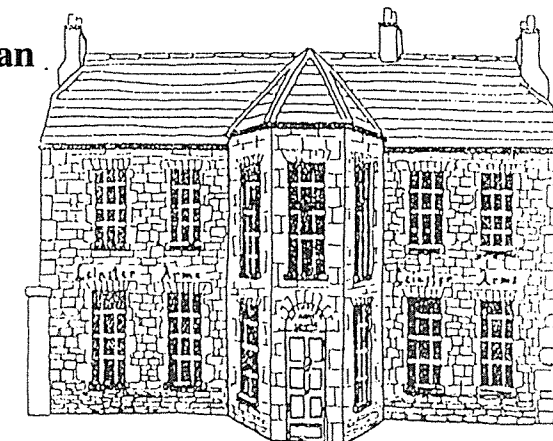


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TUG-O-WAR REPORT A National sport for natural folk

The cuckoos have given the clarion call for tug-o-war people to get the boots out and prepare for summer battle. However, unfortunately in Maynooth there appears to be nearly as many cuckoos as tug-o-war personnel. If you look around the arena, at festival tournament time in July, you will see many of our feathered friends watching from high vantage points. If interested in training with a team contact either 6285273 or 6289377 after 7pm. Here is a verse about how Maynooth tug-o-war must break it's duck.

A Tug-o-war Rumble

It was on a festival day in June,
that Maynooth tug-o-war faced its ruin.
We had lined up, eight as one,
unshielded in the burning sun.
On the roofs of Maynooth we cast our eyes.
The steeple pierced the clear blue skies.
The people they had come by bus,
to cheer us on and admire us.

With other towns we'd do some battle.
We'd shake their bones with a giant rattle.
Hyland on the rope was anchor set.
O'Rourke and McEvoy shed pearls of sweat.
The Gallaghers dug the ground with heel
and Mooney, the growing strain did feel.
Bennett said "this pull will be my last"
and Finnan lorded in the cast.

But poor was our days fare.
We sat on the ground to make some repair,
then happened our final dread,
the people pasted us with bread.
Then eight canal ducks snatched at the bread
and accidentally caught the rope instead.
They pulled us out and down the road,
as the people cheered with a jeery goad.

At the end of town there was a melee.
With all the dust, no one could see.
Our pride now it was a wreck
as we caught each duck by the neck.
Under cover of darkness snook home the men
slow to speak of the rope again.
But after a supper most tasty and fine,
the lads in town we did rejoin.

In Brady's we were put to say
Our version of that fateful day.
I thought I heard, up at the back,
Someone mutter a low "quack, quack".
the silence was broken by a stomach growl,
But we're not the type to cry fowl.
Our guru pondered and narrowed each eye
as a little feather wafted by.
"Well" says Bennett, "It is my position,
Shur we ate the opposition"

Willie Healy

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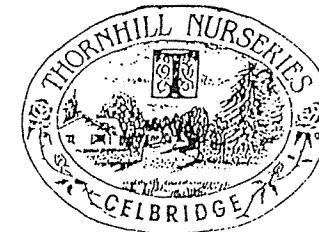


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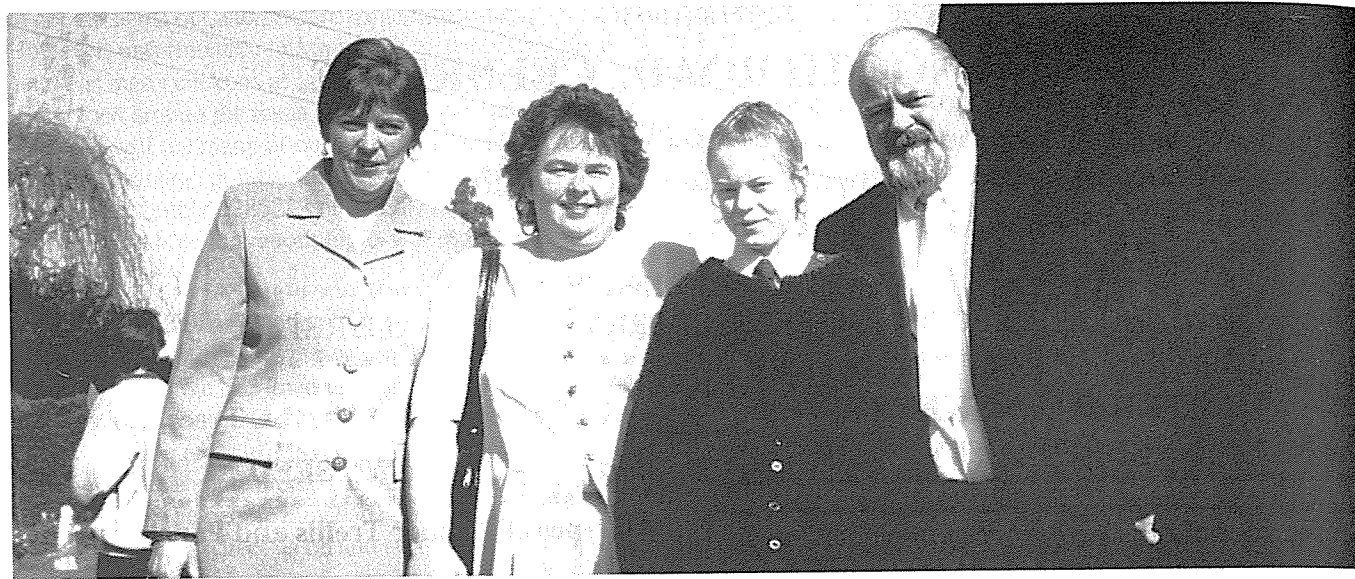
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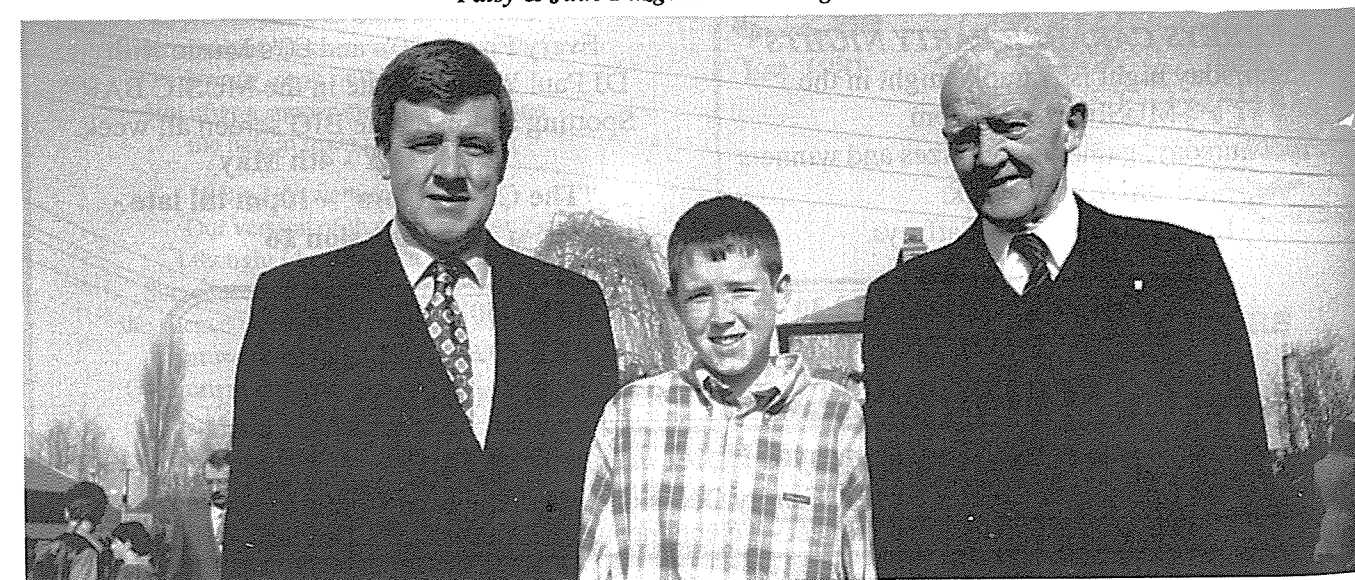
Confirmation in Maynooth



L - R: Denise Troy, Margaret & Harry Flood and daughter Carol



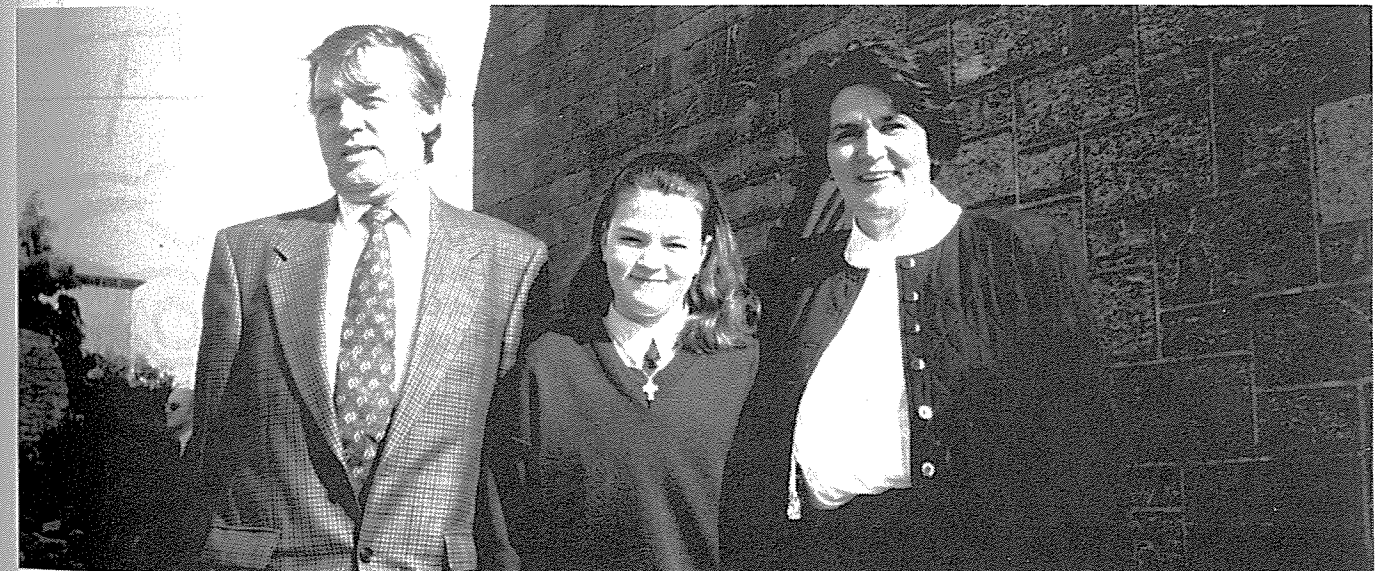
Patsy & Jude Fitzgerald and daughter Sarah



L - R: James Hoare, son James and Grandad Gerry Fitzmaurice



John and Kate Filbert with son Alan and daughter Marlene



Hubert and Ann Howley with daughter Martina



L-R: Sponsor John Nolan, Sandra Nolan and son Cliff

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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIACH

A.G.M / Cruinniú Chinn Bhliana

The first A.G.M. since the granting of State recognition was convened in the scoil on the 23 Aibreán. A large attendance ensured an interesting review on the progress to date and a lively discussion on the plans for the future. The school Board of Management was duly elected on the night. The Board formally adopted a vote of thanks from the floor to be conveyed to Sandra Ni Chuinneagáin, the múinteoir of the adult conversational classes. It was agreed that the Gaelscoil will provide both beginners and improvers classes in spoken Irish in the Autumn term. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for the late Jim Mc Loughlin. Jim was a great Gael and a good friend to the Gaelscoil, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Príomh-Oide.

The Gaelscoil has recently advertised in the national press for the position of principal Enrollment officer. There is growing interest in the choice of Irish-medium education as now offered in Maynooth. While the class list for the next year is nearly full, there are a number of places available if

contact is made with the oifigeach tinreamh/enrollment officer.

Coiste Chairde

A very successful disco/eighties night was held in the G.A.A. clubáras on the 25th Aibreán. Many thanks to Mary Geraghty and Catherine Coyle who organised the event, bhain gach éinne taitneamh ón oíche.

Ranganna Rince.

The children in the scoil are currently enjoying a series of classes in Irish dancing. We have been assured by local dance teacher Rita Doyle, that the children will be capable of giving a performance during our Maynooth Summer Festival.

Diary Date May 9th

An evening of early summer music and dance in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Beir bua agus beannacht.
Aingeal Uí Bhrádaigh.

A.F.C. RACENIGHT

The Maynooth Town A.F.C. Racenight was held in the G.A.A. Club on the 18th of April. The night was a great success. A large crowd turned out and good craic was had by all. The action was thrilling with some punters seen whipping their chairs in excitement. The highlight of the night was the Value Tile auction Derby. The auctioneer for the event was Emmet Stagg. Bidding on all horses was keen but the best was saved till last. The most expensive purchase of the evening was horse No. 10 Desert Orchid ridden by Richard Dunwoody. Despite a brave attempt by a syndicate, rumoured to have travelled up from Limerick the previous weekend, this fine piece of equine flesh was purchased by Jim Doogan and went on to win the main event.

Rob Meharg Managing Director of Value Tile was on hand to present the prize money to the winning owner. On a more serious note, if the businesses and residents of the town continue to support the clubs and organisations, that attempt to channel the energy of our children in the right direction, with the generosity that was shown in this event the town of Maynooth has a very bright future.

It remains only for us to thank all those who supported the event on the night and a special thanks to the following, The Glenashling Nursing Home, Celbridge
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This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds.
Closing date for receipt of entries is 16th May by 5 p.m.

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GLENROYAL TALENT SHOW FINAL

The final of the Glenroyal Talent Show held on the 10th April was a great success with over forty acts involved. The talent came from as far away as Galway.

Heineken sponsored the show and awarded each contestant with a tray of Heineken at the end of the night. Heineken were delighted with the response to the contest and said that they would definitely host another series of talent contests next year.

The Glenroyal bar was packed to the gills and one spectator aptly described the scene as being like Bees at a hive of honey, as everyone was enjoying the show so much.

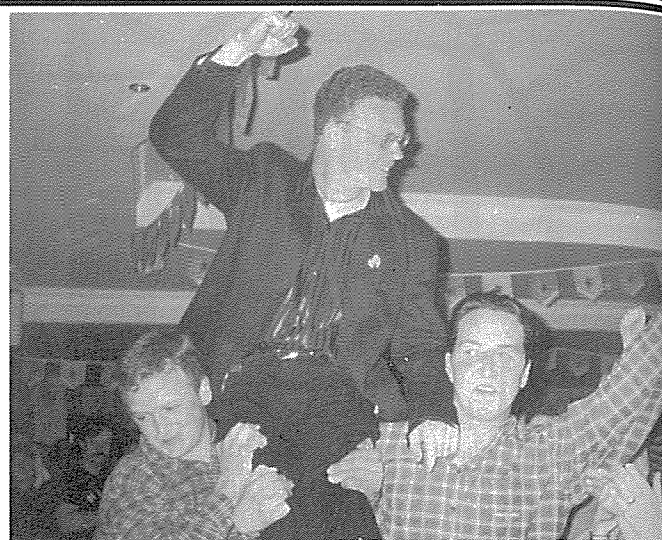
The talent was very varied with bands, solo singers and impersonators being the most popular acts, and all were supported by the band "The Partners". The band "Anesthesia" played a stormer on the night singing their own song "Summer" and also a song from the Beatles "Ticket to Ride". The band members were Robert Malone, George Bagnall, Cathal Sheahan and Gavin Muddiman all of whom are living in Leixlip.

There were quite a number of singing contestants singing anything from the blues to their own melodies. Karen McGlynn sang "In These Troubled Times" and "Past the Point of Rescue". Claudine McDonnell sang "Think Twice" and "I Will Survive" and Paul Kirwan sang "You Better Watch Yourself" and "Piano Man". Shay Cotter sang his own songs "Swoopin Down" and "Ice Cream Man". Heidi Talbot sang "You Ought to Know" and "All The Lies That You Told Me".

Among the impersonators were Brendan Fox as John Denver singing a country and western mixture of "Back Home Again" and "Help Me Make it Through the Night", and Adrian Dempsey as Mick Jagger singing "Satisfaction" and "Honky Tonk Woman".



Claudine McDonnell sang "Think Twice" and "I Will Survive"



Winner of the Glenroyal Talent Show Paul Kirwan

All of the contestants performed wonderfully and provided a great nights entertainment. The battle for first place however could only be won by one lucky contestant that person being chosen from a very competitive group of performers.

The judging panel had indeed their work cut out for themselves in choosing the winner and runners up but after some soul searching on their behalf it was decided that the winners would be:

- | | |
|-----|--------------------|
| 1st | Paul Kirwan |
| 2nd | Heidi Talbot |
| 3rd | Shay Cotter |
| 4th | Claudine McDonnell |
| 4th | Adrian Dempsey |
| 5th | Karen McGlynn |
| 5th | Brendan Fox |
| 5th | "Anesthesia". |

We would also like to inform you that "Caffrey's Caraoke" will be holding Karaoke nights each Thursday in the Glenroyal starting on the 17th April at 8pm. There will be games, spot prizes and a winners prize each week.



Karen McGlynn 5th in the Glenroyal Talent Show

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DANCE FEVER IN MAYNOOTH?

Well it certainly was the case for the students of Mrs. Antoinette Peelo-Brennan and Mrs. Paula Kearns, who participated in a most enjoyable dance course from the 1st to 4th of April. The course was given by Mrs. Bobby Draheford an English examiner with the International Dance Teachers Association and was held in St. Marys Girls National School.

Commencing at 10.00 each morning, all students participated in a warm-up. The warm-up was not only interesting but helpful as all discovered different parts of the body which it is necessary to strengthen for dancing.

After the warm-up the students were divided into two groups. While one group were attending a Ballet class, the other practiced new dances or watched a video on a dancer's life or a dancing school. The Ballet Class commenced with a warm-up at the 'barre' - which for the elder group include point-work (on toes), which speaking from a personal point-of-view was an experience!!!

The students danced to the music from favourite Ballet shows which were choreographed by Mrs. Draheford. After lunch students either attended modern classes which consisted of dances again choreographed by Mrs. Draheford and danced to the latest chart music (Janet Jackson and Jamiroquai). This dancing was another part of the dance world which some had never seen before.

Over the 4 days friendships were made, eyes opened to the amazing world of dance and everybody's dancing improved. By Friday (4th) there were tears but also a different expression on everybody's faces as they knew a course like this would never be forgotten.

On the 4th, the students performed a show containing all the dances learned by both groups. From the applauding of the audience (made up of relations and friends) it told the students that their practice was worthwhile. Even the surprised and speechless teachers, as they were presented with a bouquet of flowers, were to add to this achievement.

Thanks to Mrs. Draheford's enthusiasm and energy and the advice and co-operation of Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Kearns and Miss Deirdre Brennan the course was the highlight of their Easter Break for 50 young dancers aged from 8-16.

I would just like to add my congratulations to all the girls who took their Grade examinations during the 4th, 5th and 6th - from what I have seen during the course and classes you have all worked extremely well and all deserve a good result. I would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Brennan and Miss Deirdre Brennan who have always been there for me - Thank you.

Written by: Ciara Baxter a student of the Antoinette Peelo-Brennan Dance School.

PRESENTATION GIRLS' SCHOOL

Pupils from Presentation Girls' School, Maynooth recently won prizes in the Kildare Area Finals of the I.N.T.O/E.B.S. Handwriting Competition.

Helen Devine (4th class) from Crinstown, Maynooth, won 1st prize in Category Three of the competition.

Niamh Sheehan, (5th class), from Cluain Aoibhinn, came 1st in Category Four.

Karen Bracken, (2nd class) from Parklands Court, came 3rd in Category Two.

The school also had prizewinners in the Write - a - Book 1997 Project.

Special Certificates were awarded to Ruth Hallinan (5th class) Greenfield Drive, for her book "Sir Vivor and His Many Adventures".

Fiona Nelson (3rd class), Killeaney, for her composition "My Diary". They were presented with their prizes at a special ceremony at the Spa Hotel, Lucan. All prizes were presented by the author Terry Hassett-Henry.

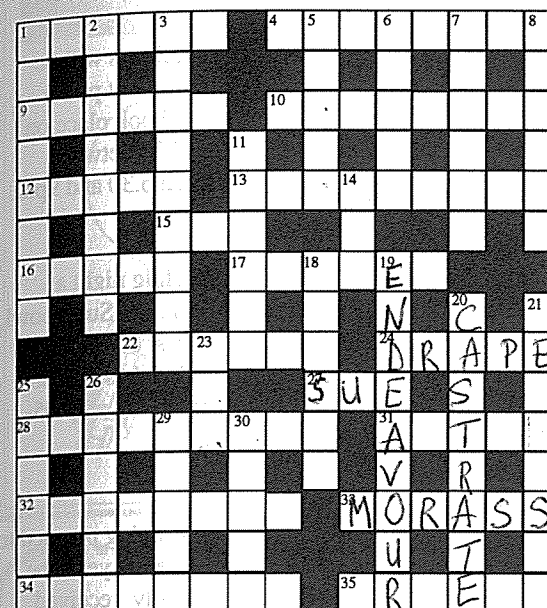
Girls from Presentation School were also winners in the Community Games ART Competition. Paula Curran, (4th class) Straffan Way, won 1st prize and Caitriona O'Riordan, (4th class), Ladychapel, came 2nd.

Congratulations to all the winners, and to all who took part.



Two prizewinners in the Write-a-Book 1997 Project Left Fiona Nelson Right Ruth Hallinan with their teachers Left Ms Ledwith and right Mrs Topley

Crossword No. 114



Entries before 16th May 1997

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Across:

1. Order. (6)
4. Worshipper. (8)
9. Austere. (6)
10. Vein-like. (8)
12. Upper room. (5)
13. He tries to make gold. (9)
15. Allow. (3)
16. Lover boy! (5)
17. Chuckle. (6)
22. Comforts. (6)
24. Cloak. (5)
27. Take her to court. (3)
28. Artistic copper? (9)
31. Flower. (5)
32. Annoyed. (8)
33. Mire. (6)
34. Rudiments. (8)
35. Trial. (6)

Down:

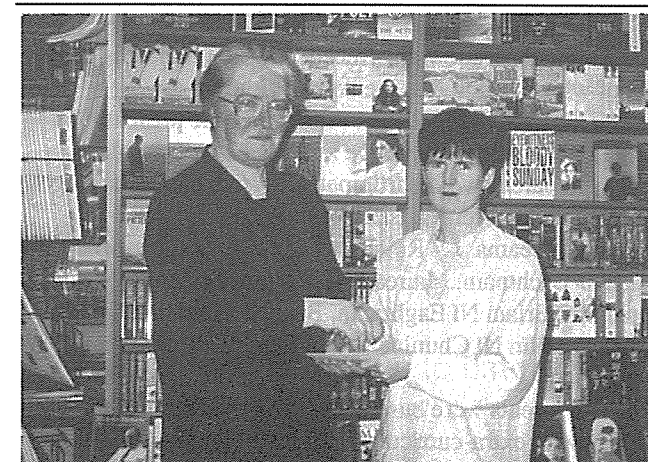
1. Loses heart. (8)
2. Delay. (4,4)
3. Cravat. (9)
5. Rustic. (5)
6. Lord. (5)

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7. Trifles. (6)
8. Tell. (6)
11. Clatter. (6)
14. Shed. (3)
18. Plume. (6)
19. Strive. (9)
20. Emasculate. (8)
21. Retaliation. (8)
23. Epoch. (3)
25. Injure. (6)
26. Stipend. (6)
29. Chart. (5)
30. Cry. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 113.

Across: 1. Visage; 4. Scrabble; 9. Cackle; 10. Spoonful; 12. Realm; 13. Mandarins; 15. Imp; 16. Glean; 17. Absent; 22. Crates; 24. Ratio; 27. Tor; 28. Plaintive; 31. Alter; 32. Aberdeen; 33. Gifted; 34. Saturate; 35. Sensor.

Down: 1. Vicarage; 2. Socrates; 3. Goldminer; 5. Capon; 6. Aroma; 7. Boffin; 8. Enlist; 11. Impart; 14. Dee; 18. System; 19. Narrative; 20. Statutes; 21. Corridor; 23. Apt; 25. Sprays; 26. Patent; 29. Nadir; 30. Inept.
Winner of Crossword No. 113:
Eileen Bambrick, Maynooth Park, Maynooth.

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SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

March and April proved to be very busy months for both children and parents of Scoil Uí Riada. During St. Patrick's weekend the school entertained the children of Fillmore High School whose band and colour guard provided a colourful musical spectacular in the Glenroyal Hotel. Gifts were exchanged between the schools: Scoil Uí Riada received an American flag which had flown over the State Legislature of California, the seat of the Governor of California and a letter of greeting from the senator from Ventura, California, in return our guests were presented with a specially commissioned Crolla Doll in the colours of the school.

The concert and parade were preceded by an Oíche Gaelach details of which featured in the April edition of the Newsletter. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of Cupla Focal badges and to the more dedicated pupils, Fainní óir to parents who participated in Irish classes during the previous school terms. Recipients included Seán O'Lachtnáin, Séamas O' Roisteard, Caróilin Nic Airtneacha, Brendán O'Lachtnáin, Maireád Ní Mhuirthile, Máire Nic an tSionnaigh, Miriam Ní Eaghtainn, Bríd Ní Mhurchú, Gearóid ó Longáin, Poilín Ní Chunluain, and Sandra Ní Laoi.

While their parents were busy socialising the children too were busy with extra-curricular activities. Tomás O Baille won the scealaíocht section in the All-Ireland final of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Eireann, Ceol an Gheimhridh competition in Thurles on 23 March. The following week individual pupils and groups from the school took part in the All-Ireland finals at Slogadh in Carlow. Pupils from 3rd and 4th classes took part in the final of the drama competition while 1st and 2nd class were in the choir competition. Seán O'Duarcáin and Tomás O'Baille also participated in the Péintéaracht Scéalaíocht sections respectively. All concerned did the school proud and special thanks are due to teachers Colm O'Hanluain, Máire Ní Riaghnaigh and Seóasamh O'hEareáin.

Get Connected

Scoil Uí Riada is now connected via Internet to the information super highway. Special thanks to Brendan Hurley who installed the necessary software. Full details about the school's computer facilities and an Internet project next month.

Dates in your Diary

Golf classic, Friday 6th June.

If you think you can emulate Tiger Woods or even Tony the Tiger why not come along to Kilcock Golf Club on Friday 6th June and participate in our Golf Classic. Details as follows:

Tee Times: 2 - 5pm

Format: Four-Ball Team Event, Stableford.

Entry Fee: £100 per team of four, to include entry to competition, green fees and meal in clubhouse.

Open to all GUI and Society members, handicaps will be capped at 18 for men and 27 for ladies. Excellent prizes including 4 colour TV sets for winners. To book place on time sheet contact Denis Logan at 01-7060924 between 8.30am and 3.30pm on 045-879320 between 6.30 and 9pm.

Bowling Night. 20th May

Following the success of the inaugural bowling night a further outing is being organised on 20th May in Superbowl, Palmerstown. Lanes will be allocated on first come, first served basis and wine, tea, coffee and sandwiches will be available. For details/bookings contact John Fox at 0405-57520.

10th Birthday Bash Bonanza

A midsummer night (21st June) barbecue is being planned to celebrate the 10th birthday of the school. Venue yet to be confirmed. All offers of help will be gratefully received. Please contact any member of the Cairde Committee at the school. More details next month.

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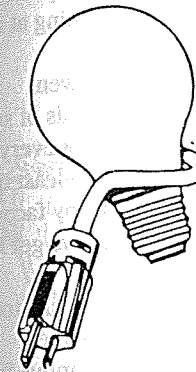
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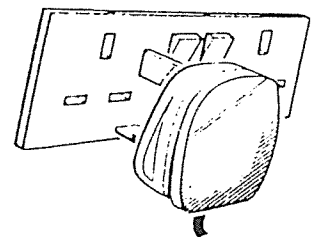
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RYE MAYNOOTH CUB SCOUTS, 8TH KILDARE, VALLEY REGION

"We are presently enrolling girls with 8 places still available if there's any brave hearted young lassies out there. Just to give you an idea of what one of our outings is like, just take a peek at our last event;

Lough Dan. Situated in the beautiful & scenic Wicklow Mountains (this sentence is for the benefit of the adults by the way.) We led our cub pack along with other cubs from our region, on an adventure into the unknown - i.e. they'd never met such an unusual and crazy bunch of adults in all their lives! Like, how many grown-ups do you know, who go around with their face painted, yelling & dancing like an American Indian around a campfire with a name like Big Chief Flowerpot?

Not many I'd guess! But there she was! She taught us all how to look and act like an Indian Brave, & how to cook bread on a stick.

So, after we'd eaten our bread, we went on to relays. (No it's not the one with the batons. Got you thinking now haven't I?) Afterwards, the cubs thoroughly enjoyed themselves soaking all the leaders by throwing wet sponges at them, while the poor leaders, greatly outnumbered, dodged them as best they could - (which actually turned out to be not at all judging at how wet they all were.)

Then there were events such as painting, soccer, rounders, plus a magical hike in which the cubs

somehow managed to acquire sweets from trolls and other strange creatures by answering riddles. (Well it must have been magic, cause the poor leaders couldn't find anything at all!)

So after **that**, we all went Bowling in Bray, with loads of songs along the way. I **think** that everyone enjoyed themselves. Or at least there were a lot of smiling, sleepy faces getting off that bus when we got home.

So girls if you think you'd like to get into something like this & are interested in stuff like camping & nature & learning new skills (and no, it's not all "boys' stuff", it's "everybody's stuff."), then you're more than welcome at our Scout Den each Tuesday night from 7.30 - 9p.m. See you there!"

A Staunton

THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION IRELAND

THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION IRELAND had a very successful sponsored walk from Maynooth to Kilcock on SATURDAY 19th. APRIL. Charlie O' Neill, Abbeylands, Clane, provided a rousing start to the walk, leading the walkers through the town in his pony and trap. With the notes of his hunting horn ringing in their ears they set off for Kilcock.

We would like to thank all those who helped us make this such a successful venture. The Students from the Maynooth Post Primary School joined us on our walk and raised valuable funds for us. Super Valu at the Glenroyal Shopping Centre, and Quinnsworth were particularly generous in their support. Tom Kelly Kilcock provided most welcome transport back to Maynooth. Our special thanks also to the shops and all the people in Maynooth and Kilcock who so generously supported us.

Two cyclists plan to cycle from MAYNOOTH to BIRR on 25th APRIL (75 Miles) to join with walkers and cyclists from all over Ireland who are taking part in this North/South sponsored walk for THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED. Their aim it is to provide riding and pony trap driving for persons with a disability.

The Grand Finale of this All Ireland fund-raising drive will be in BIRR on SUNDAY 27th. APRIL when Lord Rosse will address all the participants.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

Parent/Teacher Association

The association is hosting "A Night At The Dogs" at Harold's Cross Stadium on the evening of September 19th 1997. There will be a total of nine races, for which we have received sponsorship. We extend our gratitude to all our sponsors, and invite those who wish to nominate a greyhound, or to place an advertisement in the race night programme to contact the school, or any member of the committee.

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Course participants have reported that there is an exceptionally high demand for their services. They have been offered positions in a variety of care areas, with better pay, conditions and career development opportunities than they would otherwise have expected prior to gaining their FÁS/CITY & GUILDS QUALIFICATION.

Jacqueline Leone of the National Care Institute Network, the FÁS appointed trainers said "I am very impressed by the dedication and commitment of these participants, I believe they all have the potential to make a very positive contribution to the lives of others".

On the question of employment prospects Noel Feeney of FÁS reported "Over the last ten years I have seen a steady growth in the demand for qualified care support workers, this is not surprising in light of the increasing number of our population over 65 years of age and the expansion of community based health and social services. I believe that the area of community based care provision offers those with a recognised qualification, excellent employment and career development opportunities".



Back Row L-R Ashling Sweeney, Pat Tuite, Marian Byrne, Geraldine Waldron, Bernadette O'Brien, Carmel Canny, Marie Ryan.
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Front Row L-R Diana Pasquali, Ann Marie Fennell, Marie Fitzpatrick

SUMMER SCHOOL

Lucan Community College will again stage its highly successful Summer School this year during July. The four week programme is aimed at Leaving Certificate students who are studying French and German, and at both Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students in the case of Irish. Mathematics to Honours Leaving Certificate is being added to the programme this year. The cost of the course is £150.00. Application forms and further information are available from the College.

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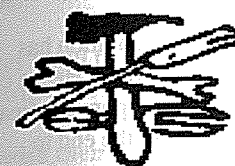
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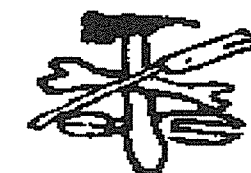
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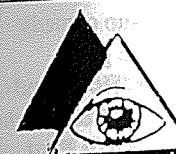
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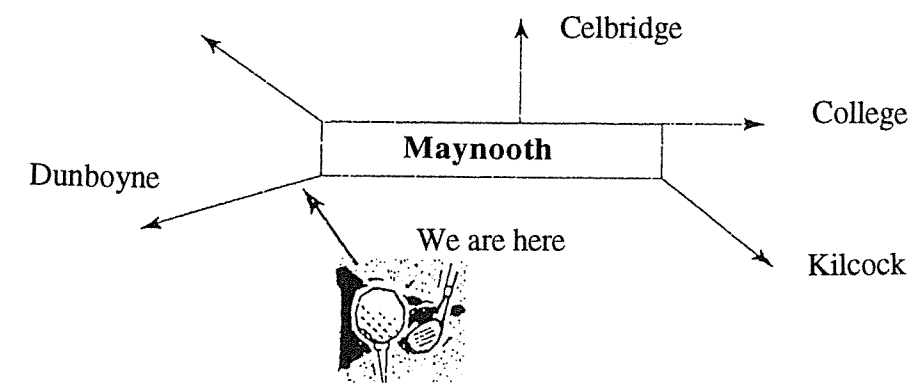
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VIDEO REVIEW

The Nutty Professor (15's)

Here we go again; yet another remake! The original of the same name was made in 1963 and, for those of you who didn't know, starred Jerry Lewis in the role of Sherman Klump, the professor of the title. This time Eddie Murphy gets to re-invent the role of professor, although exhume it would be a more appropriate description. First time round this was merely a vehicle for Lewis' overrated comedy talent, and the reprise doesn't fare much better. Briefly the plot centres on the portly prof's attempts to win the heart of a beautiful fellow teacher who he reckons won't be exactly enamoured with his rather elephantine waistline. He stumbles on a diet potion formula that turns him into the slim, svelte and witty Buddy Love, and in this guise he sets out to woo the object of his heart's desires. For a film that's supposedly a comedy the laughs are extremely thin on the ground, unless you find breaking wind funny. Americans obviously do, because the film was a huge success at the box office in the States. Just goes to show you.....! **Verdict: Strictly for Eddie Murphy Fans.**

A Time to Kill (15's)

Written by best-selling author John Grisham, this is a story of racial tension and the fight for justice in America's deep South. When his daughter is brutally assaulted, Carl Lee (Samuel L. Jackson) takes the law into his own hands and kills her attacker in what is an act of revenge and retribution. Against all the odds and growing hostility from both the Klu Klux Klan and the Civil Rights Movement, lawyer Jack Brigrance (Kevin Spacey) sets out

to save Carl from death row. This is a very good courtroom drama with fine performances from both Spacey and Jackson. Grisham's book was an extremely ponderous affair - good beginning, good ending but very repetitive in the middle - but thankfully the screenplay succeeds in trimming it down to a more acceptable level, although at almost two and a half hours it's still slightly overlong. Still, all in all it's a very good film and well worth your time. **Verdict: Slick and efficient.**

Jack (PG)

Jack is no ordinary child. A rare medical condition has caused him to age at four times the normal rate. He's a child in a man's body and in school he is looked upon as a freak by his classmates. Naturally he wins out in the end to become the most popular boy in school. Why, oh why, oh why, does Robin Williams, who is extremely talented, insist on being associated with rubbish like this? He's made some near-classic films, such as 'Dead Poet's Society', 'Good Morning Vietnam' and 'The Birdcage', and anyone who has seen his stand-up comedy will know that he's a great entertainer. Then he gets involved in real turkeys like 'Nine Months' or 'Hook' and now this garbage. Not even the presence of Bill Cosby, who is himself a fine comedian, nor direction by Francis Ford Coppola could save this dead horse from the knackers yard! It worked for Tom Hanks in 'Big' because it was a reasonably funny film, but here it just annoys. At the end you're left wondering if Robin Williams has a career death-wish.

Verdict: Trash! (how could you, Robin!).

MAYNOOTH PRODIGY

Maynooth has its own Prodigy in the form of Joe Canny from Railpark, who is currently the Irish Amateur Snooker Champion and also the current number one ranking player. From the early age of 12, Joe developed an interest in the game and joined the Celbridge Snooker Club where he furthered his skills. The game has provided Joe with wonderful travel opportunities. To date he has competed in the World Amateur Championships in Thailand in 1991 where he reached the semi-finals.

He has also competed in the World Amateur Championships in New Zealand and on route stopped over in such places as Singapore, Sydney and Los Angeles. At the moment Joe is awaiting the up and coming Irish Championships. He is hoping to yet again qualify for another world championships, this time being held in Zimbabwe.

His mother Carmel and father Joe Senior along with his brothers Michael, John and David enthusiastically support Joe in his sport and his employers Intel are very co-operative as regards time needed to travel to competitions, etc. Of course it is always nice to see someone close to home doing so well so with our deepest sincerity we wish him the very best of luck with his future whether he may choose to

go professional or remain an amateur, we are sure that he will do well. Good Luck Joe!



Irish Amateur Snooker Champion Joe Canny

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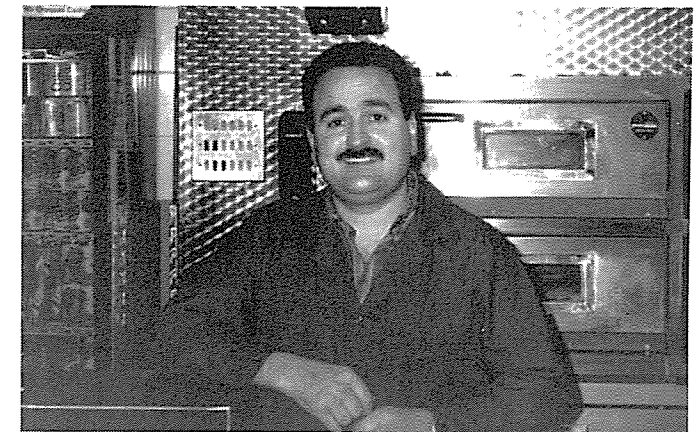
CHIP SHOP CHANGES HANDS

Fusciardi's Take-Away on Main Street is under new management. The new owner is Dominic Macari.

Dominic who grew up in the business intends to bring a new style of service to Maynooth with new opening hours and an expanded new menu which will include fresh fish and fresh pizzas.

Macari's will be open all day everyday except Sunday when they will open at 5 o'clock.

We wish them the best of luck.



Dominic Macari New Owner of Fusciardi's Take Away

THE ROYAL CAFE

A Royal Addition

Patricia Mulchrone the owner of the Royal Café in the Glenroyal Centre is no stranger to the catering business. Her experience running the Hitchin Post and the Rye Restaurant stand her in good stead in her new venture. The café decor is very inviting with pine tables and chairs and a lovely peach shade on the walls.

The hungrier among you will be delighted to know that a large full Irish Breakfast is available all day at an extremely reasonable price. The café offers a great value for money service with its large portions of delicious home cooked food.

Both hot and cold food is served daily and a lunch consisting of a main course, vegetables and potatoes can be had from Thursday to Saturday. The café boasts a varied menu with everything from lamb and fish to pizzas and burgers, and a kiddies menu is also available. Anyone who is already familiar with "The Rye" restaurant will know that quality at the right price is what this new café has to offer. So if you're feeling hungry why not have a "Royal" feed at the "Royal Café".



Staff of the Royal Café

ST. MARY'S BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We would like to congratulate all the boys who were confirmed in March and the boys from fourth class who formed the choir.

The end of term Mass in St. Mary's Church attended by all the boys was a great success and was a credit to all the teachers and to Fr. Cogan.

We wish Teresa who worked in the office the best of luck in her new job.

Last month part of our fund raising money went to buy a new printer for the computer which was badly needed in the office.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The inaugural meeting of the Council was held on Monday 13th April. **Co-Options:** Joan Howard Williams to represent AREA A and Mary Murtagh was elected to represent AREA D. Margaret Staunton was nominated for Beaufield Estate. Representatives from the Students Union may now be co-opted.

Chairman's Address

The outgoing Chairman, Proinnsias Breathnach said that the new Council should not be tied by the Constitution and could change it as they wished. Meetings were held once a month with the executive deciding the Agenda. He discussed the sub-committee and their function and all members of the last council were asked to stand for one sub-committee which were reviewed each year. The committee usually meet monthly.

Sports Complex

It was agreed that the Sports Complex should be a priority for the new Council, although finance was a major problem.

Tidy Town

It was agreed that the Council should high-light and promote the tidy towns aspect, especially the Town Centre. The itinerant site should be pushed forward. It was proposed that the Council become involved in the ZANUSSI NATIONAL WASHDAY 8-10th May.

Council Dump

It was pointed out that the Council should ask for a dump closer to Maynooth, the nearest was now in Mountmellick.

The Thing?

Kildare County Council are reviewing the matter, and the ESB were open to discussions. It was also seen as a driving hazard.

The 66 Bus

The matter of bringing it to the Straffan road is still being reviewed; the turning point is still a problem.

1987 REMEMBERED

Excerpts from May 1987 Newsletter

Children's Playground

It was pointed out that as it is still uninsured that the Community Council are helpless to do anything with it, until Kildare County Council take it over.

Election of Officers

A secret ballot was agreed; Chairperson, Fionan Hardiman declined nomination. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin was elected Chairperson 16/15 against Tom Purcell. Tom Purcell was re-elected (vice-chairperson) unopposed. **Secretary** Mary Murtagh was elected unopposed. **Minutes Secretary** Joan Howard-Williams was elected unopposed. **Treasurers** Dominic Nyland and Pat Moyonan were elected unopposed. **P.R.O.** Mary Grenell was elected unopposed. The new chairperson took over the chair.

"Licence Warning from 1987" How much is that doggie in the window?

Well whatever price he/she is, you better add another £5 onto the cost. The new dog licence law went into action on 1st April.

The licence costs £5 for one dog. Remember, if you have two dogs, 2 licences must be produced. If you have more than 25 dogs a communal licence can be purchased for £100. The licences can be bought in our local post-office.

A dog must wear a leash when out and about with its owner. You could be fined anything from £100-£500 for your little darling if you don't have a licence. If your mutt is found rambling around (looking for a spare tree) and is put in the pound, up to £100 has to be paid for its release.

Maybe this will clamp down on the uncaring owners of dogs in the estates. Your dog might have cost nothing

when you got it first, but now it could cost you up to £500. A mans best friend might be his dog, but we think Goldfish are going to come back into fashion, afterall it will be another 2 years before you'll have to have a licence for them!

Royal Canal Amenity Group

Our most ambitious project to date came to a conclusion on the weekend of the 4th & 5th April. The first Maynooth Trade Fair was an outstanding success, from the school's and our point of view in filling all available space with exhibitions and for the exhibitors the number of people who attended. About 2,500 adults.

The profits from the Fair are being shared equally between the school and the Canal Group which in reality means-the money goes back into the community.

It is hard to know where to start thanking all who helped make the project a success. The School Committee, who worked long and hard over the weekend, the Canal Committee and Community Council workers who have been working on the project since January, in particular Mary Horn, Trade Fair Secretary for her ideas and hard work, Mr P. O'Connell who has seen his school taken apart and over run by thousands, the teachers and volunteers who looked after night security.

The work on the canal has come to a stop at the moment but we hope to be back in production in about a month with a new project under the National Manpower Social Employment Scheme which will see the completion of the wall at Bond Bridge and the building of the slipway in the harbour.

Our fund raising continues and we are looking for new ideas in this area. So if you can help we would love to hear from you.

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Petrol Price Survey

The ever increasing number of cars on the roads suggests that selling petrol should be a very lucrative business.

Maynooth is now served by two very modern service stations which cater for lots of the consumers needs apart from petrol. However, when it comes to buying petrol it is not always clear that the consumer is price conscious.

Most of us will buy £10 or £20 worth without paying all that much attention as to whether we are paying a competitive price. The Newsletter carried out a small survey on April 21st on petrol prices in the Maynooth area and on the road towards Dublin. What emerges is that there is quite a range in prices for unleaded petrol (8% difference between cheapest and dearest) while the price of super leaded petrol is similar across all stations in the survey. Given that more and more motorists are using unleaded this discrepancy is obviously worthy of public attention. The following table outlines the range of prices at the stations surveyed:

Station	Price per litre		Price per gallon	
	Unleaded	Super Leaded	Unleaded	Super Leaded
Maxol Palmerstown	57.4	67.5	260.94	306.86
Shell Palmerstown	57.4	66.6	260.94	302.76
ESSO Palmerstown	57.3	66.6	260.49	302.76
Texaco Ballydowd	61.4	66.5	279.12	302.31
Statoil Lucan	57.3	67.0	260.49	304.58
Maxol Lucan	60.9	66.5	276.85	302.31
ESSO Maynooth	61.7	66.6	280.49	302.76
Maxol Maynooth	61.9	66.9	281.40	304.13

The conclusion is that petrol in Maynooth is comparatively expensive. A gallon of unleaded petrol in Maxol in Maynooth is 21 pence dearer than Statoil in Lucan or ESSO in Palmerstown. The second table illustrates that these differences can all add up when you buy a full tank - a difference of £2.30 between the cheapest and dearest for 50 litres of unleaded petrol.

Station	50 litres unleaded	50 litres leaded
Maxol Palmerstown	£28.70	£33.75
Shell Palmerstown	£28.70	£33.30
ESSO Palmerstown	£28.65	£33.30
Texaco Ballydowd	£30.70	£33.25
Statoil Lucan	£28.65	£33.50
Maxol Lucan	£30.45	£33.25
ESSO Maynooth	£30.85	£33.30
Maxol Maynooth	£30.95	£33.45

The service stations in Maynooth provide an excellent range of services and the staff seem friendly and efficient. But how about some cheaper petrol please ?

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MIGRAINE

Do you suffer from migraine?

Migraine is a common ailment characterized by a severe recurring headache. The headache usually affects one side of the head only, but it can affect both sides. The pain varies greatly in severity and migraine has been described as one of the worst forms of headache in the world.

How common is migraine?

One in ten people suffer from migraine and it is three times more likely to affect women than men.

What are the symptoms?

Some people lose their appetite for food and also feel nauseous or sick. The occasional sufferer can experience trouble seeing or speaking and may feel giddy before an attack.

(What types of Migraine are there?)

Their are three types of migraine:
Classical, Common and Cluster.

Classical Migraine: A warning of an impending attack would be difficulty with sight, blurred vision or partial loss of sight. Sometimes a temporary inability to speak and a disturbance of touch and feeling will be experienced. These symptoms are caused by narrowing of blood vessels supplying a particular part of the brain. The headache will usually begin soon after the symptoms have appeared. Nausea and vomiting can accompany a bad attack and the sufferer may need to lie down. Diarrhoea is another side affect of this type of migraine.

Common Migraine

This type of migraine is more common, hence the name. There are no warning symptoms experienced with this form of migraine. The headache can be every bit as severe as with Classical migraine and nausea and vomiting are also likely side affects.

Cluster Migraine

This is the most unusual form of migraine it occurs in bouts that can last for two weeks to three months with headache free intervals between bouts lasting from a few months to three or four years. Only 4% of sufferers will

get this type of migraine and men are four times as likely as women to suffer form this . There will be pain behind the eye and a reddening and wateriness to the eye, also a blockage of the nostril on the affected side of the head.

What is the most likely time for a Migraine to occur?

Migraines usually occur between 5 and 10 a.m.

What Triggers a Migraine?

The main causes are:

- Changes in Daily routine.
- Sleep (too much or too little).
- Excitement.
- Noise.
- Light.
- Certain Foods.
- Stress.
- Effort and Exercise.
- The Weather.
- Smells.
- Hormonal Factors.

How can you help yourself?

- 1. Keep a Record**
This will help you see if any particular activity is bringing on an attack. In the diary you should record the day, the time of the headache and also what you have been doing or eating in the last 24 hrs..
- 2. Don't go Hungry**
Migraine can be brought on by missing meals or eating things that

don't suit you. Don't miss breakfast or food in the morning.

- 3. Watch What you Eat.**
If you think a certain food or drink may bring on an attack, keep a note of when you eat it and see if the headaches come afterwards, then try to avoid that particular food for about four weeks. If your attacks stop completely or are much better, then you know to eliminate that food from your diet , if there is little or no difference, re-introduce that food to your diet and try eliminating another.

- 4. Avoid extremes of Temperature**
Extremes of heat or cold can bring on an attack, so avoid this situation occurring.

- 5. Pain-Killers.**
Aspirin and paracetamol can be obtained without a prescription and are effective against migraine.

- 6. Sleep**
Sleep is a necessary part of the recovery process in migraine and people who lie down in a warm comfortable environment do better than those who try to stay up and work.

The above information was taken from Migraine and Headaches, by Dr. Marcia Wilkinson.

HELPFUL HINTS AROUND THE HOUSE

1. Check the draught in a chimney by lighting a piece of paper at the base of the chimney and see if it flares up satisfactorily.
2. If any paint stripper gets on your skin, wash it off at once with water (neutralise caustic soda with vinegar first).
3. Awkward items can be held together with sticky tape or plasticine while setting.
4. Never brush a fur to clean it - just shake it out briskly after use.
5. If you have a dry iron, damp down fabrics with a small spray of the type used for indoor plants.
6. In an emergency remove fluff hairs, etc from clothing by dabbing with the sticky side of adhesive tape.
7. When buying a pillow, compress it firmly between both hands. A good one will return to its original shape.

Party Political Notes

FINE GAEL

Meadowbrook

Minister of State Bernard Durkan has written to Kildare Co. Council and the relevant developers and asked that landscaping and road surfacing be properly finished to the satisfaction of the residents of the estate. Minister Durkan pointed out that there is also an onus on Kildare County Council to ensure that all conditions imposed on the developers on foot of their planning permission be fully complied with. Minister Durkan also contacted Cllr. Senan Griffin who is actively pursuing the matter with the County Engineer. Minister Durkan stressed that the road at the entrance to Meadowbrook from Bond Bridge is in urgent need of resurfacing. He said the work is long overdue and he was confident that the efforts of himself and Cllr. Senan Griffin would pay dividends. Minister Durkan said that he had had numerous representations from residents in Meadowbrook and that he consequently stressed the urgency of the matter to the County Engineer.

Silken Vale

Minister Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have been in contact with the Developers of Silken Vale and Kildare County Council in response to representations from Silken Vale Residents Association, who are anxious that all remaining work in the estate be carried out as a matter of urgency. Minister Durkan said that he was happy to note that most of the outstanding issues have been resolved. However, he said that he would continue to monitor the situation to ensure that it is fully resolved. In particular he has requested that the trees be planted in the estate to enhance the visual amenities of the area.

Parking Bye-Laws

Minister Bernard Durkan is happy to note that the Parking Bye-Laws for

Maynooth are to go on display in the town. Minister Durkan said that it is vital that residents in the area and traders in the town have an input into any future traffic management proposals. Minister Durkan has on numerous occasions expressed his dissatisfaction with the current traffic management plan for the Main Street and welcomes the opportunity for the people of the town to have an input into its progress. He said it is totally unacceptable that traffic congestion in the Main Street appears to be worse at crucial stages of the day than it was previous to the implementation of traffic lights. He said that this problem needs to be addressed urgently and he has contacted the County Engineer outlining these concerns.

Improvements to Traffic Island

Minister Bernard Durkan is glad to note that measures to improve the traffic island opposite the Greenfield Shopping Centre on the Celbridge Road are to be undertaken. At present the traffic island is not clearly visible, particularly at night time. This is to be improved by the introduction of lighting. The island will also be highlighted with luminous paint to make it safer for pedestrians and motorists.

Motor Tax Office

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that the Motor Tax Office in Naas be allocated additional staff to deal with the continual delays in the office. Minister Durkan has also stressed that the office should be updated, modernised and computerised in an effort to eliminate undue delays. Minister Durkan has had numerous representations from people in the Maynooth area on this matter and is actively pursuing the problem with Kildare County Council.

Additional Staff for Maynooth Garda Station

Minister Bernard Durkan has contacted the Minister for Justice, Ms. Nora

Owen, T.D., and requested that a second Sergeant be appointed in Maynooth to deal with the rising population and the increasing demands on the current staff. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested a second female Garda to liaise with the significant student population in Maynooth.

Footpaths in the Main Street

Minister Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have renewed their representations to Kildare County Council regarding the unacceptable condition of the footpaths in the Main Street. Minister Durkan stressed that the footpaths are actually quite dangerous, particularly at night time, and he has urged the county Engineer to resolve the matter promptly.

One Parent Families

Bernard Durkan, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Social Welfare this week launched an information booklet for one parent families. This booklet is designed to ensure that all one parent families are aware of and in receipt of their full entitlements and benefits. Minister Durkan said that it is extremely important that the public are kept up-to-date on changes in Social Welfare rates and improvements. This booklet will do exactly that and is available directly from the Department of Social Welfare and at its numerous local offices throughout the country.

£3,000 Allocation For Footpath

Cllr. Senan Griffin is glad to note the allocation of £3,000 to install a footpath at Celbridge Road Maynooth. Minister Bernard Durkan said the footpath should go a considerable way towards alleviating difficulties for pedestrians on this road.

YOUR FINE GAEL TEAM IN NORTH KILDARE



BERNARD J. DURKAN, T.D.
Minister of State

Bernard Durkan is widely acknowledged as one of the hardest working TD's in Dail Eireann, and is an experienced national and local legislator.

He is currently Minister of State at the Department of Social Welfare and a member of the Ministerial Task Force on Drugs set up by An Taoiseach, John Bruton.

He was Fine Gael Spokesman for Industry & Commerce (1981-82), the Food Industry (1987-89) and the Insurance Industry (1989-91). Up to December 1994 he was the Fine Gael Front Bench Spokesman on Health.

Through his membership of the Foreign Affairs and European Secondary Legislation Committees he has been actively involved in National and European Legislation.

At local level Bernard Durkan has held a number of prominent positions, including membership of Kildare County Council (Chairman 1986-87) and membership of the Eastern Health Board.

Speaking in Maynooth recently An Taoiseach described Bernard Durkan as one of the "hardest working and loyal Ministers in the Government." - "You are very lucky in North Kildare to have Bernard Durkan as your TD", he said.



MARY FRENCH
MCC, UDC

Mary French is a primary school teacher in Naas. She is a member of Naas UDC of which she was Chairperson from 1990 to 1991. Since her election she has worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Naas.

Currently a member of Kildare Co. Council, Mary is widely regarded as an extremely talented, able and active public representative.

She has a keen interest in Education and the Environment and is a member of Kildare Vocational Educational Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency.

At local level Mary is very active and is a member of the County Kildare Strategy Group and the Mid East Regional Authority.

Mary was President of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland (AMAI) 1995/96.

This is Mary's first time to seek election to Dail Eireann. Her work rate and enthusiasm in the many roles she has undertaken since becoming a public representative are second to none.

SECURING YOUR FUTURE

Party Political Notes

DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Cable TV

Councillor Catherine Murphy has called on the Minister for Energy, Transport and Communications to exert tighter supervision on the service provided by Cable TV company Cable Management Ireland (CMI). This follows repeated complaints she has received about the quality of the service provided by the company, which has over 13,000 subscribers in County Kildare.

A public meeting convened by Catherine Murphy in Celbridge heard complaints about variability in reception quality, constantly poor reception on certain channels, and problems with receiving stereo transmissions. Those who have protested by refusing to pay their subscriptions have simply been cut off. The department of Communications has responded to complaints about the service by simply relaying excuses provided by CMI. There was a feeling that CMI, which takes in almost £1.5 million yearly in subscriptions from Kildare subscribers, is not investing sufficiently in upgrading its transmission system.

Catherine Murphy believes that, in the absence of competition in the provision of cable TV services, the Department of Communications should take a more proactive role in monitoring the performance of cable companies which operate under licence from the Department. This should also include regular inspections of the quality of service provided, and periodic surveys of subscribers' satisfaction levels.

In the meantime, Catherine Murphy believes that joint action is needed by dissatisfied CMI subscribers. Individuals and groups who have carried out local surveys should send their results to Councillor Murphy who will collate them and forward them to the Minister for action. Groups contemplating local surveys should also contact Catherine Murphy with a view to establishing a common approach.

Windfall tax on Rezoners?

Councillor Catherine Murphy is demanding the immediate introduction of a substantial windfall tax on capital gains made by landowners who have their land rezoned for housing. This will be a major plank in her platform for the forthcoming general election in the new Kildare North constituency. Rezoning can instantly increase the value of land by ten times. Landowners selling rezoned land can make millions of pounds in unearned income overnight. At the same time, those buying houses on the rezoned land may have to wait years and years for proper educational, recreational and transportation facilities for themselves and their children due to shortages of public funds.

Catherine Murphy believes that there has been far too much rezoning of land in Kildare. A recent audit carried out by the County Council at her request showed that there is already enough undeveloped land zoned for housing to cater for an

additional 70,000 people. This is enough to cater for 50 years' population growth, according to the Council's planners. Yet the Fianna Fail/Fine Gael/Progressive Democrats rezoning majority on the Council are hell-bent on massive further rezoning. This amounts to unsustainable development on a grand scale and is indefensible.

A major windfall tax would take the heat out of the rezoning debate by greatly reducing the massive profits which can currently be realised by rezoning. And, where rezoning does take place, it will provide adequate funds to provide the services and infrastructure made necessary by housing developments.

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Flooding

Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the County Engineer to eliminate the flooding caused by blocked shores at Doctors Lane, Laurence Avenue and Maynooth Park.

Footpaths Straffan Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the County Engineer to carry out the minor work necessary to make the footpaths accessible to electric wheelchair users.

Harbour Field Area

The Council have been requested by Cllr. John McGinley to finish off the landscaping between the old Straffan Road and the Harbour Field wall in the interest of safety.

Arrow at Old Greenfield

Minister Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have again asked the County Engineer to paint an arrow on the road indicating the Straffan Road entrance to Old Greenfield.

Schools Moyglare Road

Arising from discussions with Maynooth Post Primary Teachers, Minister Stagg has requested Cllr. John McGinley to submit the following motion for consideration at the next Celbridge Area Committee meeting of the Council. "That flashing lights be erected either side of the schools on Moyglare road, Maynooth, in the interest of safety".

Better Public Lighting in Kildare

Cllr. John McGinley has resubmitted his motion on public lighting for the next meeting of the Council.

"That we proceed to replace the 4000 mercury vapour public lights in the county (including Leixlip and Newbridge) with modern sodium vapour units, that we upgrade and provide infill where necessary and that we place an order to have this work completed as soon as possible."

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Party Political Notes

There will be no extra cost on the Council as the existing Lighting allocation coupled with the reduced lighting charge and maintenance on the new lights will be sufficient to meet the annual repayments on a five year loan. Minister Stagg in welcoming John's continued action on this matter, states that the new lights would provide better public lighting and also save energy.

Labour Conference

The Branch congratulated Margaret Clince on her election to the General Council of the Party and John McGinley on his election to the Executive Committee.

Lights Old Greenfield Back Lane

As a result of representation from Cllr. John McGinley the ESB put back up the light which they took down while repairing a cable fault. The ESB hope to put two further lights in the back lane shortly.

Roads in Carton Court

Minister Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have asked the County Engineer to rectify the serious problems caused by their so called resurfacing of the roads in Carton Court. The quality of the work is disgraceful and a waste of scarce resources.

Footpath - Kilcock Road

Following representations from Minister Stagg the Area Engineer has advised that repairs will be carried out along the footpath on Kilcock Road to alleviate flooding.

Bus Shelter - Straffan Road - 67A turning point


In response to concerns of bus users Minister Stagg has requested Dublin Bus to investigate the possibility of providing a bus shelter at the above location. The shelter would have to be in keeping with the stone work at the turning point. Dublin Bus have advised that they are currently investigating the provision of the shelter.

Security at Maynooth Train Station Car Park

There have been a number of cars stolen from the train station car park. Minister Stagg contacted Iarnrod Eireann concerning this. They have advised that they will investigate the possibility of installing C.C.T.V. and will discuss this matter with the Garda Síochána.

Public Light No. 22 - Greenfield Close

As a result of repeated vandalism to the above public light Minister Stagg contacted both the E.S.B. and the Council with a view to having an extended arm fitted to the light. This work has now been carried out and we hope the light will be left alone.



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Looking Good

May brings an exuberance of flower. Many trees and shrubs are almost bowed down under the weight of their blossoms, and herbaceous perennials are shooting out of the ground so quickly that you can almost watch them grow. As well as all the flowers, the subtle hints of fresh young foliage make up a marvellous tapestry of colour.

Flowering trees are making a wonderful display of blossom. There are many flowering cherries (*Prunus*) including the Lombardy cherry popular for small spaces as it forms a narrow upright column of branches clothed with double, pale pink flowers.

Ornamental thorn trees can be even more showy than flowering cherries. 'Paul's Scarlet' bears double scarlet flowers, 'Crimson Cloud' has single dark red ones with a pretty white eye, and 'Rosea Flore Pleno' has double pink blossoms. There are some attractive, more subtle varieties too, like C.I. 'Plena' which has double, white flowers. *C. prunifolia* looks handsome from spring to autumn, with white flowers, long-lasting red fruits and gleaming oval leaves that colour beautifully in autumn. And don't shun white-flowered common hawthorn (*C. monogyna*) which makes an excellent prickly hedge that's a wonderful wildlife habitat. Grow a wild rose through it and you have the best of all rural worlds.

The golden rain tree (*Laburnum*) positively drips with long clusters of bright yellow flowers. Do bear in mind, though, that all parts of this tree are poisonous, particularly the seeds, so it's wise not to plant laburnums if there are young children around. Never plant one near a pond as the seeds will poison the water.

Several choice, less usual trees are also flowering now. The Judas tree (*Cercis siliquastrum*) bears many dangling clusters of rosy-pink flowers just before the attractive rounded leaves appear. It's said to be the tree from which Judas hanged himself, hence its name. Another excellent small tree is the rose acacia (*Robinia hispida*) which also bears deep rose-pink flowers and has pretty, fern-like leaves. Both these trees like a sheltered sunny site. The snowball tree (*Styrax japonica*) has wide-spreading branches and its exquisite, small, white flowers hang from underneath. Also known as the snowbell or snowdrop tree, *Halesia carolina* bears similar beautiful white flowers. Both the snowbell trees need a moist, lime-free soil. *Paulownia tomentosa* gives a glorious display of deep mauve, foxglove-like flowers in May, provided the weather has been kind, and its large velvety leaves look exceptionally handsome. Alternatively, if you want some dramatic foliage without the flowers, prune it to the ground in spring and then remove all but one of the new shoots.

Shrubs in flower include many white ones this month. One of the loveliest is *Exochorda x macrantha* 'The Bride', with arching branches smothered in clusters of large, pure white flowers. The poetically named bridal wreath or foam of May (*Spiraea 'Arguta'*) also bears masses of white flowers. For a combination of attractive flowers and all-year foliage, there's little to beat Mexican

orange blossom (*Choisya ternata*) which bears fragrant white flowers in bursts through late spring and summer, and its attractive evergreen foliage looks good all year. 'Aztec Pearl' is a compact variety. C.t. 'Sundance' has pale gold leaves, though the flowers aren't produced nearly so freely.

Nearly everyone falls in love with the beautiful waxy-petalled bloom of magnolias, though remember that as most varieties develop into large shrubs, they'll need plenty of room. *M.x soulangeana* bears huge tulip-shaped blooms. Most varieties have white flowers, but those of 'Lennei' are flushed with red and 'Rustica Rubra' has rich purple-red flowers. There are many other beautiful and less common magnolias, like *M. sieboldii*, which should be planted with a view to the longer term as they can take a few years to flower. Some species need to be grown on an acid soil so check them out first.

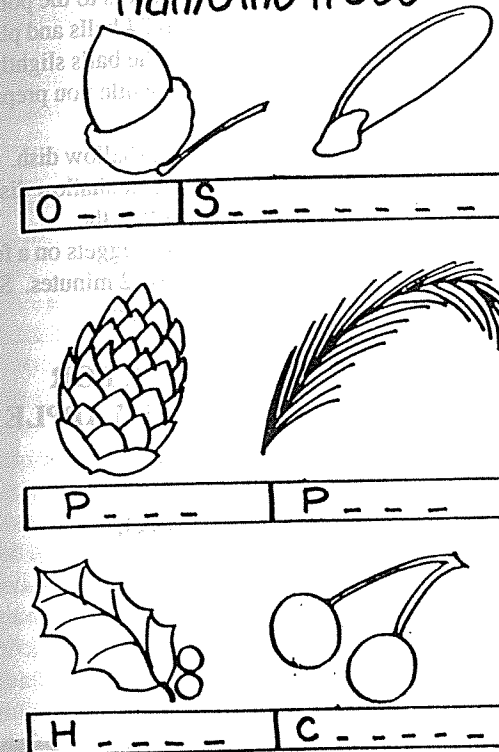
Spring just wouldn't be the same without the scent of lilacs. The vast majority are varieties of *Syringa vulgaris* which grow into large shrubs. There are lots of colours from which to choose including 'Madame Lemoine' (white), 'Firmament' (sky-blue), 'Katherine Havemeyer' (deep lavender-purple), 'Edward J. Gardner' (pale pink), 'Sensation' (purple-red edged with white) and 'Primrose' (pale yellow). For a small space, choose the more compact variety *S. meyeri* 'Palibin' with pale pink flowers.

Daphnes are just about the only plants that can beat lilacs for spring fragrance. These choice plants are a bit pricey, but their perfume is second to none. *Daphne burkwoodii* bears pink flowers, and the variety 'Astrid' has pretty green and white variegated leaves. There are also dwarf varieties for rockeries like *D. collina* and *D. x napolitana*. Rhododendron varieties are at their peak now. About the best types for containers are the Rhododendron yakushmanum hybrids. This relatively new group includes many plants with delicate and unusually coloured flowers like 'Doc' which has rose-pink blooms with deeper pink edges, fading to white as they age; those of 'Percy Wiseman' are cream flushed with pink; 'Hoppy' is pale mauve fading to white; 'Silver Sixpence' has creamy-white flowers splashed with pale yellow. Although they grow only to around 1 m (3ft), their leaves are much larger and more attractive than those of other dwarfs.

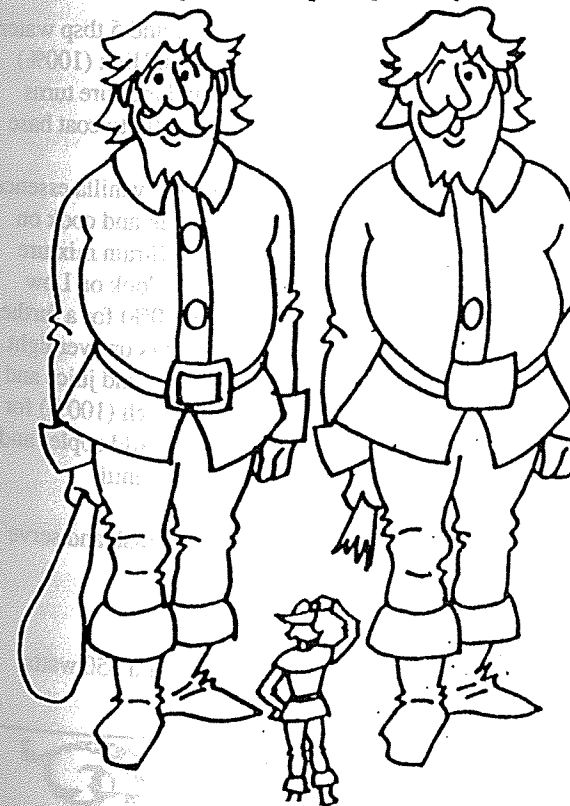
Bare soil is best hoed regularly to keep down weeds as they germinate. It's far easier to get them at this stage rather than when they've become established or, even worse, seeded everywhere so you have hundreds more next year. Use a small onion hoe to weed more closely around plants.

Children's Corner

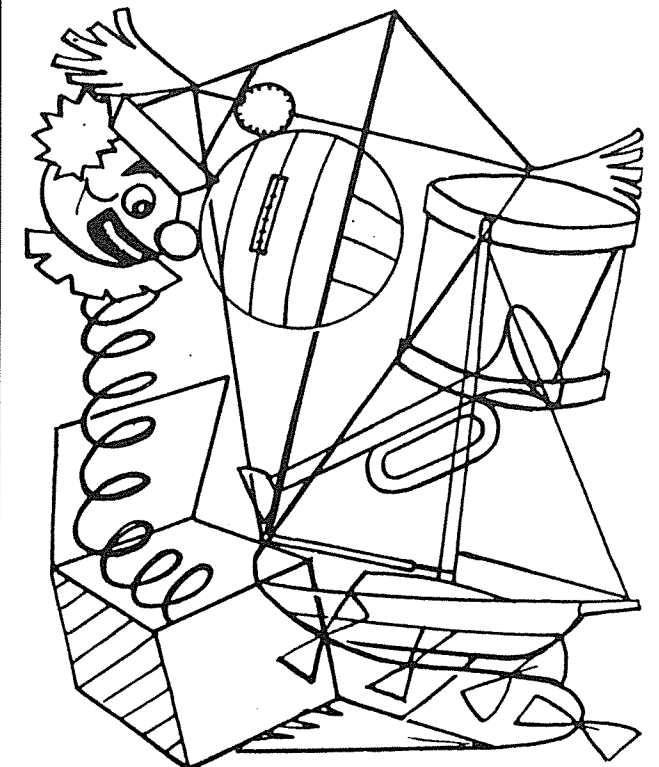
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Patrick Ward
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DELICIOUSLY SIMPLE

CHICKEN AND SWEETCORN SOUP

Serves 4

2.5cm (2") piece fresh root ginger, peeled
100g (4oz) cooked, skinned and boned chicken breast, shredded
10ml (2tsp) sherry
1 egg white
15ml (1tbsp) cornflour
600ml (1pt) chicken stock
100g (4oz) sweetcorn kernels
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 spring onion, finely chopped

- Finely grate the ginger, discarding any tough fibres. Mix with the chicken and sherry, then set aside.
- Lightly beat the egg white, then set aside. In a large bowl, blend the cornflour to a smooth paste with about 30ml (2tbsp) cold water.
- Bring the chicken stock to a rolling boil in a large saucepan, then remove from the heat and pour over the cornflour mixture. Stir well until blended, then return to the saucepan with the chicken mixture and the sweetcorn. Season to taste.
- Heat gently, stirring until the mixture boils and thickens.
- Add the egg white, stirring so that it separates into small pieces. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with the chopped spring onion.
- Serve this soup with rice crackers as a starter or a light snack.

Preparation: 15mins

Cooking: 10 mins

TUNA AND SWEETCORN POTATO NUGGETS

Serves 4

2 x 65g packs instant mashed potato
275ml (1/2 pint) boiling water
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
150g/5oz breadcrumbs
115g/4oz sweetcorn, canned or frozen
225g/7oz tuna in brine, drained
5ml/1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs
2 eggs, size 3
Unlimited shredded lettuce

- Stir the instant mashed potato into the boiling water and mix until smooth. Add the seasonings.
- Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/ gas mark 6. Scatter breadcrumbs over a foil-covered tray and brown in oven for 5 minutes.

- Add the sweetcorn, flaked tuna and herbs to the potato and mix well. Divide the mixture into 24 balls and place on a foil covered baking tray. Flatten the balls slightly with the palm of your hand, then chill while you prepare the coating.
- Lightly beat the eggs and pour into a shallow dish. Pour the grilled breadcrumbs into another shallow dish.
- Place the nuggets in the egg, then roll in the breadcrumbs to coat evenly. Place the nuggets on a foil-covered baking tray and cook for 10 to 12 minutes. Serve the nuggets with unlimited shredded lettuce.

MICROWAVE RECIPE FOR CREME CARAMEL WITH APPLE MARMALADE

Serves 4

For the Creme Caramel:

3oz/75g caster sugar
2 tsp cornflour
1 tsp vanilla essence
1pt/600ml milk
4 eggs, size 3, beaten

For the Apple Marmalade:

2 oranges, rind and juice
5oz/150g caster sugar
2 apples, peeled, cored and finely chopped

- To make the caramel, put 3 tbsp sugar and 5 tbsp water into a 2pt/1.2L microproof dish. Cook on High (100%) for 4-5 min until sugar has dissolved and mixture turns golden. Using oven gloves, tip dish slightly to coat base evenly with caramel. Leave to set.
- Mix remaining sugar with cornflour and vanilla essence in a microproof jug. Gradually stir in milk and cook on High (100%) for 4 min. Whisk in eggs. Strain mixture over caramel and cover with clingwrap. Cook on Low (10%) for 10 min, then cook on High (100%) for a further 3 min. Allow to cool, then chill for 2 hours or overnight.
- To make the marmalade, put orange rind and juice and sugar into a microproof bowl. Cook on High (100%) for 5 min, stirring halfway through cooking. Add apples and cook on High (100%) for a further 15 min until marmalade is thick and syrupy.
- Turn out crème caramel on to a serving dish and serve with hot or cold apple marmalade.

Preparation 20 min

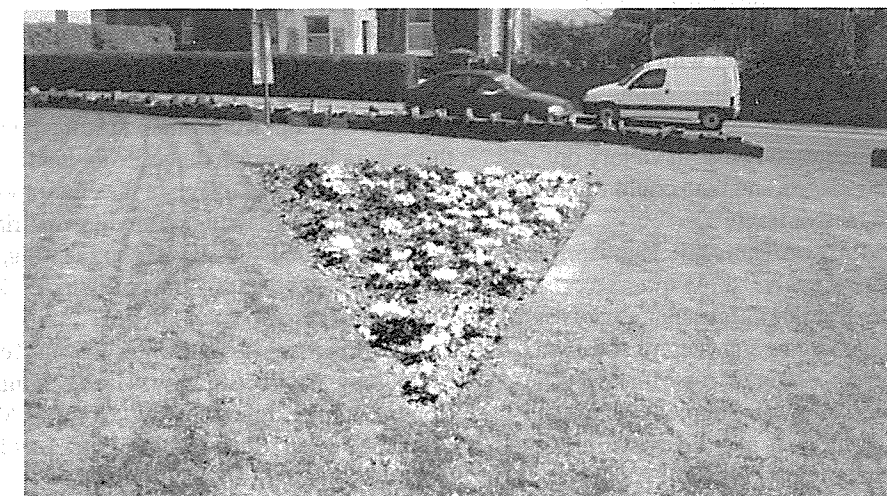
Cook 42 min, plus standing time (Based on 650 watts, for higher wattage adjust times to suit.)



Maynooth Scenes



Carton Avenue looking extremely well, thanks to Tidy Towns Project



Tidy Towns attractive grass and flower bed area opposite church



Stone Seat, completed by Tidy Towns Project opposite Quinnsnorth. Please keep the area litter free

MAYNOOTH LADIES G.A.A. NOTES.

Firstly I must apologise to all those good people who purchased tickets for the "Poker Classic" which was due to be held on the 11th of April. It was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. It has been rescheduled for May 23rd.

The two "Information" or "Open" days held recently were very successful and 26 young girls turned up to "find out" more about Ladies Football. It is hoped that these young ladies will join up and become the first Maynooth Girls Under Age Team.

In my last notes I thanked all those who sponsored prizes etc. for our first Poker Classic but as usually happens, one always omits somebody, and so may I now thank Owen Donovan for all the help he has given Maynooth Ladies team during the past year and also Ned Carolan who supplied a prize.

Training continues on Thursdays and Saturdays and Inter Club competitions are due to start in May so good luck to all concerned and may this year's campaign be as successful as 1996.

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B. Breslin.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

Maynooth mourns the death of Jimmy McLoughlin

Anyone who attended a football or hurling match in Maynooth in recent years will remember with fondness the gentle, smiling man who manned the gate.

A whole generation of young players will fondly recall the man who attended their matches and who, in victory or defeat, always praised their efforts and who couldn't bring himself to criticise their short-comings.

Jimmy passed away peacefully on Thursday, 10th April after a long illness which he bore bravely.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Eileen, daughters Dymna, Celine and Aine; and his sons, Gerard and John. He was buried at Laraghbryan Cemetery on Monday. The funeral mass was said by Fr. Brendan Supple at Maynooth Church. Fr. Aidan Fox said prayers at the burial. Fr. David Boylan, Chaplain at Maynooth Post Primary School was also present.

Jimmy was an active member of Maynooth GAA Club since he came to work and live in Maynooth from Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath over 50 years ago. He played football and hurling with the club in the 1940s and 1950s winning Intermediate and Junior Championship medals.

He has been actively involved in the administration of the club since the 1950s. At the time of his death he was Assistant Treasurer and Honorary Vice President. For Jimmy McLoughlin the GAA was part of the fabric of Irish life and nothing pleased him more than young players working together in furthering their athletic ability and bringing honour and pride to their families and their community.

To his wife Eileen, and to all his family Maynooth GAA Club offers its deepest sympathy and thank them for allowing them the privilege of providing a Guard of Honour at the funeral service. It provided them with the opportunity of saying a final farewell to a wonderful and loyal colleague and friend in a fitting manner.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.

NORTH KILDARE LEAGUE

Under 11s Football

Straffan 0 - 2 Maynooth 2 - 2

Two early goals by Robert Leonard proved decisive in an enjoyable and sporting game. Straffan had their chances and there were fine performances from Paul Donovan, Kevin Finglas and David Duffy. In the end it took a wholehearted team performance with outstanding contributions from Sean Kennedy, Brian O' Malley, John Fleming, Mark Cummins, Shane Quinn and Paddy Broughan to see Maynooth through. Team and Scorers

Paddy Broughan, Aidan Corkery, Sean Kennedy, Morgan McInerney, Patrick Laraghy, Mark Cummins (Capt.), (0-1), Conor Canning, John Fleming, Brian O' Malley, (0-1), Damien O'Neill, Shane Quinn, Peter Lawlor, Tadgh Dunne, Robert Leonard, (2-0), Paul Curran.

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Two Steam Train Outings
from Maynooth to Enfield
on 25th May

First Train departs Maynooth 11.50, arrives back in Maynooth 13.00

Second Train departs Maynooth 16.15, arrives back in Maynooth at 17.45

Tickets are £4.00 for adults, £2.00 for under 16's and OAP's

Tickets will be on sale from the 1st week in May approx. at Londis Donovans in Greenfield Shopping Centre, Donovans Post Office, Main Street, Donovans Newsagents, Quinnsnorth Mall, and the Royal Canal Office, telephone 6290980

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U 14 Football Féile 23.3.97

Sarsfields 4 - 9 Maynooth 3 - 6

In this first round Féile match played in Maynooth, a stronger Sarsfields side emerged deserving winners in a keenly contested game. Playing with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half Sarsfields got off to a great start, and were 2-2 to no score up after ten minutes, their first goal came after a mis-hit free kick was collected by one of their forwards on the edge of the square. Their second, a quickly taken free kick caught the Maynooth defence flat footed. However, as the half wore on Maynooth came more in to the game, and a well taken goal by Patrick O' Rourke and a point by Morgan Sweeney left the half time score at 2-6 to 1-1 in Sarsfields favour. Maynooth came out for the second half with a strong breeze in their favour, but were rocked in the first minute by a Sarsfield goal. However with full back Pierre Ennis now playing at midfield Maynooth started to dominate and for the next twenty minutes the play flowed towards the Sarsfield goal. Three points in a row by Pierre Ennis and a good goal by Morgan Sweeney cut the margin to five points. In a rare attack Sarsfields got inside the Maynooth defence for a fourth goal. But Maynooth fought back and when a long ball from Killian Carr was fumbled by the Sarsfield goalkeeper and ended in the net they were back in the game again. Dermot Canning had a shot cleared off the goal line, Brian Downey fly kicked a point and with five minutes left in the game only four points separated the teams. That was as close as Maynooth came to saving the match, and Sarsfields scored two further points one from a penalty in the last minute. Best for Maynooth were Peter Sheehan, Colin O'Neill, Killian Carr, Pierre Ennis, Patrick O'Rourke, Morgan Sweeney and Eric Roberts.

Team and Scorers

Aidan Molloy, Peter Sheehan, Pierre Ennis, (0-4), Stephen Curran, Tadgh O'Corcora, Joseph Brennan, Colin O'Neill, Eric Roberts, Killian Carr, (1-0), Paul Broughan, Patrick O'Rourke, (1-0), Brian Downey (0-1), Fergal Molloy, Morgan Sweeney, (1-1) Dermot Canning. Subs. Finbar O'Gorman, Alan Sweeney.

Senior Football League Results

Maynooth 0-8 Ardclough 0-7

Sallins Football Tournament

Maynooth 0-9 Eadestown 2-8

Football Challenge

Maynooth beat Johnstownbridge

Junior Football League

Maynooth 1-14 St Kevins 1-8

Maynooth Hurling Results

Hurling League

Under 11	Maynooth 1-2	Clane 0-2	Date 7/4/97
Under 13	Maynooth 3-5	Clane 2-3	Date 7/4/97
Minor	Maynooth 1-6	Celbridge 1-3	Date 7/4/97

Under 12	Maynooth 6-1	Leixlip 2-2	Date 12/4/97
Under 14	Maynooth 3-10	Leixlip 2-5	Date 12/4/97

Under 16	Maynooth 2-5	Coill Dubh 2-3	Date 2/4/97
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Under 16	Maynooth 3-10	Leixlip 3-1	Date 9/4/97
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Forthcoming Fixtures:

U/12 & U/14 League (Bord na n-Óg)

3/5/97	Maynooth V Ardclough (Home)
17/5/97	Maynooth V Coill Dubh (Home)
24/5/97	Celbridge V Maynooth (Away)
31/5/97	Maynooth V Eire Óg/Currachcoil (Home)

Minor League

25/5/97	Maynooth V Castledermot (Home)
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Senior League

30/4/97	Maynooth V Leixlip (Home)
25/5/97	Maynooth V Naas (Home)

Junior League

1/5/97	Eire Óg/Corrachcoil V Maynooth (Away)
8/5/97	Maynooth V Ardclough (Home)
15/5/97	Maynooth V Clane (Home)
22/5/97	Celbridge V Maynooth (Away)
29/5/97	Kilcullen V Maynooth (Away)

Under 11 & U/13 North Kildare League

5/5/97	Maynooth V Naas (Home)
19/5/97	Maynooth V Eire Óg Corrachcoil (Home)

Minor Hurling League

Maynooth 6-8 Confey 0-1

Maynooth got their league campaign off to an impressive start with an emphatic victory over neighbours Confey on 23/3/97. Maynooth settled quickly and began to dominate in the central areas particularly in the half back line where Eoin Nevin was simply outstanding at centre half back. By half time Maynooth had built up an unassailable lead by 5-4 to no score.

Confey to their credit tried hard to reduce the deficit early in the second half but the Maynooth defence held firm and went on to score a further 1-4 before the finish. The winners had fine performers in Eoin Nevin, Rory Kelly, Alan Nugent, Matt Callaghan, Robert Hayes, Mikey Gleeson and Ken Dooley.

Minor Team & Scores

Karl Ennis (0-1)		
Robert Hayes	Matt Callaghan	Mark McCarron
Rory Kelly	Eoin Nevin	Tom Mullarkey
Alan Nugent	John O Shea	
Mikey Gleeson (1-6)	Ken Dooley (1-0)	Chris Arthurs (3-6)
Sean Lennon	Seamus Cummins (0-1)	Brendan Keogh (1-0)

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Sports

SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE

Maynooth 1-11 Confey 2-3

In their first match in the league campaign Maynooth secured a hard earned victory over Confey on 6/4/97. Confey have always proved difficult opponents in recent meetings and this game was no exception. In the end Maynooth's fitness and their ability to pick off scores when crucially needed made victory possible. The launchpad for victory was laid by the half back line where Fergal Scully and Jimmy Cahill were particularly outstanding and withstood incessant pressure from Confey particularly in the second half. At half time Maynooth lead by 0-5 to 1-1. A splendid goal by John O'Brien midway through the second half seemed to point the way for victory for Maynooth but a minute later Confey responded with a similar score. However immediately the Maynooth players took the game by the scruff of the neck and added on points from Stephen Brennan, Hugh Nevin, Stephen Noonan and Tom Coffey to ensure a famous victory.

Best for Maynooth were: Mick Gahan, Ronan Murphy, Fergal Scully, Jimmy Cahill, Hugh Nevin, Tom Farrell, Stephen Brennan, Mick Barry and John O'Brien.

Team & Scores

Matt Carroll		
Ronan Murphy	Sean Cushen	Mick Gahan
Eoin Nevin	Fergal Scully	Jimmy Cahill
Hugh Nevin (0-3)	Tom Farrell	
Stephen Brennan (0-3)	Pauric Ward	Senan Griffin
John O'Brien (1-0)	Mick Barry	Tom Coffey (0-4)
Sub: Stephen Noonan (0-1) for Mick Barry		

The Hurling Committee would like to extend deepest sympathy to the wife and family of the late Jimmy McLoughlin who for many years worked tirelessly to promote gaelic games in Maynooth. Ar dheis De go raibh a Anam.

Thomas Coffey
Hurling Committee

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Maynooth G.A.A. Annual Golf Classic in aid of Club Development will take place on Friday 13th June in Kilcock Golf Club. Team of 4 Players £100. Time sheet with Tommy Fay 6286161 9am to 4pm at 6289193 from 5pm. Anyone wishing to help out through Sponsorship can do so by contacting any Committee Member: Society Teams Welcome.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The recent spell of good weather has seen a vast clearance of fixtures and all League and Cup programmes should finish on schedule. Speaking of Cup fixtures prompts one to mention the giant killing exploits of our Saturday team who only went out of the Watkins Cup at the quarter final stage by the odd goal in seven. That report and other results are as follows.

Watkins Cup Quarter Final Maynooth Town 3 Bakerville 4

Maynooth put up a brave fight before going out despite the efforts of Anthony Smith who grabbed himself a hat-trick. Despite going a goal down Maynooth responded quickly for Anthony Smith to score his first. Martin Byrne was in top form prompting and probing but despite his efforts Bakerville raced into a two goal lead and looked to be cruising but the home side showed their battling qualities and fought like tigers. Anthony Smith showed his quality when scoring twice to bring the side level but a late winner by Bakerville sent Maynooth tumbling and a Wonderful Cup run came to an end.

Leinster Football League. Prim. Div. Sunday Castle Park 1 Maynooth Town 1

This was probably one of Maynooth's poorest performances of the season. Never able to command the exchanges in the early part of the game and it was no surprise when Castle opened the scoring with the only goal of the first half. But for the efforts of John Bowler in goal Maynooth could have found themselves worse off at the interval. Maynooth raised their game after the break and an inspired Feargal Barton was leading his side well. Anthony Smith and Joey Dempsey were driving forward and pushing Castle back on the defensive. With eight minutes remaining Michael Murphy broke down the left before passing inside to Anthony Smith who was taken down by a rash challenge in the box for a penalty. The kick was hammered home by Michael Murphy for a deserved winner despite the poor overall display.

Mitten Cup 1st Round Rockmount 1 Maynooth Town 0

Saturday Major Div. side Rockmount had to fight to the very end before advancing to the next round. Played in dreadful conditions with a galeforce wind making the game a farce. Played beside Dublin Airport and the ball spending most of the time high in the air, low flying aircraft were almost in danger at times. Antonio Bros had a wonderful game for Maynooth but was unable to inspire victory. Doc Carroll settled into his defensive role well and showed fine form with John Bowler once more enhancing his reputation in goal. Rockmount got the winning goal in the 33rd minute but Maynooth battled away without much luck. Maynooth's defence was coping well with the Rockmount attack and

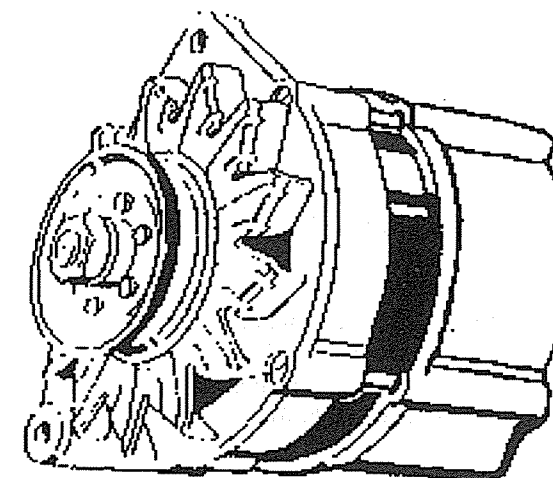
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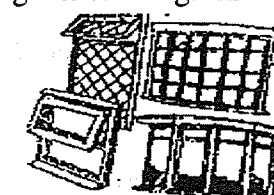
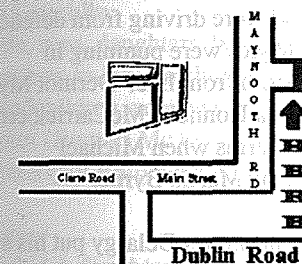


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Sports

Derek Dolan was very much to the fore.

L.F.L. Div 1 Saturday Jobstown Celtic 2 Maynooth Town 3

The closeness of the scoreline does not tell the true story of this Maynooth performance. Maynooth were by far the better team throughout with Martin Byrne in his usual dominating form.

Anthony Smith and Roger Isern were running the home defence ragged and were creating good chances. In the 15th minute Martin Byrne sent in a cross for Roger Isern who gave the keeper no chance with a right foot volley.

Just past the half hour players and spectators watched in wonderment at Maynooths second goal. Damien Doyle gained possession in his own half and fully sixty yards from the Celtic goal. Seeing the keeper off his line he sent his shot with deadly power and accuracy over a bewildered keeper and into the net. An own goal by a Maynooth defender just before the break gave Jobstown some hope for the second half. Maynooth regained their two goal advantage in the 62nd minute. Antonio Bros carved the opening for his fellow Spaniard Roger Isern to score.

With the game well into lost time "Celtic" scored their second but Maynooth were comfortable winners despite the scoreline.

L.F.L. Prim. Div. Sunday Maynooth Town 5 St. Teresas 4

Despite leading 4-1 at one stage Maynooth had to pull out all the stops to secure a victory which could have run into a mammoth margin. Maynooth opened the scoring in the 16th minute when the "Saints" keeper failed to hold a Michael Murphy shot and James Delargy tapped home. Niall Naughton made a number of good stops and deprived the "Saints" of an equalizer.

Eamon Dunne and Donncha McCarrick had chances to increase Maynooth's lead but missed their chances. Just after the break Joey Dempsey was taken down in the penalty area but Martin Mc Ternans spot kick slammed the post and went to safety. Joey Dempsey and Donncha McCarrick made the opening for Anthony Smith to increase Maynooth's lead.

Paul Murray's shot came off the post in the 61st minute but Anthony Smith hammered home the rebound. Six minutes later Paul Murray set up the chance for Michael Murphy to score. "Saints" pulled a goal back following a corner in the 72nd minute and reduced the deficit still further one minute later.

Maynooth came back once more for Paul Murray to score but a penalty to "Saints" reduced the scoreline once more.

Just on the stroke of full time "Saints" grabbed their fourth. Maynooth held on for victory but made hard work of it.

L.F.L. Prim. Div. Sunday St. Teresas 3 Maynooth Town 6

The return league fixture between these two sides produced another glut of goals. Just as in the Maynooth fixture the total aggregate was nine with Maynooth once again. having the advantage. Maynooth looked out of the game with eighteen minutes remaining when trailing by three goals to one.

The margin could have been much wider if not for an inspired display in goal by Graham Slaughter and a brave goal line clearance by Michael Murphy on one of the few occasions that Slaughter was beaten. Maynooth went behind in the 11th minute but Slaughter saved a "Saints" penalty to leave Maynooth trailing by the only goal at half time.

Maynooth conceded a second goal 19 minutes into the 2nd half but responded quickly when Donncha McCarrick's cross was headed home by Martin Byrne. Two minutes later "Saints" scored their third goal and looked set for victory Gerry Thompson and Feargal Barton now had the shackles on the "Saints" forward line and were driving from defence. Michael Murphy and Dermot Myles were pumping in crosses to a now hungry Maynooth front line. Dermot Myles headed Maynooths second from a Donncha McCarrick cross and Maynooth were quickly on terms when Michael Murphys cross was fixed home by Martin Byrne.

Maynooth were now rampant and James Delargy put his side in front for the first time with the first of his hat trick. Michael Murphy set up Delargy for his second and with five minutes remaining Gerry Thompson broke from defence to send Dermot Myles away who provided the chance for Delargy to complete his hat-trick. A superb fight back by Maynooth in a game in which they took too long to settle.

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Smith
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Noone
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Fegan
Husband, daughters, son, sister, relatives and friends of the late Pamela Fegan (Alderney, Channel Islands) and late of Moyglare, Maynooth.

McMyler
Sons, daughters, daughter-in-law, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

O'Connor
Deepest sympathy to Breda Gormley and her family, Carton Court, on the death of her mother, Mary O'Connor, Kerry.

Ryan
Sympathy to Pauline Burke and family, Taghadoo, on the death of her mother Delia Ryan, Galway.

APOLOGY

I Elizabeth Nolan, wish to state that Mr Michael Lee of Old Greenfield, Maynooth, did not at any time report any person to social welfare. I made a mistake by unfortunately repeating something I was told. I wish to apologise sincerely for any distress or inconvenience caused to Mr Lee and his family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Matt and Peg Smith, Rockfield, Maynooth who celebrated their 47th Wedding Anniversary April 10th. Best wishes from all your family and many friends here in Maynooth and elsewhere.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Joe O'Neill, Greenfield who celebrated his 81st birthday on May 6th from your loving daughters, sons and all your family.

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Doreen Fortune, Parson Street on May 6th.

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Declan Burke, Newtown on May 22nd.

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Marie Burke age 14 on May 15th.

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Peter Connor, Greenfield on May 4th.

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Mrs. Connie Burke, Newtown on May 14th.

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Peter McTernan, Dunboyne on May 11th.

Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to Martin McTernan, Lawrence Avenue, on May 26th.

Belated 21st. Birthday greetings to Ian Kavanagh, Kingsbry, on 19th April and Niamh White, Celbridge, whose birthday was on 17th April.

Happy Birthday to Neil Kavanagh whose 20th birthday will be on 11th May and Mark Kavanagh, Kingsbry will be 15 on 13th May from Mam, Ian, Karen, Declan & Jennifer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Thomas Nolan, 284 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. Those who attended the removal, Mass and funeral, sent Mass cards and floral tributes

A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Fr. Boylan for their kindness and also the doctors, nurses and the Chaplain of Blanchardstown Hospital. Also thanks to all his lovely neighbours in Greenfield and to all his friends. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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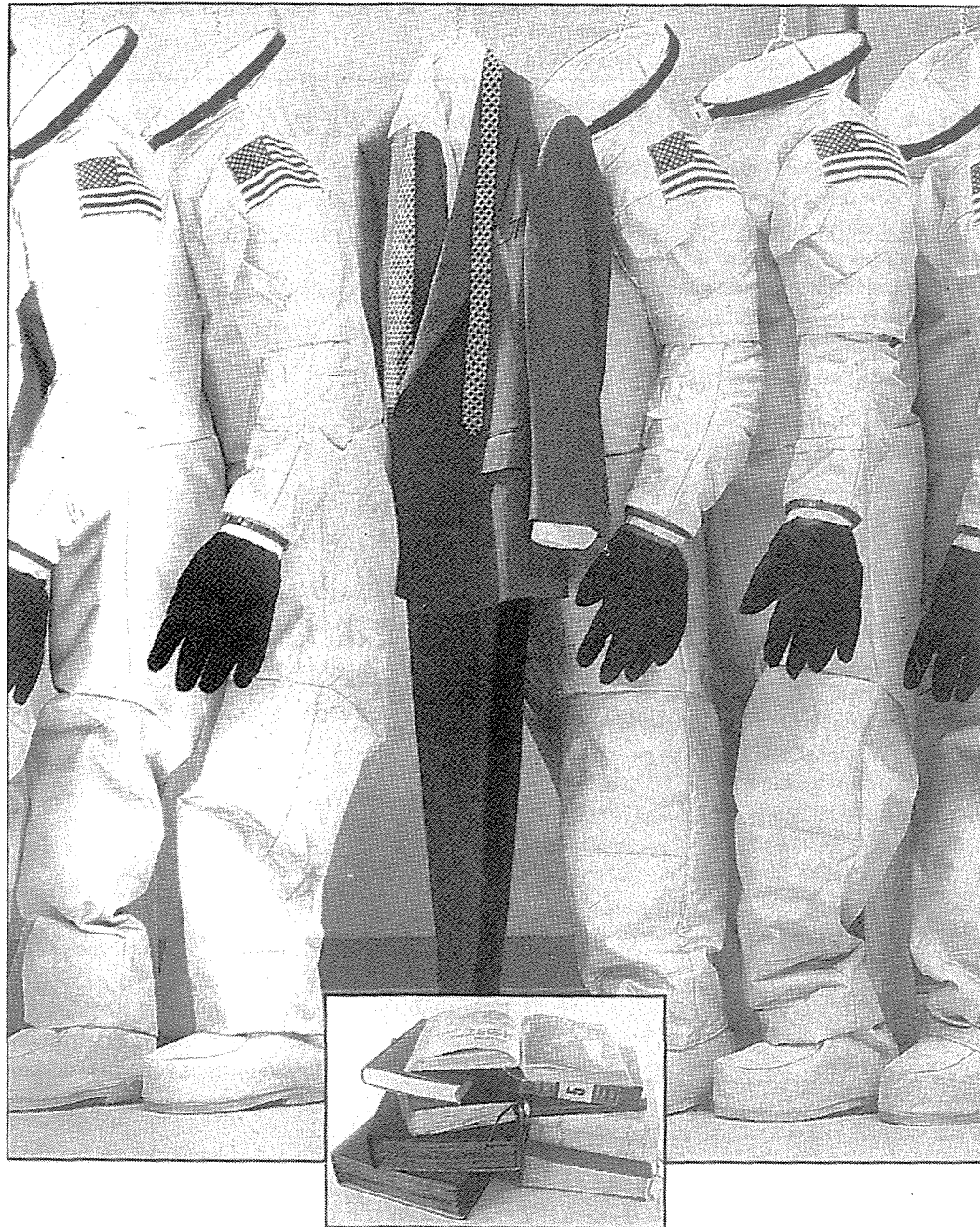
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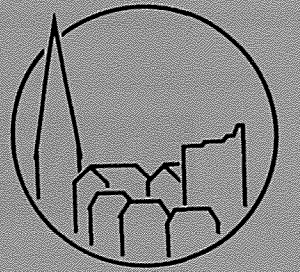

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DIARY DATES

Wed. 4th June: New Youth Club Meeting 8.30pm.
Community Council Offices.

Thurs 5th June: I.C.A. Meeting 8pm. I.C.A. Hall.

Fri. 6th June: General Election.

Sun. 8th June: Open Day Scoil Uí Riada, Kilcock.

Sun. 8th June: Cemetery Sunday, Laraghbryan 3p.m.

Sat. 14th June: Maynooth Swimming Club Junior Gala.

Tues. 17th June: Flower and Garden Club Meeting.

Sat. 21st June: Maynooth Senior Citizens Annual Outing.

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Sun. 22nd June: Cemetery Sunday Grangewilliam 3p.m.

Sat. 28th June: No Name Disco.

Tues. 1st July: Summer Project Registration Day
I.C.A. Hall 10.30am.

Fri. 4th July: Launch of Festival, Glenroyal Hotel.

Editorial

You've seen the posters. You've read the leaflets. You may even have entertained the candidates on your doorstep. Now it's time to make up your mind. National media coverage of the election has been dominated by issues such as taxation, unemployment and zero tolerance of crime. But, as the saying goes, 'all politics is local' and when many Maynooth voters approach the polling booth on June 6th they will cast their vote on how our local politicians have shaped up on local issues and how they have served their local community. This time round Maynooth finds itself in the new constituency of Kildare North. The four main towns in the constituency - Naas, Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth - are among the fastest growing urban centres in Ireland. It is a constituency with a young and, possibly, volatile electorate. Perhaps 30% of those entitled to vote in Maynooth in this election did not vote here in 1992, the time of the last general election. How they will plump this time around is anybody's guess.

Apart from the actual result, it will be interesting to see the turnout of voters in the Maynooth area. For a number of reasons it is usually relatively low - due in part to the presence of College students on the register and the high proportion of rented accommodation. One fears that this time around it may be lower still as there is a detectable and growing cynicism about politics, especially among young people. But politics does matter. The politicians we elect on June 6th will, in part, determine what kind of a town Maynooth is in 2002 when they next come asking for our vote. So, if your concern is unemployment in Maynooth or rezoning or lack of playing pitches or poor public transport you'll have your chance on June 6th. So vote.

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Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Community Council passes vote of sympathy

Maynooth Community Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Mr. Tom McMyler and Mrs Bridget Sauls who died recently. Both had a distinctive record of service to the community. The Council also expressed their sympathy to Ms. Breda Gormally, supervisor in the Citizens Information Centre, on the death of her mother.

Support for "North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Protection Group"

The possibility of an application to Meath County Council for permission to locate a landfill dump site close to Maynooth was discussed at our last meeting. The Community Councillors were unanimous in their support for the current campaign by the "North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Protection Group" who were formed following local public concern on the issue.

The future of the Geraldine Hall

Following the recent fire that damaged the extension to the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth Community Council advised Solicitors for the owners. The Geraldine Hall has been used by the people of the town for community purposes for generations. The Community Council supported a proposal that ownership of the building be transferred to Kildare County Council who could repair it and then lease it to the Community Groups in the town.

Facelift for Maynooth this Summer

Almost £500,000 is available to be spent on enhancing the Main Street area of the town this summer. The money will be spent on putting the public lighting cables underground, paving the footpaths and new street lighting. A further £80,000 will be spent between the Main Street and the Mart on the Leixlip Road. Councillor John Mc Ginley informed the Community Council of this good news.

Town Commission Status

Kildare County Councillors all support Maynooth's case for it's own local authority, Councillor John McGinley told members of the Community Council at their May meeting.

Community Festival '97

The Maynooth Festival will take place from Friday 11th July to Sunday 20th July. Opening with the "Mr. Wonderful" competition on the 11th of July in the Glenroyal. An action packed 10 days are guaranteed for the people of Maynooth. We will have live entertainment in the Square each evening with Maynooth Brass & Reed Band, Folk Dancing, Accordion Band, Traditional Music Group and Street Theatre. There will be Poetry Reading in the Library, Senior Citizens Cabaret, Table Quiz, Festival Bingo, Karaoke, Set Dancing, Baby Competition, Children's Teddy Bears Picnic, Treasure Hunt and live music nightly in the pubs. Dublin Waytes will perform in St. Mary's church of Ireland on Friday 11th July at 8p.m.

Full programme in July Newsletter and in Festival Brochure, delivered to each house in Maynooth.

We have written to Residents Associations to nominate a Mr. Wonderful for the competition.

We are also asking all Clubs to nominate a candidate for the competition. There will be a great nights entertainment for all at this competition, so get your nominations in now. The launch of the Festival will be on Friday 4th July in The Glenroyal and music will be by the Guinness Jazz Band and will be open to all from 11 pm - 2 am. So come out and support the Festival as its for the people of Maynooth.

Laraghbryan Cemetery Restoration Committee

The appearance of the cemetery has been greatly improved following the on-going work of this committee.

Cemetery Sunday is on June 8th this year and work will continue each Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between 7 pm and 9 pm. Any assistance will be appreciated by this committee.

Community Council encourages more people to get involved in their activities

The Community Council has a number of Sub-Committees who are active in many areas of community life in Maynooth. These include Citizens Information, Tidy Towns, Summer Project, Community Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Maynooth Newsletter, Planning & Development and Community Games.

People are encouraged to get involved in these committees and play an active part in shaping the future of their town. You are welcome to contact the Community Council office for details.

Chairman back after illness

Community Council members welcomed back Mr. Tom McMullon after his recent illness. Tom thanked everyone for their good wishes.

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COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

Community Games are still in progress with great activity in all areas of sport.

Athletics

The athletic events took place on a very wet and windy Sunday 11th May in the GAA field at 2 p.m. No doubt the weather was responsible for the poor attendance. The children and parents who did turn up thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Before competition commenced a 1 minute silence was observed in remembrance of the late Paddy Desmond R.I.P. Our thanks to Michael Gleeson and the members of Maynooth Athletic Club who organised the events. Thank you also to Maynooth GAA club for use of the field and other facilities.

It was nice to see Paddy Lynch, a past committee member and staunch worker for Maynooth Community Games and also the Athletic Club, who presented the medals and trophies. Thank you Pad. Also present was Richard Farrell who is National Community Games Administrator. It goes without saying that none of these events would take place at all were it not for the tireless efforts of Marie Gleeson and her committee, Madeline Stynes, Mary Bean, Liz Callaghan, Mary McNamara, Mary Cahill, Mary O'Gorman, May Haren and all the other managers who organise events. Jim Fleming, Tom Coffey, Tom O'Sullivan, Brian O'Malley, Larry Comerford, Gerry Folan, Francis Kearney, Matt Callaghan, Jerry Lawlor, Bernie O'Shea, Mrs Mulhern and Presentation Convent school and Leonard Bhattachayia. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

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Athletic Results

Athletic Results

Gu/8 - 60m

1. Eimear Flynn
2. Emma Brady
3. Elaine Houlihan
4. Claire McNamara

Gu/8 - 80m

1. Eimear Flynn
2. Emma Brady
3. Ailbhe Flynn
4. Claire McNamara

Gu/10 - 100m

1. Cianna Ennis
2. Éibhlín Carr
3. Shonadh Crosbie
3. Elaine Pollard

Gu/10 - 200m

1. Cianna Ennis
2. Éibhlín Carr
3. Elaine Pollard
4. Arek Ni Mhurchú

Gu/12 - 100m

1. Muire Ennis
2. Ruth Murphy
3. Suzanne O'Hurley
4. Paula Curran

Gu/12 - 600m

1. Muire Ennis
2. Muireann O'Sullivan
3. Alison Judge

Gu/13 - Walk

1. Muire Ennis
2. Ann Connolly
3. Elaine McNamara
4. Awut Ní Mhurchú

Gu/14 - 100m

1. Bronadh McDermott
2. Elaine McNamara
3. Awut Ní Mhurchú
4. Emma Higgins

Gu/14 - 800m

1. Elaine McNamara
2. Awut Ní Mhurchú
3. Bronadh McDermott
4. Emma Higgins

Gu/14 - Long Puck

1. Elaine McNamara
2. Bronadh McDermott
3. Awut Ní Mhurchú
4. Emma Higgins

Gu/14 - Shot

1. Awut Ní Mhurchú
2. Bronadh McDermott
3. Elaine McNamara
4. Emma Higgins

Gu/16 - 100m

1. Michelle Murray

Gu/17 - 100m

1. Bríd Anne O'Shea
2. Sharon Cummins
3. Margaret Callaghan

Gu/17 - Javelin

1. Bríd Anne O'Shea
2. Margaret Callaghan
3. Sharon Cummins

Gu/17 - Marathon

1. Michelle Murray
2. Bríd Anne O'Shea
3. Sharon Cummins

Tiny Tots - G 5/6

1. Claire McNamara
2. Elaine Houlihan
3. Ailbhe Flynn
4. Orla Canning

3/4

1. Aine Dooley
2. Yvonne Pollard
3. Jane Campbell

Bu/8 - 60m

1. Owen Curran
2. Ciarán Dooley
3. William Reynolds
4. Nevan Buckley

Bu/8 - 80m

1. Owen Curran
2. William Reynolds
3. Nevan Buckley
4. Colmán O'Murchú

Bu/10 - 100m

1. Sean McTernan
2. Matthew Buckley
3. Shane Judge
4. Adrian Harpur

Bu/12 - 100m

1. Patrick Robinson
2. Kevin Comerford
3. Fergal Molloy
4. Sean McNamara

Bu/12 - 600m

1. Fergal Molloy
2. Kevin Comerford
3. Ian Pollard
4. Patrick Robinson

Bu/12 - Long Puck

1. Mark Cummins
2. Fergal Molloy
3. Kevin Comerford
4. David Baxter

Bu/14 - 100m

1. Alan Sweeney
2. David Comerford
3. Fergus Devereux
4. Derek Judge

Bu/14 - 800m

1. Alan Sweeney
2. Fergus Devereux
3. Derek Judge

Bu/14 - Shot

1. David Comerford
2. Alan Sweeney
3. Derek Judge

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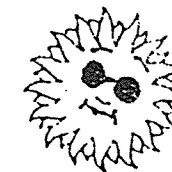
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Bu/13 - Walk

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2. Kevin Comerford
3. Patrick Robinson
4. David Comerford

Bu/16 - 100m

1. Donal Houlihan
2. Christopher Flynn
3. Padraic O'Sullivan
4. Patrick King

Bu/16 -1500m

1. Donal Houlihan
2. Padraic O'Sullivan
3. Christopher Flynn

Tiny Tots B 3/4

1. Conor Nolan Kelly
2. Diarmuid O'Murchú

B 5/6

1. Nevan Buckley
2. Colmán O'Murchú
3. Conor Bean
4. Seamus MacGiolla Bhríde

Fun Relay

- 1st Muire Ennis
Kevin Comerford
Ian Pollard
Arek Ní Mhurchú
- 2nd Alan Sweeney
Aoife McDermott
Laura Judge
Colmán Ní Mhurchú
- 3rd Alison Judge
Cianna Ennis
Patrick Robinson
Seán McNamara

BASKETBALL

The Basket Ball Blitz at county level took place in Naas and Newbridge on 10th and 11th May. Manager Jim Fleming.

Girls U/13 Bronze Medal in 'B' Section.

Pauline Cushen
Angles Bros
Laura Shiel
Louise Ball
Anne Connolly
Antoinette Jago
Janet Luke
Sinéad Brady
Jenny Dooley
Eimear Quinn

Coach: Emma Fleming

Co-ordinator: James Fleming

Boys U/13 Bronze Medal in 'A' Section.

Brian Downey
Colin O'Neill
Ciarán McCullagh
Conor Brady
Seán McAlister
Seán Kennedy
David Nelson

Coach: Emma Fleming
Co-ordinator: James Fleming

Girls U/16 Bronze Medal in 'A' Section

Emma Fleming
Rachael Watson
Ciara Baxter
Sharon McLoughlin
Lyn Brennan
Yvonne O'Shea
Claire Keogh
Lorraine Dunne
Ruth Cahill
Gillian O'Hurley

Boys U/16 beaten in the semi-finals after extra time against Leixlip.

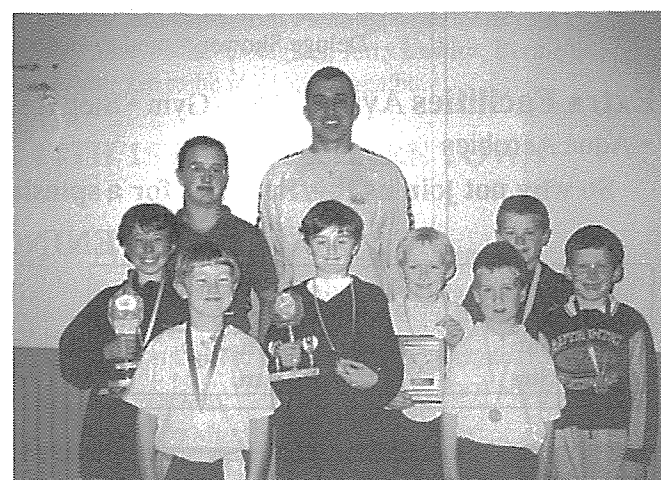
Eoin Murray
Robert Hammond
Barry Doyle
Juan Bros
Phillip O'Shea
Pádraig O'Sullivan
Alan Baxter
Coach: James Fleming

I would like to thank the Maynooth Post-Primary School for the use of their gym over the past few months. To Mr. Grundy who selected the Boys U/13 team, to the Presentation Convent School for their co-operation. Also to the parents who helped out at the training sessions. Last but not least the players, who all showed great determination and interest throughout the year. It was a pleasure working with you all.
James Fleming.

GYMNASTICS

Leonard Bhattachayia organised the local gymnastic competitions on April 28th in the Parish Hall.

The Community Games local gymnastic finals were held recently in St. Mary's Parish Hall. This is the venue for Maynooth Gymnastic Club who train here every Monday from 2p.m. - 3p.m. and 3p.m. - 5p.m. The competition ran very smoothly with some gymnasts showing a very high standard of gymnastics. Since Leonard and Aisling moved from Cork to take charge of the training in Maynooth the standard has risen quite dramatically and the club is certainly moving in the right direction. The following gymnasts took prizes at the competition and will now go forward to compete in the Kildare County Finals in the Sports Centre, Newbridge on June 8th at 10 a.m.



Community Games Gym Winners

Girls U/8

- 1st Heather McAree
- 2nd Clair McNamara
- 3rd Aisling O'Rourke

Girls U/10

- 1st Sarah Murphy
- 2nd Elaine McDonald
- 3rd Lauren Eddery

Girls U/14

- 1st Emma Higgins
- 2nd Rachel Cunningham
- 3rd Cheryl Naughton

Girls U/12

- 1st Aisling Bean
- 2nd Sarah Prendergast
- 3rd Tara Brennan

Girls U/16

- 1st Anthonine Rossiter

Boys U/12

- 1st Sean McNamara

Boys U/8

- 1st Ciarián Dooley
- 2nd Nevan Buckley
- 3rd Connor Bean

Boys U/10

- 1st Lee Walsh
- 2nd Michael Brennan
- 3rd David Smith

Maynooth Gymnastic Club will close for the summer towards the end of June. For further information on our classes you may call to St. Mary's Parish Hall, on the grounds of St. Mary's Boys National School, on Monday from 2pm - 5pm or alternatively you may contact us on 087-462885. We would like to wish all those gymnasts who qualified for the county finals the very best of luck.

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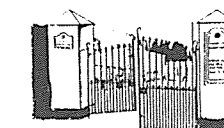
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Community Council Notes

The Project Results which were not available for last months Newsletter.

Project Winners

1st Matthew O'Gorman
Ciaran Cody Kenny
Lee Walsh

2nd Sallay Garnett
Elaine McAuliffe

3rd Orla Bambrick
Sarah Corrigan

Under 13

1st Brian Downey
Bryan O'Rourke

Under 15

1st David Bagnall
MacDara O'Shea
Richard Flanagan

Swimming

Swimming competition
organised by Jim Fleming
took place in Stewarts
Sports Centre on Saturday
17th May 4.30 - 6 p.m.

Swimming Results

Gu/8 Freestyle

1. Ciara O'Brien
2. Claire McNamara

Gu/10 Freestyle

1. Carly McCourt
2. Katherine O'Flaherty
3. Éibhlín Carr

Girls U/10 Breaststroke

1. Carly McCourt
2. Katherine O'Flaherty
3. Niamh O'Brien

Gu/12 Freestyle

1. Aisling Bean
2. Kate Delaney
3. Meabh O'Flaherty

Girls U/12 Breaststroke

1. Kate Delaney
2. Aisling Bean
3. Aoife Dunning
3. Muireann O'Sullivan

Girls U/14 Freestyle

1. Andre Heslin
2. Eileen Devaney
3. Elaine McNamara

Girls U/14 Breaststroke

1. Andre Heslin
2. Eileen Devaney
3. Jenny Dooley

Girls U/16 Freestyle

1. Sharon McLoughlin
2. Emma Fleming
3. Kathy Kelleher

Girls U/16 Breaststroke

1. Sharon McLoughlin
2. Emma Fleming
3. Kathy Kelleher

Girls U/14 Breaststroke

1. Andre Heslin
2. Elaine McNamara
3. Eileen Devaney

Gu/16 Butterfly

1. Kathy Kelleher
2. Emma Fleming

Boys

Bu/6 Freestyle

1. Barry Connellan
2. Conor Bean
3. Nevan Buckley

Bu/8 Freestyle

1. Garret Dooley
2. William Reynolds
3. Ciarán Dooley

Bu/10 Freestyle

1. Eoghan McCartan
2. Pablo Bros
3. Matthew Buckley

Bu/10 Backstroke

1. Matthew Buckley
2. Eoghan McCartan
3. Pablo Bros

Bu/12 Freestyle

1. Seán McNamara
2. Cian Byrne
3. Dermot Canning

Bu/12 Breaststroke

1. Seán McNamara
2. Cian Byrne
3. Dermot Canning
3. David Baxter

U/14 Freestyle

1. Brian Downes
2. Shane Kelleher
3. Conor Devaney

U/14 Breaststroke

1. Conor Devaney
2. Shane Kelleher
3. Paul Haren

U/16 Freestyle

1. Aaron McGrath
2. Padraic O'Sullivan

U/16 Backstroke

1. Aaron McGrath
2. Padraic O'Sullivan

U/14 Breaststroke

1. Joseph McLoughlin
2. Brian Downes
3. Shane Kelleher.

U/16 Butterfly

1. Aaron McGrath

Pitch and Putt

Thanks to the kindness and
co-operation of Tony and
Mary Bean, the pitch and
putt for boys and girls u/16
took place on Saturday 17th
May at 11 a.m. Manager
Matt Callaghan.

Results of Boys and Girls u/16 Pitch & Putt which took place on Saturday 17th.

Girls Team A

Anthonine Rossiter
Aisling Bean
Emma Cullinane
Ciara Baxter
Suzanne Butler

Boys Team A

Alan Baxter
Gerard McCarthy
Dermot Moore
Christopher Flynn
Brian Bean

These two teams will
compete at County Finals

Team B Girls

Triona Cahill
Elaine McNamara
Orlaith Tobin
Sarah Baxter
Frances Hayes

Team B Boys

Davitt Murphy
Brendan Coffey
Shane Kelly
Paul O'Flaherty
Paul Clerkin

Team C Girls

Rebecca Doyle
Aileen Devaney
Niamh Byrne
Gráinne McManus
Ruth Murphy
Orla Clerkin

Team C Boys

Brian O'Rourke
Cliff Nolan
Sean McNamara
Mark Watson

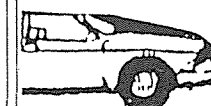
Gaelic Football Bu/12

Hurling Bu/12 (Results next issue)

Soccer Gu/12 (Results next issue)

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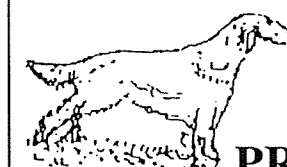
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COMMUNITY GAMES ART COMPETITION WINNERS



MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Our Summer Project starts on Tuesday 1st July with Registration day and continues on for the month of July. There are plenty of activities both at home and away. All are welcome, between the ages of 7 years and 16 years. Full programme elsewhere in Newsletter.

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Following our very successful Open Night, we have now submitted our 1997 entry for the Tidy Towns Competition.

In the next few weeks Residents Associations and Businesses will be receiving details about the 1997 Best Area, Best Estate, Best Shop Front Competition which is being kindly sponsored by Coonan Auctioneers.

Our annual house to house collection will take place during the latter part of June, please look for details. This is our only source of funding.

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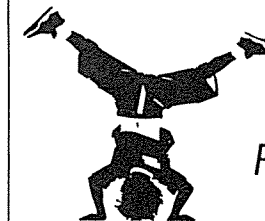
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

Maynooth Irish Country Women's Association held its AGM in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 1st May. Mrs Marion Souhan, resident offered her sympathy to the families and friends of deceased members who had died recently.

Marion thanked the outgoing Committee for all their hard work in what was a very busy year for the guild. Marion congratulated Jo O' Connell on receiving a Golden Jubilee Certificate - Variety Crafts and also a Brannrai in - Soft Toys. Marion also congratulated Mary O' Gorman who also received a Golden Jubilee Certificate - Variety Crafts.

Keys of I.C.A. Hall

Mrs Madeleine Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth is the "Key Holder" for our hall for the coming year. Mrs Souhan thanked Madeleine for looking after the letting of the hall last year. Any person or groups wishing to book the hall should contact Madeleine at the above address or phone her at 6286443.

Guild Competition Winners

Competitions are held at each monthly meeting and at the AGM the ladies with the most points from these competitions are awarded prizes. In first place were Connie Harpur and Jo O' Connell who both receive free membership worth £20 and second place Rosemary Hanley who gets £10 and in 3rd place Mary O' Gorman who receives £5. Well done ladies!

Guild Raffle

1st	Norah McDermott
2nd	Grainne Kelly
3rd	Margaret Houlihan

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

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. will be held in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth on Thursday 5th June at 8.00pm. The competition for next month is an "on the spot".

As my four years term of office comes to a close, three years as Treasurer and Entertainment and one year as P.R.O. and Entertainment Officer, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during this time. I would especially like to thank the staff and editors of "The Maynooth Newsletter", "The Liffey Champion" and "The Leinster Leader".

I would like to congratulate and wish every success to the new P.R.O. on her appointment.

National Council for the Blind.

'Thank You' to the management, staff and customers of the following pubs who allowed us to collect £235 and who gave so generously. **Caulfields, Brady's, Leinster Arms, Roost.**

Irene Matthews
Maynooth I.C.A.

MAYNOOTH / KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

As I am writing this we are getting ready for our Weekend away in Spanish Point in Co. Clare with our Host & Hostess and adult leaders who have worked so hard during the year with all our activities. I would also welcome all the new adult leaders who have joined, as the Club is expanding so quickly I am again pleading for more parents to get involved.

This time of year is Exam time and we wish all our patrons who are doing exams the best of luck in their exams and when they are completed we hope to see you all on June 28th for an end of exam disco, this we promise will be a bumper one and our host and hostess of the year award will be presented and the certificates for all our best hostesses.

More news to follow in next issue.

Martin Caine








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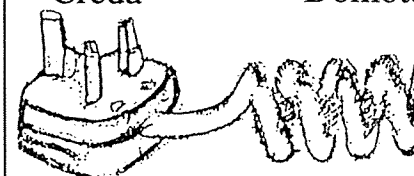
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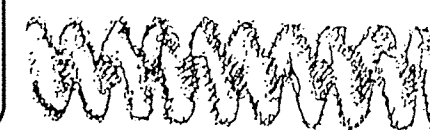
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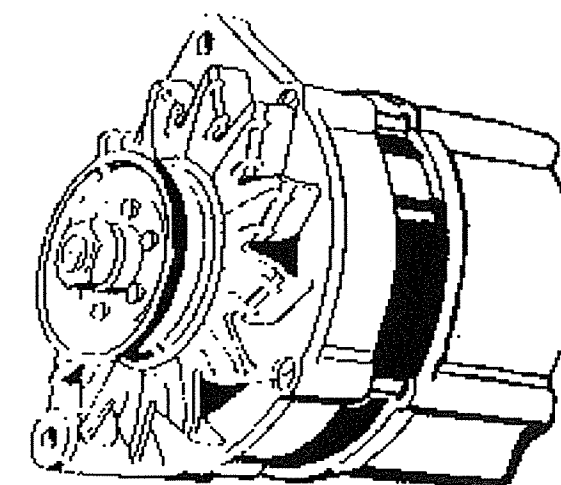
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BAND BULLETIN

Not a lot happening this month so notes will be briefer than usual.

Glenroyal Concert

Last month we fulfilled a last minute request to play at the concert organised by the Scoil Uí Fhiach in the Glenroyal Hotel. We duly pulled out the stops and did two spots in the second half of the show and were delighted with the feedback from some of the audience. It really makes us feel good when people come to you and express their enjoyment of our music and just how well it sounds. It can only serve to spur us on to greater things.

Victory Dance

We would like to thank all those who supported our Victory Dance on Sunday 18th May. While the numbers were small many bought tickets to support the function but did not get to the Glenroyal on the night. Overall it was a very successful occasion and we hope to have another night out in September or October and this time it will be on a Saturday night with a bar extension. It appears the thought of work on Monday puts many people off enjoying themselves on

Sunday nights. Maybe we should have more long week-ends?

New President

We are indeed pleased to announce that Father Supple has accepted our invitation to become our Joint Honorary President with Mr. Phil Brady. For many years Fr. Supple has celebrated our Annual Mass for deceased members and amazed even our own members with his knowledge of the Band's History and it gives us a great deal of pleasure that he is now taking the place of another great Band Supporter Father Fergus O' Higgins who sadly passed away last year.

Forthcoming Engagements

Some dates in the pipeline for June and July are: Open Day on Sunday 1st June, Community Week in Maynooth on Monday 14th July and a recital in St. Mary's Church of Ireland on Friday 11th July. We also hope to arrange a recital in the Square during the month of June so keep your eyes peeled for the date and time. We are at present awaiting news of our allocation of park recitals from Dublin County Council.

Hope to bring you up to date with these engagements and other news next month.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Ray 'The Master' in Moate

Thirty five golfers turned out in Moate Golf Club on Saturday 19th April for our second outing of 1997. Windy but dry conditions made it a difficult task but nevertheless, Ray Delamere with 41 pts overcame the elements and the opposition to clinch the overall prize - well done Ray - with Mick Fahy on 40 pts a gallant runner-up.

Moate 19-4-97			
First Overall	R. Delamere	(11)	41 pts
2nd	M. Fahy	(23)	40 pts
3rd	J. Moore	(12)	38 pts (back nine)
4th	K. O'Brien	(19)	38 pts
5th	S. O'Connor	(23)	37 pts (back nine)
6th	E. Savage	(10)	37 pts
7th	G. McTernan	(18)	36 pts
8th	T. Flatley	(20)	35 pts
9th	M. Scanlon	(29)	33 pts (back nine)
10th	J. Carroll	(22)	33 pts (back nine)
Front Nine	D. Nyland	(18)	19 pts
Back Nine	P. Ryan	(15)	18 pts

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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB.

On June 17th, we welcome to our monthly meeting Maura O'Neill. This will be her first visit to Maynooth, and we expect a large attendance to see her lovely arrangements. Her work at the recent Festival of Flowers in "Christ Church", Leeson Park, was much admired.

Competitions on 17th are:
Classes A. B. and C. - Petite exhibit depicting a European Country. Plant Competition - 1 Rose.

Hope everyone will have an enjoyable Summer, with many long sunny hours in the garden.
Monthly Meetings will resume in September.
Happy Holidays

Maira Baxter
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

We had our Party on Sunday in the Post Primary School in conjunction with the Tony Smith Memorial Walk organised each year by the Labour Party for our funds.

The Walkers met at the school and were led off by Emmet Stagg T.D. Minister of State and Councillor John McGinley.

Our Members then assembled in the Oratory for Mass celebrated by Fr. Boylan. The Committee then served tea, some members from Dunboyne joined us for the party.



Mary Coyne from Dunboyne celebrating her 91st Birthday

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We celebrated "Bealtaine The National Festival of Arts and Crafts for Senior Citizens" with a display of work done by our Members. While the display was smaller in numbers this year the quality of work was excellent, that was the opinion of the judge Breda Cunningham and I wish to thank Breda for giving us her time and doing a great job. Thanks also to Cindy Ankers and Orla Murphy from the Newsletter who waited with their Camera for the results of the Competition. Winners were

- 1st. Teresa Curram, Dunboyne
 - 2nd. Julia Twomey, Maynooth
 - 3rd. Betty Farrell, Maynooth
 - 4th. Mollie Cahalane, Maynooth
- each being presented with a lovely piece of Duiske Glass.



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Masquerading as old folks

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We are now coming to the end of our season. June brings our Annual Outing which takes place this year on June 21st. This is the big day of the year for the members, it holds a mixture of mystery and excitement for most of us. Meetings continue on Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the month. We then close down for a summer break and come back in September D.V.

Speaking of holidays, five names were drawn for a week in Mosney in June, courtesy of the Lions Club, to whom we extend thanks for this holiday.

Later in the summer ten members go to Kerdiffstown Holiday Home for a week, this is sponsored by our own Committee. In July we have our Cabaret in Caulfields, that is Thursday 17th held in conjunction with Maynooth Festival. This is usually a very enjoyable evening with plenty of entertainment. But for our Committee the highlight of the

evening will be the presence of the important members of the Labour Party to present us with a much valued cheque, the proceeds of the Annual Walk.

We wish to express our sympathy to Joan Lennon on the death of her Mother, to Relatives and Friends of the late Ina Smith, and to the Family and Friends of the late Brigid Sauls who died recently.
May they Rest in Peace

Betty Farrell P.R.O.

"Found in Main St."

I have been asked to mention, a silver ring was found in the Main Street by one of our members. Owner may claim same by phoning 6285485.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

I would like to congratulate all our members who won medals in the Community Games on the 17th May.

There was an error printed in the May edition of the newsletter as regards the Gala's. The Junior Gala will be on the 14th June and the Senior Gala will be on the 21st June. The family swim will be on the 28th June as stated in the May edition. No buses will operate on this date.

All fees are now overdue for this final term.

*Mary Molloy
P.R.O.*

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8TH KILDARE, RYE VALLEY, MAYNOOTH

Hello again ! Maynooth Cubscouts here!

Just to let you all know that Cubscouts will still be up and running during the summer, and that we're still looking for a few more gals for our team.

We'd also like to say hi and give a scouting welcome to our two newest members, Alex & Kate who came to our last meeting and helped us toast some marshmallows! They were "scrumptious!" (so good that they were both scrumptious and delicious). I have a funny feeling that the adults liked them too. (I know I did. I never tasted them before, but I know I will again).

Anyway, sweet things aside - We'll spoil our appetite - and on to some serious scouting. We're planning a full week away in Mount Mellery from June 28th - July 5th along with our brothers and sisters in scouting from Confey. The cubs will be hostelling, and the scouts will be "camping the great outdoors". We have lots of adventures and games planned, along with camp-fires, stories and sketches, plus lots, lots more. It's both a fun and learning experience, not to be missed.

In case anyone is wondering just what Cubscouts are, here's a brief but hopefully informative description. Cubscouts range in age roughly from 8-10 yrs old, leaving for scouts at age 11 having done what's called a link badge. They are awarded various merit badges for completing pre-set tasks themselves, it they wish to partake of them.

Each Cub is put into a group called a Patrol or a Six, and it is through this small group that we hope a Cubscout will find friendship, recognition, status, security and a feeling of belonging along with the opportunity to become self-reliant and confident, gain leadership skills and to develop the skills that they have and will learn, by having fun and doing adventurous outdoor activities. We aim to develop a Cubscout physically, mentally, spiritually, culturally and socially.

We are a uniformed organisation, but don't expect to get a full uniform straight away - rather build it up piece by piece, we also get in contact with former Cubscouts to see if they'd like to sell uniforms. (Gosh, that all sounds so official, doesn't it?) Anyway, now onto

Scouting News

Scouts are going for the highjump. One of our local scouts, Lisa Farrell, is taking one giant step for scouting. . . . from 10,000 feet - to raise money for our trip to Mount Mellery. (And no, she wasn't pushed!!!)

We would like to thank all those who have sponsored us. *Thank you.*

It was suggested that Scout Leader Cathal Gaffney would do the jump. The Scouts wanted to supply him with a parachute

they had seen advertised - "Used once - Never opened". But we couldn't be that cruel.

Also our official name has changed from Catholic Boyscouts of Ireland to Catholic Scouts of Ireland. Religion doesn't determine membership.

Thank you very much for your kind support. We greatly appreciate it.

We remain yours in Scouting
A. Staunton
P.R.O. 8th Kildare.

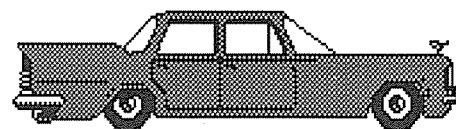
ST. MARY'S BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

Congratulations to all the boys who made their First Holy Communion last month, and also congratulations to Mrs. Carr who did such a good job of preparing the boys for the big day.

We would like to wish Dominic Nugent a speedy recovery after his recent accident, he has been missed by everybody.

Claire O'Rourke. P.R.O.

Jimmy's Cabs

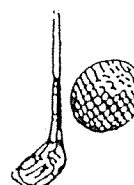
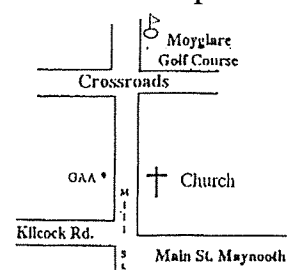


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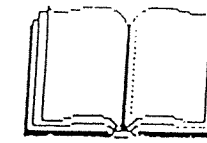
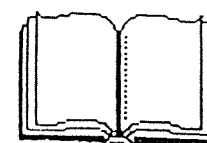
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Night-time Activities for 12 year olds and over must be booked on Registration Day

Day/Date	P.M/P.M.	Meeting Place	Activities
Tues 1st July	8.30 - 11.00	Glenroyal Hotel	Disco 12 - 16 £2.50
Mon 7th July	8.00 - 11.30	Greenfield S/C	Bowling/McDonalds Tallaght £4.00 (McDonalds Extra)
Thurs 10th July	8.30 - 11.00	Glenroyal Hotel	Disco Age 12 - 16 £2.50
Mon 14th July	7.00 - 11.00	Greenfield S/C	Ice-skating/Dolphins Barn £3.50 (McDonalds Extra)
Thurs 17th July	6.45 - 11.45	Train Station	Dart Trip - Bray £2.00
Mon 21st July	8.30 - 11.00	Glenroyal Hotel	Disco Age 12 - 16 £2.50
Wed 23rd July	7.00 - 11.00	Greenfield S/C	Film Tallaght £4.00 (McDonalds Extra)

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

By now you are probably totally fed up with politics. The slogans, the posters, the promises, the petty squabbles, the spin doctors, the image consultants, the opinion polls - they all leave you a bit weary at this stage and looking forward to the next few weeks of pleasant relief. Maybe you made your mind up some time ago about who had earned your vote, or maybe you still are waiting for the candidates to declare which way they stand on a particular issue. Either way the decision you make will have important implications not just for the future of the country, but more particularly for the future of Maynooth.

The campaign inevitably focused on the issues which our local politicians think it should focus on, and you now probably feel more competent on issues of taxes, crime, the environment etc. than you have for some time. But what about the issues some of the candidates would rather avoid, the issues which affect all our futures - namely the future of Maynooth itself? Maynooth Planning Alliance would like you to give some thought as to what you might have been told, or not told, on some of these.

Did the candidates tell you?

This part of North Kildare has a population of 55,000 people. Without rezoning any further lands, their actions in framing the last Development Plan means that unused

lands capable of accommodating another 33,000 people between Kilcock, Clane, Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge currently exists. There is not (contrary to the much hyped assertion) any shortage of building land!

Did the candidates tell you?

They want even more than a 66% increase in population to occur for the next five year period in North Kildare and support huge further rezonings in Maynooth, Kilcock and Clane? In each case, this is against the wishes of a majority of the local population they are supposed to represent.

Did the candidates tell you?

They want to more than double the size of Maynooth in the next five years, from a present population of 9,000 to 22,000? This means putting more than 5,000 extra cars in the town, further congesting the Main Street and motorway access, putting more pressures on the schools, water supplies, trains, etc. It means producing a bloated Maynooth, transformed beyond recognition, with the loss of rural walks and the building over of the environs of items of our heritage.

Did the candidates tell you?

That Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats neutered a Strategic Plan, paid for by you the taxpayer, which would have made reasonable provision for Co. Kildare to handle its projected population increase until the year 2011, and then sent an innocuous version of it to the Minister for the Environment in a bid to resume

town by town rezoning. Did they tell you that their parties specifically removed a key phrase which called for restraint on further rezoning in Maynooth?

Did the candidates tell you?

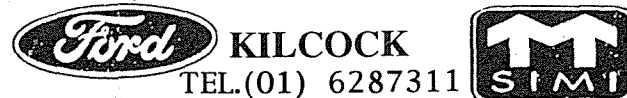
The population increase in Ireland from 1991 - 1996 was 95,000 people, yet Kildare alone made provision in its last Development Plan to zone for in excess of this amount. A little off in their estimates last time around, and not apparently learning by the mistake!

Did the candidates tell you?

That young married couples could only be enabled to afford a house if huge new areas were rezoned. This is a myth. Have you seen any evidence of 'starter housing' in recent Maynooth developments, or of any builders rushing to build such housing on our unused 106 acres?

Maybe these concerns were addressed to your satisfaction on your doorstep, and indeed some of the candidates share the concerns expressed above. Maybe after the election the issues will seem less pressing to some parties. Maynooth Planning Alliance, in co-operation with the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning, will however, continue to monitor developments closely. But we would urge you to think carefully when casting your vote on Thursday 6th June and would recommend you not cast it for parties who support excessive rezoning for Maynooth. This after all is the issue for Maynooth and for your future in it!

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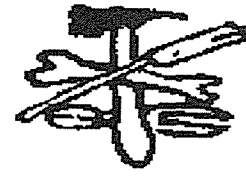
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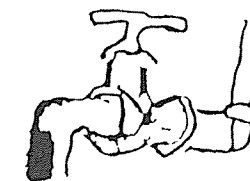
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Residents Association

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our annual collection is now in full swing.

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Because of an increase of robberies in the estate, the committee have been asked to look at the possibility of reactivating the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Please contact our Secretary Mary McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive if you are interested or wish to comment.

Richard Farrell
P.R.O.

MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM took place recently in the boys school. A number of local matters were discussed as well as the possibility of landfill dump site close to the area. Residents also expressed their concern regarding the proposals for the area outlined in the Maynooth Development Plan. The meeting confirmed that the association should continue to represent the views of residents in the entire Moyglare area.

Neighbourhood Watch to be re-launched

Following a number of recent burglaries, together with the fact that a number of new people have come to live in the area, we will be re-launching this scheme in the near future.

Dumping Grass on Open Space annoys Residents

A number of people have been dumping grass cuttings on the open space close to Jean's Foodstore. While we are aware of those who are doing this, we would appeal to them to stop. This area will be cleaned up on the next estate clean-up day, probably in early June.

Moyglare Residents to form Garden Committee.

In order for us to play our part in keeping the Moyglare Area clean and tidy and to enhance some of the open spaces and roads the committee seek interested people to form a garden committee. Please contact the Chairman.

Community Council Nominations

Mr. Dermot O'Hurley and Mr. Gerry MacCann have been nominated by the committee to attend Maynooth Community Council. The Moyglare Area is entitled to four seats on the Community Council which meets bi-monthly. The new members bring the Moyglare representation up to three. If any other resident would like to be considered for nomination to fill the vacant seat, please contact a member of the committee.

Paul Croghan
Chairman
Moyglare Residents Association.

PARKLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Parklands United on reaching the final in the Maxol/Ardiff 5 aside indoor football league run by Leixlip Amenity Centre. Parklands dominated the final but their hopes were dashed by a last minute goal from Eden Aluminium with only 3 minutes to go.

Parklands - Nil
Eden Aluminium - 1 - over 35's competition

P.R.O. for Parklands United Tony O'Connor

Team:

Tony O'Connor	Simon Williams
Sean Sinclair	Ciaran Glynn
Declan Forde	Aidan Critchley
Peadar Haran	Paul Broughan

Election Concerns

Since the founding of Parklands Residents Association the issue of Planning has dominated many a meeting.

Parklands Residents Association was a founder member of the Maynooth Planning Alliance which in turn became a founding member of the North Kildare Alliance for better planning. The reasons for this level of involvement in planning issues can be readily experienced by any Maynooth resident. Maynooth's growth 41% in the last five years sees increased traffic, basic services such as street cleaning and dog warden unable to cope with the rapidly urbanized town, before long we will see the schools groan under the sudden pressure of increased numbers. Air quality, water quality leave a lot to be desired at present, yet without any regard for existing problems the proposal still stands to rezone a further **325 acres in Maynooth**. These groups were formed to alert Maynooth and North Kildare, find out now, because, after the election **it will be too late**.

Policy to Practice

The Maynooth Development Plan outlines as policy the prioritization of Pedestrian safety within Residential areas, yet the amended Draft Plan would convert the residential area of Parklands from a cul de sac to a through road, similar situations exist in other residential areas of Maynooth.

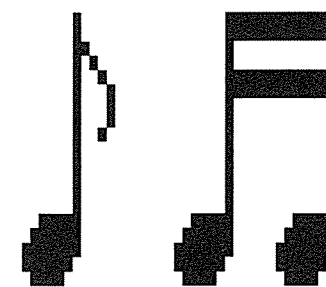
If this is the situation when a policy actually exists we shudder to think of the consequences should the Development of Maynooth forge ahead without any stated policy on how to provide for the existing and future residents of Maynooth.

Liz Stoll - Chairperson

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

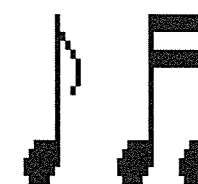
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MAYNOOTH SPEECH AND DRAMA GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

1997 has been a golden year so far for the Maynooth School of Speech and Drama. In January, students taking the prestigious Guildhall Speech and Drama exams all succeeded in passing.

One student (Aisling Byrne) even managed to break the 90% barrier, a feat that could be compared to climbing Mount Everest backwards, wearing only a tee-shirt and shorts. In March, the students entered the Feiseanna, and more awards came their way. Alice Cunningham won her solo drama section in Feis Maitiu. She scored 88 marks and was competing against youngsters from all over the

country. It was her first time in this competition. Well done Alice !!!!

Following this, two classes, the under nines and the under twelves, entered the play sections of Dun Laoghaire Feis. The under twelves entered a ten minute, original play entitled "Daylight Robbery". It was written by the class teacher, Claire Reilly and it WON!!!! Pats on the back and 'nothing could match that' syndrome set in.

Then later that night, the under nines entered their competition with another original play, with the rather unoriginal title of "Hansel and Gretel (sort of)". It too was written by the class teacher, Martina Murphy. And, yes, You've guessed it! It won as well!!!!

There was great excitement. Teachers, parents and students were on a high. The first time to enter and the school had swept the boards.

These victories have put Maynooth School of Speech and Drama well and truly on the map.

There were other victories in the solo poetry section of Dun Laoghaire Feis as well. The school, in fact has an

impressive track record in the poetry sections of the Feis.

Later that month, the children marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade,



carrying the trophies they won in Dun Laoghaire.

So far, it's been a great year. The classes are now working hard on the annual concert for parents which takes place in early June. There will then be a summer break with classes resuming in September.

Maynooth School of speech and Drama is run by two highly qualified and experienced teachers, Martina and Claire. They are both licentiates of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, a qualification recognised and respected world wide. They are keen to stress that Speech and Drama is about having fun, while, at the same time, instilling in children the confidence and ability to speak clearly and

fluently. Children also gain a keen appreciation of literature, a gift that will last a lifetime.

If your child wants fun and you want him/her to have confidence, Speech and Drama is for you (actually for your child).

If your child has visions of being the next Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep, Daniel Day Lewis or Tom Hanks, then Speech and Drama is the ideal training ground.

Enrolments for the September term are now taking place. If you want to book GET IN EARLY!! Don't say you

weren't warned.

The school is mentioned in the Maynooth Directory, but unfortunately the last digit of the phone number is missing. If you wish to enrol your child - Contact Martina or Claire on 6286944. They'll be thrilled to talk to you about any aspect of the course. In fact, make sure your phone bill can withstand the length of time you'll be on the phone as Speech and Drama is their pet subject.

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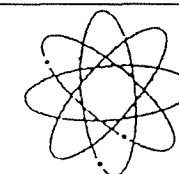
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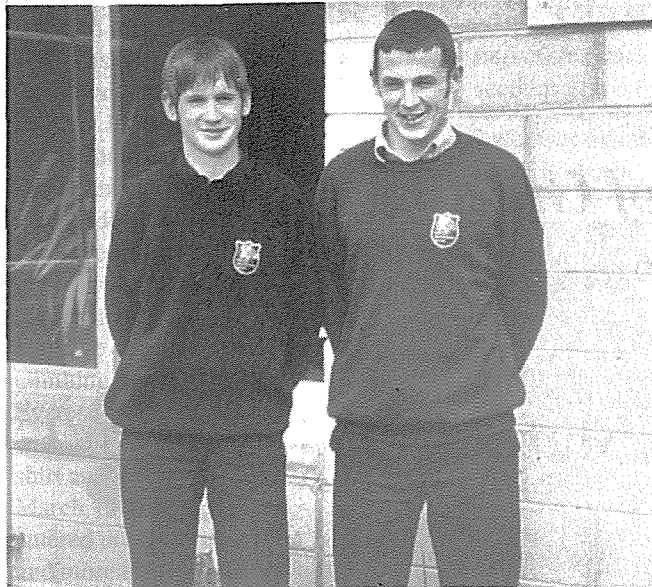
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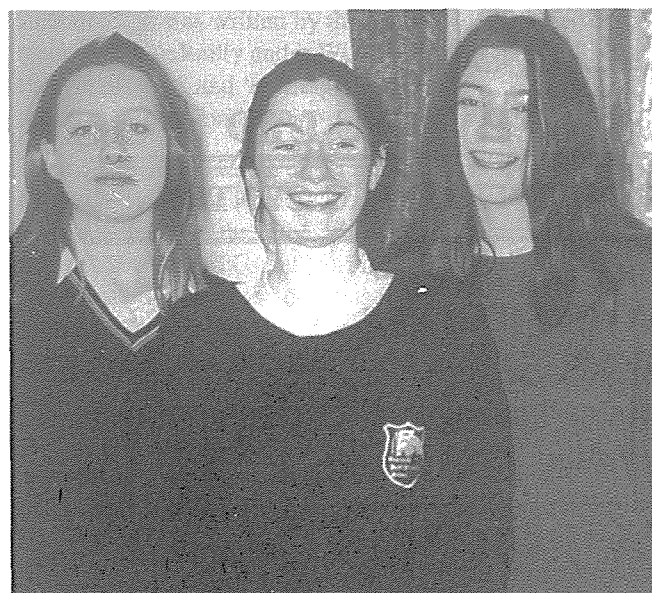
L - R Keith McTernan and Kenneth Gannon.

Sarah Commene, who is 17 and from Maynooth is taking all honours. Preferably she would like to take up a Tourism and Marketing Course but if not she would like to pursue a career in Primary School Teaching.

Kenneth Gannon from Dunboyne is 18 years old. He has ambitions of joining the Guards and if not he would like to go to Bolton St. to study engineering.

Kenneth is taking mostly honours and is certain of an A in Geography.

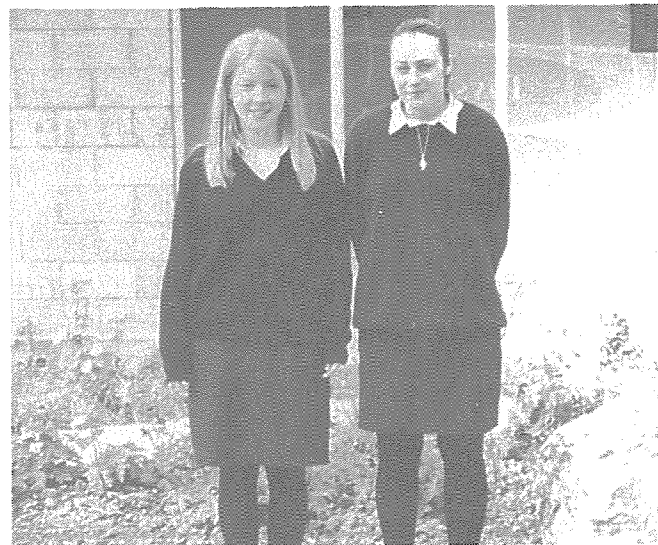
Keith McTernan from Dunboyne is 18 years old. He is taking mostly honours and wants to go on to be a carpenter or otherwise join the Garda Síochána.



L-R Gráinne Kenny, Celbridge, Joanne Flinter, Kilcloon and Debbie Tracey, Maynooth

With the Leaving Cert Exams close at hand the students of Maynooth Post Primary are at a very important stage of their lives with many decisions to make for the future. With this being the first time for the transition year to join up, pressures are much higher as the points will go up.

Aoibheann O'Sullivan who is 18 and from Maynooth hopes to go on to become a Primary School teacher or to get the points to go on to do Arts. She also wishes that the exams were over so she could just relax and enjoy the summer.



L-R Sarah Commene and Aoibheann O'Sullivan

We wish all of the students sitting exams the very best of luck!

To relieve the pressure of the exams the students relax by talking among themselves and enjoying a night out in Corscadden's.

To celebrate the end of Exams, some of the students will head to Dingle to shake off the previous months of stress.

The students would like to give a special word of thanks to all the teachers for being very supportive throughout the year.

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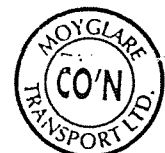
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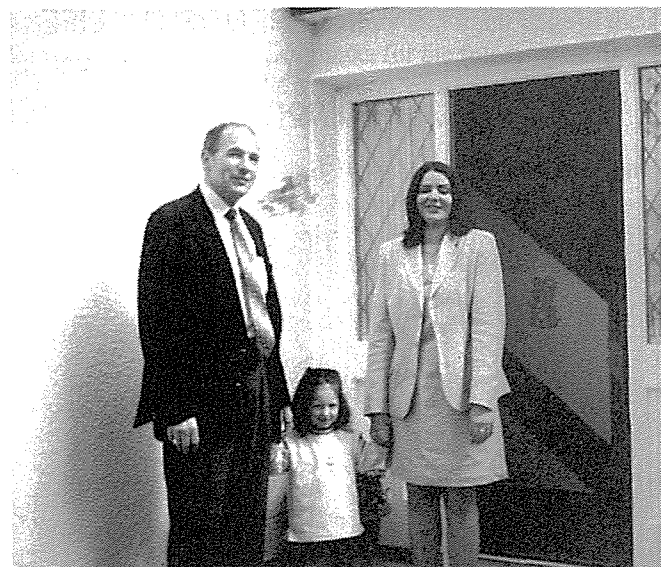
MAYNOOTH'S NEWEST CRECHE / PLAYSCHOOL

Saturday the 3rd May marked the opening of Maynooth's newest Creche/Playschool, the **Cluain Aoibhinn Childcare Centre**.

It will open from 7.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. from Mon - Fri all year round, with the exception of bank holidays. Easter Monday, Good Friday and as yet Christmas days are still undecided. It will cater for babies as young as 3 months old and the upper age limit is 12 years of age. After school care is also available. The premises are complete with a baby room which has a fully equipped changing room with a sink, it also has a toddler room, a play-school room, a 3-4 year old room and an after schools room. For special treats and for educational purposes there is a T.V. room which also doubles as a rest room for the children.

The after school children have their homework supervised and also receive a hot meal.

The Creche/Playschool complies to all the standards set out by the Department of Health Child Policy Unit regulations. The owner Marian Hannafin has qualifications in Social



L-R Tom McMullon, Roisín Ryan from Meadowbrook Close and Marian Hannafin

Studies, Child Psychology and also first aid. Marian is a member of the Irish Pre-school Playgroup Association (I.P.P.A). The Creche is registered with the National Childrens Nursery Association and I.P.P.A. and the Health Board. The Play-school will open in September under the charge of Evelyn McGrath and she will also run a Summer School in July.

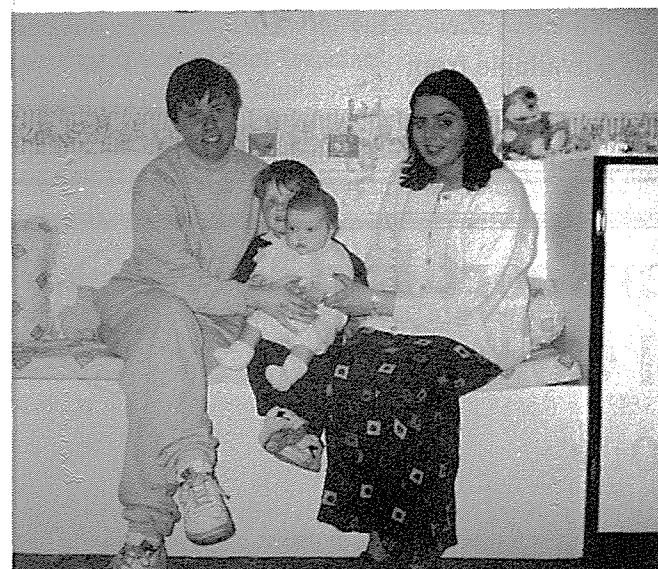
There are still some vacancies remaining in the childcare centre.

It is preferable for the children to be toilet trained but it is not a necessity. The house also has a back garden where if weather permits supervised play is allowed.


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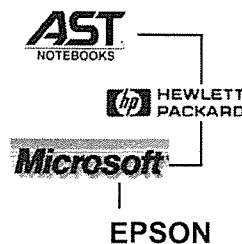
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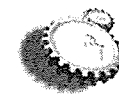
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With its ever expanding population, Maynooth is fast becoming one of the largest towns in Kildare. Yet despite all this progress and development Maynooth's young people still have no Youth Club.

It is now proposed to change all that.

This is a call to all parents of children between the ages of 12 and 18 years to lend a hand with the formation of a new Youth Club. It is proposed to hold a meeting in Maynooth Community Council Offices on **Wednesday 4th June 1997 at 8.30p.m.**

All interested are invited to attend.

For further information contact Pat Delaney at 6285591 after 6.00p.m.

POETRY

by John Paul McMahon

Returning to Galway Bay

Shall I
return to Galway Bay?
Where soporific waves caress
genial patterns of sensuous pebbles,
sipping down torsion's of voluptuous
sands, stupefying me afar
from this solicitous village.
Deep within this city of plagiarism
wise men sing songs of platitudes
where no boisterous boys
are here, to inject virulent
images of torrential downpour.
Mythical journeys turn to magical
serendipities; amid the orchestral
power
of the sea, waves kindle amorously,
perhaps oceans shall perform serenades
to
a preternatural phalanx.
Against the alturism of the moon
light, so luminary, incenses the
indelible ante.

ALZHEIMERS NATIONAL TEA-DAY

I wish to thank most sincerely all those who supported my Tea-Day on 2nd May.

To the Management of Quinnsnorth, AIB Maynooth, and the many friends who brought cakes, flowers, and many other articles which I was able to sell. All in the cause of the Alzheimers Fund.

Grateful thanks to everyone who came and I hope they enjoyed their cuppa, and were so generous with their donations.

Last but not least, I want to thank my friends in the Senior Citizen Group and the I.C.A. especially those who gave their whole morning to help me.

Once again many thanks to you all.

Total amount collected: £269.40p

Could I remind the person who left a child's coat in the I.C.A. Hall on that morning that it may be collected from me at any time.

Betty Farrell

MAYNOOTH COLLEGE SUMMER CAMP

The 1997 Maynooth College Summer Camp will take place for 4 weeks during the month of July. The Summer Camp, which is aimed at 7-14 year olds will have an action-packed schedule, which is intended to be educational as well as lots of fun!

The camp will take advantage of the superb facilities available in Maynooth College, such as the newly renovated swimming pool, computer facilities and the Sports Complex.

Each week-long course includes activities such as swimming, arts & crafts, computers, multi-sports, rounders, soccer, and adventure sports. The camp costs £45 for each week-long course, but there is a £5 discount if you book and pay before June 1st. There is also a £3 per child discount if two or more children come from the same family.

If you require more details, contact Ms. Denise Gallagher at 7083321.

Students Services Officer, Brian Gormley explained, "This is the first year that the Summer Camp is being run, so our aim is to ensure that the programme is of the highest quality.

This will give us a solid foundation from which to develop the camp over the next few years.

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SCOIL UI RIADA NEWS

Comhghairdeas do Thomás O Riann, múinteoir ó Scoil Uí Riada a bhuaigh Craobh na hEireann sa Scór Sinsear i Muineachan, go déanaí. No doubt you will remember Thomás' tremendous accordion playing at the Oíche ghaelach, presently Thomás teaches tin whistle and button accordion to children in Scoil Uí Riada from first class upward. Fíor Chláiríneach! Scoil Uí Riada would also like to congratulate Mark Sheridan, formerly of Kilcock and now living in Clare, who also played with the winning Instrumental Music Group and to solo singer Laura Duff from Kilcock who also participated in the All-Ireland finals. Beir bua agus beannacht.

Gaelscoileanna AGM.

On the 19th of April a group of Scoil Uí Riada parents and teachers from Maynooth and Kilcock travelled to Athlone for the AGM of GAELSCOILEANNA.

At the conference Maynooth parent Bríd Ní Chuirrín was elected to the Coiste Riartha and will now take up one of two posts representing gaelscoileanna in the greater Dublin area. Bríd who has two children currently attending Scoil Uí Riada is a cainteoir dúchais from Donegal and is a wonderful ambassador, not only for Scoil Uí Riada but also the Irish language.

The school and Board of Management would like to wish Bríd well and congratulate her on her appointment. This post was previously held by Kilcock parent Peig O Báille. Peig has currently two children attending Scoil Uí Riada. The Bord of Management would like to thank Peig for her excellent work on their behalf in the last 12 months.

At the AGM the membership agreed to establish a new committee to put forward guide-lines and recommendations for the establishment of new Irish Schools. Scoil Uí Riada is delighted to have one of our parents, Michael Quinn, elected to this committee. We wish him every success in his endeavours.

Open Day

Scoil Uí Riada are holding an Open Day for the parents of children beginning school in September on Sunday June 8th. For further information contact Scoil Uí Riada on 01-5287906 or at Scoiluiriada@tinet.ie.

Internet.

Scoil Uí Riada last month took its first tentative steps along the information superhighway. This project began as a simple classroom exchange between Ranganna iii agus iv under the supervision of teacher Colm O hAnluain and CMI and CM II under the supervision of Elizabeth Meher of ecole Saint Jules, Rue de Sacre Coeur, Hazbrouck, France. The objective of this project was to broaden the children's experience through an exchange of meteorological information. Initially the project involved the construction of simple weather stations, with the children taking daily readings of rainfall, windspeed, temperature and cloud cover. The data was then recorded in Irish, English and French and faxed to the ecole. The learning outcome for the children

was to introduce them to the concept of units of measurement while at the same time allowing them the opportunity to practice some of the French they were learning in extra-curricular French classes. Now that the school is on-line, the information can be exchanged more rapidly. It is anticipated that this

resource will provide further project opportunities for exchanges with other schools. More information on this topic next month. The Scoil Uí Riada e-mail address is Scoiluiriada@tinet.ie



Múinteoir Colm Ó h-Anluain surfing the net with Maynooth Pupils
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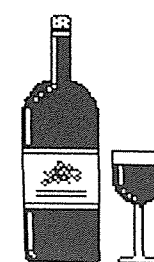
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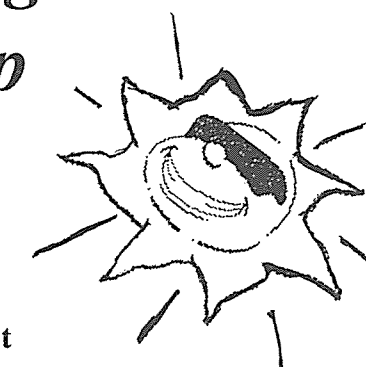
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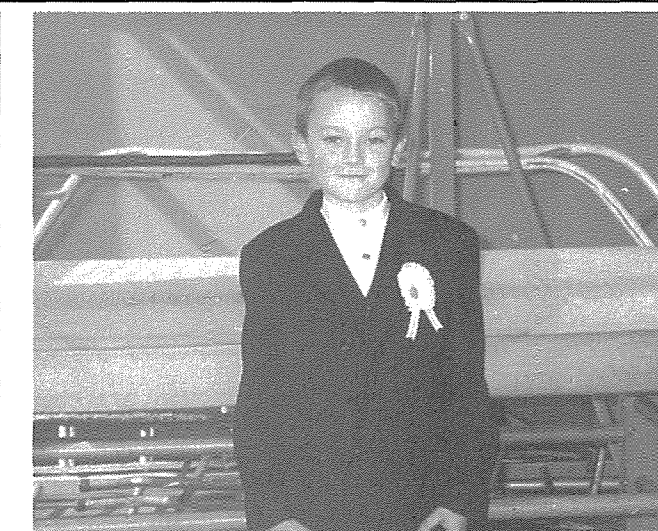
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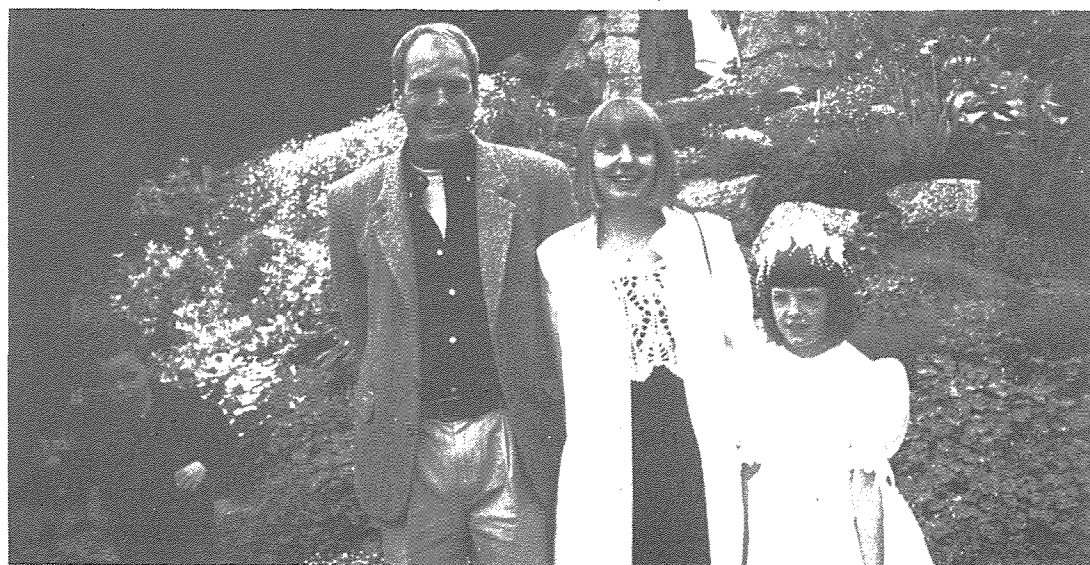
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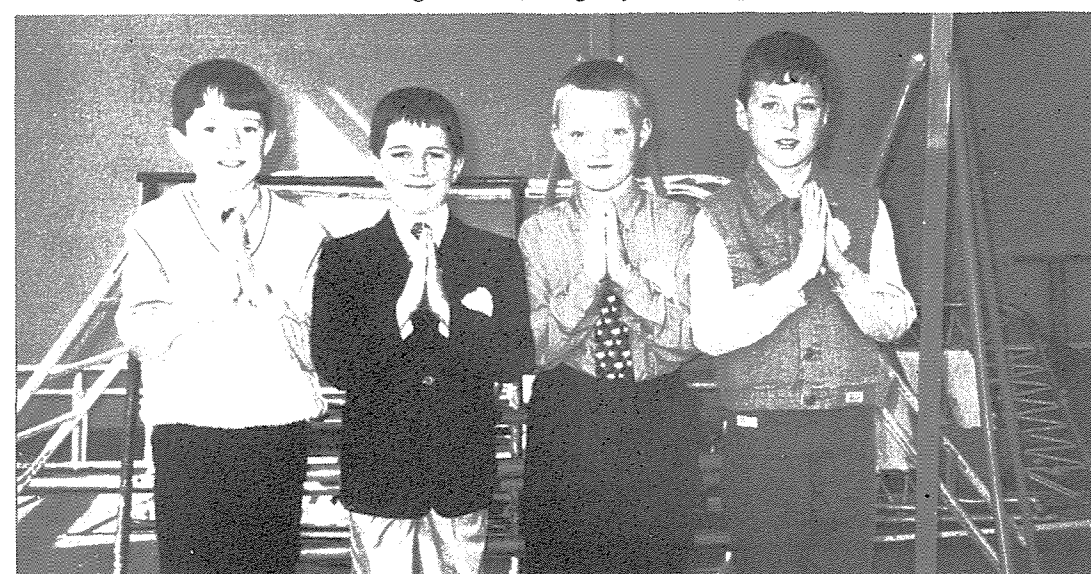
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TRIBUTE TO MRS. BRIGID SAULTS

The community of Maynooth and indeed much of the surrounding area was saddened by the recent death of Mrs. Brigid Saults.

Affectionately known as Brigie by her very large circle of friends, she resided at No. 9 Parsons street, and passed away on May 1st at James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown. In her 82nd year, she possessed a wealth of local information and history which she was always willing to impart to the many people who sought her advice and guidance on local matters. Her ability to retain memories of history and past events was a unique distinction which very few could emulate. She had a great love of verse and prose and this was only surpassed by the deep love she had for her late husband John, her sons Willie and John, her daughter Christina and grandson Conor. Whilst not a native of Maynooth her love for the local community knew no bounds and she was always ready to defend the good name of her adopted town whenever it was threatened. Having worked in St. Patrick's College for many years, the high esteem in which she was held by the college Authorities was hall marked by the large number of College Priests who were



present at the arrival of her remains at the local St. Mary's Church.

The great sense of grief felt by the whole community was aptly displayed by the large gathering of mourners at her internment in Laraghbryan Cemetery and was a firm indication of the great respect in which she was held by all who had the privilege to know her. Indeed it was a pleasure and a wonderful experience to have known her and to have savoured her many sayings and anecdotes.

Being the writer of several poems and articles of local interest she we will leave

behind a legacy for which the community will be forever indebted.

Her passing leaves a great void which will be most difficult to fill and we will be all the poorer for her passing. She has now departed for a life among all the other great characters who have gone before her. Being one of great love and affection we can rest assured that she will leave the Great Gates Open for those of us worthy to join her.

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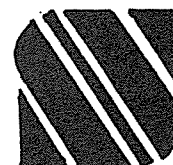
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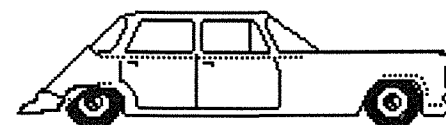
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Despite procrastination by John Major's Tory Government from 1995, the ending of the IRA's cease-fire and the failure of the Fine Gael/Labour/Democratic Left Government to maintain the determination and subtlety of Albert Reynolds's Fianna Fáil/Labour Coalition, we believe that prospects for progress are now very real.

The election of the new Labour Government in Britain brings fresh minds to bear on the process from the British side; and equally important our own General Election presents us with an opportunity to use our votes to demand of candidates, if elected, that they will give the peace process priority.

Under the Maryfield inter Governmental Conferences, the new Irish Government will have considerable influence to push forward the process; we suggest to voters that candidates be pressed on the following;

- Inclusive All party talks in the North, without pre-condition
- Re-convening of the Forum for Peace & Reconciliation, in Dublin Castle
- Establishment of a Parades Commission, per the North report
- Reform the RUC, to make the police acceptable by both communities
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Our association have been organising

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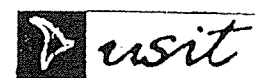
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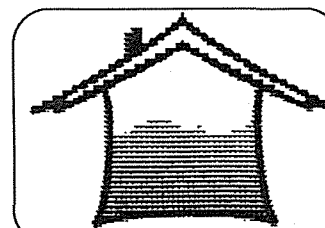
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VIDEO REVIEW

Michael Collins (P.G.)
This is the most successful film of all time at the Irish Box office, and deservedly so. It is also one of the most talked-about films ever to hit the Irish cinema. It was also odds-on that Neil Jordan's film of the life story of one of Ireland's most famous sons would cause a lot of controversy; after all how do you tell the story of a legend like Collins in two hours? The film contains some historical inaccuracies, and liberties have been taken with some of the locations (you don't look straight at the facade of the G.P.O. from North Earl Street) but this is not a documentary nor is it a travelogue. 'Michael Collins' is a well crafted, brilliantly acted, beautifully photographed piece of epic cinema. Liam Neeson in the title role is, quite simply, superb. Indeed, like Richard Harris in 'The Field', it is undoubtedly his finest performance to date. It is impossible to imagine anyone else playing the part, and that is the mark of real talent. Neither is this a rebel film. It's big budget, brazenly entertaining and simplified account of one of Ireland's famous and fascinating freedom fighters, and should be viewed accordingly.

Verdict: *Stunning and Superb.*

Striptease (18's)

This is a nonentity of a film. It's billed as a comic tale, which it's not. Nor is it the titillating piece of soft porn that some people would probably hope it is. In fact it is a nothing film, a piece of throw-away garbage. Briefly the story centres around ex-FBI clerk Erin Grant (Demi Moore), who takes a second job as a stripper at The Eager Beaver in order to pay for the custody case of her seven-year-old daughter. In this very big budget (she was reportedly paid \$12.5m for the part), very small audience turkey, Moore's decline at the box office has reached new depths. Never a great actress, she's no great shakes as a stripper either, in fact she looks far better, as do most women, with their clothes on rather than off.

Like Demi Moore herself, the script lacks any real flesh, and the film is always floundering in search of a direction. Speaking of which, the director, whose name thankfully escapes me as I write, should find another line of work.

All in all a film that's ultimately insulting to women and insulting to everybody's intelligence. It should have been called "demi get's her kit off for the lads!!"

Verdict: *Abysmal! (Put your clothes on, Demi, you'll frighten the horses!).*

Brassed Off (15)

This tale of a grim North of England coalmining town set in the early nineteen eighties is an entertaining and rewarding film. It centres around a colliery brass band in the mining town of Grimley, and the band's leader, played by Peye Postlethwaite. The band members are just about to call it a day, when a new trumpeter arrives in the form of Tara Fitzgerald who whips up their enthusiasm oncemore. Ewan McGregor is her childhood sweetheart but his performance pales into insignificance in comparison to Stephen

Tompkinson, terrific as the debt-ridden and increasingly desperate Phil. Direction in workmanlike, photography is superb and all of the cast turn in creditable performances. A very worthwhile and capable offering.

Verdict: *Excellent.*

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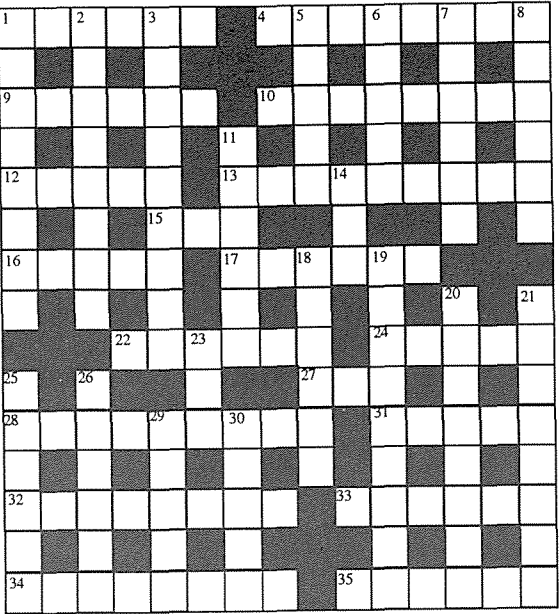
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- 10. Born yesterday. (8)
- 12. Item. (5)
- 13. Defeat. (9)
- 15. Protrusion. (3)
- 16. Small house. (5)
- 17. Pale. (6)
- 22. Pressure. (6)
- 24. Girl's name. (5)
- 27. Terminate. (3)
- 28. Cheese. (9)
- 31. Likeness. (5)
- 32. Pertinent. (8)
- 33. Grotto. (6)
- 34. Adversity. (8)
- 35. Alloy. (6)

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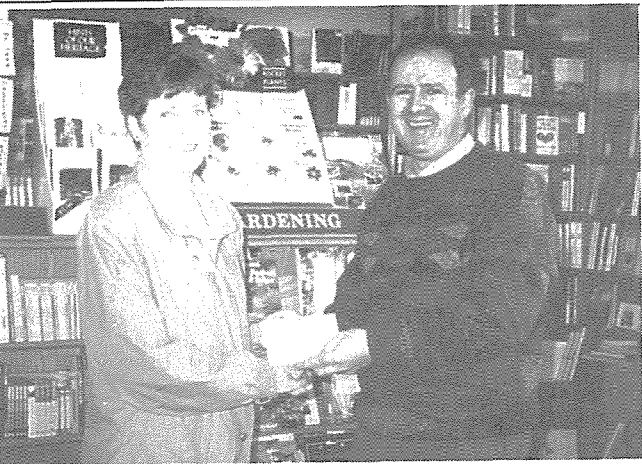
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- 11. Limp. (6)
- 14. Managed. (3)
- 18. Benefits. (6)
- 19. Applicant. (9)
- 20. Bird. (8)
- 21. Inn-keeper. (8)
- 23. Bone. (3)
- 25. Singe. (6)
- 26. Rover. (6)
- 29. The Nightingale of the Street? (5)
- 30. Boredom. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 114.

Across: 1. Demand; 4. Idolator; 9. Strict; 10. Arterial; 12. Attic; 13. Alchemist; 15. Let; 16. Romeo; 17. Titter; 22. Cheers; 24. Drape; 27. Sue; 28. Constable; 31. Aster; 32. Troubled; 33. Morass; 34. Elements; 35. Ordeal.

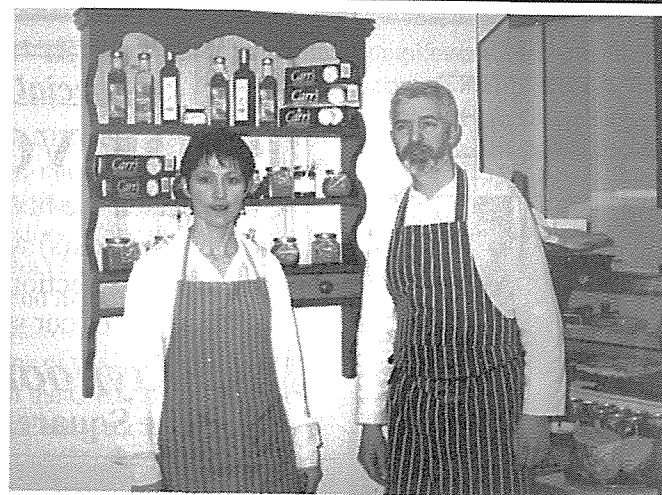
Down: 1. Despairs; 2. Mark time; 3. Neckcloth; 5. Doric; 6. Liege; 7. Trivia; 8. Relate; 11. Rattle; 14. Hut; 18. Tassel; 19. Endeavour; 20. Castrate; 21. Reprisal; 23. Era; 25. Scathe; 26. Income; 29. Table; 30. Bleat.

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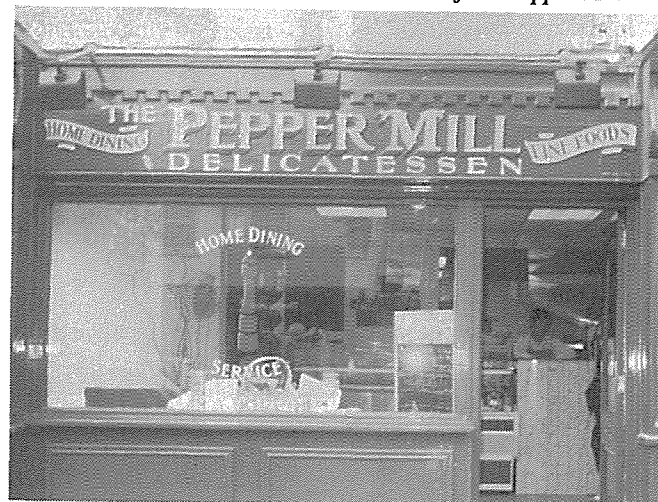
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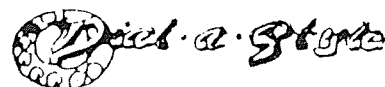
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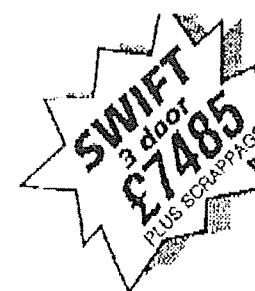
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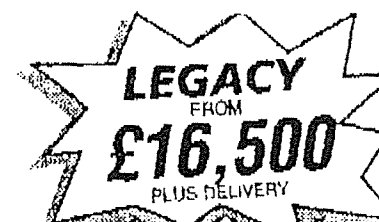
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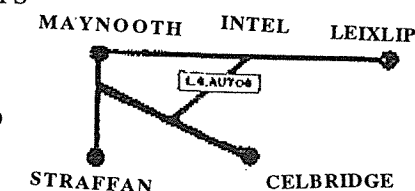
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DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

MAYNOOTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Progress on the Maynooth Development Plan has been held up while Kildare County Council, at the request of the Minister for the Environment, prepared an overall planning strategy for the county to guide the new plan. While the Council has now adopted such a strategy, it is entirely unsatisfactory in that it leaves the way open for further widespread rezoning in the county. This, despite the fact that an audit compiled of already-zoned land at Councillor Catherine Murphy's request shows that there is already enough land zoned for housing to accommodate 70,000 people — over half the existing county population. The Minister had already stated clearly that he will not provide funding for infrastructure to support excessive rezoning.

It is likely that the draft Maynooth Development Plan will eventually be produced by the end of 1997. This Plan will be critical for Maynooth's future as a viable and sustainable community. Democratic Left and Catherine Murphy are totally opposed to the massive rezoning of further land for housing in Maynooth which is being sought by the County Council's "rezoning majority".

DUMP PLAN OPPOSED

At a recent meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Democratic Left, total opposition was expressed to the proposal to develop a superdump on the County Meath side of the Moyglare Road. In supporting the local branch's stance, Councillor Catherine Murphy has called on the Minister for the Environment to formulate an overall waste disposal policy for the Greater Dublin Region. The Moyglare Road proposal follows on the heels of the controversial Kill dump project, which is currently the subject of legal proceedings. Catherine Murphy has sought the support of Democratic Left colleague, Councillor Christy Gorman of Meath County Council, in opposing the Moyglare dump.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT WORK IMMINENT

When the Maynooth by-pass was built, the National Roads Authority set aside a sum of £200,000 to be spent on improving the old main road through Maynooth, stretching from Blacklion to the entrance to the new Maynooth College campus on the Kilcock Road. Now the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) has allocated a further £200,000 for this work, with the proviso that Kildare County Council should contribute £22,000 of its own funds to the scheme.

Councillor Catherine Murphy, who is Vice-Chair of the DTO's Consultative Council, has welcomed this extra funding. It will allow a much more comprehensive improvement scheme to be put in place, with the DTO money being particularly earmarked for pedestrian and cycle way facilities. The project will shortly be put out to tender, and it is anticipated that work will begin on the scheme in the late summer or early autumn.

MONEY ADVICE SERVICE OPENS IN MAYNOOTH

Councillor Catherine Murphy has welcomed the opening of a Maynooth office of the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS). The office, which is located in Derroon House, Dublin Road (Tel: 629 1660) provides free and confidential advice to individuals and families on how to handle debt problems. The aim of the service is to enable people to pay off debts in a planned way whilst ensuring that all their essential requirements (food, housing, fuel, etc.) are met. A preferred way of doing this is through weekly deposits in a special account in the local Credit Union.

MABS is funded by the Department of Social Welfare. However, following a decision by Social Welfare Minister Proinsias De Rossa TD, the service is independent of the Department and rooted in the local community. An important function of the local MABS office will be a Community Education Programme which will seek to instill principles of money management among targetted groups in the community, especially young people.

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MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES JUNE 1997

Regional Planning Concept - End to Maverick Rezoning

Minister of State Emmet Stagg has warmly welcomed the decision by Minister for Environment, Brendan Howlin to put in place a process of regional planning for land use in the Greater Dublin Area including County Kildare.

This will require Local Authorities to have regard to the regional plan for land use when drawing up their own County Development Plans and will be backed by enforcing legislation.

Minister Stagg has urged Minister Howlin not to agree to the requested extension of time sought by Kildare County Council to complete their development plan until the regional plan is in place. Minister Howlin is actively considering this proposal.

Refusing Kildare County Council's application for extension of time will not in any way restrict development in County Kildare where there are already nearly 3,000 acres of land available for development. Recent statements that scarcity of development land in Kildare was forcing up house prices are therefore not accurate. As far as industrial development is concerned any suitable project wishing to establish in Kildare will be welcomed and can be accommodated by 'material contravention' of the plan as was the case with Intel, Hewlett Packard and others.

The decision on land use policy at regional level will put an end to the ad hoc system of planning that had become the norm and led to excessive zonings.

Completion of Estates.

A Bill that will enable Kildare County Council to refuse planning permission to any developer who has not fully completed any previous developments was introduced by Labour Deputy Sean Ryan prior to the dissolution of the Dail.

The Bill which has Government support was warmly welcomed by Emmet Stagg. Unfinished housing estates are the greatest single source of complaint from Residents Associations. Builders/Developers have left a myriad of estates uncompleted where houses are all sold. They have moved onto other sites with no real sanction against them.

The new law, if enacted in the 28th Dail, will prevent the abuse of house buyers and will ensure that they are provided with the facilities and services they paid for.

Rockfield Estate.

Following a meeting with the Residents Association Emmet Stagg has requested the Council to take action against the

developer of Rockfield with a view to securing the following work in the Estate.

1. Planting of 120 trees throughout the estate.
2. Provision of proper boundary wall at entrance to estate.
3. Reinstatement of defective kerbing at Rockfield Green.
4. Reinstatement of footpaths following Telecom and C.M.I. work.

In addition Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for consideration by the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council.

"That the developer of Rockfield Estate, Maynooth, be instructed to remove the barbed wire fence he has erected at the side of the green area in Rockfield Park and to erect a wall in compliance with planning permission and conditions 92/919."

Commenting on this matter Minister Stagg stated that the erection of barbed wire along a green area was highly irresponsible and extremely dangerous and cannot be tolerated.

More Money for Main Street Improvements.

A further grant of £222,222 has been allocated for work on improving Maynooth Main Street, footpaths, undergrounding overhead wires and new public lighting.

This means that the following money is available for work to be carried out this year.

£200,000 from National Roads Authority.

£222,222 from D.T.O. Traffic Management Grant and Kildare County Council.

£50,000 E.S.B. contribution to undergrounding E.S.B. wires.

In addition £80,000 has been allocated for improvements from Main Street to the Cattle Mart.

These works will enhance our Main Street and will make it pedestrian friendly.

Kingsbry Estate.

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the County Council have agreed to pay for the removal of the broken and dangerous paving slabs at the Meadowbrook exit from the Estate. The Council will also pay for further improvements out of the bond in consultation with the Residents Association.

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Footpath and Lights - Dunboyne Road.

Development levies of £16,250 were imposed on North City Builders (£12,250) and High Degree Construction (£4,000) for the provision of public lighting and new footpaths from the new houses at Lyreen Park to tie in with existing footpath at Dunboyne Road.

Unfortunately North City Builders have paid nothing so far and Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to take immediate court action to secure the funding. The Council have agreed to take this action if the funding is not paid forthwith.

As a result of the totally unsatisfactory situation Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Council.

“That instead of imposing levies for footpaths, drainage and lighting on main roads that developers be asked to carry out this work in lieu of levies and that the work be carried out before the building of houses commences.”

Building Regulations for New Houses and Extensions.

Following consultations with Minister Emmet Stagg, T.D., Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council.

“That Kildare County Council actively enforce the Building Regulations throughout the County and that the following measures be introduced in that regard.

- 1. That a special levy be placed on all new houses that are for sale to fund the position of an Enforcement Officer and that Officer’s support staff.
- 2. That the performance bond cover the Building Regulations.
- 3. That a Certificate of Compliance with the Building Regulations on the actual completed building be a requirement.”

The Building Regulations have been in force since 1992 yet Kildare County Council have not been enforcing them.

In Dublin without a Certificate of Compliance with the Building Regulations it is not possible to sell your house. The purchase of a house is the biggest outlay any of us will ever make. It would be comforting to know that the house we purchase is in accordance with the Building Regulations. That has not been the case up to now in Kildare and this motion if passed will change that.

Bye Laws on Display.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed at the last Celbridge Area meeting of the Council that the Draft Parking Bye Laws for

Maynooth should go on public display for receipt of submissions. This was agreed to.

Large Commercial Vehicles Banned From Parking in Estates.

Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Minister for the Environment, Brendan Howlin, to ban the parking of large commercial vehicles in residential areas.

The Minister signed the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) 1997 Regulations on May 1st. The regulations will come into force on October 1st and the maximum penalties for an offence are as follows:

First Offence - £150

Second Offence - £350

Third or Subsequent Offence - £350 and imprisonment up to maximum of 3 months.

Kildare County Council will set the maximum size of commercial vehicle which can park in a residential estate. The days of juggernauts, large trucks and coaches parking in residential areas are now at an end.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

Our Annual Walk in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee was held on Sunday May 18th at 3.00 p.m.

The route for the walk was along Carton Avenue and into Carton Estate. Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank Michael Barry and Lee Mallaghan for opening Carton on the day to the participants. The proceeds of the walk will be handed over to the Senior Citizens Committee by Minister Emmet Stagg during Maynooth Festival Week and we expect the final proceeds to be in excess of £1,700 this year. This will be a record amount for the walk and we thank all those who sponsored our walkers.

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FINE GAEL NOTES

Following representations to Kildare County Council by Minister of State, Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin, NO TRUCK” signs have been erected on the Dunboyne Road, which will alleviate traffic problems in Convent Lane and make the area safer, particularly at school times, for schoolchildren crossing the road.

Cllr. Senan Griffin and Minister Bernard Durkan have once again contacted the new County Engineer in Kildare County Council regarding the necessity for urgent repairs to footpaths in the main street.

Minister Bernard Durkan strongly welcomed the allocation by his colleague Minister Bernard Allen of £8,000 for upgrading of the Sports Hall at Maynooth Post-Primary School. The school has been seeking this vital funding for a number of years and Minister Durkan has said he is particularly pleased that this government continued its strong support for sporting facilities in the North Kildare area. This grant comes following an allocation of £5,000 to Maynooth PAA last year.

As a result of a motion submitted by S. Griffin and B. Durkan to have Kildare Bridge widened, the following reply was received.

6. Notice of Motion - Minister Bernard Durkan & Cllr. S. Griffin

There have been recent concerns expressed regarding sight distance exiting from the Old Dunboyne Road at Maynooth onto the recently approved R157 at Kildare Bridge. There are preliminary plans to widen the bridge which will solve the problem but until funding is made available, I propose that interim funding is sought to carry out the following works:

- a) The construction of an embankment, drainage, kerbing and safety barrier. This embankment will be required for the future bridge widening.
- b) The erection of additional road markings and signs on the approach to the bridge.

(c) The estimated cost of construction is £16,500 (include. V.A.T.) Funding for this project is not included in the present year’s estimates.

School Warning Lights
Kildare County Council having agreed with a motion submitted by Cllr. Senan Griffin to erect flashing warning lights at the National School and the Post Primary School on the Moyglare Road at a cost of £3,400. The County Engineer in agreeing with the proposal suggested that a survey be carried out to see if it is feasible to have such lighting at the location of schools around the County. Cllr. Griffin first proposed that such a survey be carried out during the debate on the estimates and now proposes that the same facility be provided for the girls school.

Public Lights
Celbridge Area Committee agreed that following acceptance of the quotations that public lighting at the following locations:
Old Greenfield, Back Lane 3 lights,
Moyglare Road,
Pound Lane opposite Phil Burke’s house,
Leinster St., (Harbour)
These lights are as a result of continued representations by Minister Durkan and Senan Griffin.

Dunboyne Road
Minister B. Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested that proper footpaths and lighting be provided at the Old Folks housing scheme on the Dunboyne Road. The money required to carry this work should be made available from development levies and be completed during the summer months.

Leinster Park - Mews
Minister Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin welcome the confirmation from K.C.C. that the required drainage and resurfacing will be carried out as soon as possible at the entrance to Leinster Park and Leinster Mews.

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He was Fine Gael Spokesman for Industry & Commerce (1981-82), the Food Industry (1987-89) and the Insurance Industry (1989-91). Up to December 1994 he was the Fine Gael Front Bench Spokesman on Health.

Through his membership of the Foreign Affairs and European Secondary Legislation Committees he has been actively involved in National and European Legislation.

At local level Bernard Durkan has held a number of prominent positions, including membership of Kildare County Council (Chairman 1986-87) and membership of the Eastern Health Board.

Speaking in Maynooth recently An Taoiseach described Bernard Durkan as one of the “hardest working and loyal Ministers in the Government.” -“You are very lucky in North Kildare to have Bernard Durkan as your TD”, he said.



MARY FRENCH
MCC, UDC

Mary French is a primary school teacher in Naas. She is a member of Naas UDC of which she was Chairperson from 1990 to 1991. Since her election she has worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Naas.

Currently a member of Kildare Co. Council, Mary is widely regarded as an extremely talented, able and active public representative.

She has a keen interest in Education and the Environment and is a member of Kildare Vocational Educational Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency.

At local level Mary is very active and is a member of the County Kildare Strategy Group and the Mid East Regional Authority.

Mary was President of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland (AMAI) 1995/96.

This is Mary’s first time to seek election to Dail Eireann. Her work rate and enthusiasm in the many roles she has undertaken since becoming a public representative are second to none.

SECURING YOUR FUTURE

Party Political Notes

YOUNG FINE GAE

An Effective Voice Of Youth

Young Fine Gael in St. Patricks college, Maynooth, like YFG nationwide has gone from strength to strength in the last few years.

At the end of this academic year young people are not only facing exams but now a general election. As young people are now a substantial group of the electorate, we call on them to get involved and make their voices heard. Young people can and do play a part in the running of this country. It's your future so play your part in securing it. We urge all young people to get involved, be heard and VOTE!.

Young Fine Gael in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, plays an important role in student lives - inside and outside of campus.

This year we have:

- Led a delegation to the Dáil to petition three Ministers to help in re-opening of the College's swimming pool.
- Run numerous successful Debates, (Bail, etc.)
- Put in place a direct and personal link from The Students Union Welfare Office directly to the Department-Minister B. Durkan. A unique situation no other S.U. in the country has.
- Lobbied successfully for a Friday polling day - to benefit students travelling.
- Secured a Representative on Maynooth's Community Council.
- Played an important role in obtaining a female Garda in Maynooth.
- Received assurances from the County Council for improved lighting throughout Maynooth but especially on the Moyglare Road, to the student apartments.
- Currently running a campaign to decrease the prices of public health items.
- One of our members now sits on the YFG National Executive.

The above are just a few examples of our successes, showing that young people can achieve. Naturally, the social life has been just as busy - Dáil trips, for people to see Michael Collins Film, weekends away, trips abroad, etc. Of course after all of these events there were refreshments needed in varying amounts.

We have proved young people can make a difference, so now its your turn!

Note:
Beware Kildare North: YFG are hitting the Campaign trail. All Candidates prepare to justify their existence to the Youth of Kildare North IF YOU CAN!



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Entries must be returned to the Community Council Offices to reach the office before 5.00pm on Friday, June 6th.

GARDENING HINTS

June is a great time of the year for the garden with masses of young foliage and flowers giving us colour and perfume. There should not be any need to buy vegetables or fruit. There's no comparison between freshly dug new potatoes and sun-warmed strawberries as opposed to those bought in the supermarkets.

General Tasks

Cut flowers from the garden are often infested with small black pollen beetles, which tend to invade garden plants once oilseed rape has been harvested. The beetles are harmless but they're a nuisance inside the house in large numbers. Clear them off cut flowers by leaving the bunches in a dark garage or shed for a couple of hours - the beetles will fly to the window in search of light.

Late frosts can check and even kill newly planted half-hardy annuals and tender vegetable plants. Protect plants overnight using polythene, fleece or fine windbreak netting.

Plants, once established, should be fed twice weekly. Use a high-potash liquid feed like tomato fertilizer.

Dead-head plants at least once a week to encourage plenty of flowers.

Checklist

- Plant out vegetables raised under cover like courgettes and sweetcorn.
- Tie in sweet peas and other annual climbers regularly.
- If you run short of salad vegetables, sprout some seeds on the windowsill to fill the gap.
- Snap off tomato side shoots as they appear.
- Continue to remove suckers from roses, lilac and other plants before they get too large.
- Apply an extra coat of shading paint to the greenhouse if necessary.
- Finish planting aquatics for a good display this year.
- Early in the month move dwarf peach trees in pots outside—the danger of infection by peach leaf curl has passed.
- Water and ventilate the greenhouse regularly.
- Pinch out the tips of chrysanthemums planted last month.
- Stake gladioli.

Planting up a hanging basket

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

Make Your Own Pot Pourri

Pot-Pourri is easy to make and a wonderful way of bringing the garden's perfume into the house. The fragrance is delicate and unlike cans of Air Freshener does not have any chemicals. The types of flowers and leaves is endless

Flowers such as roses, lavender, violets, jasmine, honeysuckle and wallflowers.

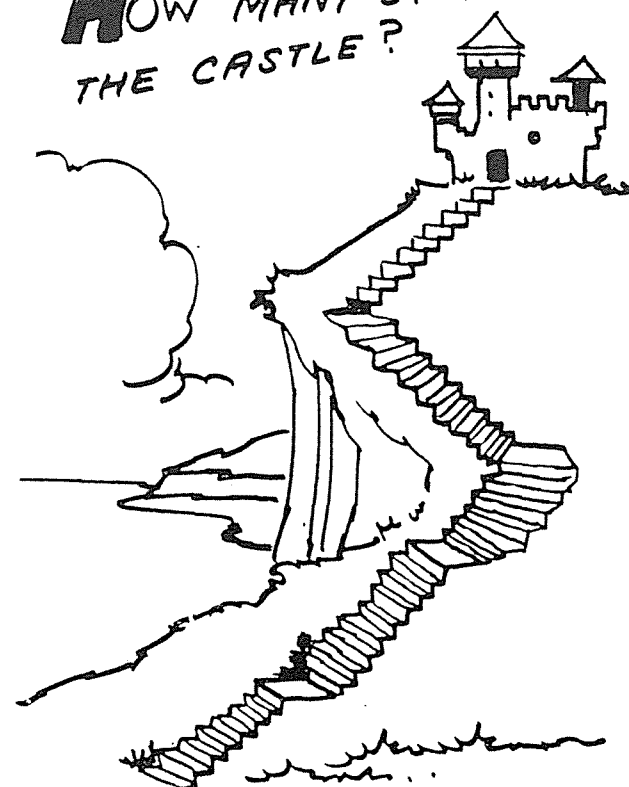
Plants with aromatic foliage include lemon verbena, lemon balm, eau-de-cologne mint. For extra colour add a few flowers of marigolds, pot marigolds, cornflowers or sweet peas.

Pick the flowers early in the day when the weather's dry. Spread the flowers and foliage outside to dry on wire mesh.

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

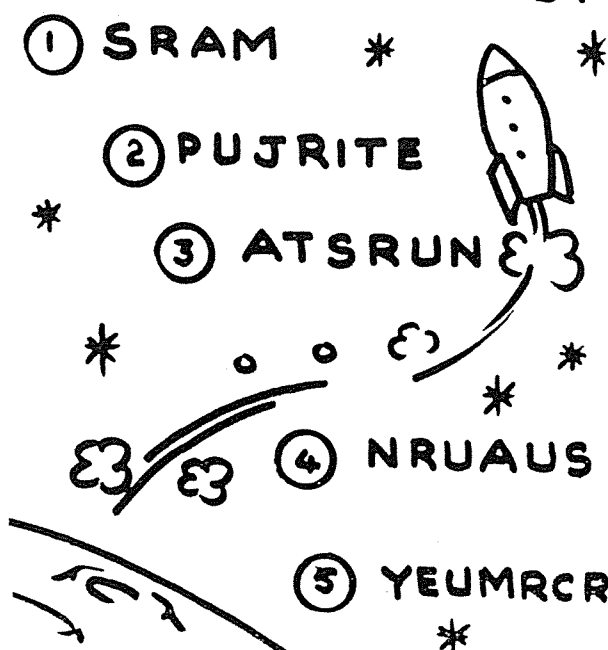
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TOPPINGS FOR BURGERS FRIED SANDWICH FILLINGS BRANDY SNAPS

COULIBIAC

2oz/50g long-grained rice

Pinch of saffron

1oz/25g butter

4 spring onions, sliced

12oz/350g spinach leaves

1lb/450g puff pastry

1lb 450g skinless piece salmon fillet

4 medium eggs, hard boiled and sliced

Salt and freshly ground black pepper.

For the glaze:

1 medium egg, beaten

Method

1. Cook the rice and saffron in a pan of lightly salted boiling water for 10 mins. Meanwhile, heat butter in a pan and cook the onion until softened. Add the spinach and stir until just beginning to wilt. Remove from the heat.

2. Preheat oven to Gas 7, 425°F, 220°C. Roll out pastry to a 9in-23cm square, cut in half. Spread rice over one half to within 1in-2.5cm of the edge. Season. Arrange salmon fillet on top followed by the sliced egg, spinach, and seasoning.

3. Using a lattice pastry cutter, run the wheel over the remaining pastry. Brush the rim with egg glaze and place over the spinach layer. Seal the edges. Glaze the pastry and bake for 30 mins. Serve with soured cream.



Cheese and Ham

Butter 4 slices white bread. Add slices of Parma ham to each slice. Sprinkle 2oz/50g grated Gruyere over two slices, top with remaining bread, seal well and continue as before.

TOPPINGS FOR BURGERS

Bacon and Cheddar Melt

Dry-fry 8oz/225g diced bacon until crisp. Take off heat, stir in 6oz/175g cubed Cheddar and 2 skinned, diced tomatoes.

Blue Cheese

Mix together 4oz/100g Danish blue cheese, 4 tbsp soured cream, 1 tbsp snipped chives and freshly ground black pepper.

Chilli

Soften 1 finely chopped onion in 1 tbsp sunflower oil, add 1 tbsp mild chilli powder and cook for 1 min. Stir in a 400g can ratatouille and bring to the boil. Simmer for 5 mins. Add a rinsed and drained 200g can kidney beans and heat for a further 5 mins.

Barbecued Mushrooms

Melt 1oz/25g butter and fry 6oz/175g sliced mushrooms and 2 chopped cloves of garlic, until softened. Stir in 6 tbsp barbecue sauce, simmer for 2 mins.

BRANDY SNAPS WITH MARASCHINO CHERRY CREAM

200g jar maraschino cherries, drained

1/2 pt/300ml double cream

12 brandy snaps

1oz/25g plain chocolate, melted

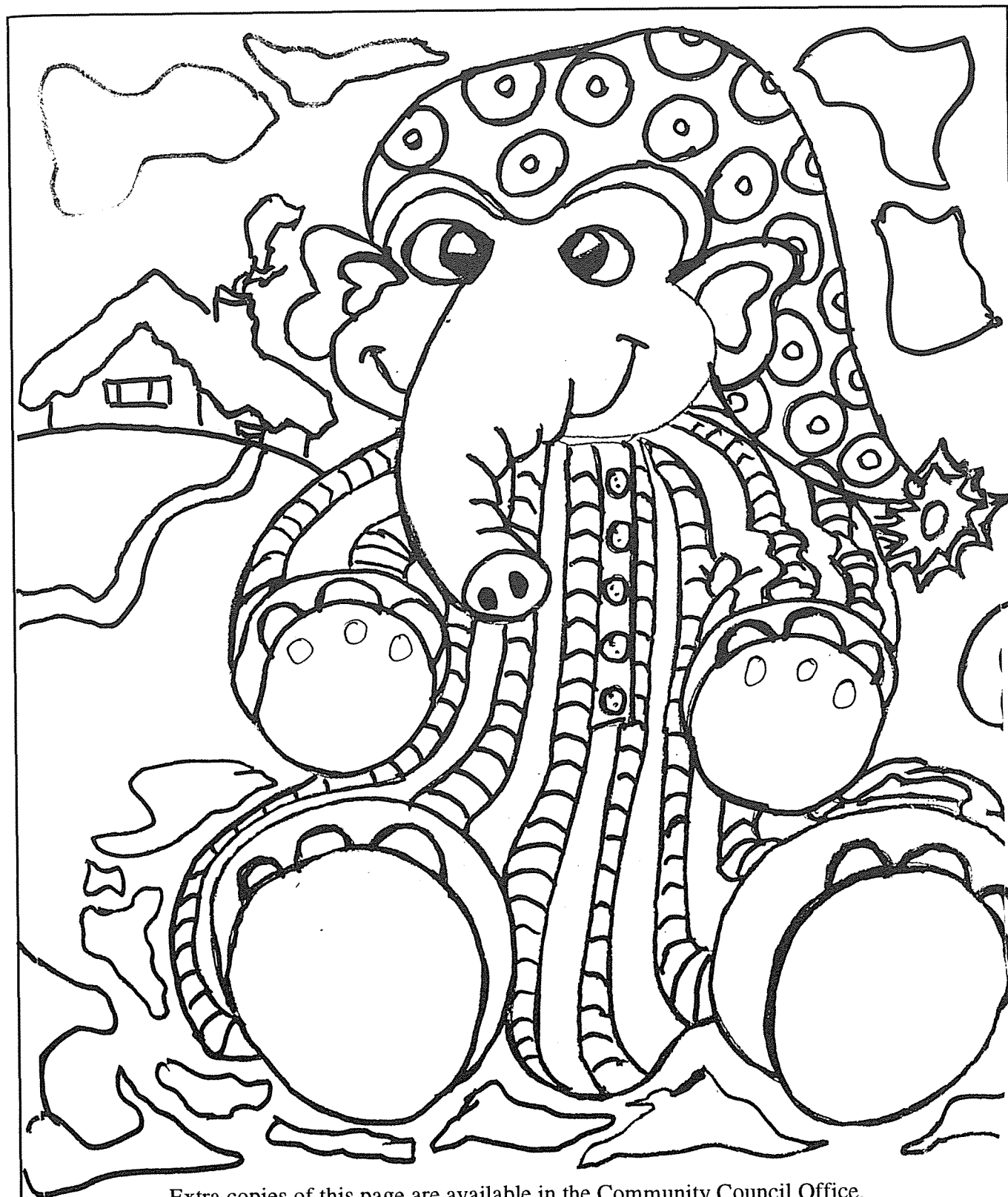
1oz/25g milk chocolate, melted

Icing sugar for dusting

1. Quarter the maraschino cherries. Lightly whip the double cream and fold in the cherries. Fill the brandy snaps with the cherry cream.

2. Arrange in a mound on a large serving plate or arrange three on each individual plate. Mix the melted chocolates and drizzle over the brandy snaps. Serve dusted with a little icing sugar.

Serves 6



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G.A.A. NOTES

RESULTS

Under 14 Football League

Maynooth 1—11 Sallins 2—7

Maynooth travelled to Sallins for this second round league match and came away with full points after a narrow but fully deserved win over the home side. Sallins opened the scoring in the third minute with a point from play, but Dermot Canning equalized a minute later. Maynooth had a goal from Alan Baxter in their next attack and from then until half time the play flowed towards the Sallins goal. Killian Carr was the dominant figure around the middle of the field and was well supported by the hard working Pierre Ennis. Centre half forward Patrick O'Rourke had a great game scoring three points and making some great runs through the Sallins defence. Morgan Sweeney despite failing to get on the score sheet, worked very hard and had a hand in most of the scores. Ahead 1—7 to 0—4 at half time despite playing against the breeze Maynooth looked to be in a comfortable position. They increased it to nine points with about fifteen minutes left but from that point until the finish they faded and allowed Sallins to score 2—2 without reply. Earlier Maynooth had the chances to have the game wrapped up but the woodwork and some poor finishing denied them. Apart from those already mentioned Maynooth had good performances from Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Tagdh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan and Fintan O'Donoghue.

Under 14 Football League Round 1

Teams and Scorers: Aidan Molloy, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tagdh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan, Brian Downey, Killian Carr, Pierre Ennis, (0—4), Paul Broughan, Patrick O'Rourke (0—3), Morgan Sweeney, Fintan O'Donoghue (0—2), Alan Baxter, (1—1), Dermot Canning (0—1).

Subs: Fergal Molloy for Broughan, Finbar O'Gorman for O'Donoghue.

Maynooth 3—8 Monasterevin 3—4

Maynooth scored a well deserved win over Monasterevin in an entertaining game played in slippery conditions in Maynooth. A goal by Colin O'Neill after four minutes put Maynooth on the road to victory and they increased it to seven points midway through the half with points from Patrick O'Rourke and a goal by Pierre Ennis. Monasterevin exerted some pressure before half time and were rewarded with a goal after some slack defending by the home side. Maynooth started the second half with a five point advantage and sub. Dermot Canning increased it to six after two minutes with a good point. They seemed to be coasting when Pierre Ennis scored his second goal midway through the half. However Monasterevin replied with their second goal shortly afterwards, and with five minutes remaining, midfielder David Murphy reduced it to three points with a good goal from a twenty metre free. After that score Maynooth rallied again and Morgan Sweeney scored the last point of the game two minutes from the end. Midfielder Pierre Ennis was Maynooth's man of the match, ably assisted by his partner Killian Carr. Graham Quinn and Stephen Curran were solid in the full back line, Eric Roberts had a good game at left half, while up front, Colin O'Neill, Patrick O'Rourke, Alan Baxter, Morgan Sweeney and sub Dermot Canning caused the Monasterevin defence many anxious moments.

Best for Monasterevin were goalkeeper Martin Connolly who made a number of fine saves, Mark Kelly, Peter Nash, David Murphy and Mark Fennell.

Maynooth Team and Scorers,

Aidan Molloy, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tadh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan, Eric Roberts, Pierre Ennis (2-1), Killian Carr (0-1), Colin O'Neill (1-0), Patrick O'Rourke (0-3), Brian Downey, Fergus Deveraux, Alan Baxter, Morgan Sweeney (0-2).

Subs. Dermot Canning (0-1), Alan Sweeney, David Comerford, Finbar O'Gorman, Fintan O'Donoghue and Fergal Molloy.

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MAYNOOTH HURLING NOTES

Fixture Results

19.4.97	u/12 league	Maynooth 1-4	Confey 6-4
19.4.97	u/14 league	Maynooth 2-5	Confey 3-2
20.4.97	Senior league	Maynooth 3-6	Clane 4-9
20.4.97	Minor league	Maynooth 2-4	Broadford 1-3
21.4.97	u/11 league	Maynooth 3-0	Kilcock 1-0
18.4.97	u/21 championship	Maynooth 1-2	Naas 1-12
21.4.97	u/13 league	Maynooth 7-6	Kilcock 0-0
24.4.97	Junior league	Maynooth 2-1	Athy 1-2
1.5.97	Junior league	Maynooth 0-5	Eire 6g/Corrachoill 0-5
30.4.97	u/16 League	Maynooth 4-8	Naas 5-4
14.5.97	u/16 league	Maynooth 3-7	Celbridge 6-5
8.5.97	Junior league	Maynooth 1-5	Ardclough 1-6
15.5.97	Junior league	Maynooth 0-9	Clane 1-6
10.5.97	u/14 Feile	Maynooth 4-1	Confey 6-5

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Sports

Forthcoming Fixtures

31.5.97	u/12 & u/14	Maynooth V Eire Og/Corrachoill league	(Home)
7.6.97	“ “ “ “	Maynooth V Naas (Away)	
29.5.97	Junior league	Maynooth V Kilcullen (Away)	
5.6.97	Junior league	Maynooth V Broadford (Home)	
12.6.97	Junior league	Maynooth V Rosglass (Away)	
19.6.97	Junior league	Maynooth V Moorefield (Away)	
26.6.97	Junior league	Maynooth V Kill (Home)	
3.7.97	Junior league	Maynooth V St. Bridgets (Home)	
25.5.97	Senior league	Maynooth V Naas (Home)	
4.6.97	Senior league	Maynooth V Eire Og/Corrachoill	(Away)
11.6.97	Senior league	Maynooth V Kilcock (away)	
25.6.97	Senior league	Maynooth V Coill Dubh (Away)	
9.7.97	Senior league	Maynooth V Castledermot (Home)	
16.7.97	Senior league	Maynooth V Moorefield (Home)	
25.5.97	Minor league	Maynooth V Castledermot (Home)	
28.6.97	Minor league	Maynooth V St. Bridgets (Home)	
(T.B.A.)	Minor league	Maynooth V Moorefield (Away)	

Match Analysis

U/14 Feile Maynooth 4-1 Confeys 6-5
Maynooth were drawn against arch rivals Confeys on a day when the rain made hurling very difficult for the players. Nevertheless both teams served up an entertaining match with Confeys always having the edge over Maynooth. Maynooth were slow to settle and inside five minutes were two goals down. However, Maynooth responded well to the challenge and goals from Morgan Sweeney and Aidan Molloy brought them right back into the game. Confeys added a further goal and two points before half time leaving the score at Confeys 3-2 Maynooth 2-0 at the interval. Maynooth tried hard to reduce the deficit and two goals from Jamie O'Neill and the other a magnificent solo effort from Fergal Molloy left only 3 points between the sides midway through the second half. However Confeys held on for victory and finished the stronger team in the latter stages. Best for Maynooth were Enda Diggins, Peter Sheehan, Aidan Molloy, Fergal Molloy, Sean Og Farrelly & David Comerford.

Teams & Scores

James Hoare, Padraig Nevin, Joe Brennan, Enda Diggins, Brendan Coffey, Peter Sheehan, Kevin Gannon, Morgan Sweeney (1-0) Aidan Molloy (1-1), Fergal Molloy (1-0), Sean Og Farrelly, David Comerford, Gerard McCarthy, James Mullarkey, Mark Cummins, Subs, Jamie O'Neill (1-0) for Gerard McCarthy.

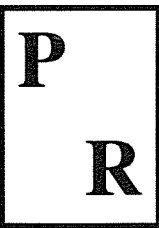
Junior League

Maynooth 1-6 Clane 0-9
Maynooth produced one of their better performances of the season and were unlucky only to slam the spoils against a very motivated Clane outfit. The contest was so close right through that the teams were level on no fewer than 6 occasions. Splendid points early on from John O'Brien & Eamon Twomey helped to settle Maynooth. Clane kept in touch with the help of some five long range points from frees. Maynooth were denied what seemed a legitimate goal

from Mick Bennett when the referee ruled for an earlier infringement. John O'Brien and John Moloney added further points from play before Clane equalised with similar scores before half time leaving the score at 4 points each. Maynooth increased the tempo in the second half and had a few goal scoring opportunities which were not availed of. However, they appeared to be heading for victory when Clane scored a goal against the run of play giving them a lead of 2 points with five minutes left to play. However Maynooth showed their battling qualities and levelled the game with points from John O'Brien and Tom Coffey before the final whistle. Best for Maynooth were: Sean Cushen, Rory Kelly, Ronan Murphy, Eoin Nevin, John Lee, Mick Barry, John O'Brien and Eamon Twomey.

Team & Scores

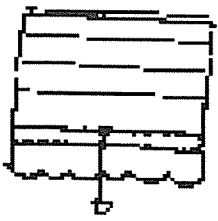
Matt Carroll, Brian Nevin, Sean Cushen, Andy Hession, Eoin Nevin, Ronan Murphy, Rory Kelly, John Lee, John Moloney (0-1) David Cusker, Tom Coffey (0-2) John O'Brien (0-4) Mick Bennett (0-1), Mick Barry, Eamon Twomey (0-1) Subs. Fergus Devereux for David Cusker, Tony McTernan, for Mick Bennett, Paddy Boyle for Andy Hession.



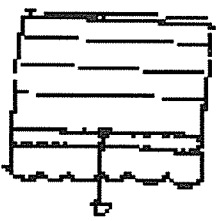
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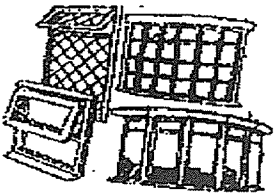
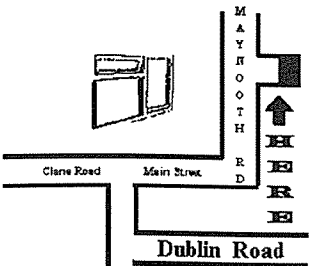
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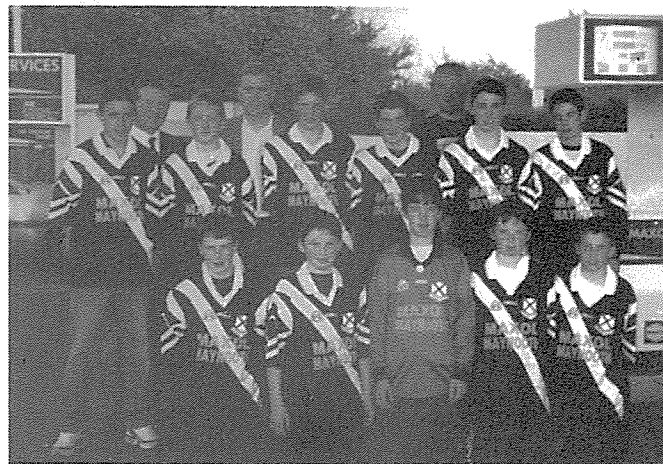
Sports

MAYNOOTH G.A.A

Maynooth under 14 football team were presented with a set of football jersey's by Peter O'Connor, owner of Maxol Service Station, Straffan Road, Maynooth. Team mentors John O'Rourke and Padraig Carney as well as under 14 Captain Morgan Sweeney accepted the jersey's on behalf of the club. A number of players were also present. The Presentation took place at the Service Station. The Club would like to thank Peter O'Connor for his generous sponsorship and wish him every success in the future.



Presentation of jerseys to the U/14 Football team by Maxol, Morgan Sweeney, John O'Rourke, Peter O'Connor and Padraig Carney



U/14 Football Team

MAYNOOTH HANDBALL

When Maynooth Handball Club entered seven players in the Kildare Championships they had no expectations other than to gain experience of playing at that level. They were hopeful that they might win a few games and thus bring a bit of honour to both themselves and their club. They also entered four doubles pairs. In the event they did way better than expected. They have a pair in the doubles county final and, but for an injury, may well have had a player vying for singles honours.

History Made

Seán Molloy, Mick Galvin, Owen and Hugh Nevin made history when they became the first players to play in a

county championship match in the new Ball Alley, at the Maynooth GAA grounds. In the event the former pair proved too good for the Nevin brothers and progressed into the quarter final. Their opponents on this occasion were Niall Leavey and Darragh Kelly also from the Maynooth club. Molloy and Galvin won the first game 21-20 but had to retire in the second game, because of an injury to Molloy. Leavey and Kelly met Leixlip's Mark Kelly and Damien Carthy in the semi-final and progressed to the final at their ease. Joe and Francis Conway had to concede a walk over due to Joe being injured. Anthony Fingleton lost his partner, Eamon Gorey and played with Joe Walsh. They bowed out in the first round. Anthony met the same fate in the singles at the hands of Mark Kelly. Francis Conway had a good win over Mick Grady, Leixlip, but lost to Stephen Mulkerrins in the quarter final. Revenge for Leixlip. Niall Leavey won his way into the quarter final at the expense of Shane Connelly, Castledermot. Carrying an injured shoulder Leavey was defeated by Jason Kelly who had earlier had a concession from Darragh Kelly who suffered a sprained ankle while playing him in Castledermot.

Kelly's ankle and Leavey's shoulder appear to be much better now and I have every confidence in them to bring the gold medals back to Maynooth. As of now the date or place for the Final is not fixed.

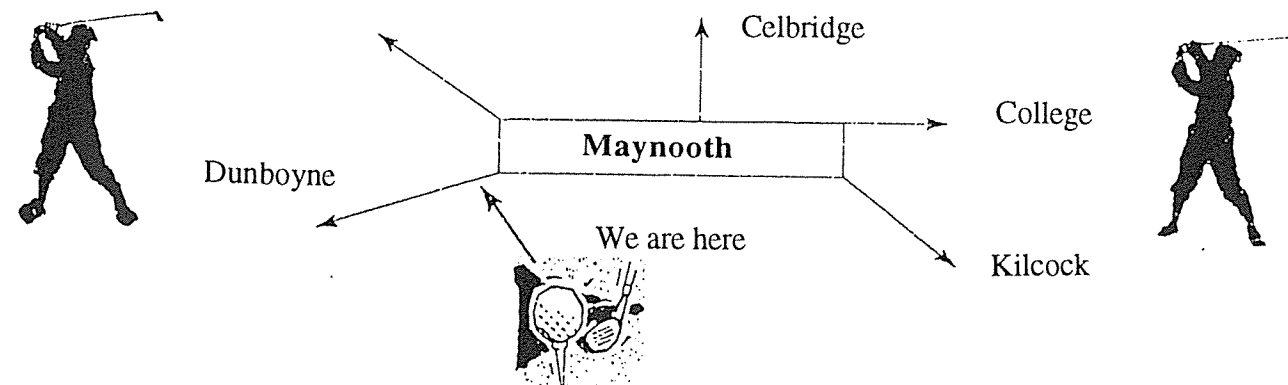
Marathon

The National Handball Marathon took place throughout the nation on the first week-end in May. It was the first major handball event to be staged at the new alley in the Maynooth GAA Centre. Twelve hours of continuous handball (thirteen in Maynooth) was supervised by the handball committee (a sub committee of the main club). Declan Quigley got the ball rolling (pun intended) with his son Mark. Anthonine Rossiter and Roisin Farrelly played for an hour. Seán Molloy played with his sons, Kevin and James. Mark McCabe and Kevin Comerford did their bit to make the day a success. Handball chairman Seán Donovan supplied tea, sandwiches, orange, crisps etc. on the day and Mary Molloy organised the catering in such a way that everyone got their share.

Martin Bambrick arrived with Orla, Lorraine, Suzanne and Declan. Mark Cummins made up the sextet who played from one until three o'clock. Joe Nevin, his daughter Siobhán, Christopher Brennan and James also played for two hours. The Molloy brothers Aidan and Fergal played a challenge game against the the Devereux brothers Shane and Fergal but Joe Rossiter who was supervisor at the time was unable to give me a result. "Mr. handball" himself, Paul Hand, played Francis Conway from six o'clock until seven when Declan Quigley made a come-back. This time playing Darragh Kelly. The only sad note for the day was about twenty minutes into the final game when Seán Molloy fell and hit his head on the glass wall. He was stunned and could not play on. Joe Walsh, Joe Rossiter and Mick Galvin played on until ten o'clock thus changing the Marathon into a thirteen hour event. Obviously not a superstitious club in Maynooth.

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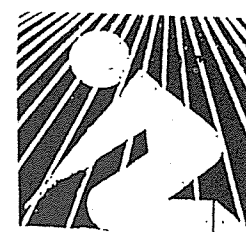
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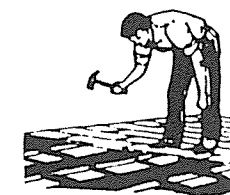
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WEEK 1			
Tues 1st July	10.30 - 12.30	I.C.A. Hall	Registration £2.00 £5.00 Family
Wed 2nd July	10.00 - 6.00	Greenfield S/C	Ballylane Farm Wexford £3.00 (Packed Lunch)
Thursday 3rd July	2.00 - 4.30	Boys School	Soccer/College (Runners - Runner boots only)
Fri 4th July	11.00 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Bowling/Coolock: St. Annes Park £3.50 (Packed Lunch)
WEEK 2			
Mon 7th July	2.00 - 4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE Centre Pitch & Putt Club	Crafts 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf balls and clubs if possible)
Tues 8th July	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Indoor Fun Factory - Dunlaoghaire U/13 yrs £3.50 (Packed Lunch) in Deer Park
Wed 9th July	2.00 - 4.30 7.30	Boys School MADE Centre	Soccer/College Film 50p
Thurs 10th July	2.00 - 4.00	MADE Centre	Quiz 50p
Fri 11th July	10.30 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Zoo £3.50 (Packed Lunch)
WEEK 3			
Mon 14th July	2.00 - 4.30	Boys School	Tennis Under/10s only Games Over/10s only
Tues 15th July	11.00 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Bowling/Coolock Packed Lunch £3.50 in St. Annes Park
Wed 16th July	10.30 - 4.00 7.30	Greenfield S/C MADE Centre	Donadea/Scavenger Hunt £2.00 (Packed Lunch) Film 50p
Thurs 17th July	2.00 - 4.30	Boys School	Tennis Over/10s only Games Under/10s only
Fri 18th July	12.00 - 4.30	Greenfield S/C	Film/Blanchardstown £3.00 (Packed Lunch)
WEEK 4			
Mon 21st July	2.00 - 4.00 2.00 - 4.00	MADE Centre Pitch & Putt Club	Bingo 50p £1.50 over 10's (bring own golf ball and clubs if possible)
Tues 22nd July	9.00 - 6.00	Greenfield S/C	Annamoe £6.00 (Packed Lunch)
Wed 23rd July	12.00 - 4.00	Greenfield S/C	Celbridge Abbey £2.00 (Packed Lunch)
Thurs 24th July	2.00 - 4.00	Glenroyal Hotel	Disco Dancing Competition 50p

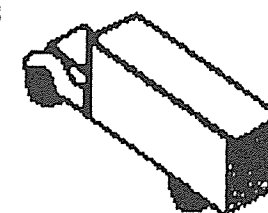
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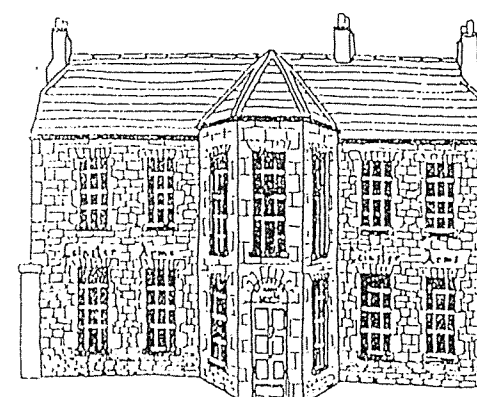


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Full marks also to our under - 9's side who also finished second in their division of the D.D.S.L. Losing only two games during the season is an indication that the future of the club is in good feet.

Our ladies team have just started their season in the Dublin Women's League and it is certain they will be striving hard to emulate their male counterparts in bringing further honour to the club.

Their initial outing saw them score a 4-0 win over St. Brendans. Full match report in next issue.

Other results:

L.F.L. Premier Division Sun.

Ormond F.C. 1

Maynooth Town 2

This close fought victory in the penultimate game of the season paved the way for a last game of the season showdown against St. James Utd. A stubborn defence made life difficult for Maynooth in the opening period but Maynooth soon broke down the barrier when stalwart full back Gerry Thompson scored his only goal of the season and what a priceless goal it was. Winning possession in his own half he quickly sped past the home defence to plant the ball in the bottom of the net. Maynooth continued to play well but Ormond drew level in the 56th minute to test the character of the Maynooth team. Maynooth proved their character in quick style by regaining the lead three minutes later when Donncha McCarrick scored from close range. Maynooth held firm for the remainder of the game and ran out worthy winners. Best for Maynooth were Gerry Thompson, Eamon Dunne, Fergal Barton, Martin McTernan and Niall Naughton.

St. James Utd 4

Maynooth Town 10

The eagerly awaited clash with the now league winners St. James Utd provided Maynooth with the chance to avenge their only defeat of the season. Needing all three points to secure second place and promotion to the major division, Maynooth opened in whirlwind fashion and rocked St. James right back on their very foundation. The quickest goal of the season came in 20 seconds when Dermot Myles broke from the kick-off to provide the chance for James Delargy. Two

quick goals by Michael Murphy in the next fourteen minutes had St. James reeling. Goals followed from Donncha McCarrick and Dermot Myles. Donncha McCarrick got his second goal before St. James pulled a goal back and quickly followed with a second. James Delargy scored Maynooths eighth before St. James replied with a goal from the penalty spot. Dermot Myles quickly replied with another Maynooth goal and Michael Murphy closed the scoring with Maynooth's tenth. A magnificent all round team performance with not a weak link in evidence. Top class goal keeping by Niall Naughton bolstered by a rock solid defence in which Gerry Thompson, Eamon Dunne, Fergal Barton and Martin McTernan were outstanding. A classic midfield quartet of Dermot Myles, man of the match Paul Byrne, Joey Dempsey and Michael Murphy totally eclipsed their opposite numbers and easily won the midfield battle. Up front Donncha McCarrick and James Delargy ran the home defence ragged and contributed handsomely to their sides huge goal tally. With hat-tricks from James Delargy (his third of the season) and Michael Murphy and two apiece from Donncha McCarrick and Dermot Myles, Maynooth sent out a clear warning for next season that St. James are only pretenders to the crown.

D.D.S.L. U/9

Maynooth Town 3

Mount Merrion 2

Maynooth secured second place in this exciting game. Two goals by David Fagan and one for Mark Lord secured this important victory for Maynooth. Losing only twice and drawing three times Maynooth amassed a handsome haul of 48 points for the season. Performing admirably throughout the season it augurs well for the club that such an inexperienced team should be in contention right to the very end and is just reward for Manager Stephen Corbally and coach Ciaran Glynn.

Just as with the whole community the Club was deeply saddened by the death of Mrs. Brigid Saults. Her two sons Willie and John were stalwart members of the club for many years and daughter Christina was a founder member of our first ladies team. We extend our deepest sympathy to those bereaved by her death.

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PLAYERS NAMES: (Block Capitals)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

On behalf of the above team I agree to abide by the rules of the Competition and the Committee's decisions at all times.

Signed: _____ Team Captain/Manager

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Many friends of Anna Georgina (Ina) Smyth, Moyglare Nursing Home, formerly Owenstown Stud, Maynooth.

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Mrs. M. McTernan, Laurence Avenue, from Martin and Rikki and all your family. June 24th.

Tony McTernan, Silken Vale, from Nuala and daughters. 7th June.

Joan O'Brien, age 17 June 1st, from her sister Mrs. A. Kiernan, Celbridge, June 2nd, her cousin Stephen Cummins, Kilcock, age 6, June 4th.

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

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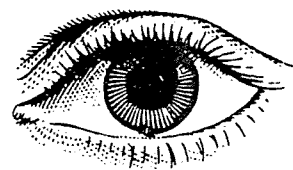
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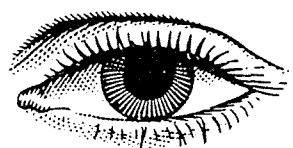
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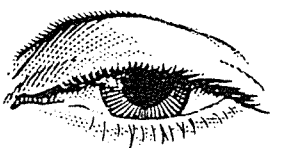
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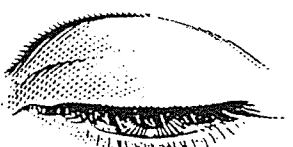
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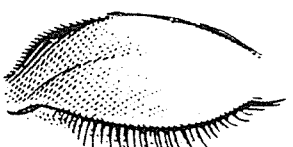
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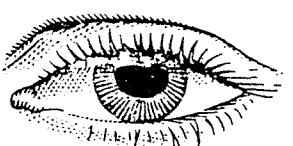
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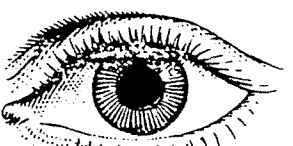
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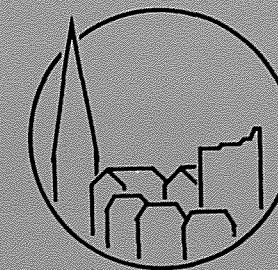
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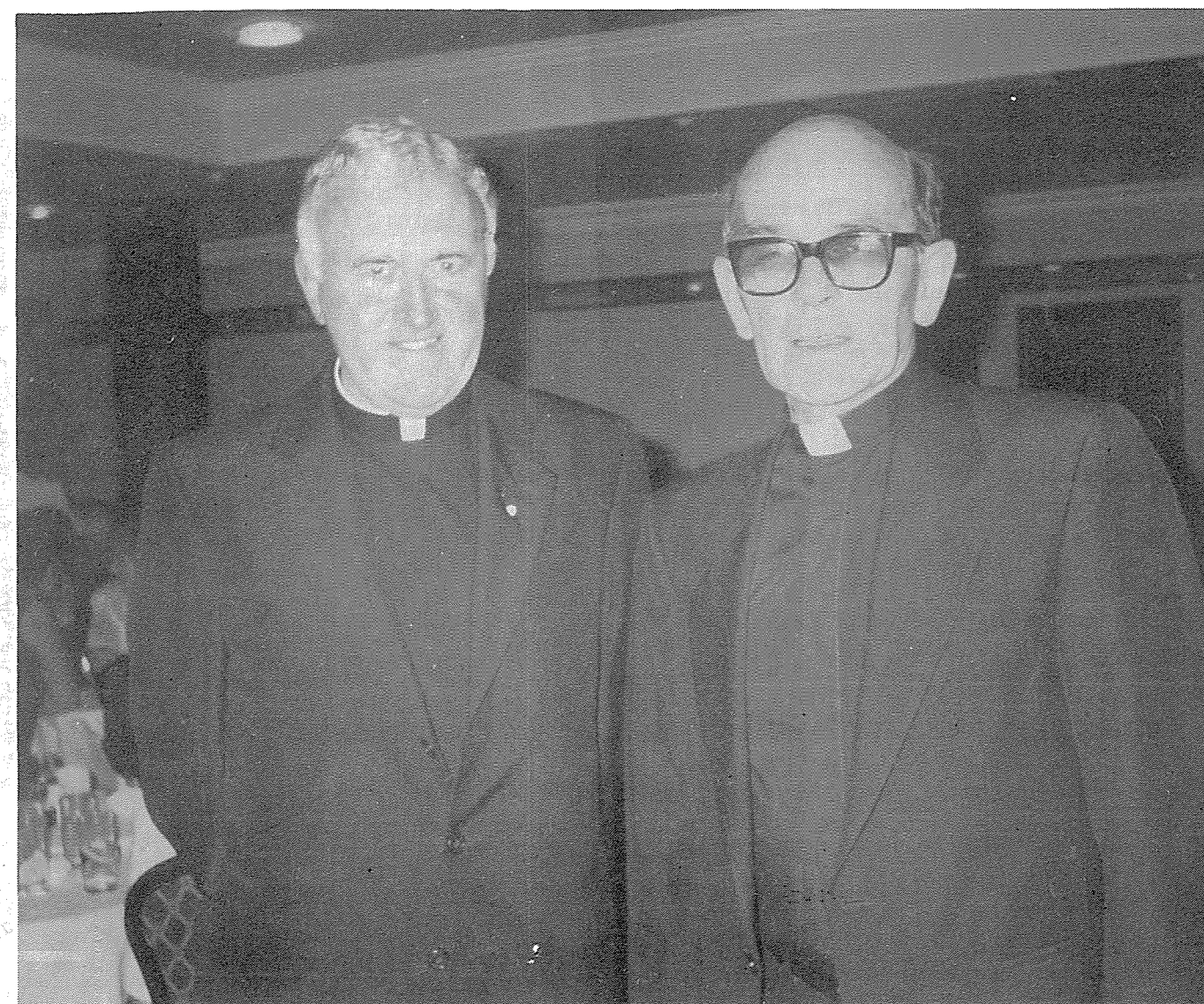
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Diary Dates

Tuesday July 1st Maynooth Summer Project Registration Day in the I.C.A. Hall from 1030 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

Friday 4th July Ballet Summer School enrolment will be in Fitzgerald room in the college from 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. The Summer School will run from July 28th-August 1st.

Friday 4th July Maynooth Community Festival will be launched in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Friday 11th July St. Mary's Church of Ireland are having a concert in St. Marys.

Sunday 13th July at 2.00 p.m. Maynooth Flower and Garden Club will be holding an event in the I.C.A. Hall at the Harbour.

Sunday 13th July The Annual Tug-O-War contest will take place in the Harbour Field at 4.00 p.m.

Thursday 17th July The Senior Citizens Cabaret in Caulfields.

July - August Maynooth Tidy Towns - Judging of the best Estate/Area and Shop Front Competition

EDITORIAL

Multinationals on our Doorstep

Recent reports in the national press suggest that Hewlett Packard are planning a major expansion of their plant near Leixlip with up to 4,000 jobs being eventually provided at the site. Combined with Intel, this means that Maynooth will have one of the largest industrial complexes in these islands, right on its doorstep. The development of these two facilities by two of the world's most powerful multinational companies has involved an investment of billions of pounds - with a little help from you, the Irish tax payer. The advantages are obvious - jobs, investment in the roads infrastructure, the increased spending of all the new workers in the Leixlip - Maynooth area. Perhaps at this stage it is fair to point out that Leixlip has been rather better at developing links with its multinational neighbours than Maynooth has been. In fact Leixlip has succeeded in claiming Intel and Hewlett Packard as its own. Despite the fact that we are no more than 4 miles from the plants, Maynooth, as a town, does not seem to have forged many formal links with the companies which might be to the benefit of the local community. Leixlip, for example, appears to enjoy generous levels of sponsorship from Intel and Hewlett Packard for a whole range of projects. These comments are made not in a spirit of envy but rather to point out that Maynooth needs to be more successful in selling itself to our powerful neighbours down the road.

Congratulations

The posters are down (mostly). The new constituency of Kildare North has elected its three T.Ds - Charlie McCreevy, Bernard Durkan and Emmet Stagg. The *Newsletter* offers all three its congratulations and anticipates that, in their own individual ways, they will work to address the particular issues affecting our corner of the county. Many of these issues are related to the fact that we live in the fastest growing part of the country, with a young population demanding good schools, decent jobs, more sporting and cultural facilities and a decent environment in which to live. All three have a long record of public service and we offer them the best of luck delivering on these important issues.

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Free Electricity Allowance and Free Telephone Rental Allowance are extended to pensioners over age 75 regardless of who lives with them so long as they meet the other conditions for the free schemes, (i.e. they are getting a relevant social welfare pension or their weekly income does not exceed the maximum rate of Contributory Old Age

Pension plus £30). This means that the usual restrictions that apply to free schemes regarding who you live with are to be lifted for pensioners over 75 who qualify for free schemes. Usually you have to be living alone or with a dependant or other "exempted persons". The ESB and Telephone must be in your name.

Free Telephone Rental is currently available to people who have dependent children under 18 years. The age limit for dependent children for Free Telephone Rental Allowance is extended from age 18 to 22nd birthday for those in full-time education and resident with the recipient.

The definition of who may reside with a recipient of Free Telephone Rental Allowance is amended. If you have an invalid living with you this will not debar you from getting the allowance.

Free Telephone Rental Allowance is extended to pensioners where constant care and attention is being provided by another person resident with the pensioner (or to another member of the household). This includes recipients of Carer's Allowance. The Free Travel Companion Pass is extended to all registered blind pensioners.

QUESTION FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL

What has the County Council got against the Dunboyne Road?

Last October work began putting in a new kerb where the road had been widened on the bend at what was the Presentation Convent. Work was left unfinished until about a month ago. The kerb was put in place and loads of topsoil tipped up all along in line with the pathway. This is now a mass of clumps of grass, docks and thistles. Surely it could have been levelled and grass seed sown, then maybe some one would be able to mow it.

It is not a sight to be proud of so near the Main St. and with judging for the Tidy Towns now in progress we are not going to gain any points!!!

NAME WITH EDITOR

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Maynooth Summer Project starts on Tuesday 1st July with Registration day in the I.C.A. Hall at 10.30 - 12.30. All children between the ages of 7 - 16 years welcome. There will be something to suit everybody. All adult help welcome.

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This year's festival programme can be summed up as consisting of many of your annual favourites together with some new exciting events. Guinness 7-a-side soccer together with the GAA Football Tournament for the Tom Flood Cup, with a host of musical events to cater for every taste as well as the Fire Brigade display and the Guinness Festival Quiz feature among the regular events.

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While new events such as the Carlsberg Kwizoke and the Strawberry Fair at the Larine Court Resource Centre as well as a Darts Competition which will be held at the GAA Club on the Moyglare Road are among the new events. The Dublin Waites, a group of six singers who specialise in the

performance of medieval and early Renaissance songs and readings will perform at St. Mary's Church of Ireland. The proposed theme for the evening is the Seven Days of Creation. The popular Poetry Reading and Music Evening in the Maynooth Public Library will also take place again this year.

In keeping with last year the popular evening family events will take place in the town square. This year the variety of activities from Traditional Music and Irish Dancing to Hip Hop Dance and Street Theatre. Watch out for the Theatrical Pub Crawl starting at Brady's pub in the square.

Evening Family Events will take place in the Town Square.

You can also expect to be treated to a host of musical events in your friendly local, with events planned for the pubs most nights during the festival. Music sing-alongs will take place in Brady's, the Roost, the Glenroyal Hotel and The Leinster Arms as well as Music from the 60's and the 70's can be heard in both the G.A.A. Club and the Leinster Arms. In fact you will get a chance to perform yourself in the Talent Competition in the Leinster Arms.

Historical re-enactment group Cu Glas who have featured in many recent important events as well as in several television productions will re-create history with a re-enactment of a real Irish battle and a celtic wedding in the Harbour Field. Many other events will take place there during the Festival, including the Baby Show and The Children's Theatre and Picnic and the Tug-o-War.

The Glenroyal Hotel will host a number of events including a Shorts and Shades Party and an Adult Disco. Miss Royal Canal, one of the most popular annual events will also be chosen there. In order to keep the women happy this year there is a new event to choose Maynooth's most wonderful male, "Mr. Wonderful" as he will become commonly known must be over 35 years old, Marital status, height and looks are unimportant so that gives almost everybody a fair chance. Entrants will be nominated by the Clubs and Residents Associations and the contestants have a treat in store for them.

Paul Croghan P.R.O.

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FRIDAY 4TH JULY

Festival Launch - Glenroyal - Guinness Jazz Band
Admission £3 11pm - 1.00am.

FRIDAY 11TH JULY

Paul Kirwan Music Night - Glenroyal - 10.00pm
Musical Evening - Church of Ireland (Dublin Waytes) 8.00pm
Mr Wonderful - Glenroyal - Admission £5 9pm - 2am
Music Sing-a-long Roost 9.30pm.

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

Adult Treasure Hunt Town Centre Mall 4.00pm
Cú Glas - Harbour Field 7.00pm
Historical Re-enactment Group
Darts Tournament - G.A.A. Club - Moyglare Road 9.00pm
Music - Sing-a-long - Roost 9.30pm
Running Scared - Leinster Arms 9.30pm

SUNDAY 13TH JULY

Visitor's Centre, College 2-6pm
Tug-O-War, Harbour Field 4.00pm
Under 14, Under 18, Senior Men & Women
Music - Sing-a-long - Roost 9.30pm
Street Entertainment - Square 7.30pm
Children's Soccer Marathon - Harbour Field 2.00pm-6.00pm
Nightshade - Leinster Arms 60s, 70s, Rock and Roll 9.30pm
Garden Club - I.C.A. Hall - Plant Sales 2pm

MONDAY 14TH JULY

St. Marys Brass & Reed Band - Square 7.30pm
Smithwicks - Music Night - Leinster Arms -
Hungry Buzzards 9.30pm
Guinness Soccer 7-a-Side - Harbour Field 6.45pm
Pitch & Putt - Dunboyne Rd. - Ongoing
Music Sing-a-long - Roost 9.30pm
Tom Flood Cup Football Tournament - GAA Field 7.30pm

TUESDAY 15TH JULY

Doyle School Outdoor Céili - Square 7.30pm
Poetry Reading - Library 7.30pm
Guinness Soccer 7-a-Side Harbour Field 6.45pm
Pitch & Putt - Dunboyne Rd. Ongoing
Music - Sing-a-long - Roost 9.30pm
Talent Competition Leinster Arms 9.30pm
Tom Flood Cup Football Tournament - GAA Field 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY

Accordian Band - Square 7.30pm
Maher School Irish Dancing - Square 7.30pm
Guinness Table Quiz - Caulfields 9.00pm
Music Sing-a-long - Roost 9.30pm
Darts Tournament GAA Moyglare Rd 9pm
Guinness 7-a-Side Soccer - Harbour Field 6.45pm
Pitch & Putt Dunboyne Rd. Ongoing

WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY (Cont.)

Traditional Irish Music - Glenroyal 9.30pm
Carlsberg Kwizoke - Ultimate Pub Quiz Game
9.00pm Leinster Arms
Tom Flood Cup Football Tournament - GAA Field 7.30pm

THURSDAY 17TH JULY

Shorts & Shades Party Night - Glenroyal 9.30pm
Traditional Music - Square 7.30pm
Adult Disco - Glenroyal 11.00pm-2.00am
Maynooth Senior Citizens Cabaret - Caulfields 9.00pm
Guinness Promotion - Roost - Danny Carthy 9.30pm
Guinness Soccer 7-a-Side - Harbour Field 6.45pm
Pitch & Putt - Dunboyne Rd - Ongoing
Noel Sheridan Sing-a-long - Leinster Arms 9.30pm
Tom Flood Cup Football Tournament - GAA Field 7.30pm

FRIDAY 18TH JULY

Street Theatre Martina Murphy - Square 7.30pm
Miss Royal Canal - Glenroyal 8.00pm
Guinness Soccer 7-a-Side - Harbour Field 6.45pm
Pitch & Putt - Dunboyne Rd. - Ongoing
Ballad Night - Ronan Drury - Leinster Arms 9.30pm
Music Sing-a-long - Roost 9.30pm
GAA Club Moyglare Rd - 60s, 70s Night 9pm
Brady's Sing-a-Long 9pm
Tom Flood Cup Football Tournament G.A.A. Field 7.30pm

SATURDAY 19TH JULY

Fire Brigade Display - Harbour Field 3.00pm
Baby Show - Harbour Field 3.30pm
Face Painting - Harbour Field 3.30pm
Children's Theatre & Picnic Harbour Field 4.30pm
Disco - 12yrs plus - Glenroyal 8.30pm - 11.00pm
Guinness Soccer 7-a-Side - Harbour Field 6.45pm
Pitch & Putt - Dunboyne Rd. Final
Strawberry Fair - Larine Court Resource Centre -
Square 11.00am-3.00pm
Music Sing-a-Long - Roost 9.30pm
Theatrical Pub Crawl starting Caulfields, Bradys,
Leinster Arms and Roost 5 - 7pm
Clare Tighes Hip Hop Dance School - Square 7.30pm
Darts Tournament GAA Club Moyglare Rd 9pm
Brady's Sing-a-Long 9pm
Tom Flood Cup Football Tournament G.A.A. Field 7.30pm

SUNDAY 20TH JULY

Maynooth College Visitors Centre 2.00pm-6.00pm
Festival Bingo - Parish Hall 3.00pm
Womens and Mens Guinness Soccer Final -
Harbour Field 3.00pm
Presentation Guinness Soccer Trophies - Roost 6.00pm
Presentation Pitch & Putt Trophies - Roost 6.30pm
Presentation Guinness Barman of the Year -
Roost 7.00pm
Feely School of Dancing - Square 7.30pm
Festival Closing - Music - Roost 9.30pm
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Well Holy God, its hard to belive its July already and we're heading for the shorter days. Doesn't time really fly when you're enjoying yourself. What do we have in the line of musical notes for this month - pardon the pun.

Junior Symphonic Orchestra

Last month the boys and girls from our junior music classes came together for the first time since they began learning their instruments to see what overall progress they had made and to meet our conductor Niall O'Connor for the first time. What a revelation they were. They were only fantastic and they had two pieces of music which they had not seen before off in jig time. They were really excited themselves with the buzz they got from playing different parts and can't wait for a repeat performance. With a little luck and some more practice we hope to have them with the Senior Band in the Square on Monday 14th of July for our Annual Festival Recital where they can show their progress with one or two pieces.

Corporation Cut Backs

The bad news is that for the first time in many, many years we will not be playing for any of Dublin Corporation Park Recitals this year. A continuation of shortage of funds and a huge increase in the number of Dublin Bands means that there is no room for those "outside the Pale", despite our success in the National Championships. I guess there's nothing for it but to lobby our three newly elected T.D.'s Bernard, Charlie and Emmet to set up a system of Park Recitals in County Kildare each Summer. After all there are at least four bands in the County who can entertain the public as well as earning badly needed funds.

Definite Engagements

Last month we had our own first outdoor recital in the Square on Sunday 22nd of June which at the time of writing has not happened but we hope it will be blessed with fine weather. On Friday 11th of July we join with our good friends Cherry Prendergast, Margaret Howe, Joan Alcorn (who is related by marriage-sorry by music-to the Band as her two lovely daughters Sarah and Rachel and members of the Band) and others in the Church of Ireland for a Musical Evening to raise funds for the Church Restoration. The music begins at 8 o'clock and we hope you will join us for a worthy cause.

As mentioned earlier we will be in the Square on Monday evening 14th of July for our Annual Community Festival Recital. We look forward to having a big audience for this event which is a great help to us in turning in a good performance. Hope to see you there.

I think thats all the news for July, Do we have holidays next month?

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

Now that the General Election has taken place, Maynooth Planning Alliance offers its congratulations to the three sitting T.D.'s who were re-elected. As promised, together with their colleagues in the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning, the issues of excessive residential rezoning were highlighted by Maynooth Planning Alliance during the campaign. Unlike the political parties, this was done with no sources of finance, and thanks are due to the many volunteers who assisted. Such was the success of this that every candidate felt obliged to address the issues of excessive rezoning, some by making it a main plank of their manifesto at local level, others by issuing a battery of circulars at short notice to address specific aspects of the debate. Many supportive comments were made for the work of the Planning Alliance, some from unexpected quarters late in the campaign.

In the end of the day no changes in representation occurred, though it is worth pointing out that in Maynooth 41% of voters cast their votes for candidates opposed to the proposed Maynooth Development Plan. In the constituency as a whole, 45% of voters supported candidates who had gone on record as supporting the objectives of the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning.

Though the election is now history, the issues of proper planning for Maynooth are not, and will become increasingly important over the next few months. It is likely that the next chapter of the saga will be dependent on the actions of the newly appointed Minister for the Environment. Before Kildare Co. Councillors will be able to return to the various town Development Plans, the permission of the Minister to grant an extension of time for the County Development Plan, now seven years late will be necessary. It is the view of Maynooth Planning Alliance that this should not be given in the absence of a realistic strategic approach to planning for settlement expansion throughout Kildare as a whole. The particular plight of Maynooth, where some councillors are proposing a doubling of its population in the next plan, has already been brought to the attention of Mr. Bertie Ahern in a recent meeting with him. The need for an integrated regional planning approach for both North Kildare and Ireland as a whole was emphasised. All of Maynooth will be watching how responsible the new government will act in this vital matter.

MAYNOOTH INFORMATION AGE TOWN - MIAT

Maynooth Community Council convened a committee to compile a submission for Telecom Eireann's Information Age Town competition. The theme of the submission is Building Community using technology as the catalyst. Emphasis was placed upon the unique aspects of Maynooth as a historic, university town where the relationship between

the town and university is one of interdependence, a town which has a remarkable history community activity. Communication in printed and broadcast word has developed strongly today with Kairos, publishing houses, a commercial printer, a Cyber Cafe and a language laboratory assessing the latest satellite broadcasts from around the world.

The demographic profile of the town shows a very high proportion of people employed in professional and technical occupations. With many College employees resident in the area and the factories of Intel and Hewlett Packard the community is particularly geared to exploit the potential of the information age. The Community Council plays a special integrating role in the life of this fast-growing community. Since its establishment in 1984 a number of its personnel have built up considerable project management experience in an enterprise which has an annual budget approaching £400,000.

The commercial profile of the town has been influenced by the College, proximity to Dublin, its agricultural hinterland and the zoning policies of the local authority. There are 172 business units spread across the retail, leisure, service, business and financial sectors.

Education is catered for at all levels in the town with 6,600 students in full time education between pre-schools, a Gael-Scoil, two primary schools, a post-primary and a university. Information Technology facilities at Maynooth College are among the most advanced of any in the country, including personal computers, advanced information systems in the library and the development of video-linked computer degrees. IT is already embedded in Maynooth's culture at every level with the university as its flagship.

Maynooth was recommended because of its position as a microcosm of modern Ireland with a young, vibrant, educated population at ease with change. It also has an impressive record of community activity despite rapid development and a broad social mix, a thriving commercial entity, the necessary levels of academic, technical and training resources. The town has a high recognition factor and a notable mix of old and new, academic research skills and experience to monitor the project and its community impact.

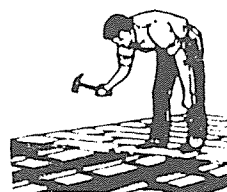
The Executive members of the committee were:

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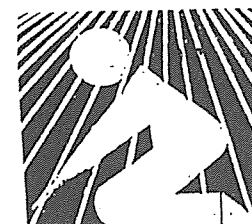
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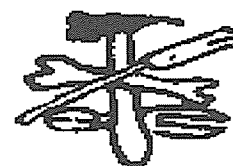
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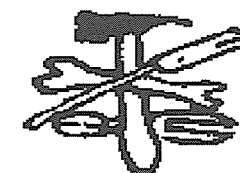
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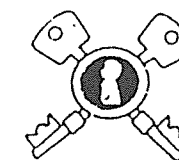
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The June Meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 5th June at 8.00 p.m. Mrs. Marion Souhan, President congratulated the incoming committee which are as follows:

Vice President and An Grianan
Kay Burns
Secretary and Produce Promoter
Rosemary Hanley
Treasurer
Ann Broughan
Assistant Secretary and P.R.O.
May Haren
Assistant Treasurer & Arts Promoter
Patti Lavin
Crafts Promoter
Jo O'Connell
Sports Officer
Bernie King
Kitchen
Helen Finn
International Officer and Timire
To be decided
Community Council Reporter
Connie Harpur

Marion offered her sympathy on the death of founder member Ina Smith who died recently.

Make and Model was held in Kill G.A.A. Centre on May 28th. Marion congratulated Mary Flynn who was awarded a Golden Jubilee Certificate for Crafts.

Also Marion congratulated Marie Hickey who came 2nd and Rosemary

Hanley who came 3rd in the childrens knitting competition and Mary O'Gorman who came 3rd in the childrens sewing competition.

Maynooth ladies did well with the raffle prizes. Jo O'Connell, Mary Flynn and Mary O'Gorman all won prizes and Betty Farrell won a lovely hamper.

Day Out:

A day trip to Grove Gardens in Kells will take place on June 7th. It includes a tour of the gardens of which "Clematis" is one of the special features. This will be followed by a barbecue and maybe a night-cap on the way home.

Another day trip to look forward to is the trip to An Grianan on the 29th of October for one day classes.

Thank you letters were read on behalf of several charities, Irish Cancer Society (Daffodil Day), Arthritis Foundation and the National Council for the Blind for our continued help and support to them. Betty Farrell thanked all those who contributed to the successful coffee morning which was held in the I.C.A. Hall on behalf of Alzheimers Fund.

Federation Meeting was held in Toughers, Naas on 21st May. It was stated that there are 31 Guilds now in Kildare. The next Federation Meeting will take place in Castledermot on 24th September. I.C.A. has produced a very useful booklet with lists of I.C.A. Bed

& Breakfasts and Guest Houses which are available around Ireland.

The June demonstration was on dough craft. This was given by Ann Godwin. It was most enjoyable and very interesting to watch Ann making these lovely items which ranged from animals to dolls to garlands to even kitchen dressers.

The June On The Sport competition (how many buttons in jar) was won by:

1st Bernie Doyle
2nd Mary Halton
3rd Irene Matthews

The raffle winners on the night were:

1st Mary Deane
2nd May Haren
3rd Jo O'Connell
4th Mairead Scanlon

September competition will be a geography trivia.

Crafts will continue on Monday nights at 8.00 p.m. until the end of June.

Badminton continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10.30 a.m. until the end of June.

We wish all the members and friends happy holidays until we meet again in September.

MAY HAREN
P.R.O.

LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

15th June, 1997.

The Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee wish to thank those who have helped them during the last six months financially or otherwise.

Their work is on-going and they are appealing for help and support. Please join us at the Cemetery during the week and on Saturday mornings.

Thank you.

Helen Johnson.
Secretary 6272807.

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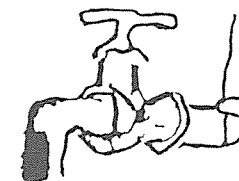
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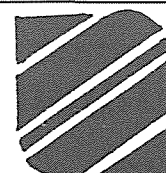
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

The month of June has been quiet for us. The exhibition of members Arts and Crafts in conjunction with our Bealtaine Festival is at time of writing still on view in the Library. If you have not already seen it, go along before it is too late.

Weekly Club sessions are now closed for the summer holidays and will re-open in September, Card Games on Tuesday 2nd and Bingo on Thursday 4th. These morning sessions are a great get together and new members are always welcome. So do please come along.

The Senior Citizens Cabaret takes place in Caulfields on Thursday 17th July, entertainment by Mick McGarry and our own Chairperson Josie. Please come out for some good music and song.

Our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of the late Bill Graham who died recently.

To end I would like to wish every one a Happy and Healthy Holiday.

BETTY FARRELL



*The Communion Class Presenting The Old Folks of Maynooth with some money to help them.
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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

On Sunday July 13th at the Community Festival Field Day our members will be in the I.C.A. Hall at the harbour from 2pm. There will be beautiful flower arrangements for sale, also plants and garden flowers. So, do call in, if you want something for your home, or for someone special.

We will also be serving afternoon tea and cakes. All will be welcome.
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*Moirá Baxter
P.R.O.*

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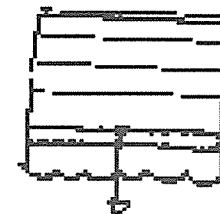
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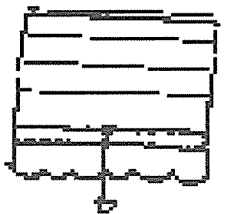
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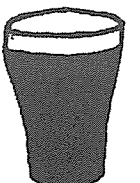
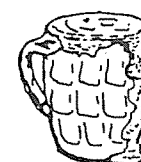
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Due from residents of Moyglare Village only.

This association currently arrange for the upkeep of Moyglare Village. This involves the cutting of grass in the open spaces, together with replacing trees and providing skips for cleanup.

Volunteers will continue to collect this amount until all funds have been received. Failure by residents in Moyglare Village to pay this amount will mean that the fee will need to be increased and a second collection will take place.

Grass cutting and general upkeep of Moyglare Village

This work commenced during April and will continue until the end of the season. Full marks to Paddy Flynn for a job well done. In addition we encourage residents to keep the footpaths and verges outside their homes trimmed and weed free. No Dumping signs will be erected in Open space areas and residents should note that dumping of grass cuttings particularly beside the shop, is not in the common interest. We would still like to hear from people interested in forming a garden committee. It's your home too.

Completion of Moyglare Village

Residents in Moyglare Village will notice the arrival of further service signs, indicating that Crewhill Properties are trying to convince Kildare County Council to take over this development this summer.

We have written to all local Councillors and Dail Deputies seeking their assistance to ensure that this area is completed in line with our needs. Many residents raised this matter with the candidates during the recent General Election campaign. We still await a response from them, but we understand that they may well be researching this matter with council officials in Naas.

The single biggest concern is the boundary with Moyglare Road, which seems to have been agreed with council engineers, despite the concerns expressed by the residents. Remember that it is up to Kildare County Council to agree to take this development in charge when they are satisfied that Crewhill Properties have finished all the necessary work. Residents should continue to use their influence.

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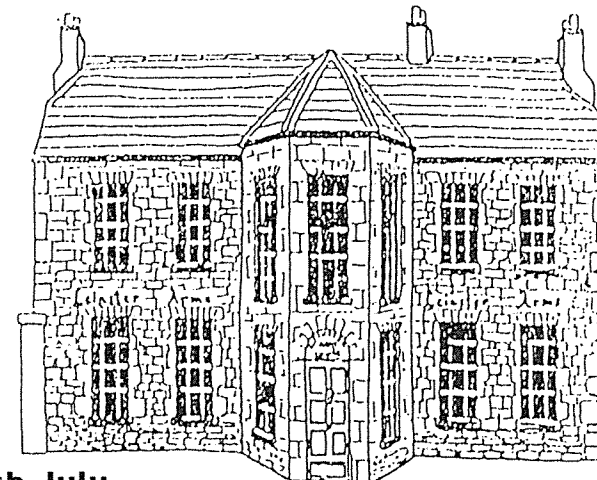
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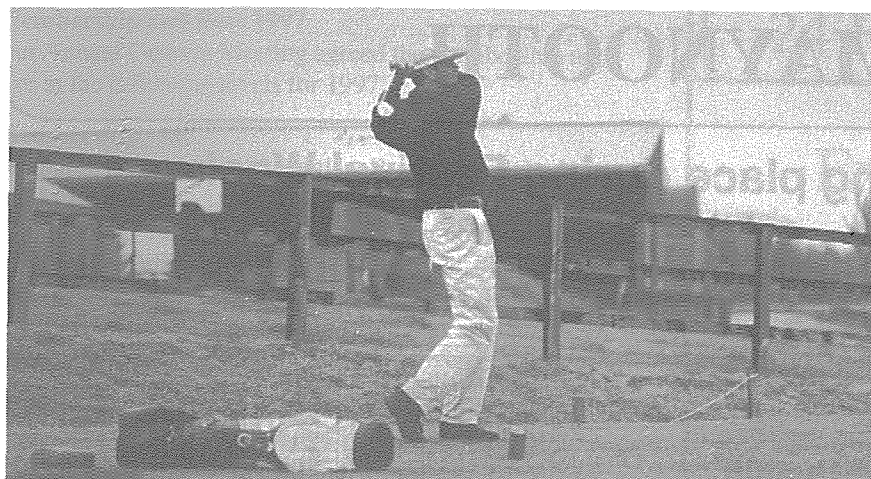
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SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS



Eugene Hickey "Getting into the swing of things" at the 10th Tee Box at the Scoil Uí Riada Golf Classic in Kilcock Golf Club

Radió na Gaeltachta

On May 20th Martin Davy Ó Coisdealbha recorded a show for his radio programme "Ar Scoil" at Scoil Uí Riada. This half hour programme of ceol, caint agus craic featured the schools Banna Ceoil performing a series of jigs, reels, slides and polkas in addition to the school's Senior and Junior Choirs. This programme is due to be broadcast in the near future.

Fleadh

Comhgairdeas to Scoil Uí Riada's under 12's Ceilí Band who won the Ceilí Band section of Fleadh Ceoil Chill Dara at Milltown on Sunday June 8th. They now proceed to the Leinster Fleadh in Trim on Saturday July 19th.

Golf Classic in Kilcock Golf Club

The torrential wind and rain on Friday June 6th did nothing to dampen the

enthusiasm of the players. Twenty six teams braved the elements to partake in the school's first ever Golf Classic and even managed to turn in some tremendous scores. Arriving soaked to the skin into the clubhouse, their flagging spirits were soon revived by the excellent cooking skills of Brenda Kelly and her staff and by the hospitality and service provided by Gerry and Mary Canning. When the meal finished, the conversation in the clubhouse soon turned to tales of great shots and the missed opportunities until all was revealed at 10.30 pm when the winning teams were announced by the Cathaoirleach of the school Tomás O Báille. First place went to Bernard Kavanagh, Oliver Walsh, Frank Ryan and Rory Linehan with a score of 92 points. For their efforts they each received a colour television set. In

second place with a score of 91 points was Liam Ó Maolaoith, Séan Ó Ceallaigh, Ray Mac Manus and Justin McCarthy. They won four midi hi-fi systems. In third place was Alan Will, Niall Byrne, Kenneth Tyrrell and Brian O Hara with 91 points (beaten on back nine). They won four electric strim and edge mowers. In fourth place on 90 points was Patsy Rafferty, Billy Loughnane, Christy Carney and Aidan Ginotti. These won four green fee vouchers to Kilcock Golf Club. A special prize went to the best ladies team, Eileen Dwyer, Margaret Noone, Carmel Clarke and Mary Weld on 88 points. The school would like to thank the organising committee comprising Brian Higgins, Caroline and Alan Hartnett, Pat Hendrick, Mike Ahern, Gerry Long, Denis Logan and Seamus O Muirthe. The school would also like to thank the 44 sponsors for their generous support, in particular, the main sponsor of the event Irish Permanent Plc.

Summer Holidays

The Board of Management would like to wish our muinteoirí, parents and pupils a happy and safe summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all bright eyed and bushy tailed ar ais ar scoil on Monday September 1st. To our sixth class of students who are leaving us, we are confident that you will capitalise on the excellent education which you received in the last eight years and we hope that you found your time at Scoil Uí Riada both rewarding and beneficial. We wish you all the best in your future studies.

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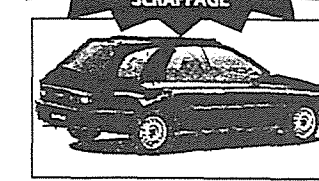
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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

Scéalta ón nGaelscoil

Príomhoide nua

We extend a chéad mile fáilte to our new Príomhoide Máirín Ní Chéileachair. Máirín is a native of the seaside town of Youghal in Co. Cork. Growing up beside the sea she had a keen interest in sailing and represented Ireland in the world yacht racing competitions.

Máirín comes to Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich from Gaelscoil Chaitlín Maude in Tallaght where she has taught all classes from naíonán sóisearach to Rang 6. Máirín is also engaged as a múinteoir comhleora and has extensive experience in the areas of Pastoral, Remedial and Counselling Education.

We believe that double congratulations are due as Máirín has recently been awarded a B.Sc. in Management and School Organisation.

We hope that her husband Chris and son Tadgh will also be regular visitors and feel at home in the Gaelscoil.

Slán go Fóill/Adieu, Eadaoin.

It is with regret that we say adieu to Eadaoin Ní Chonnachtáin our first teacher in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. Eadaoin is returning to Maynooth University to study for a Higher Diploma in Education.

The scoil owes a great debt of gratitude to Eadaoin for the amount of time and energy she invested in the children. Eadaoin has been a major influence on their linguistic, academic, social and broad educational development. Through her care and manner she has given them a life long love of Irish and of learning.

I am very careful to highlight 'adieu' as opposed to goodbye as we see Eadaoin as basically changing roles, from teacher to coiste chairde member. There will always be a role for Eadaoin to play in our Gaelscoil and this has emanated from the children and the parents of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. Go n-éirí go geal leat i do rogha ghairm beatha céanna ach tú ag feidhmiú ar leibhéal difriúil.

Ríomhaire Nua/A new Computer.

Hewlett Packard, who are amongst the ten top companies in the world, are located between Maynooth and Leixlip. The Leixlip/Maynooth plant commenced operation in September 1996. It was in Sept. 1996 that Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich began providing education through the medium of Irish for the children of Maynooth.

Hewlett Packard are conscious that both company and Gaelscoil began at the same time and are simultaneously growing and contributing to the quality

of life in the Maynooth/Leixlip area. To strengthen the link between the company and the Gaelscoil, Hewlett Packard have decided to facilitate the Gaelscoil, with a Computer, Monitor and Printer.

It is envisaged that we will supplement the package with a work station, to run a number of keyboards off the main frame. This will enable a full class to have 'hand on' keyboard experience as part of every day school. We have installed extra telephone lines in the classrooms so that either class can access the internet within their own classroom.

The C.D. rom facility in the Computer means that the teachers will be able to make full use of all the educational material currently available on C.D.

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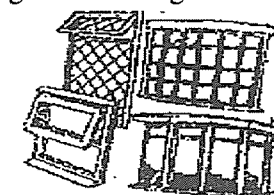
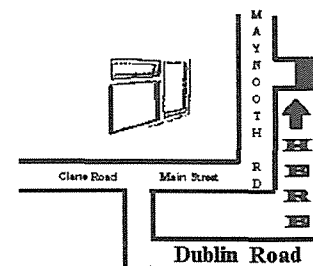
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

(In Addition to Church Times)

Church Restoration - our sincere thanks to all in the local community and many business proprietors who supported our annual flag days at the end of May together with the musical evening, a very welcome £1,170 was raised. This sum will be set against the cost of our new windows which were installed last November. Unfortunately, the windows have since suffered two attacks of vandalism with repairs costing £800.

On a more cheerful note, next year 1998, the church tower and oldest part of the church celebrates its 750th birthday, whilst the restoration will not be quite finished, we consider we will have achieved enough to "celebrate", so from September through to December '98 special events will be arranged. The week-end of Sunday November 15th will be a "High Point", a special Ecumenical service of thanksgiving is planned, for without the support of the wider community of Maynooth since restoration work commenced in 1992, we would not have anything to celebrate.

Before summer holidays begin, may we ask you to support another concert to be held in St. Mary's in community week on Friday 11th July when performances by the Dublin Waites group together with St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band Ms Karin Stuber (Piano) and Ms. Ursula Stuber (Clarinet) will make for a most enjoyable and varied programme. Cost of tickets £5, concessions £3, children free. Available from Margaret Howe, telephone 628 5454

CHURCH OF IRELAND

Summer Service Times.

Beginning Sunday 6th July, our Sunday service times will be half an hour earlier i.e. 10.00 rather than 10.30. This is to give people the chance to get to an earlier service before they head off for the day. Our Saint's Day services of Holy Communion will remain at 10.30.

St. Mary's Maynooth.

Church Calendar for July.

Thursday 3rd (St. Thomas)	Holy Communion	10.30
Sunday 6th	Holy Communion	10.00
Sunday 13th	Morning Prayer	10.00
Sunday 20th	Holy Communion	10.00
Tuesday 22nd (St. Mary Magdalene)	Holy Communion	10.30
Sunday 27th	Holy Communion	10.00

CÚ GLAS

Cú Glas is an historical re-enactment and living history group. We take our name from the old Irish Law Texts, which refer to Cú Glas, as the grey dogs (or wolves). These were the outsiders, outlaws, brigands who banded together; possibly the most famous, the Fiana lead by Finn Mac Cumhaill to name but one.

We are based in the Finglas, Ballymun area of Northwest Dublin. Cú Glas officially formed in 1996 with a core of several experienced re-enactors and a number of enthusiastic new-comers! We have been expanding steadily and the group is currently in excess of 25 active members.

We have appeared at a number of Clan home comings, the O'Tooles at Baltinglass; where we were presented with the Leinster Banner, and the Kavanagh home coming at Ferns.

We have also been involved in the Battle of Athy, 1996 and 1997, the Battle of Ballymoon, the Battle of Annagasson and the Battle of Ardee, all in 1996. We also travelled to the Battle of Tewksbury, England last year. Another major event was the Donegal Arts Festival.

We are often asked to march in various parades, most recently the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, and more locally for the Seamus Ennis Festival in Finglas.

A number of our group have appeared in films, Braveheart being the most famous; on stage at The Point, in Sleeping Beauty, (sort of), and in several television productions by Seven Arts, Irish Myths and Legends and The History of the Curragh.

Later this year we will be taking part in The Warrior Games on the Curragh, The Battle of Tintagel, England, The Limerick 800 in early July, the Battle of Drogheda in August and Maynooth Summer Festival Sat 12th July.

Cú Glas believes in making ourselves available to the public, to this end we will give short talks on aspects of Irish life to schools and other interested groups, accompanied with living examples! We are very conscious of the need to present ourselves in a professional manner. To this end we make most of our clothing, following, to the best of our ability, the dress of the people of Ireland from the 7th to the late 17th century. Similarly our weapons are as authentic and accurate to the respective period as possible.

We are in Maynooth on the 12th of July to provide entertainment and enjoyment for the public, while maintaining a high standard of safety for both the public and ourselves. We are available for questions and photographs, except when we take to the battlefield.

Cú Glas is a member of The Society of Irish Re-enactors, a nationwide organization bringing together the various Clans of Ireland.

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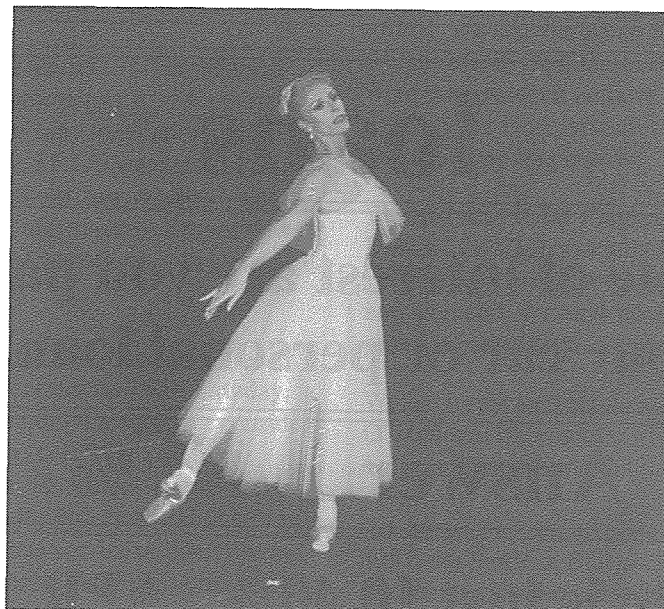
BALLERINA IN MAYNOOTH

Anne Maher first started ballet at 5 years of age. She trained with Myrtle Lambkin in Sutton and later with the Irish Ballet Company in Cork. The offer of a contract with Dublin City Ballet at the age of 17 brought her back to Dublin. There she danced in all the company's productions. One of the highlights during her time with Dublin City Ballet was her appearance in the 1980 Irish Production of the Eurovision Song Contest.

During this time she was invited by the late Princess Grace of Monaco to take up a scholarship to study at L'Academie de Danse Classique in Monte Carlo under the internationally renowned Russian teacher Marika Besobrasova.

After her training in Monaco, she worked in London for 3 years before moving to Munich in 1986. There she worked for the next 11 years with Wiener Ballet Theatre quickly being promoted to Principal Ballerina with the company. She has danced the major roles in all the classics including

Swan Lake, Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Giselle and many modern ballets.



Anne has just recently returned to Ireland and is living in Summerhill Co. Meath. She will be teaching a very special summerschool in Lucan for children of all ages giving them an inside look at the "world of a ballerina". They will be able to have a look at some of her Tutus from Swan lake and Sleeping Beauty and learn how to apply "Stage Make - Up" as well as learning some of the most famous extracts from the great ballets. Having also been Ballet Mistress for Wiener Ballet Theatre for the last 6 years she has enormous experience teaching ballet

which she hopes to pass on to the children.

The summerschool will take place in Loftus Hall Maynooth College for one week only from July 28th till August 1st. Enrolment will take place in the Fitzgerald room in the college on July 4th from 11 am till 12 noon.

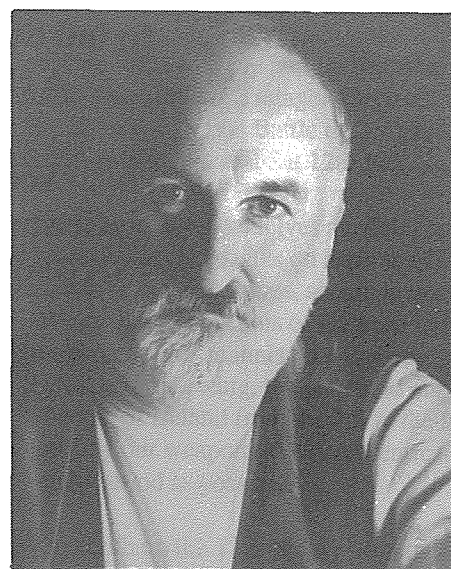
Registration is essential as places will be limited. For further enquiries please phone Anne on 0405 57585.

Danny Carthy - 'The Man Not the Boy'

When you're backing a horse the best advice most honest men will give you is 'check the form book' and if you apply that wisdom to other choices you can't go far wrong. I've known Danny Carthy for more years than either of us will admit and I knew on his past form that a new album would be a good one. As the main man in Fiddlers Green, Danny developed his own ballad style and he is blessed with a tuneful and distinctive voice.

Over the years Danny would slide up to me and busk a new composition and tell me about his plans for a new album that would be his own pick....songs that he had written himself and others that he loved and sang well. It was a long time coming but well worth the wait. Six of the tracks you are about to enjoy are written by Danny and he has put his own stamp on the rest.

It is a fine piece of work that has passion and fun, good music and nostalgia; a good companion on a long journey or an album to lift the spirits after a tough day. There's none quicker to clear a plate of sandwiches or down a pint than Danny Carthy but behind the beard and the easy laugh is a creative talent and a gifted performer. When I meet Danny it



Danny Carthy - 'The Man Not the Boy'

is my habit to say "Ah Danny Boy, how's it going?". Perhaps the title of the album "The Man not the Boy" is a message to me too that the boy grew up a long time ago and is well able to hold his head up with the best of them. I hope you enjoy his work as much as I do.

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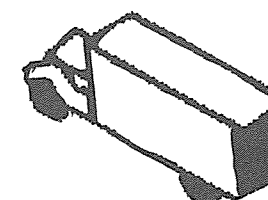
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Sunbathing between 11a.m. - 2p.m; Drinking alcohol in the sun.

- Always

Start sunbathing with a total sun-block (factor 15-20). Re-apply cream after swimming or sweating. Use simple non-perfumed creams as after-sun moisturiser.

- Beware of

Cooling sea breezes which mask burning rays.

- Remember

Loose woven clothes, beach umbrellas and cloudy weather do not protect against the sun.

- Wear

Synthetic close woven clothes and wide brimmed hats.

Strong sunlight can cause

Painful sunburn; Freckling, thickening, wrinkling and premature ageing of the skin; Skin cancer; Change of simple moles and coloured birth marks into malignant melanomas.

Those with numerous moles should not sunbathe.

To Protect Your Childs Skin

Children are very much at risk of sunburn.

Supervision by an adult to limit sun exposure is essential.

Parents or those responsible must:

• Keep babies under six months old completely out of direct sunlight.

• Avoid mid-day sun if possible

• Keep children clothed with hats and close woven t-shirts while outdoors.

• Use a total sunblock (SPF 15+) on a child's sun exposed skin.

The above information was taken from "The Sun Seekers Guide to Health" published by the Health Promotion Unit and from "The Best Protection For Healthier Skin in The Sun" by Laboratoires Garnier.

ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH.

The boys from the school and the Parents Association presented Father Cogan with a token of their appreciation as a mark of respect for his fourteen years in Maynooth. We wish him well in his new parish.

On the 5th of June the Sports Day was held in the school and the Parents Association provided ice pops for all the boys, a good

day was had by all. On the 10th of June we had a party for the First Holy Communion Class and for the choir classes, this was also an enjoyable event.

We wish all the boys, staff and parents a very Happy Summer Holiday.

P.R.O.

Claire O' Rourke

HELPFUL HINTS AROUND THE HOME

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LAUNCH OF THE KILDARE INTERNET WEB SITE

With 200 million users actively availing of the Internet, Maynooth should definitely gain from the launch of the Kildare Internet Web Site.

The Cyber-X Café, owned by Aiden Doran, from Kingsbry, Padraig McGough and John O'Sullivan has designed a Web Site for Kildare and will eventually have a site for the whole of Ireland where each county can be accessed as well as most towns.

Any information on accommodation, leisure activities, places to eat, useful services and pubs and schools can be accessed, along with maps showing the location of whichever particular place that you are looking for.

The web site will allow Ireland to be marketed internationally; the rest of the world will be able to turn on their computers and access any information on any part of Ireland at the touch of a button.

From the web site it will be possible to see a map of the country and to plan your journey before you leave home.

For people searching for their ancestral roots they can access the name of the town or county their ancestor came from and see the specific location of the town on a map. This of course would be especially useful for foreigners, who would have no concept of Ireland's geography.

The web site allows businesses to advertise at very reasonable rates. This is a unique opportunity for the 360 or so businesses in Maynooth to advertise to the 200,000 users in Ireland and the 200,000,000 users world-wide.

C.K.R. are supporting this venture and will hopefully have an audio link on the Internet where users will actually be able to listen to C.K.R. throughout the world. The Leinster Leader is also actively involved, as it is responsible for updating news each week.

All upcoming events are updated every month, so if you know of an event in your area maybe you should let Aiden, John or Padraig know about it.

Also if you are a local historian you might like your work displayed on screen and credited to you, (free of charge).

Kildare will benefit from tourism and trade due to this new web site, as there will now be a world-wide awareness of the existence of Maynooth and other places in the county and what they have to offer.

The page makes it easy to gain knowledge which otherwise might be hard to come by. It would be especially interesting for holiday makers, for people setting up homes or businesses, and for creating links between schools, etc.

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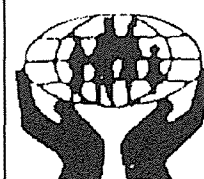
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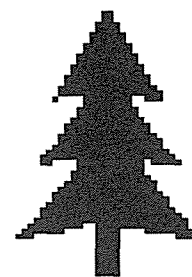
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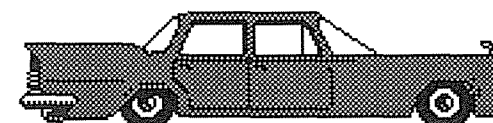


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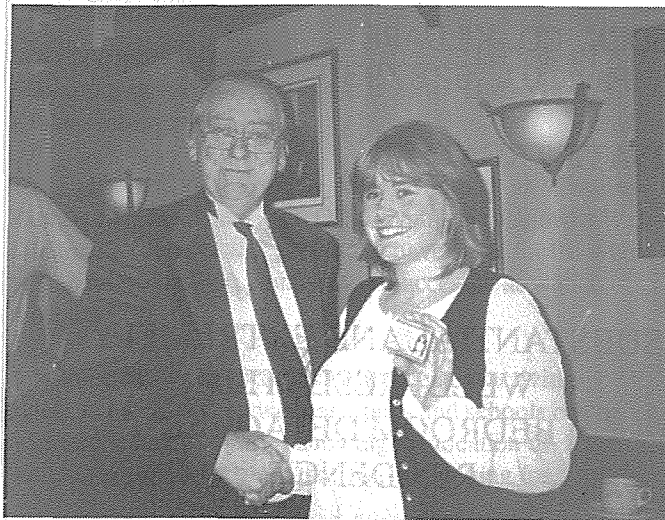


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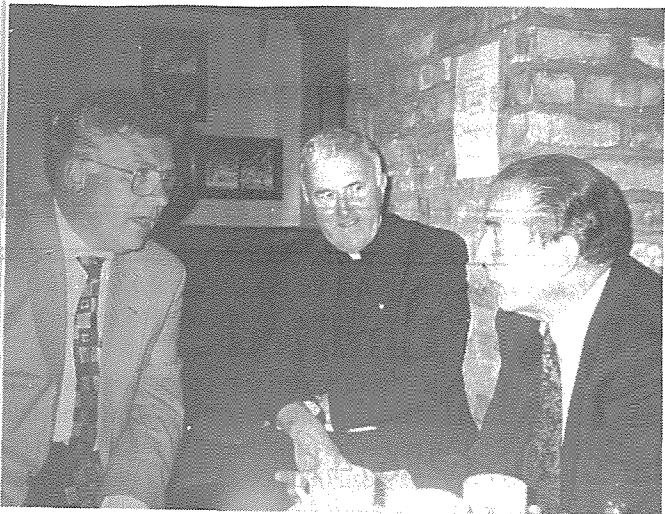
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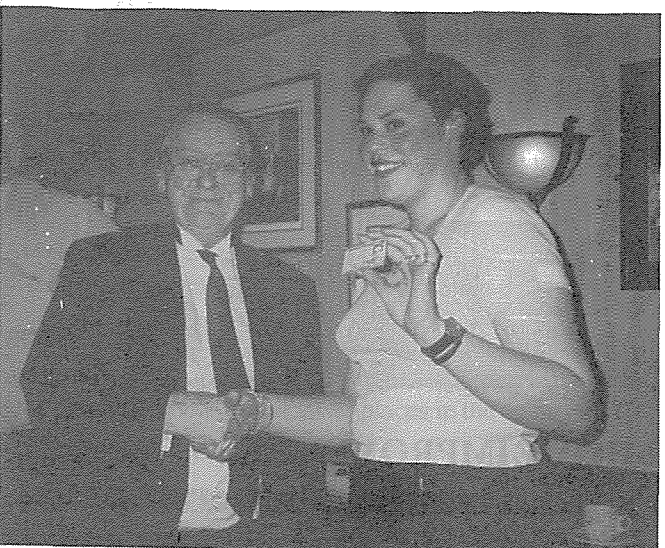
1,000TH I.D. CARD FOR MAYNOOTH



Sandra Brady receiving the 1000th Card from Judge Brophy



Bernard Durkan, Fr. Supple and Tom McMullon attending the launch of Maynooth's 1000th I.D. Card



Fiona Weatherford being presented The 999th I.D. Card by Judge Brophy

Tuesday the 27th May marked the launch of Maynooth's 1,000th identification card.

To celebrate the issuing of the 1000th I.D. card, Judge John Brophy presented 19 year old Sandra Brady with her I.D. card in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Judge Brophy said it was great to see the Gardaí and Vintners of Maynooth working hand in hand.

The I.D. cards carry a photo, name and address and date of birth of the holder and they also have a security colour-coded motif on the back to prevent unauthorised copies being produced.

To date 1000 young people in Maynooth are involved in the scheme.

Minister of State Bernard Durkan, TD congratulated the Gardaí in Maynooth for their initiative with the scheme. He said the 1000th card to be issued is an

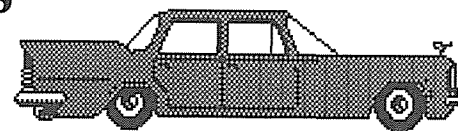
indication that 1,000 young people, who often get criticized, are anxious to participate in the scheme. "I congratulate the Gardaí for putting the scheme together and ensuring that it works. You have inspired us in the Department of Social Welfare to work on the introduction of a similar card scheme".

With the celebration of the 1,000th card presentation the success of the scheme can be recognised and acknowledged by parents, teachers and the whole community, and it would be worth saying a word of thanks and congratulations to the Gardaí involved, especially Garda Martin Caine and the Vintners who funded the scheme.

It is hoped that the existence of these I.D. cards will help eliminate under-age drinking and the problems associated with it.

With a final word of thanks and praise from the community we wish the scheme every success in the future.

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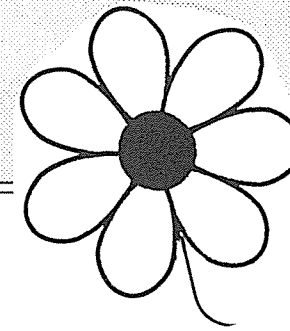
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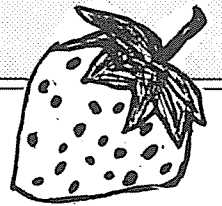
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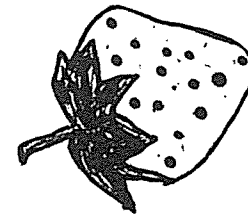
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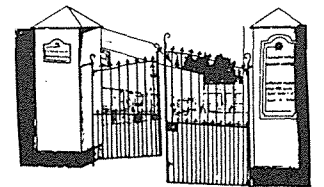
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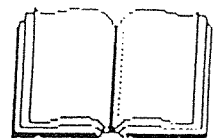
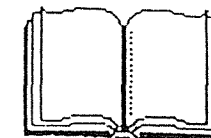
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MAYNOOTH SAYS FAREWELL TO FR. DENIS COGAN

Fr. Cogan has been a curate in Maynooth for the last 14 years. He has now become the new Parish Priest of Porterstown / Clonsilla since the 14th of June. He is saddened that he had to leave the town he has come to know and love but he willingly meets the challenge of a new Parish and new Parishioners. Fr. Cogan will be the only Priest for this parish of 1800 houses. Fr. Cogan came to Maynooth after spending 14 years in the Arch Bishops House as Finance Secretary and five years in Haddington Road.

He has seen many changes during his time here, both in the town itself and in its parishioners. The town has grown from a mere 800 houses to a whopping 3,000 during his time spent as Curate of Maynooth.

He recalls that on first coming to Maynooth he "looked down from the Altar and saw a congregation and after a few months he was able to look down and see a few people he knew but by the end of his stay all he could see on looking down from the altar was a sea of friends."

In his time spent in Maynooth Fr. Cogan has performed 130 weddings (approx) and 600-700 baptisms.

He said it was "very rewarding to see these same people that he baptised coming for their confirmation, and the people he saw confirmed coming back to be married."

On being asked if he recalls there being any highlights over the last few years as Curate he replied with "his entire time spent here was a joy". He loved the mixture of people the town had to offer, the towns people, stud farm people and farmers and students alike.

Fr. Cogan wants to involve his new parishioners in the Church as much as he has done in Maynooth as he believes "The people make a Parish" and "the Church is the people of God" and as such they have to be as much a part of the Church as he is.

Fr. Cogan will be sadly missed from the Parish when he leaves his residence by the Harbour on 1st July, but there is a slight comfort in the fact that he will return throughout the following year for a few weddings which he has already promised to perform.

On a final note Fr. Cogan would like to give his sincere thanks for the wonderful party held for him in the Glenroyal. He said he was overjoyed by the amount of friends (not just parishioners) that came to bid him farewell and he was also delighted with the lovely presents he received.

So farewell Fr. Cogan and may you be as happy in your new Parish as you were here!

FR. COGAN FAREWELL PRESENTATION.

On behalf of the organising committee for the Farewell Presentation for Fr. Denis Cogan, we would like to thank most sincerely all of the people who took part in making this occasion so successful and enjoyable.

A special word of thanks is extended to our ticket sellers who worked so hard for us.

We would also like to thank those who attended the evening, all the people who contributed but could not be with us on this special occasion and to the management and staff of the Glenroyal Hotel for their service and co-operation.

We wish Fr. Denis Cogan all the very best for the future and may he have many years of happiness in his new parish.

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AUSTRALIAN ROSE SUCCESS FOR LOCAL FAMILY

Lynda Smyth from Australia, Daughter of local girl Mary Hand Main St. Maynooth has been chosen to represent "Western Australia" in the forthcoming Rose of Tralee.

The family are formerly from Rail Park estate. Parents Tony and Mary Smyth emigrated in 1985. Lynda is at University studying to be a Primary School Teacher.

Her interests are music and singing. She plays the drums in a band with her two brothers David and Anthony, David also writes a lot of songs and they perform together.

They are all looking forward to coming back to Ireland for the Festival. Lynda was the youngest competitor in the competition in Perth at 18 years. Her two Nannas Mrs. Hand and Mrs. Smyth and all the rest of the family on both sides wish Lynda the best of good luck.

High Wycombe teenager wins Rose Contest

(This Article is Taken From A Local Newspaper in Australia)

The Selection committee for WA Rose of Tralee contest had a difficult job. With twelve entrants "choosing the winners was our most difficult task in years", said Alan O' Meara of the judging panel. In the end they opted for

eighteen year old Lynda Smyth, of High Wycombe who will travel to Tralee in August to represent the State in the International Rose of Tralee quest. The selection ball was held recently at the Novotel Langley and Lynda



18 year old Lynda Smyth, who will travel to Tralee in August to represent High Wycombe in the Rose of Tralee.

was the youngest competitor. A former student of St Brigid's College in Lesmordie, Lynda is a second year student at Edith Cowan University, where she is studying primary school teaching. She spent the day following her win, working hard to catch up with assignments.

"I was overwhelmed when I heard my name", Lynda said of her win. "I don't think it has quite sunk in yet". She gave much of the credit for her success to the support of family and friends. "It wouldn't have been the same without them", Lynda said. She has a special word of appreciation for Ann

Bilney, a close family friend who entered her name in the quest but had been unable to attend on the night due to illness. "Anne was ecstatic when I rang her", said Lynda. Lynda was born in Dublin

said, "Speechless would be an understatement".

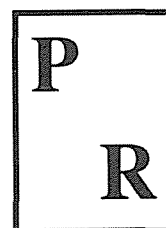
Lynda's main interests are music and songwriting in collaboration with David, who plays guitar. Anthony is a drummer. They have ambitions to make a career together in music.

Lynda's other interests include walking, films and socialising. She also enjoys a night out at an Irish pub, where she likes the atmosphere. The Cranberries and U2 are among her favourite groups.

Lynda has been back to Ireland twice before, but is especially looking forward to going to Tralee.

"I'm looking forward to meeting all the girls from other countries", she said. "I'm also looking forward to getting around and seeing as much of the Irish countryside as I can see".

and came to Australia with her parents, Tony and Mary, in 1985. She has two brothers, David (21) and Anthony (14). They were all there to share in Lynda's success. "We were absolutely thrilled", Mary



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The Last of the High Kings (15's)

This is a likeable comic story of a teenage lad's (Frankie, played by Jared Leto, star of TV's My So Called Life) coming of age during a long, hot summer in Howth. He's hoping for a school holiday of chasing women and generally whooping it up with his friends, before the Leaving Cert results come out in a couple of months time. Then there's his eccentric family. His father (played by Gabriel Byrne) is a second rate actor who's seldom at home. His mother (Catherine O'Hara) is a complete Protestant bashing bigot. There's also his two best friends who are total morons, not to mention the two 'birds' he fancies (played extremely well by Emily Mortimer and Lorraine Pilkington). Into this motley group comes a family friend from America (Christinna Ricci of Addams Family fame) who falls head over heels in love with our hero (however, love is the last thing on his mind). Add to this some superb cameos from Colm Meaney, who plays a lecherous Fianna Fail TD, and Stephen Rea as a know-it-all taxi driver, together with a brilliant soundtrack featuring a host of seventies rock legends, and all the ingredients are there for a film which is at the same time very funny and very poignant.

Verdict: Definitely one to see.

Some Mother's Son (15's)

Set at the time of the H-Block hunger strikes of 1981, this is the story of an innocent mother's torment after her son is arrested for terrorist activity. Helen Mirren, who for once remains fully dressed throughout the entire proceedings, plays the solidly anti-violence Kathleen Quigley, the mother of the title. Reluctantly she becomes involved in the protest over poor prison conditions for IRA prisoners, egged on by the vociferously anti-British mother of another imprisoned activist.

This is a very well made, if harrowing, story of how people are forced by circumstance to become involved in the 'troubles', and as we all know, there are areas of Belfast and Derry where even against their will, they're compelled to pick a certain side.

The film is very well directed and captures brilliantly the mood and atmosphere of the plot, and with a fine performance from Ms Mirren, this movie is well worth seeing.

Verdict: Excellent.

The Glimmer Man (18's)

Let's face it; you either like Steven Segal or you don't. In this movie he tries his best to mimic the very stylish thriller 'Seven' and fails miserably. Segal plays Jack Cole in this lame, laborious effort. He's a martial arts expert (what else!!) who tracks down a serial killer called The Family Man, who gets his kicks by crucifying Catholic families. When Cole's ex-wife becomes the killer's latest victim, and he becomes the number one suspect, he sets out to clear his name and in the process uncovers plot after plot involving the CIA, the Mafia, and seemingly everybody else. The 18's cert more than likely refers to your I.Q. because this film is just a lot of nonsense.

Segal plays his usual role, supposedly the thinking man's Bruce Lee, and the direction is all over the place. This is definitely one to miss.

Verdict: For amoebas only!

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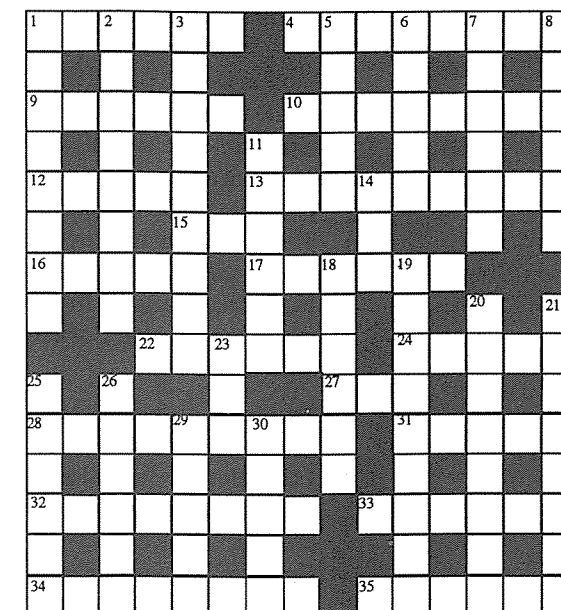
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1. Crave. (6)
4. Slaughterhouse. (8)
9. Ditch. (6)
10. Bewilders. (8)
12. Thong. (5)
13. Agreed. (9)
15. Beverage. (3)
16. Boredom. (5)
17. Prayer book. (6)
22. Provoke. (6)
24. Creep. (5)
27. Burnt out tree? (3)
28. Body waste. (9)
31. Bury. (5)
32. Fancied. (8)
33. Nerve cell. (6)
34. Influence (8)
35. Narrow channel. (6)

Down:

1. Abhorred. (8)
2. Blaspheming. (8)
3. Wedding party. (9)
5. Buffalo. (5)
6. That plural! (5)
7. Decorated. (6)
8. Dwell. (6)
11. Seafood. (6)
14. Cry for help. (3)

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18. Case. (6)
19. Planner. (9)
20. Germs. (8)
21. Wind instrument. (8)
23. Engine part. (3)
25. Average. (6)
26. Hasty writing. (6)
29. Expel. (5)
30. Pressurise. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 115.

Across: 1. Notary; 4. Scatters; 9. Grumpy; 10. Gullible; 12. Thing; 13. Overpower; 15. Nob; 16. Villa; 17. Blanch; 22. Stress; 24. Nuala; 27. End; 28. Camembert; 31. Image; 32. Relevant; 33. Cavern; 34. Hardship; 35. Pewter.

Down: 1. Negative; 2. Thurible; 3. Repugnant; 5. Crude; 6. Tulip; 7. Elbows; 8. Sherry; 11. Hobble; 14. Ran; 18. Assets; 19. Candidate; 20. Parakeet; 21. Taverner; 23. Rib; 25. Scorch; 26. Ambler; 29. Mavis; 30. Ennui.

Winner of Crossword No. 115:
Connie Harpur, 11 Woodlands.

Party Political Notes

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Rockfield Estate.

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion the Council have written to the developer stating that if he does not comply with the conditions of the planning permission an Enforcement Notice will be served to him.

Carton Court/Cluainn Aoibhinn Estates.

As a result of the botched job carried out on resurfacing these estates Cllr. John McGinley proposed that the following motion should go to the full Council.

"That this Council seek adequate funding from the Department of the Environment for bitumen overlay for estates over twenty years old as surface dressing is deemed unsuitable for residential areas."

Moyglare Village.

Emmet Stagg, T.D., and Cllr. John McGinley are pursuing completion of this estate with Kildare County Council following representations from the Residents Association.

Schools Moyglare Road.

Following Cllr. John McGinley's motion the Council agreed at the Celbridge Area Meeting on the 16th May to fund the installation of flashing lights either side of the schools in the interest of safety.

Old Greenfield, Pedestrian Lights.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council.

"That a pedestrian crossing be provided on the Straffan Road, Maynooth, at the Old Greenfield entrance."

Laraghbryan Cemetery.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to Kildare County Council.

"That a Caretaker be employed to look after Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth".

Neon Sign over Fusciardi's Restaurant

Cllr. John McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to get the new owner to take down this sign. Signs such as this are not in keeping with the character of our Main Street.



John McGinley, Bridie O'Brien, Dick Spring and Emmet Stagg

Public Lights Replacement.

Cllr. John McGinley's motion that all public lights in the County be replaced with modern efficient units has been accepted in principle by the Council. The implementation of this policy will be addressed next November when the Budget (Estimates) for the Council are agreed.

Newtown Entrances to Houses No's 509 to 514.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the County Engineer to erect the "Concealed Entrance" sign at this location instead of Bond Bridge where it has been incorrectly erected.

Bond Bridge.

Now that funding for the new bridge has been agreed the Council Officials were asked to proceed with the Bridge at the Celbridge Area Meeting on the 16th May. They were further asked by Cllr. John McGinley to produce a programme of work for the next Area Meeting on the 20th June.

Elections 1997.

Emmet Stagg, T.D., would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who supported him during the recent elections and to thank people for the courtesy shown to him when he called to their homes.

DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Catherine Murphy performed very well in the recent General Election in the new constituency of Kildare North. Overall her vote increased by 85% over 1992, while in Maynooth it quadrupled. This provided strong recognition of Catherine's record of work on behalf of the Maynooth community. An analysis of the voting patterns also suggests that the rezoning issue played an important role in her greatly increased Maynooth vote. Catherine is determined that this will be an even more central issue when local elections are held in 1998.

Catherine Murphy wishes to express her gratitude to all those who voted for her in the election. Also to the large number of people who assisted in her campaign in various ways. She will continue to work vigorously on behalf of the we the community of Maynooth, and can be contacted on any issue at 6244903.

THANK YOU



*For Your Courtesy When We
Called And Your Support In
The General Election.*

EMMET STAGG

GARDENING HINTS

Fruit

Strawberries should have all their old leaves cut off after harvesting has finished. Rake off and compost the old leaves and straw, and pull up any weeds. Summer-fruited raspberries should be pruned after harvest: cut all the old fruited canes down to the ground. Repair or tighten the training wires if necessary, then tie the new canes in about 10cm (4 inches) apart. Cut out weak spindly canes and bodily pull up any which have grown between the rows. This deters them from regrowing.

Vegetables

Autumn and winter salad vegetables can be sown now. Claytonia or winter purslane does best on a sandy soil, cornsalad, or lamb's lettuce and rocket are happy in most situations, and land cress likes a rich, fairly moist soil. Some oriental vegetables are also useful in salads. Sow seed thinly in rows 23cm(9 in) apart. With the exception of land cress, all these plants can either be grown as a cut-and-come-again crop where the seedlings are left to grow densely, or thinned to around 1 cm (4 inches) apart and the plants harvested individually. Salad onions can be sown thinly to over-winter for harvesting in early spring. A final sowing of beetroot can be made in mild areas. Sow lettuce in rows, or in trays if the weather is hot. Prick out seedlings sown in trays last month and plant them out when two adult leaves are well developed.

Diseases that can attack vegetables in summer include blight which attacks potatoes and tomatoes. Yellowish-brown patches appear on the leaves and these eventually turn black and die. White fungal strands grow on the leaf undersides. Cut back and burn the top growth on potatoes and destroy entire tomato plants.

Unaffected plants should be sprayed with copper fungicide and again two weeks later, which may prevent the disease spreading. Potatoes should be dug up and used as soon as possible, though affected tubers may be discoloured with brown marks.

Clubroot is a serious disease that attacks members of the cabbage family. There's no cure and it'll remain in the soil more or less forever. The leaves of affected plants become discoloured and wilt, and the roots are distorted and swollen. The effects of the disease can be mitigated by improving drainage and liming a piece of ground especially for brassicas to around pH level 7.0. One solution is to start plants off in 10 cm(4 in) pots and put them out once a good rootball has formed. They'll still get affected but the healthy start will ensure a harvestable crop.

Downy mildew and grey mould (Botrytis) can often be prevented by

spacing plants well apart so that there's plenty of air movement. Virus diseases cause stunted growth and mottled foliage. There's no cure, so remove and burn affected leaves.

Vegetables to sow now also include beetroot, florence, fennel, Swiss chard, radicchio (leaf chicory) and turnips.

Water vegetables during dry weather, particularly newly transplanted ones and plants that produce pods or fruits like courgettes, runner beans and peas. If sowing seed, take out the drill, mix in a little coir compost which helps retain moisture, and water the drill well before sowing.

Greenhouse vegetables like aubergines, peppers and tomatoes should be fed weekly with liquid tomato fertilizer and watered whenever necessary, usually daily. Continue to snap off tomato side shoots and wind plants round their supporting strings. Stake and tie other plants. Ventilate the greenhouse all day, and during the night too if the weather's hot. Damp down paths frequently.

Drought-tolerant plants often prove their worth this month, when long spells of dry weather can really hit the

garden hard. While many other plants look limp and exhausted, these relish every bit of baking sun and produce a wonderfully colourful show of flowers and foliage. The key to success is a sunny site and good drainage all year, as they detest having to sit in water, especially in winter.

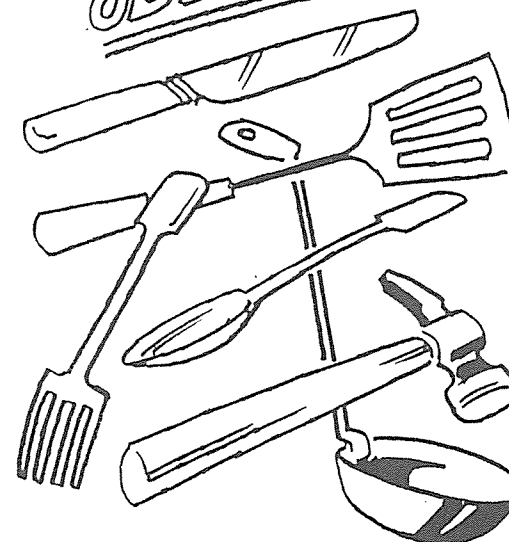
Plants with grey foliage are generally drought-tolerant, like lad's love (Artemisia) with silver filigree leaves. Cotton lavender (Santolina) also has attractive, finely cut foliage and bears yellow 'buttons' of flowers. Convolvulus cneorum has delicate white blooms, Dorycnium hirsutum bears clusters of white flowers followed by red berries. Russian sage (Perovskia) has tall stems of branched blue flowers. All sages like dry soils, as does rue (Ruta graveolens) with its intensely blue leaves. If you have a sensitive skin, though, this one's best avoided since it can cause rashes. Anthemis tinctoria makes a lovely contrast with masses of lemon-yellow daisy flowers over a long period. Plants with felted wooly leaves like lamb's ears (Stachys lanata), Ballota pseudodictamnus and Salvia argentea are also very resistant to drought.



Children's Corner



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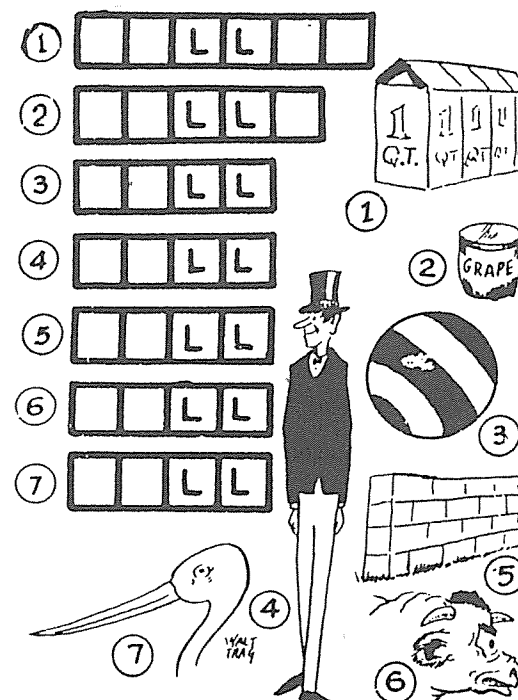
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2nd PRIZE

Killian Jones
Laragh
Maynooth

3rd PRIZE

Aileen Mooney
Toolestown
Maynooth

8 - 12 YEARS

1st PRIZE

Aine Flatley
9 Maynooth Park
Maynooth

2nd PRIZE

Rachel Finlay
12 Beaufield Drive
Maynooth

3rd PRIZE

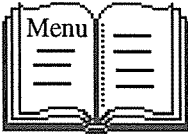
Brendan Doogan
10 Rockfield Sq.
Maynooth

Deliciously Simple

Glazed Meat Loaf

Serves 6 - 8 cold

- 450g/1lb lean minced beef
- 100g/4oz sausage meat
- 100g/4oz very finely chopped red pepper
- 100g/4oz very finely grated carrot
- 100g/4oz shredded, fat reduced cheese
- 100g/4oz finely chopped onion
- 1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
- 100g/4oz brown breadcrumbs
- 2 tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. chilli or tomato sauce
- 1 large egg or two small ones
- 1 tsp. mixed herbs
- A little salt and pepper



Glaze

- 1 tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. mustard powder

Mix glaze ingredients together and sprinkle evenly in the base of a 20 cm x 10 cm x 6.5cm/8"x 4 "x 2 1/2 " loaf tin.

Method

Thoroughly combine meats with remaining ingredients (preferably chopped in a food processor) adding egg and seasonings. Pack into prepared tin, smoothing down. Bake in a pre-heated oven 350°F/180°C/Gas Mark 4 for 1 1/4 - 1 1/2 hours.

If serving hot, allow to stand in tin for 10 minutes to absorb juices. Invert onto a shallow serving dish and spread any glaze remaining in tin evenly over top of meat loaf. Ideal for summer entertaining.

Mixed Vegetable Stir-Fry With Cashews

Serves 4

Cashews not only add crunch and body to this dish but are very nutritious and high in protein! Best made in a wok because there's more room for tossing, otherwise a large frying pan will do.

- 2.5 cm/1" piece of fresh ginger
- 1 large onion
- 1 red pepper
- 1 yellow pepper
- 100g/4oz carrots
- 100g/4oz mushrooms
- 100g/4oz mangetout
- 100g/4oz broccoli
- 4 spring onions
- 2 tbsp. pure vegetable oil
- 4 tbsp. cashew nuts
- 100g/4oz beansprouts
- 3 tbsp. Hoi-sin sauce (or any other stir-fry sauce)



Method

Grate the fresh ginger. Cut the onion and peppers in 2.5cm/1" chunks and the peeled carrots into thin sticks. Small mushrooms can be left whole, otherwise slice, top and tail the mangetout, break the broccoli into smallish florets and slice the spring onions.

Heat the oil in a wok or large pan and cook the cashews until brown. Remove the nuts and transfer to a plate.

Add the ginger to the hot oil, stir-fry for 20 seconds and add the onions, peppers and carrots. Fry and toss for 2-3 minutes and add the mushrooms, mangetout and broccoli. Stir-fry for 2-3 minutes more and then add the spring onions and beansprouts. Return the cashews and stir in the Hoi-sin sauce. Cook for a further 2-3 minutes and serve with plain rice.

Summer Fruit Flan

For 8 Servings:

- 3 eggs
- 75g(3oz) caster sugar
- 50g(2oz) plain flour
- 40g(1 1/2 oz) butter, melted
- 25g (1oz) ground almonds
- 3 tbsp almond liqueur, optional
- 12 strawberries, halved
- 75g (3oz) blueberries
- 100g(4oz) seedless green grapes, halved
- 200g (7oz) can mandarin oranges
- 3 tbsp apricot jam



Preparation

Preheat oven. Grease a 23 cm (9in) round cake tin and line the base.

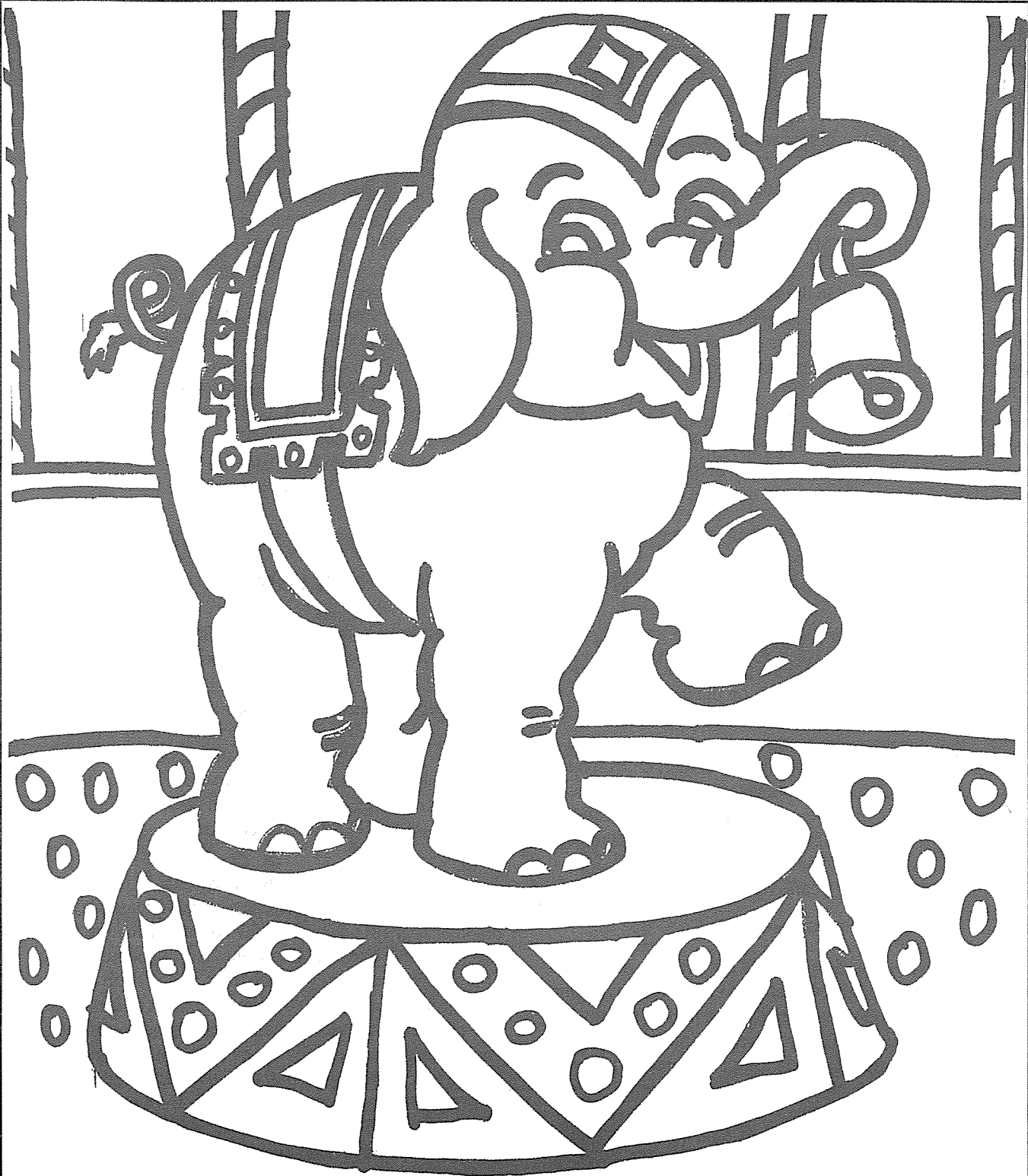
Put eggs and sugar in a bowl over a pan of hot water and whisk until creamy. Remove from heat and beat until cool.

Using a metal spoon, gently fold the flour into the egg mixture. Fold in the melted butter and ground almonds. Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 30-35 mins until risen and beginning to shrink from the sides of the tin.

Turn out and leave to cool. Sprinkle with almond liqueur, if using.

Arrange fruit on top of the sponge, placing the strawberries and the blueberries in the centre and the grapes and mandarins around the edge.

Put the jam and 2 tbsp cold water in a saucepan. Heat gently, stirring, until it boils. Simmer for 1 min. Sieve and brush over fruit. Allow jam to cool and set before serving.



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MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

U. 14 Football League
Maynooth 5 - 9 Suncroft 0 - 4

Maynooth had a very impressive win in this third round league match played in Suncroft. The game was over as a contest at half time with Maynooth leading 2-7 to no score after playing with the aid of a stiff breeze. Colin O'Neill gave Maynooth the lead in the second minute with a well taken goal. Points by Pierre Ennis, Patrick O'Rourke, Fintan O'Donoghue, Alan Baxter and a goal and a point by Morgan Sweeney left Maynooth in a strong position at half time.

Suncroft were dominant for the first ten minutes of the second half but good defending by the Maynooth backs restricted them to a couple of points. Stephen Curran saved a goal bound shot on the line and that was the nearest they

came to making a break through. Maynooth finished the half strongly with two goals from Patrick O'Rourke, the second a fine individual effort after a fifty yard solo run. He was denied a hat trick in the last minute when he was pulled down in the square and from the resultant penalty Pierre Ennis slotted it to the net.

Team and Scorers,

Aidan Molloy, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tadgh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan, Brian Downey, Pierre Ennis, (1-4) Cillian Carr, Colin O'Neill, (1-0) Patrick O'Rourke, (2-1) Morgan Sweeney, (1-1) Fintan O'Donoghue, (0-1) Alan Baxter (0-2) Dermot Canning.

Subs. Paul Broughan for (Canning) Fergal Molloy for (O'Donoghue) Alan Sweeney for (Curran).

KILDARE WIN BY SHOWING TRUE GRIT

Kildare 1-11 Laois 1-7

At last, Kildare supporters get the performance they deserve. It is still a long way to Croke Park on the last Sunday in September, but on Sunday, June 8th this Kildare team showed that they have the bottle necessary to take a team through a tough summer campaign. Whether, collectively, they have the talent to take Leinster and All-Ireland titles remains to be seen, but at least the foundation has been laid. No amount of skill can substitute for passion, determination and guts. That's where winning teams start from and, for the first time in a number of years, Kildare managed to display all three against Laois.

The game did not start auspiciously for Kildare. The Laois midfield angled a number of balls into the full forward line seeking to free Leo Turley from the shackles of the newly restored Davy Dalton. Turley was all action and Dalton seemed to be struggling. Then, after nine minutes the whole character of the match changed. Kildare supporters shook their heads in disbelief as first Johnny McDonald and then Martin Lynch were sent to the line. Two men down with an hour left to play. The Kildare full forward line was reduced to Padraig Gravin playing his first championship match. The effect of all of this seemed to be to give Kildare a slap in the face while on the other hand Laois proceeded to stumble around the pitch in a haze of complacency.

Led by the inspirational Glen Ryan, Kildare played clever possession football, transferring the ball quickly from player to player, creating space on the wings and sweeping up to support their diminished attack. All the players seemed focused. Each knew exactly what to do and, amazingly, Laois stood back and let them do it. For a while such was the state of disorganisation in the Laois camp that they kept

back their three full backs to mark Gravin. Not even Ronaldo gets that sort of respect from opposing defenders!

Five minutes before half time Laois scored a fairly slack goal but, typical of their spirit, Kildare immediately struck back with two pointed frees to go into the second half leading by a single point. We expected Laois to come storming back but, instead Kildare proved the fitter and more determined team in the second half and ran out comfortable winners.

It is quite difficult to assess this performance in the cold light of day. Beyond their tremendous spirit, Kildare played a brand of football which they have been threatening for several years. Their passing game, developed under Mick O'Dwyer's last reign equipped them to deal with the setback of having only four forwards for most of the game. The manner of the victory will act as a huge confidence to a team which has repeatedly disappointed at the highest level. On the other side of the coin, the forwards, albeit that there were only four of them, failed to score from play and altogether only 0-2 of 1-11 came from play. The referee certainly seemed to bend over backwards to balance things up after the two sendings off - Kildare were awarded 49 frees to Laois's 17. In addition, Laois were totally inept when it came to exploiting their numerical advantage and seemed to lose all concentration when it came to countering Kildare's game plan.

And so, it's Kildare and Meath in Croke Park on July 6th. Kildare can win. But they must take every single chance conceded by a tight marking Meath defence. A short passing game will not be enough to bypass the like of Darren Fay and Mark O'Reilly. If they can work those scores then June 8th proved that they have what it takes when it comes to fitness and determination.

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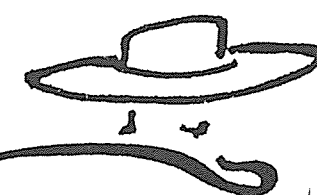
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MAYNOOTH HURLING RESULTS

Under 12 League

Maynooth 1-2 Celbridge 2-4 on 24/5/97.

Under 14 League

Maynooth 0-3 Celbridge 6-6 on 24/5/97.

Minor League

Maynooth 9-13 Castledermot 0-0 on 25/5/97.

Senior League Maynooth Walk Over V Naas.

U/14 Community Games

Maynooth 1-1 Confey 2-2 on 27/5/97.

Junior League

Maynooth 1-3 Kilcullen 1-6 on 29/5/97.

Junior League

Maynooth 1-3 Celbridge 1-6 on 22/5/97.

Junior League

Maynooth 1-3 Broadford 1-7 on 5/6/97.

Senior League

Maynooth 2-6 Éire Óg/Corrachoill 1-5 on 4/6/97.

Senior League

Maynooth 0-5 Kilcock 1-7 on 11/6/97.

Intermediate Championship

Maynooth 5-9 Naas 1-6 on 9/6/97.

U/11 League

Maynooth 2-4 Éire Óg/Corrachoill 1-2 on 19/5/97.

U/13 League

Maynooth 5-5 Éire Óg/Corrachoill 0-0 on 19/5/97.

Forthcoming Fixtures:

Junior League

Maynooth V Moorefield (Away) On 19/6/97.

Junior League

Maynooth V Kill (Home) on 26/6/97.

Junior League

Maynooth V Naomh Bríd (Home) on 3/6/97.

Senior League

Maynooth V Coill Dubh (Away) on 25/6/97.

Senior League

Maynooth V Castledermot (Home) on 9/7/97.

Senior League

Maynooth V Moorefield (Home) on 16/7/97.

Minor League

Maynooth V Naomh Bríd (Home) on 28/6/97.

Minor League

Maynooth V Moorefield (Away) Date T.B.A.

Junior Championship

Maynooth V Kill (Date T.B.A.)

Minor League

Maynooth V Broadford (Date T.B.A.)

Intermediate Championship

Maynooth V Convey (Date T.B.A.)

Senior League

Maynooth 2-6 Éire Óg/Corrachoill 1-5

It is never easy to come out of Raheens G.A.A. pitch with a victory and this game proved no exception. However Maynooth were equal to the task on this occasion and survived as strong physical onslaught from Eire Óg/Corrachoill to obtain a four point victory. Two goals in the first half from Peter Lacey and Mick Barry helped Maynooth on their way and they led at half time by 2-3 to 1-3. The fact

that Maynooth confined the losers to two points in the second half is a tribute to the heroic work of their defence and Matt Carroll in goal who made many fine saves. Best for Maynooth were Matt Carroll, Paddy Boyce, Mick Gahan, Fergal Scully, Eoin Nevin, John Lee, Peter Lacey, Stephen Brennan, Mick Barry and Mick Bennett.

Team and Scores:

Matt Carroll, Paddy Boyce, Sean Cushen, Mick Gahan, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully, Jimmy Cahill, John Lee, Declan Buckley, Mick Bennett, Peter Lacey, (1-3) Stephen Brennan (0-1) John O'Brien, Mick Barry (1-0) Tom Coffey (0-2).

U/14 Community Games

Maynooth (1-1) Confey (2-2)

In a highly entertaining game played at Confey on 27/5/97 the home side withstood a strong challenge from Maynooth to hold out for victory. Indeed had Maynooth taken more of the scoring opportunities presented to them the result may have been different. Despite being short a number of regulars the Maynooth side gave a very solid performance particularly in defence where Alan Sweeney ruled supreme at Full Back. However their attack found it extremely difficult to get the better of the Confey defence whose goal keeper proved unbeatable or so it seemed. Best for Maynooth were Alan Sweeney, Brendan Coffey, David Comerford, Jamie O'Neill, Sean Óg Farrelly, Mark Cummins and James Mullarkey.

Teams and Scores:

James Hoare, Alan Sweeney, Fergus Devereux, Brendan Coffey, David Comerford, Jamie O'Neill, Fergal Molloy, Sean Óg Farrelly, Mark Cummins (1-0) Kevin Gannon, James Mullarkey (0-1), Enda Diggins and Gerard McCarthy.

Intermediate Championship

Maynooth 5-9 Naas 1-6

Maynooth opened this championship campaign with an emphatic win over Naas at Clane on 8/6/97.

This was a most impressive performance by the winners but it must be noted that Naas played poorly particularly in the first half and were unable to break the Maynooth rearguard where Fergal Scully at centre half back gave a commanding performance.

Early goals from Ciaran McGuinness and John O'Brien set Maynooth on the road to victory. Stephen Brennan got on the scoring sheets with a further goal and points from John O'Brien and Fergal Scully gave Maynooth a half time lead of 3-4 to 0-3.

In the second half, Maynooth realising that Naas were capable of getting back into the game proceeded to take control and further goals by Tom Coffey and Declan Buckley sealed victory. Best for Maynooth were Matt Carroll in goal who brought off many fine saves, Sean Cushen, Mick Gahan, Fergal Scully, Jimmy Cahill, Tom Farrell, John Lee, Mick Barry, Mick Bennett and John O'Brien.

Team and Scores:

Matt Carroll, Declan Buckley, Sean Cushen, Mick Gahan, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully (0-3), Jimmy Cahill, John Lee, Tom Farrell, Mick Bennett, Mick Barry, Stephen Brennan (1-1), John O'Brien (1-4), Ciaran McGuinness (1-0) Tom Coffey (1-1)

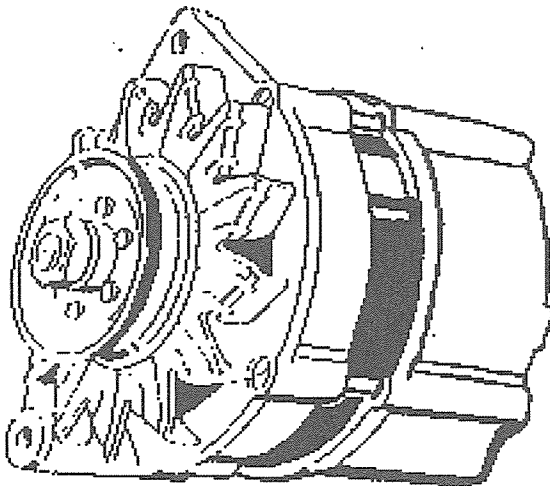
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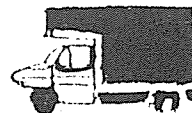
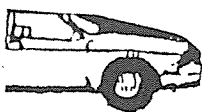
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Sports

COMMUNITY GAMES

Girls U/12 Soccer

The Girls U/12 were confronted in their first match by a very experienced Kildare team, and unfortunately they succumbed. They put in a very spirited performance and with further training and continued support, they should be there to make their mark in next year's competition.

Team Names:

Muire Ennis
Sinead Conway
Shauna Doyle
Elaine McAuliffe
Anto Jago

Emily Lyons
Orla Bambrick
Eimer Walsh
Stephanie Butler
Holly Murray
Susanne O'Hurley
Sarah Murphy
Mandy Fallon
Laura Sheils
Lisa Sheils
Sorcha Telli
Lyndsey Behan
Mary Hawkins
Sarah Prendergast
Aoife Hoban

Girls U/15 Soccer Silver Medalists at County Finals.

The Girls U/15 met the Curragh in the County Final. Here again lack of experience was their only

fault. They played a hard and courageous match and were a credit to their mentor Francis Kearney. They will return next year and it will be a different story.

Team Names:

Lynn Brennan
Jennifer Gannon
Elaine McNamara
Ciara O'Neill
Aoifa McDermott
Bronagh McDermott
Nicola Doyle
Niamh Byrne
Pearl Byrne
Yvonne O'Shea
Gillian O'Hurley
Orlaith Tobin
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Hard Court Tennis

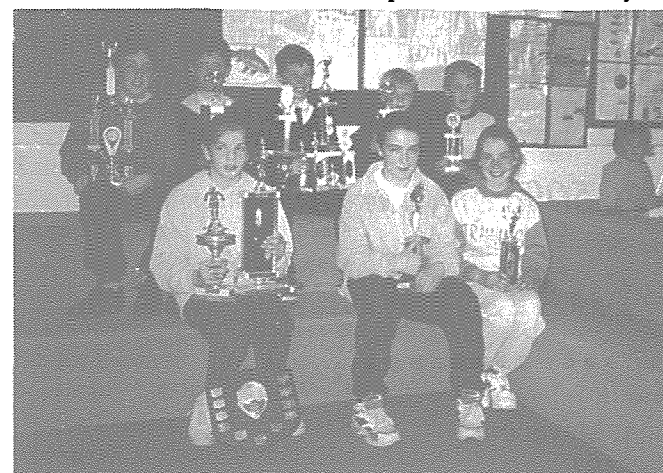
The U/16 Team, under the management of Tom O'Sullivan, played Leixlip and were beaten in a very close 1st Round Contest.

Team Names:

Claire Hogan
Emma Cullinane
Lynn Brennan
Tommy Fox
Padraic O'Sullivan
Donal Houlihan

Boys U/14 Hurling 1st Round Maynooth 1 - 1, Leixlip 2 - 2.

See G.A.A. Hurling Notes.



Here are some of the Winners of the Community Games Competition

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

VOLLEYBALL

On Saturday 24th May, Maynooth Girls U/16 Volleyball team travelled to Naas for the County Finals, which was run on a Blitz Basis, at Naas C.B.S.

The first match was V. Sallins, who won that match, then followed matches:

- 1 Maynooth V Naas
 - 2 Maynooth V Kill
 - 3 Maynooth V Curragh
- (Maynooth were the Winners in all)

The Final therefore was between Maynooth and Sallins which resulted in a win for Sallins, thus the Maynooth girls were Silver Medalists.

Congratulations to all the girls who took part and played so gamely. Team Manager Bernie O'Shea was very pleased with her squad who were

complimented on their excellent behaviour throughout the tournament.

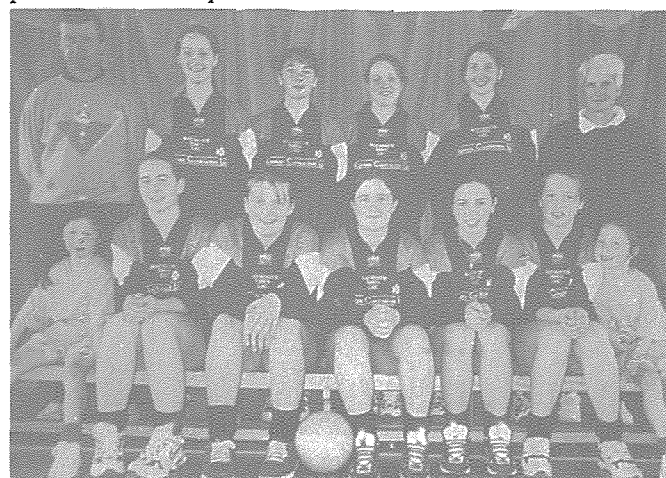
Thanks also to all those concerned:- Bernie O'Shea, Manager, Matt Doran, Coach, The parents who supported and transported the team, and Maynooth Post Primary School who provided training facilities.

Team:
Margaret Callaghan (Capt.)
Emer Smith
Niamh Byrne
Ciara Baxter
Sharon Cummins
Aileen Devaney
Emma Fleming
Sharon McLoughlin
Lynn Brennan

Girls Choir
Congratulations to the 5th and 6th Class Girls' choir from Presentation Convent School, Maynooth and their Conductor, Miriam Mulhern, who came second in

the U/16, Kildare County Finals - Community Games which took place in Clane on Friday 23rd May 1997. Many thanks to their supporters.

Choir Members:
Aveen O'Keefe
Niamh Byrne
Anita Cody-Kenny
Kelly Ridgeway
Gráinne O'Rourke
Elaine Carruthers
Sinéad Brady
Siobhán Madden
Rebecca Doyle
Emma Williams
Elizabeth Broderick
Joan Whelan
Gráinne McManus
Ruth Murphy
Emma Higgins
Fiona Lawlor
Martina Howley
Aileen McTernan
Doireann Duignan
Barbara Scanlon



Community Games Volleyball Team



Silver Medal Winners in Choir Competition in Kildare
Community Games

BADMINTON

Maynooth were narrowly defeated by Naas in the Kildare Semi Final which was played in Maynooth.

The Naas team were that little bit older and more experienced, but that did not deter Maynooth who put up a great fight. It all depended on the last game which Maynooth were a little unlucky not to win, losing by only four points. Hopefully they will go all the way next year to represent Kildare.

Maynooth players were, Morgan and Alan Sweeney, Susanne and Gillian O'Hurley, Michael Costello, Elaine McNamara and Holly Murray.

Well done to all for an excellent performance.

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Two Marvellous Groups of Boys & Girls between the ages of 7 and 16, represented Maynooth at the County Finals of Community Games on 7th and 8th June 1997.

On Saturday 7th
The Swimmers put up a great performance which culminated in the following results.

Gold:	Aaron McGrath	Boys U/16	Freestyle
Silver:	André Heslin	Girls U/14	Freestyle
Bronze:	Sharon McLaughlin	Girls U/16	Freestyle

Bronze Girls U/13, Relay Squad: Kate Delaney, Jenny Dooley, Elaine MacNamara, André Heslin and Maebh O'Flaherty.

Congratulations to all these competitors who took part and a huge thank you to Mary Mac Namara of Woodlands who acted as team manager in Jim Flemings absence. Mary has done trojan work this year.

On Sunday 8th
The gymnasts travelled to the Newbridge Sports & Leisure Centre and again competed with great credit and patience as this is a very slow and painstaking type of competition. The final results for Maynooth:

Gold:	Ciarán Dooley	Boys U/8
Gold:	Rachel Cunningham	Girls U/14
Silver:	Emma Higgins	Girls U/14
Bronze:	Sarah Prendergast	Girls U/12

Congratulations to these competitors and all who took part. Thanks to all the parents and mentors who travelled with the children, in particular Mary Bean.

**NEWBRIDGE (4) 7 MAYNOOTH (4) 4
AFTER EXTRA TIME**

Maynooth travelled to Newbridge town in the first round of the Community Games under 12's soccer tournament. The Maynooth side were made up, in the main, from the local under 10's side who were having their first experience of a full size pitch and playing with the off-side rule. Maynooth were the first to strike on a rain sodden pitch. Newbridge were quick to equalise and with another goal each the sides were level at half time. The Maynooth side battled hard in the second half and despite many weary legs managed to exchange strikes to force the game into extra-time. The more experienced Newbridge side took the game to

Maynooth in extra-time and in the end the score line did not reflect the gutsy performance that the young Maynooth side had put in on the night. The side performed so well it would be unfair to single out one player but the experience will stand to our lads well for next season when they progress to the full size game.

Maynooth Team
P. Broughan, D.Gahan, B.Harney, D.Bambrick, N.Doogan, S.Doogan, D.Sweeney, L.Hutchinson, T.Moriarty, D.O'Hare, P.Laraghy and W.Byrne.

Team Coach
John Doogan

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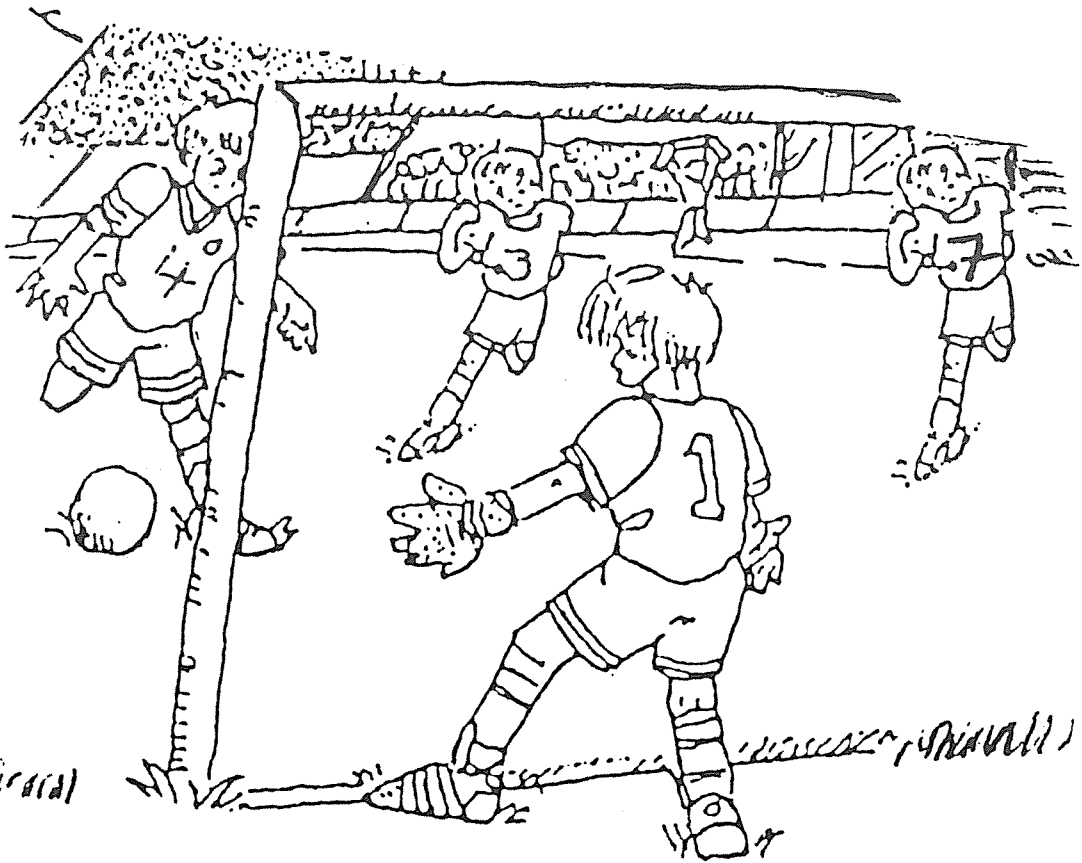
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COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES.

The finals of the Kildare Community Games Athletics took place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June in St. Brigid's G.A.A. grounds in Kildare town.

Maynooth was represented by a group of 31 boys and girls aged from 6-16 years. As usual all our representatives competed with great spirit and their behaviour was always excellent.

On Saturday Mark Cummins from Crewhill competed in the Boys U/12 long puck and was extremely successful winning the first gold medal in athletics for this year for Maynooth. Bríd Ann O'Shea, also in the field events, took bronze in the javelin, while on the track Ann Connolly took silver in the Girls U/13 walk and Elaine MacNamara took bronze in the Girls U/14 800 m with Awut Ní Muruchú in 4th place. Still on the track Muire Ennis was very unfortunate in having a fall in the Girls U/12 600 m, but she still got up and battled on bravely and caught up with the race but was unable to score.

On Sunday Maynooth again had an enthusiastic contingent in competition and David Campbell once more brought great joy to the Maynooth following with a gold in the Boys U/16 1500 m.

Congratulations to all who competed and to those who won medals. Thanks is due to the "backroom crew" Marie Gleeson, Mary MacNamara, Ann Ennis who were "Team Managers" for the day. Thank you also to all the parents, brothers and sisters who went along as backup and transport.



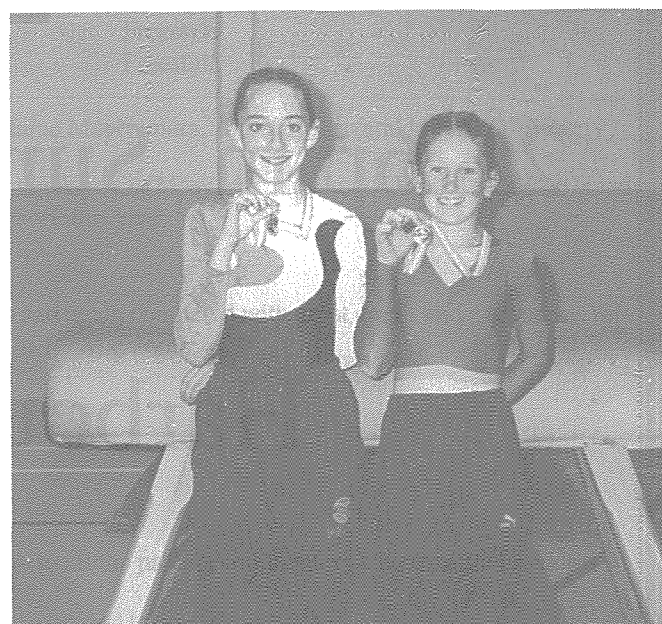
Community Games Committee

With only the County Finals of the Pitch and Putt to be decided, Maynooth will now have five representatives at Mosney in the National Finals on August 23rd, 24th, 25th

and August 29th, 30th and 31st.

Ciárán Dooley
Rachael Cunningham
Aaron McGrath
David Campbell
Mark Cummins

Boys U/8 Gymnastics.
Girls U/14 Gymnastics.
Boys U/16 Freestyle swimming.
Boys U/16 1500 m.
Boys U/12 Long Puck.



*Rachel Cunningham (first) Emma Higgins (second)
Under 14 Gymnastics Competition,
Kildare Final Community Games
(Rachel going to All-Ireland in Mosney)*

The County Finals of Pitch and Putt will take place on Saturday 21st June at Beans Pitch and Putt, Dunboyne Rd. at 10.00 a.m.



Maynooth Community Games Pitch and Putt Team

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The 6th annual Tug-0-War Festival tournament will take place in the Harbour field, at 4.00 p.m., on Sunday, July 13th.

We are greatly indebted to the Community Council for their generous sponsorship, without whom this event would not be possible.

There are events for boys and girls U/10, U/12, U/15, U/18, and senior men and women. There are engraved medals for winners and runner-ups for you to proudly add to your collection. So come along and claim the day.

Will sing again?

The rope that has lain, in silence on the rafters of George Gallaghers byre will again sing in the hands of children and adults alike. Who knows what haunting magic the spirits of ancient warriors have spun around it.

Perhaps once again it will be a great transmitter of the human spirit of strength, willpower and doggedness, which tells us if we hold on long enough and keep trying - victory will be ours.

A Verse: The Song of Pain

As the pull goes on and on.
I am sinking in the throes of pain.
I cannot see the future or know the end.
Just hold on, hold on for some gain.
The bounds of human endurance I transcend.
Spirits whisper in my ears.
I see their shadows through moistened eyes.
My brow is soothed by balmy air,
I can no longer feel despair.
The move comes on and we have won.
My senses by victory they are stun.
In silence I try to cope,
wondering what happened back there on the rope.
I recall the voice, "pain is the greatest prayer
That a human or deity can share".
An old man in the corner chanced
"I thought upon the rope that you were tranced -
The Spirit of the warrior ere surrounds
He whose song of pain resounds".

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Geoghegan: Wife, Brothers, Sisters-in-law, Nephews, Nieces, Relatives and Friends of Thomas Geoghegan St Dominics Leinster Park, Maynooth, late of Confey Leixlip.

Bourke: Daughters, Son, Brothers, Sons-in-law, Daughter-in-law, Grandchildren, Relatives and Friends of Kathleen Bourke (nee Kelly) Maynooth, late The Coombe.

Daly: (Parklands Close) Maynooth - June 12, 1997 at Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, Molly and Emma, baby daughters of Brendan and Martina; will be sadly missed by their parents, brother Robert, Sisters Sarah and Kate, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Relations.

O' Neill: Wife, Daughters, Sons, Sisters, Son-in-law, Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Relatives, Neighbours and Friends of Joseph (Gerry) O' Neill Craddockstown, North Naas, late Maynooth and Kildare County Council.

Graham: (Poundhill, Moyglare, Maynooth, Co. Kildare) - June 13th at the Meath Hospital, after a short illness, William; deeply regretted by Clair and Family, Nephews, Nieces, Relatives and Friends.R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARY

Nolan, Billy Grandad.
No Special time is needed Grandad.
For us to think of you.
To us you were so Special,
We thought the world of you.
Your memory is our greatest Treasure.
To have, to love, to keep forever.

Loved and missed by his grandchildren.

Nolan, William.
Fourth Anniversary in loving memory of a dear husband and father. Late of Leinster Cottages.

A whisper on a June morning,
you heard a gentle call.
You took the hand of Jesus,
and quietly left us all.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Bridget and family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to express our gratitude to our good friends in Maynooth for their continued support on our recent Open Day 31st May. It was in aid of Young Schizophrenics located in the Drop in Centre, 245 North Circular Road.

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The wife and family of the late Jimmy McLoughlin wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. We sincerely wish to thank Fr. Supple P.P. for his pastoral care. We also thank Fr. Cogan and Fr. Boylan and all the visiting clergy who officiated at the funeral mass.

Our special thanks to Dr. Cowhey and Dr. Spillane who were available to us at all times, and to Nurse Campbell who gave of herself so unstintingly far and beyond the call of duty. A special word of thanks and appreciation to Jimmy's colleagues in An Post, for their compassion and understanding when Jimmy was trying so hard to cope with his illness.

To the G.A.A. our sincere thanks. To the fine young men who formed the guard of honour at removal we thank you. To the men who formed the guard of honour at the funeral our very sincere thanks. To those who sent mass cards and enrolment certificates and letters of sympathy we thank you. We also thank all those who sent wreaths and floral tributes. We also wish to thank the pall bearers.

A very special thanks to all our neighbours for all their kindness, to all who offered a helping hand to Jimmy when he wanted to be out and about especially the staff at Quinnsworth our special thanks.

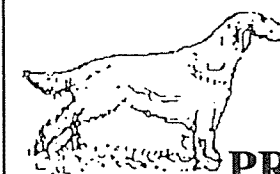
To all the people of Maynooth we say thank you.

Jimmy was proud to be called a Maynooth Man. R.I.P.

BIRTHDAYS

Alona Kelly 3 Beaufield Grove age 9. May 25th, best wishes from Mammie, Daddy sister Aisling and brother Ruairi.

Birthday wishes: to Aoife McTernan Moyglare Village age 15, July 1st also her cousins Ciara McTernan Court Hill Drive Dunboyne age 14, July 12th Deirdre Mc Ternan, Silken Vale, July 3rd. From Grandads, Grannies, Mammies, Daddys, Sisters and Brothers.



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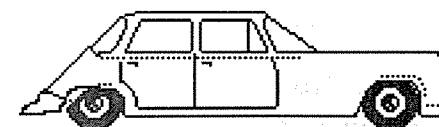


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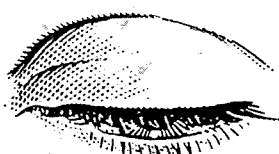
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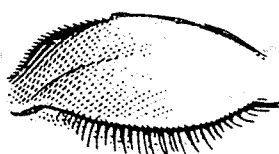
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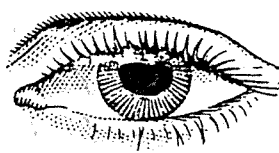
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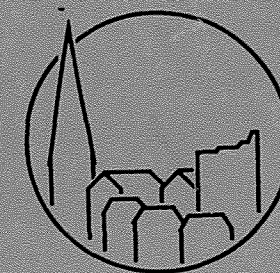
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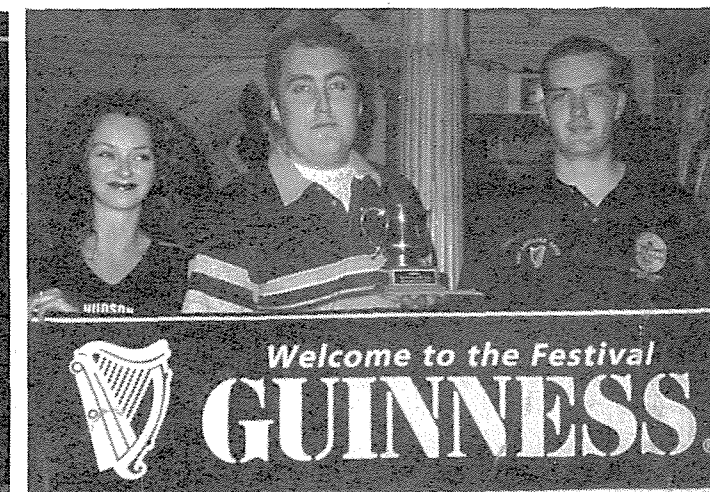
Winning team in the Guinness Festival Quiz were l-r Paul Daly, Brian O'Malley, Joe McBride, Declan O'Connor



Rita Doyle School of Dancing who performed in the Glenroyal during the Festival



Mahon School of Dancing at the Glenroyal during Festival week



Winner of Guinness Barperson was (centre) Rob Byrne, Glenroyal, 2nd was (right) Fintan Hegarty, Leinster Arms, 3rd (left) Eimear Kennedy, The Roost

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Thursday 14th August: Glenroyal "Conquerors"

10p.m. - 2a.m. £6

Friday 22nd August: Glenroyal "Lightening Strikes"

10p.m. - 2a.m. £5.

Saturday 23rd August: Crooked House Theatre presents
"The Zoo Story" in the Blue Room, V.T.O.S. Georges St.
Newbridge 1p.m. daily.

Friday September 19th: A Night at the Dogs, Harolds
Cross Stadium. Post Primary Parent / Teacher Association.

Wednesday October 8th:

Fine Art lessons, by Artist Vincent Doyle S.V.D. at Divine
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7p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

EDITORIAL

In 1995 Clare won the All-Ireland Hurling Championship after decades of failure. In 1996 Wexford repeated the trick. This year, already Cavan have won their first provincial title in 28 years. All these victories have produced tremendous out-pourings of emotion in the counties involved and people from these counties have been walking with a new spring in their step thanks to the successes of their county teams. This year there is every prospect that Kildare may enjoy similar success. After two epic battles against Meath they have every chance of winning the second replay and going on to win the Leinster title. Victory for a county like Kildare, whether provincial or All-Ireland, would be good for Gaelic football. But it would also be good for Kildare and it's people. As the fastest growing county in Ireland, with hundreds of new residents settling in the county every year, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Kildare to retain a strong sense of identity as the north eastern part of the county in particular becomes part of the greater Dublin metropolitan region. A significant sporting success, like Kildare winning the Leinster title after long years of failure, might encourage some of our newer residents to cheer the Lily Whites and signal their adoption of Kildare as home.

Summer Festival

Congratulations to all involved in last month's Summer Festival. Many of the old stalwarts gave of their time to organise the great range of events which took place. A special thanks to the sponsors - Guinness - and to the workers on our S.E.S. schemes who played an important part in the success of the Festival.

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Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

New Community Council members

The Council has approved the co-option of Mr. Dermot O’Hurley and Mr. Gerald MacCann from Moyglare and Mr. Adrian O’Donovan from Beaufield.

“Civic Amenity Centre” will not be in Maynooth

Kildare County Councillors on the Celbridge Area Committee have voted to reject the proposal by Council Officials to locate the Civic Amenity Centre in Maynooth. The proposal, which will not now go ahead, was to be located at the Council’s own land on the Leixlip Road. The Community Council were informed that although the Celbridge Area Councillors are in favour of a waste recycling facility, they felt that this site is unsuitable for that purpose.

Neon Sign not suitable for Main Street

Following the outrage expressed by residents of the town in phone calls to the Community Council office, a letter was written to Kildare County Council objecting to the new sign over a fast food outlet in the Main Street.

Community Council seek political support to achieve Town Commission

Maynooth Community Council unanimously endorsed a proposal to seek the support of the elected Dail representatives for the Kildare North Constituency to pursue our case to achieve Town Commission status.

Paul Croghan
PRO

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Grants available for traditional Shop fronts.

The Planning and Development Committee is to seek the details of drawings and the funding available to businesses that wish to meet the standards set by Kildare County Council in order to obtain this grant. The matter arose during a discussion regarding the preparation of our application for heritage town status.

Community/Sports Centre for Maynooth discussed

The Government’s strategy group report on providing for all levels of sport both for leisure and competitive was discussed. An audit of all community sports facilities will be carried out by the strategy group. Some funding will be made available for the development of community and leisure time facilities where they are required. This committee, in partnership with other groups would like to complete a proposal to ensure that Maynooth is recognised as a place of need in this regard. We all know that Maynooth has not been flooded with National Lottery Funding for a town of our size.

Agreement to be sought on the upkeep of Carton Avenue.

There were calls for Kildare County Council to relinquish it’s responsibility to maintain Carton Avenue. The Council do not keep the grass cut there, following the removal of permission for the Maynooth Tidy Towns Fás Scheme to maintain it. Support for this proposal will be sought from Maynooth Community Council.

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Traffic Bye-laws could still be a year away.

Traffic chaos is set to continue in Maynooth’s Main Street area for possibly another year before parking restrictions become a reality. We have been informed that prior to the recent announcement from the Dept. of the Environment, no formal appeal structure was in place. Therefore, the new bye-laws will go on display on October 1st next, for the public response. If there are any objections, it could mean that it will be this time next year, before this insane situation is corrected.

Maynooth Castle restoration to start this Autumn.

The revised plans for restoring the Castle, which resulted following examination of the site, have been submitted to Kildare County Council. The Castle Committee hope that work could begin later this year.

County Development Plan sent to Minister Dempsey.

Kildare County Councillors have sent the complete county Development Plan to the Department of the Environment. This overall development strategy should go on public display for three months, if the Minister approves the document. The exact procedure is still unclear regarding the status of the Maynooth Development Plan. The majority of the Councillors on the Celbridge Area Committee, have reduced the number of acres they consider necessary for this five year plan, particularly as Maynooth grew at such a rapid pace in the last five years.

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Festival Report

This years Festival was the 11th one and the sixth one to be sponsored by **Guinness**. We thank them for their continued support over the years. Thanks also to the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth G.A.A., Leinster Arms, Caulfields, Bradys and the Roost for their support. The Festival was slow to start and the weather did us no favours. However the second half of the week and the fine weather brought people out to the events.

The Festival was launched on Friday 4th July in the Glenroyal Hotel. A great night was had by all our guests and they danced the night away to the **Guinness** Jazz Band. The drink also flowed courtesy of **Guinness**. The Festival opened with the **Guinness** Mr Wonderful Competition. This was a very slow starter while the contestants plucked up the courage to go on stage and meet Miss Ireland, Niamh Redmond.

With only five of the registered contestants showing up, another four were taken from the audience on the night. The winner was John O'Brien from Waterford, 2nd Pius Kelly, Maynooth and 3rd Mick Hegarty, Maynooth. The judges were Margaret Delaney, M'Lady Kildare, Sallins, Evelyn McKee, Carbury, who gave a great rendering of "Mr Wonderful" for the winner and Hugh Crawford, Naas, who has judged for the Community Council over the past few years. The escort on the night was Sheila Black, Celbridge and flowers were provided by Betty Brilly.

The musical evening in the Church of Ireland by the Dublin Waytes went down a treat and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Saturday saw the Treasure Hunters on the trail around Kildare and thanks to Kay McKeogh for organizing this event. The winners were Paul O'Brien's team, 2nd John McGinley's team and 3rd McGillicuddy's team.

The Harbour Field was the scene of a Battle on Saturday evening as the re-enactment group fought hard. Cú Glas performed very well but the audience was small. Those that were there got involved and enjoyed the show.

The childrens' soccer marathon on Sunday was indeed a marathon as it started at 2p.m. and continued until 6p.m. The event was enjoyed by teams, managers and audience alike. Thanks to John Doogan for all his efforts here.

This was followed by the annual Tug-O-War. Willie Healy left very able men in charge here and they were Donal Finan and Nicky Donovan. Great sport was had

by all the young people including the Spanish visitors. There were two teams in the Senior Mens event and they provided a great evenings entertainment for all. The celebrations continued late into the night in Bradys.

In the Square that evening we had the Barbers Dozen and these singers and musicians went down a treat and were well worth a visit.

Monday evening was not kind to us weather wise but however thanks to the Glenroyal Hotel we were able to move indoors and everyone enjoyed the Brass and Reed Bands performance. Every year without fail they make themselves available for the festival.

The **Smithwicks** night with Patsy Tracey & the Hungry Buzzards kept the audience busy in the Leinster Arms and a good night was had by all.

Tuesday saw us in the Glenroyal again for the Doyle School outdoor céilf which had to go indoors because of bad weather. This was a great nights entertainment. It was great to see all the Spanish performing the Irish Dances. Thanks to Rita Doyle for all her work here.

A great night of Poetry Reading & Music took place in the Library. Thanks to Gerry & Fiona for making the Library available to us. The night was organised by Hilda Dunne & M.C. was Mary Cullen. Refreshments were served to all who came to recite and listen or play music. This is always a very interesting evening and enjoyed by all who attended.

Maisie Nott was very busy with all her helpers organising the Talent Competition in the Roost. This was a great fun night for all and the winner was Bernadette Keigher, 2nd Patrick Carroll and 3rd was Nuala Lynam. Special awards were won by Kerri Mc & Co., Niamh Donnelly, Caroline & Stephanie Thompson and friend Liza. Thanks to Maisie and all her crew for a job well done.

Wednesday took us on to our Annual **Guinness Table Quiz** in Caulfields. This is one of the keenest contested competitions of the Festival. The teams were out in force on the night and all seated by 9.30p.m. Thanks also to a great Quiz Master Conor, who travelled from Naas at the request of Peter Hussey and to Jim Doherty, Celbridge who supplied the questions. The winning team was Paul Daly, Brian O'Malley, Declan O'Connor and Joe McBride, 2nd were Martin Byrne, Pat Farrell, Carol Flynn and Lynda Martin and 3rd were Berni Fleming, John Drage, Stephen

Festival Report

Thursday night we were back to outdoor entertainment in the Square with the Traditional Musicians. This was a great night's entertainment and again we had a big French and Spanish audience. After at least three encores the musicians packed their bags and moved to another venue to continue playing.

The music in the square over, we all headed for the Senior Citizens Cabaret in Caulfields. There was a packed house here and a great night's entertainment was had by all. Thanks to Josie and her committee and to musician Mick McGarry from Celbridge for a great night.

The Roost also had a packed house for their **Smithwicks Night** and Danny Carthy kept the music and singing going for the night. To finish off Thursday we had an adult Disco in the Glenroyal till 2a.m. and when all entertainment in the town finished everybody headed for the Disco. This was another very successful night.

Friday brought us to the big night of the Festival the Royal Canal Queen selection. The Glenroyal on the night was an all ticket show and a great night for all who attended (see full report elsewhere).

In the Square we had Martina Murphy's Street Theatre Group. From all accounts this was a very good show with all the children doing their stuff. Martina has a class throughout the year for Speech & Drama and is very successful.

Saturday had the usual Fire Brigade Display in the Harbour. They had a real life display before coming to the Harbour as they had been called out as they were about to do their display in the Harbour. Thanks to all the lads as they are always available to us for the Festival.

Another very popular event for Festival week is the Baby Show and parents turned out in force with their babies. In the under one section the winner was Zoe Gahan, 2nd Jordan Maher and 3rd Ailbhe Maloney, all Maynooth. In the under 2 section, 1st Sean Kelly, Leixlip, 2nd Fergal Stack and 3rd Ailbhe Maloney, both Maynooth. In the twins section Sean & Ryan Kelly, Parklands were 1st and Deirdre & Eirn Ní Chearúil, Moyglare Abbey were 2nd.

Following the baby show the children were entertained by Peter Hussey's Crooked House Theatre Group from Newbridge. This was enjoyed by everyone present. The children were then treated to a picnic so a great evening was had by all.

Outdoor in the square that evening we had Claire Tighe's Hip-Hop Dance School. From the reports, this went down

a treat with young and old alike. So well done to Claire and her troupe.

During the week the **Guinness** 7-a-Side soccer was very successful and thanks to John McGinley for all his organisation on this event (see full report in sport). The Tom Flood Cup tournament, the Pitch & Putt Competition at Dunboyne Road and the Darts Tournament in the G.A.A were all very successful competitions. The winners of the Pitch & Putt competition were Ciaran Glynn and Stephen Corbally. In the Tom Flood Cup football tournament the winners were St. Paul's, Clonee and the runners up were Maynooth.

The Barperson of the year winner was Rob Byrne, Glenroyal, with 761 votes. 2nd Fintan Hegarty, Leinster Arms, with 240 votes and 3rd Eimear Kennedy, The Roost, with 183 votes. We would also like to thank Naomi Devereux G.A.A. and Alan Dolan, Caulfields for taking part. These people play a big part in sponsorship for the festival.

Again we would like to extend our thanks to our Major Sponsor, **Guinness** for their continued support. Thanks also to Willie Kiernan who was everywhere at the one time during the week with his P.A. systems, not forgetting Noreen who was at the helm all the week. Thanks also to Maynooth Community Councillors, the executive, the festival committee, Freda Kelleher Secretary, the office staff and the students on the student summer scheme.

We would also like to thank the following for their sponsorship, Intel, Hewlett Packard, Kildare Co. Council, Airlie Stud, Tom Corrigan, Michael Barry, Geraldine Dunne, Tom Flatley, Rita Doyle, The Roost, St. Patrick's Pharmacy, Head to Toe, Jim's Shoe Repair, Just Gifts, Tender Touch, The Barbers, Paddy Power, Helen's Hair Affair, Cameo, Glenroyal Jewellers, Carlton Dry Cleaners, Barry's Newsagents, Dawson's, Caulfield's, Katie's Flowers, The Wine Cellar, Top of the Crop, Nuzstop, The Book Shop, The Flower Pot, Pottery Barn, Buckley's, McCormack's Chemist, Beehive, 3 Pin Electrical, Sports Locker, Callagy's Chemist, Peppermill, Bruce's and Maynooth Jewellers. All in all a good Festival for the second half of the week. The committee will be taking a good look at Festival '97 and seeing what changes are needed for Festival '98. If I have omitted to thank anyone it certainly was not intentional

Norah McDermott
Festival Chairperson.

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Thank you all for your donations in our annual door to door collection. The Best Area/Estate and Best Shop Front Competition sponsored by Coonans Auctioners, Main Street, Maynooth is currently under way.

Details of prize winners will be announced in the Autumn. We ask all our residents young and old to try and keep Maynooth tidy.

P.S. Our Sunday Morning clean up still needs more help. We meet at the Geraldine Hall at 9.00 a.m. every Sunday morning. So can you give us a hand and get some exercise at the same time.

Richard Farrell.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

The summer project is over again for another year, but not forgotten. The children enjoyed many day trips away and activities at home.

We would like to thank all who helped us out. The Students from the Community Council, The Parents, and especially Maeve, Andre, Ciara and Sandra who gave of their time voluntarily. Last but not least Johnny and Aileen for the hard work they put in, setting up the scavenger hunt. During the project many children were presented with trophies, medals and prizes, and we would like to congratulate you all. Full results and photos in September Newsletter.

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Claire O'Rourke P.R.O.

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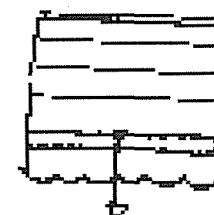
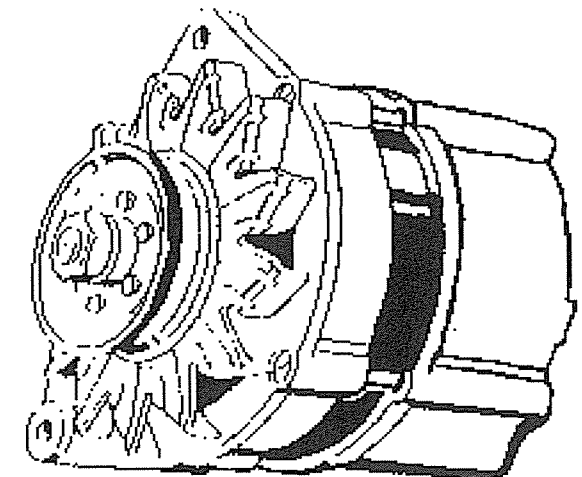
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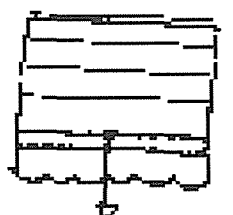
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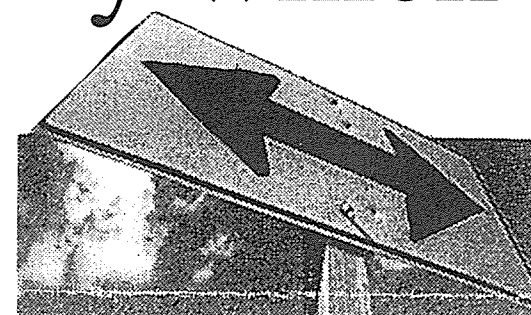
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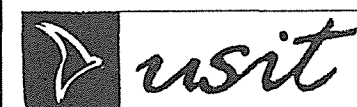
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Front Crawl 1st Race 1st Susan Fay 2nd Shauna Cunningham 3rd Zoe O'Neill	Second Swim	First Swim	Breast Stroke 1st Race 1st Niamh Healy 2nd Eibhlin Carr 3rd Emer Connellan
Front Crawl 2nd Race 1st Lisa Mc Donald 2nd Aoife Kearney 3rd Regina Lyons	Beginners: (Teacher Deirdre)	Intermediate (Teacher Deirdre)	Breast Stroke 2nd Race 1st Carol Flood 2nd Jason Murtagh 3rd Elaine McDonald
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Juniors: (Teacher Oliver)	Back Crawl 2nd Race 1st Aisling O'Rourke 2nd Thomas Garnett 3rd Eoin Murray	Back Crawl 2nd Race 1st Harninder Gill 2nd Jessica Whelan 3rd Paul Kennedy	Front Crawl 2nd Race 1st Orla Carey 2nd Emma Garnett 3rd Michael Fox
Front Crawl 1st Race 1st Ciaran Farrell 2nd Eoin Farrell 3rd Jade Gahan	Juniors (Teacher Oliver)	Breast Stroke 1st Niamh O'Brien 2nd Vanessa Waldron 3rd Paul Kennedy	Front Crawl 3rd Race 1st Tadhg Dunne 2nd Aoife Conway 3rd James Molloy & Helen Keenan
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2nd Sara Flatley
3rd Laura Shiels

Front Crawl 2nd Race
1st Holly Murray
2nd Susan Keenan
3rd Sally Garnett

Front Crawl 3rd Race
1st Lauren Bracken
2nd Aine Flatley
3rd Paddy Broughan &
Helen Downs

Front Crawl 4th Race
1st Lauren Eddery
2nd Grace Mc Aree
3rd Karen Bracken

Back Crawl 1st Race
1st Suzanne Doyle
2nd Laura Sheils
3rd Pauline Cushen

Back Crawl 2nd Race
1st Sally Garnett
2nd Susan Keenan
3rd Holly Murray

Back Stroke 3rd Race
1st Áine Flatley
2nd Paddy Broughan
3rd Lauren Bracken

Breast Stroke 1st Race
1st Laura Shiels
2nd Paul Broughan
3rd Suzanne Doyle

Breast Stroke 2nd Race
1st Sally Garnett
2nd Anna Piggot
3rd Sara Flatley

Breast Stroke 3rd Race
1st Lauren Bracken
2nd Helen Downs
3rd Aoife O'Neill

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Our year 1996/97 was completed with the family swim on the 28th June.

We take this opportunity to thank all our members who competed in the annual Junior and Senior Galas. Congratulations to all our winners.

We arranged our A.G.M. for the 3rd July in the back room at Caulfields. The committee would like to thank the parents who attended. The new committee was formed for the oncoming year. The following members were Elected:

Chairman:	Owen Byrne
Secretary:	Lorraine Rush
Treasurer:	Geraldine Feehan
Assist/Treasurer:	Florence Cullinane
P.R.O.	Patrica Moynan
1st Bus Co-Ordinator:	Mary Hoban
2nd Bus Co-Ordinator:	Patricia Dunne

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing secretary (Annmarie Coyle) for her excellent and diligent work on the committee over the past two years and wish her the best of luck on her new venture.

We would like to thank Jimmy's Cabs and Bartons for the excellent service they have provided over the past year. The committee would like to remind all those members who didn't return their membership forms for 1997/98 to do so immediately as we have a long waiting list to fill the vacant positions. Enjoy the rest of your holidays.

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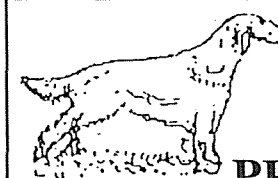
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SCOUTING NEWS

Hi again. Your local Cub Scouts here - Who just can't get enough of company. Our cubs went on a camping weekend to Larch Hill in the Dublin Mountains to join in the celebrations of National Cubscout Day. Even though we all arrived on the evening of Friday the 13th, things worked out pretty well. No black cats or anything!!! and it's amazing just how good camp food tastes! Definitely no complaints when the chow came - everyone just tucked in.

On the following day we teamed up with cubs from all over the country to take part in fun and games, a cryptic quiz and a camp fire session to warm up in the cool mountain air, with rousing camp fire songs and lots of 'up and at it' action songs, which left everyone pleasantly tired. We'd like to extend a very big THANK YOU to all parents who helped us with this trip. It wouldn't have been possible without them. It's great to know that there is such support for the Cubs and Scouts in Maynooth. Thank you. It's very much appreciated.

On Saturday 28/6/97 both Cubs and Scouts went camping for the week in Mount Melleray in the Wicklow Mountains along with our brothers and sisters in scouting from Confey and Denmark.

During the week all the scouts went bivouacing overnight in the woods. Real outdoors stuff - where the kids all went and built their own bivvies. They also went on a trip to the Navy base in Cork where they saw the Navy's flagship, the L.E. Eithne. Ah! A sailor's life! Well they must have been inspired, because they just couldn't get enough of the water, going to Splashworld on Thursday in Tramore, Co. Waterford. And on the last day, everyone, both Irish and Danish, went and participated in our Sports Day - the mini Olympics.

Also of interest was the Mount Melleray Scout Museum, where the very first scout uniform issued in Ireland 75 years ago was on display. All in all our Ireland/Denmark

Friendship camp was a great success, despite the weather. A scout is always cheerful, even in adversity.

Our Scouts also enjoyed a day-hike at the end of May in the beautiful mountains from Turlogh Hill to Glendalough. It was breath-taking (both in physical exertion and in landscape), but well worth it. The Scouts really enjoyed it and learned some really valuable skills on map reading along the way. On top of all these inter-cultural experiences and scouting, they also took part in a Scouts Campcraft Day in Larch Hill, coming 4th overall. So until our young adults embark on some further adventures, A bientôt mes amis. P.S There will be no further Scout meetings after our Annual Camp, until the first Thursday in September.

Yours in Scouting,

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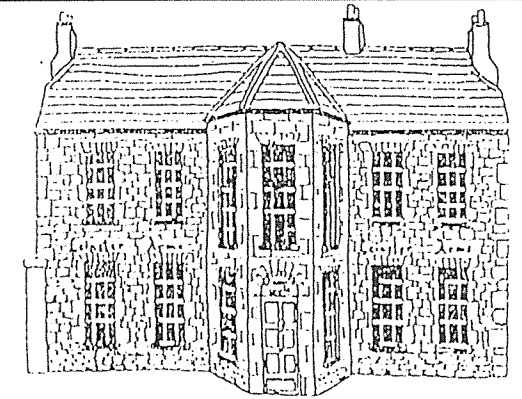
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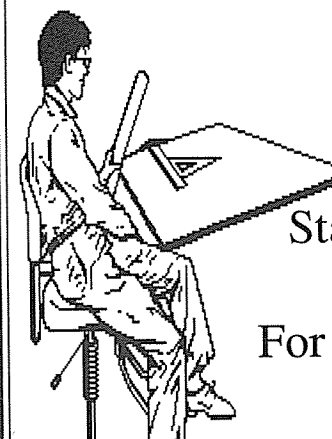
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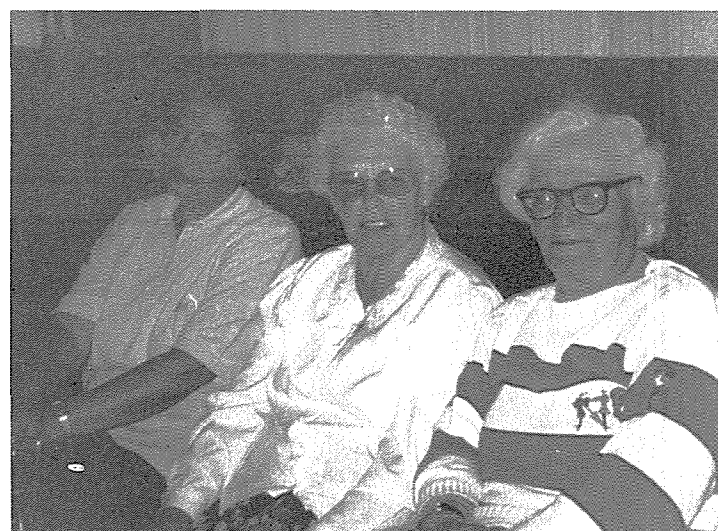
Best Dressed Lady at RCAG Canal Queen night was Catherine Lyons, Maynooth



Tom McMullon with Orla Murphy, Miss Community Council at Miss Royal Canal. Thanks to Bridal Hire for sponsoring the dress



in McGinley, presenting a cheque for £1851.50, proceeds of Tony Smith Memorial Walk, to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their function in Caulfields



Enjoying the Senior Citizens Cabaret in Caulfields during Festival Week l-r Mrs. B. Nolan, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Higgins



Winning twins in Baby Show, Sean & Ryan Kelly, Parklands, Maynooth



Winning baby under 1 year Zoe Gahan, Maynooth at Festival Baby Show

Festival Fun



Barbers Dozen performing in the Square during Festival week



3rd - McGillicuddy Team - Treasure Hunt



Soccer Marathon Boys enjoying the game in the Harbour Field



Bet you don't know who we are. Painted faces at Maynooth Festival and the artist was Fiona O'Connor



Happy Faces at the Childrens Picnic in the Harbour Field



Junior members of St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band who performed in the Glenroyal during Festival week

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BAND BULLETIN

August usually marks the winding down of our Summer Programme and a badly needed holiday for our Band Members who practise two nights each week 50 weeks of the year.

Engagements

Last month we gave the first of our public recitals which people have asked us to do more often and the feedback from local residents and tourists was most encouraging. We hope to repeat the performance in September perhaps to coincide with our annual flag week, and, we were delighted with the response to our Community Week Recital and the performance of our young class members augurs well for the future. Our appearance at the Church of Ireland Concert on 11th July was a very pleasant experience but also the attendance was very much short of what the entire programme deserved. The month finished up with a trip to the Wicklow Regatta Festival Parade. This had been an annual engagement for us until a date change ruled it out for us. It was a delight to renew acquaintances with Bob Jackson and the Regatta Committee.

Its the U.S. for us in 1998

Yes folks, its finally confirmed. In March next year we saddle up and ride out to lil' old Kansas City in the U.S.A for the 25th Anniversary of their St. Patricks Day Parade. The Parade Committee are really excited to have a Band from Ireland joining their Parade in this special year and we hope to take part in many events during the week long celebrations. The Parade is the third largest in the United States and is perhaps the only one actually held on 17th March. We hope to include a special article on Kansas City and its parade in a later NEWSLETTER.

The Bottom Line

As is the case with all things, there is a bottom line on the trip and it is money. Even though we only pay our travel expenses we expect the overall cost (including insurance) to be between £18,000 and £20,000. This is for fares for Band members only and we hope to

raise this amount through a number of fund raising events which we will be organising over the next seven or eight months. If there are any firms out there who would like to be associated with this trip in the form of sponsorship they can contact our P.R.O. Paddy Boyd at 6286468 or 6284564. They will be given full coverage in a number of press releases to be issued over the coming months.

Musical Marathon

At the time of writing our Musical Marathon in the Square has yet to happen but we hope it will be blessed by fine weather and the only thing coming from the heavens will be buckets of money. Its our first fundraising event for the U.S.A. and we hope it provides entertainment for Saturday shoppers and passers by on 26th July.

Another New Member

Once again our recent search for new members has turned up trumps in the form of a fine trumpet player from Blarney in county Cork who is currently living in Newtown. We welcome him to the fold and repeat our invitation to all other musicians living in Maynooth and adjoining towns. Please drop in to the Band Hall any Monday or Thursday night between 8.30 and 10.00 You will be made very welcome, and there is a little bonus of a trip to the States in 1998 to consider.

Junior Members

The current class of beginners are making great progress and have now taken a very welcome break for the summer. Classes will resume in September so all Junior members please watch this space next month for your resumption dates.

New Classes

Do you want to join new music classes? If you would like to take up music as a hobby and would like to play a band instrument please drop your personal details (name, address, telephone number, age and details of previous musical experience (if any) to Paddy Boyd, Maynooth Office Supplies, Dublin Road Maynooth. The minimum age is 10 and there is no upper age limit. Applicants will be invited to a meeting in the band hall provided of course there are sufficient numbers for the classes.

Mea Culpa, Corporation

Thanks to the widespread readership of the Newsletter, an error in last months Bulletin has come to light. We have since been notified that the real reason for our failure to secure even one corporation recital was that our completed application form posted by us never reached its destination. We understood that the number of recitals had been reduced this year so we applied for every date available but we were naturally disappointed to be left "out in the cold". Sincere apologies to those concerned in Dublin Corporation for any discomfort caused by my remarks and if invited to apply next year we will drop the envelope in personally to avoid a repeat of this years' problems.

That's all the news for this month, see you here in September.

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JOHN 'TIGER' NOLAN WINS SHAY MOORE CUP

Thirty Two golfers made the journey to Athlone Golf Club on the 21st June to take part in the Annual Shay Moore Cup Competition. Once more weather conditions were ideal and rookie John 'Tiger' Nolan came out of the pack with 37 points to clinch his first overall trophy by a single point from Tom Flatley. After a short pit stop in Lysters of Rochfortbridge it was back to Caulfields where Mrs Moore made the official Presentation to John. Congrats John on your first big win.

Thanks also to the Moore Family who sponsored the overall Prize.

Shay Moore Memorial 21st June '97

1st	J. Nolan	(23)	37pts.
2nd	T. Flatley	(20)	36pts.
3rd	S. Tracey	(19)	35pts.
4th	T. O'Haire	(27) on back 9	34pts
5th	J. Doyle	(20) on back 9	34pts
6th	W. Moore	(17)	34pts
7th	J. Moore	(11) on back 9	33pts
8th	O. Byrne	(28)	33pts.
9th	G. McTernan	(17) on back 9	31pts
10th	R. Delemere	(9) on back 9	31pts

Front Nine P. Foy 18pts
Back Nine T. Moore 19pts
Visitors M. Flynn Jnr (14) 36pts
Nearest the Pin G. McTernan

Captain Captures Christy Kenny Cup

The annual Week-end outing took place on the 23rd/25th May to Slieve Russell and Ballinamore. Twenty Two Golfers played in glorious sunshine over the whole week-end and after day one at Slieve Russel Captain Gerry McTernan led by a single point from Joe Moore and Barry Desmond with Owen and John Byrne a further shot behind. Despite the revelling which went on late night/early morning the Captain managed to increase his lead on day two in Ballinamore to eventually win by three points from John Byrne who pipped his father Owen on the back 18. Another night of merriment and then back to Caulfields on Sunday night where 'ess Kenny made the official presentation. Congrats to Gerry and thanks to Jerrimac who sponsored the outing.

WEEK-END RESULT

Overall	G. McTernan	71pts
2nd	- J. Byrne	68pts (B18)
3rd	- O. Byrne	68pts (B18)
4th	- B. Desmond	68pts
5th	- F. Desmond	67pts (B18)
6th	- J. Moore	67pts
7th	- T. Flatley	64pts (B.18)
8th	- J. Carroll	64pts
9th	- D. Nyland	61pts

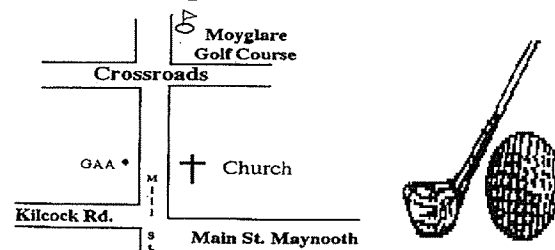
10th - R. Delemere 60pts
Front 18 - B. Hayden
Back 18 - E. Savage
Nearest the Pin (Friday) E. Savage
Nearest the Pin (Saturday) S. Nyland

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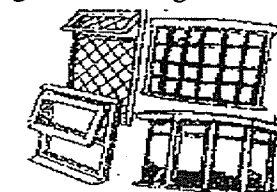
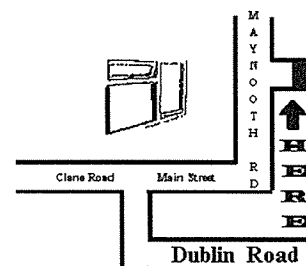
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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

The new Minister for the Environment, Mr. Noel Dempsey, has now called for Kildare Co. Council's Draft Development Plan and is currently considering how to deal with the controversial proposals for rezoning for the North Kildare towns. His decision will have major implications not just for the future of Maynooth, but for several of the North Kildare towns. Sadly a golden opportunity to safeguard the character of Maynooth may be missed, because this County Development Plan could have been a good one if the original recommendations of the professional planners who drew it up had been followed by county councillors. But they chose instead to delete the key proposals in it, actions which facilitate substantial rezoning in Maynooth by them. In its earlier draft the County Development Plan recommended a shift in new residential growth areas away from towns such as Maynooth and Celbridge towards the centre and southern parts of the county. The key section reads as follows:

"It is the policy of the Council to promote the southward move of development within the county to re-direct pressures from the north-east and to encourage the spread of development through the towns of the centre to the west and south of the county.... The substantial zoning of land in Maynooth and the additional zoning of lands in Celbridge would be contrary to the advancement and aims of this policy."

However, such specific proposals were greeted with horror by some county councillors, and all references to discouraging substantial rezoning of land in Maynooth were deleted. Some councillors from Maynooth supported the gutting of the plan in this way and effectively what has gone to the Minister is a rezoners' charter devoid of any semblance of the strategic approach called for by the previous Minister last September. Through its associates in the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning, Maynooth Planning Alliance has emphasised to the Minister the folly of entrusting Kildare County Councillors to plan the future development of the county on the basis of this half baked plan.

Maynooth is growing rapidly, by some 40% over the past five years. Councillors, in the last outing of the Draft Maynooth Development Plan proposed accelerating this to facilitate a doubling of the population of the town over the next five years. Last year, there were 106 acres of unused residential development land available for housing in the town, enough for a 40% increase in population over the period 1996-2001. The rate at which this is being developed is obviously important in planning for services such as schools, health services, gas, water, electricity etc, in particular, to try and anticipate what the present and future demand for school places is likely to be. Maynooth Planning Alliance have been conducting a large scale survey of households in the town over the past few months. If you have participated in this we thank you for your help in filling the form which was distributed through the various Residents' Associations. Analysis of the results will commence shortly and we will keep you informed of the results.

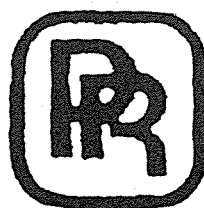
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OLD GREENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

As a result of our former Committee resigning, an Emergency General Meeting was held on Monday July 14th to elect a new Committee. The new Committee is as follows:-

Chairperson	-	Leo McGlynn
Vice Chairperson	-	Liam Higgins
Secretary	-	Ann Birchall
Assistant Secretary and P.R.O.	-	Geraldine Browne
Treasurer	-	Ann Higgins
Vice Treasurer	-	Norman Birchall.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our former Committee for all they have done over the past six years.

Events to take place during the summer are as follows:- Day trip to Mosney will have taken place by the time of print. This event should be enjoyed by all our children. Next on our events list will be our Inter-Estates 7-a-Side. We ran this event last year with great success so we hope to make it an annual event. All prizes will be kindly sponsored by M.C.L. Cabs. Thanks to Eugene O'Shea. Application forms are available from Geraldine Browne 6285476 or Laura Troy, 821 Greenfield. The matches will be held the third week in August and the finals to be played on Saturday, 23rd, of August the day of our much loved Barbecue. Fee is £5 per team. 7 players and 3 subs. Our Barbeque will run all day with lots of events for children and adults.

On a finishing note we would like to thank the children of Greenfield for holding a Jumble Sale to help raise funds for our Barbeque. Thanks and well done: Sinead Conway, Lynsay Behan, Jennifer Lee, Selina Leavy, Martin Conway, Mark Newton, Patrick Behan, Garry McMahon, Soracha Tellie.

Geraldine Browne P.R.O.

WOODLANDS NEWS

The residents of Woodlands got together for their annual field day on Saturday 12th July. The weather did its best to spoil the fun. The children and adults enjoyed the day. The participants in the various games were:

Under 4: Elizabeth Hegarty, Gillian and Sean Rooney and Alison Williams.

Under 7: Maeve Durkin, Ronan and Siobhan Kelly and Cormac Molloy.

Under 9: Una Campbell, Alva Durkin, David Fagan, Tim Franklin, Megan Hegarty, Michael McCarthy, Niamh Molloy and Mark O' Connell.

Under 12: Lisa and Niall Corcoran, Ann Marie Campbell, Gerard McCarthy, Elaine and Sean McNamara, Fergal Molloy, Daryl O' Connell.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We thank residents for their support in our annual subscriptions collection.

Our Committee are collecting the remaining subscriptions over the next few weeks.

As previously advised, we are very pleased with the way the estate is looking at the moment.

One area that we are very annoyed about is the way that the landscaping on Straffan Way has developed, with no provision for upkeep except by the Residents Association. We have written to Kildare County Council/S.I.A.C. to express our annoyance.

Finally we wish our neighbour Fr. David Boylan every success in his future studies in Rome. His neighbours on Straffan Way had a farewell Barbecue for him.

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Residents Association



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Saturday July 12th brought around the Annual Family Day in Rockfield.

Though the weather that morning looked suspect, the day passed off with little interruption with Bouncing Castles, Fun Races, Face Painting and Party Bags. There was plenty of activity to keep the children entertained for the afternoon.

The evening closed with the Fancy Dress Parade where imagination and creativity were in abundance with everything from the Spice Girls, Batman and Barney to the environmentally friendly.

It may have been the end of the day for the children, but it was only the beginning for the adults as the Annual Barbecue kicked into play.

With the delightful smell of barbecued food, good music, candle lit tables and the overcast skyline finally lifting, the stage was set for a most memorable evening. As the dawn broke, the last few survivors crept home.

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MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Membership and Fees 1997

Our Annual General Meeting agreed the membership and fees at the following levels for 1997.

Membership - £5

Available to residents of Moyglare Road, Moyglare Abbey and Moyglare Meadows. This amount is to cover the costs of producing "Moyglare News" and other notifications which will be provided to members only. It will also subsidise the costs of other joint initiatives. Residents should contact any member of the committee or the volunteers who are collecting membership.

Membership and Fees - £20

Due from residents of Moyglare Village only. This association currently arrange for the upkeep of Moyglare Village. This involves the cutting of grass in the open spaces, together with replacing trees and providing skips for cleanup.

Volunteers will continue to collect this amount until all funds have been received. Failure by residents in

Moyglare Village to pay this amount will mean that the fee will need to be increased and a second collection will take place.

Your Pet could be your neighbours threat

For many children having their own pet, particularly a dog or cat can give them a great sense of fulfillment. However, some residents in Moyglare Village need to give greater consideration to their neighbours because their pets cause a nuisance to them. Residents should not allow dogs to roam and in fact should keep them on a lead when taking them for walks. Remember, some small children living in this area fear dogs and it is unfair to them. Furthermore if other residents wanted pets in their gardens they would surely get one of their own, health considerations aside.

Parking and traffic calming measures sought for Moyglare Village

Because of the poor quality of public transport to Maynooth many residents in Moyglare Village like elsewhere in the town need to own and use two

private cars. This volume of traffic has raised calls for ramps to be installed in Moyglare Village to slow down traffic. Some houses have more than two cars and are causing considerable congestion, particularly along the main road in the estate. In the interest of safety, residents should park as many of their cars as possible in their own driveways.

Upkeep of the grass verges on the Moyglare Road

The height of the grass in the verge along the right hand side of the road is disgraceful. Kildare County Council do not maintain this wilderness and as a consequence litter collects there as well as in the ditch outside the schools. Residents are encouraged to contact the local Kildare County Council office to complain about the condition of the verge.

Paul Croghan
Chairman
Moyglare Residents Association

Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Association

The CARA Annual General Meeting was held on June 25th in the Gaelscoil, Beaufield. There was a moderate turnout, and several decisions were arrived at unanimously:

- An annual fee of £20 per household is to be paid. This money will be used for the maintenance of Cluain Aoibhinn, thus improving the appearance and increasing the value of our homes. Some landlords have made donations to the fund, and residents are asked to pay the £20 to Rose Hayes at no. 69.
- Residents expressed concern at the news that Thorntons are planning a giant dump in the Maynooth area. It was pointed out that some Residents Associations in Maynooth have discontinued the use of Thorntons waste disposal service as a direct consequence of these plans, and CARA will be reviewing the matter soon with those residents who use Thorntons, before the renewal date (Jan 98).
- A meeting to discuss the matter of Estate security will be held late in the Summer. The local Gardai will be present to advise the residents. Proposals to install a

video surveillance system will be fully debated at this meeting. The issues of cost and privacy will be discussed, so we would welcome a good turnout to hear everybody's opinion. The meeting will be held in the last week in August - the exact date, time and venue to be advised.

- The residents expressed gratitude for his many years of tireless work on the committee to the outgoing Chairperson, Tom McMullon. Thanks were also conveyed to Rose Hayes who stood down as Treasurer after many years collecting subs and presenting our accounts.

The meeting expressed support for the revitalisation of the CARA and a new committee was elected, as follows:

Chairperson:	Tony Clinton, no. 23.
Treasurer:	Susan Corbally, no.26.
Secretary/PRO:	Denis Lynch, no. 20.
Committee:	Michael Reilly, no. 72.
Committee:	Ursula Walsh, no. 41.



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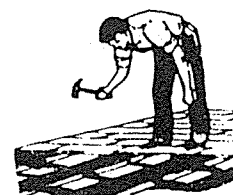
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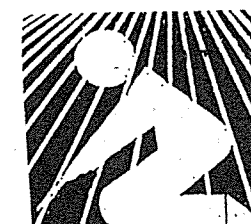
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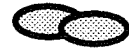
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1 tablespoon natural yogurt
1 finely chopped scallion (Spring Onion)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon of chopped fresh parsley or chives.

Scrub potatoes and bake in a hot oven until tender with crisp skins. Mash anchovies and combine with yogurt and scallion. Cut the tops from the hot, cooked potatoes and scoop out flesh, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick shell. Mash and combine with the anchovy mixture. Add lemon juice to taste and season. Fill mixture back into potato shells and place under a hot grill until golden brown.

Sprinkle with herbs before serving. You can use diced ham, pepper etc. if you do not want to use the anchovies.

BRUSCHETTA WITH TOMATO, CHEESE AND ONION

Thick slices vienna roll or french stick.
Cloves of garlic
Butter
Sliced tomatoes
Thin rings of onion
Grated cheese



Toast bread slices until golden. Cut cloves of garlic in half and rub over the surface of the bread while it is still hot. Spread lightly with butter. Add cheese, tomatoe and onion, grill on a low heat until melted and golden brown.
Serve immediately.

SMOKED SALMON PEARLS

Makes 16 nibbles

2 slices of bread, made into breadcrumbs
1 tub of Golden Vale Salmon Leap Spread
90g/3oz peanuts
lemon quarters
brown bread



Make the breadcrumbs in a food processor. Crush peanuts (not too finely) in a food processor. Blend the Salmon Leap with the crumbs and form small pearls from the mixture. Roll the pearls in the peanuts and chill for 30 minutes.

Serve as a starter, or snack, with brown bread and lemon quarters.

BANANA BREAD

300g/10oz bananas, peeled weight
180g/6oz of granulated sugar
2 standard eggs
90g/3oz butter
240g/8oz plain flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ level teaspoon salt
3 level teaspoons baking powder



Cream butter and sugar in mixing bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat in well. Mash bananas and beat into mixture. Sieve flour, salt and baking powder and stir one tablespoon of this mixture into the nuts. Add rest to the mixture, then add the nuts and stir well.

Bake in greased loaf tin 230mm x 130mm x 65mm (9"x5"x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "") at 180° C/350° F/Gas 4 for about 1-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

MUSHROOM SOUP

Serves 2



4oz of fresh mushrooms
1 tablespoon butter or olive oil
1 small onion, very finely chopped
1 small potato very finely chopped
1 pint of chicken stock (Stock Cube)
1 Sprig of thyme
Cream or thick yogurt

Wipe mushrooms and chop finely. Sauté onions in butter or oil until onion is transparent. Stir in mushrooms, potato, stock and thyme. Simmer for 30 minutes. Taste and season. Serve with a swirl of cream or yogurt.

CITRUS SURPRISE

Makes 2 glasses

300ml/ $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of cold milk
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons of vanilla ice cream
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon of lemon juice
Juice of one medium orange
30g/1oz of caster sugar
Orange or lemon slices to garnish



Put milk, ice cream, lemon juice, orange juice and caster sugar into a blender or liquidiser. Liquidise or blend for 1-2 minutes or until all the ingredients are thoroughly integrated. Pour into tall glasses and decorate with the citrus slices.
Serve immediately.

STRAWBERRY BLONDE

Makes 2 Glasses

300ml/ $\frac{1}{2}$ pint cold milk
1 small tin of strawberries
2 tablespoons vanilla ice cream
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons of lightly whipped cream.



Whisk together or liquidise the milk, ice-cream and drained strawberries. Pour into tall glasses and top with some of the lightly whipped cream. Serve immediately.



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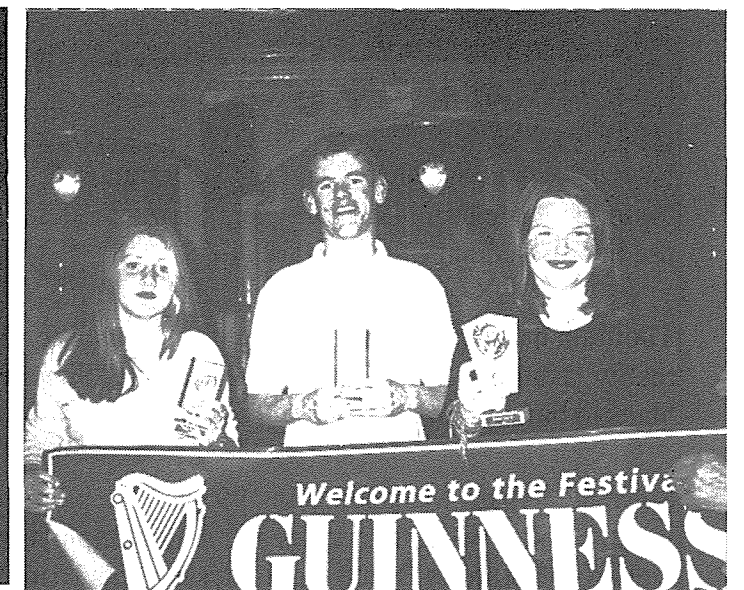
winning Senior Mens Tug-O-War team during the Festival



1st - O'Brien Team - Treasure Hunt



Maisie Nott (centre), organiser of Talent Competition with Judge Sheena Trankner and helper Eithne Bean



Talent winners were from left 3rd Nuala Lynam, 1st Bernadette Keigher and 2nd Patrick Carroll



Special Awards at the talent competition were won by Kevin Mc & Co., Niamh Donnelly, Caroline & Stephanie Thompson and friend Lisa



David Jolley and fellow musicians performing in the Square during the Festival



Smiling faces enjoying the festival



Peter Hussey's Theatrical Group in action in the Harbour Field at the childrens picnic



Danny Carthy, musician, and company enjoying poetry reading in the Library



Runner up team in Guinness Festival Quiz were I-r Pat Farrell, Martin Byrne, Carol Flynn, Lynda Martin



3rd place in Guinness Festival quiz were Berni Fleming, John Drage, Stephen Connaughton, Gerry Sheehan



Martina Murphys Theatre Group performing in the Square during Festival week

Features

Object to the Dump NOW

OBJECT NOW to P. Thornton's planning application for the unauthorised Dump on his land. He has been instructed by Meath County Council to remove this dump. Instead, he has covered his dump with topsoil and is calling it a "Heineken Step". A Heineken Step is a large steep-sided mound, constructed for use in cross-country horse trials.

Thornton has applied to Meath County Council for permission to retain this "Heineken Step" which is in reality a dump. This is the thin edge of the "Super Dump", the largest dump in Europe, which Thornton plans to build on the Moyglare Road.

Since the bypass was opened in 1995, Maynooth is probably the most attractive town in which to live in Ireland. With two Universities and major employers in the area, the town is the envy of most suburbs of Dublin. Thornton's Dump would destroy this beautiful community in a stroke. The Community must determine its own future, and not one individual.

As the Meath border is only one mile from Maynooth up the Moyglare Road, objections must be sent to the Meath County Council. **PLEASE WRITE TODAY** as time is running out. This is a suggested letter - if you wish to improve on it, please do so - **BUT ACT NOW!**

*****Cut along here*****

Mr Joe Horan
County Manager
Meath County Council
County Hall
Navan
County Meath

Date.....

Dear Mr Horan,

I object to Mr P Thornton's application for planning permission ref: P97 656.

I object on the grounds that the material used for the erection of this mound is undetermined, and it may be a threat to the health and safety of the surrounding population.

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Congratulations to Michelle Lynam, who, representing Quinnswordh Maynooth, was the winner of the 1997 Miss Royal Canal selection at the final in The Glenroyal on July, 18th. It was a night when every one of the fourteen contestants was a winner in her own right. It was our 8th contest and as before, the packed audience showed its appreciation of the personalities and talents of each of the contestants.

The competition began back in June when each of the contestants were interviewed by one of our judges at the official Launch. It's easy to forget that before each judging the contestants had to work a normal day in their jobs, and then transform themselves into potential winners in a very short space of time. Paul Daly, as interviewer, and Enda Breslin, as the escort, excelled themselves.

Thanks to our many sponsors and supporters, who will be thanked individually. Travel Options, our main sponsor, is flying Michelle away to Finland, as one of the winning prizes.

Every contestant received a memento of the event, and the prize for the highest sponsorship raised was won by Sarah Brady, followed by prizes for the second, third and fourth highest sponsorship raised, which were won by - Geraldine Beatty, Elizabeth Nolan and Fiona Wederfoort respectively. The venue itself - The Glenroyal - was again super, as were its many helpful and courteous staff members. The success of this competition depended as much on those factors, as the quality of the contestants.

Once again, Michelle, congratulations. You'll be representing us with distinction until Miss Royal Canal selection in 1998, at the Glenroyal.

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4. Super Valu	4. Talahia Duffy
5. Newtown Stores	5. Fiona Touhy
6. Ray Crofton	6. Miriam Gormally
7. Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club	7. Sarah Brady
8. Express Cabs	8. Elizabeth Nolan
9. Barretts Homestore	9. Sandra Brady
10. The Leinster Arms	10. Fiona Wederfoort
11. C.P.L.	11. Niamh Mulready
12. Maynooth Electrical	12. Tara Stewart
13. Quinnswordh	13. Michelle Lynam
14. Maynooth College	14. Claudine McDonnell

STRAWBERRY FAIR

This year, the Larine Court Strawberry Fair was held on Saturday 19th July, during the Maynooth Community Festival. Beautiful weather helped to make the day an outstanding success. Strawberries and cream were the order of the day along with strawberry cream teas, home made cakes, a bottle stall, cut flowers, bric a brac, as well as a raffle. Children were kept amused by Larry the Clown who distributed lollypops and balloons. Many children also opted for having their faces painted!

The winners of the raffle were: Sundial - Ruairi McAteer, Lahinch, patio planters - Mary Love, Leixlip, hanging baskets - Brid Leahy, Carbury, shrub voucher - Catherine Bell, Ardclough. The name of the dog was Sam, and won by Gwen Watkins, Straffan.

All in Larine would like to thank those who gave so generously through donations, bottles and baking, those who helped on the day and, of course, those who supported the venture by attending.

VIDEO REVIEW

SLEEPERS (18'S)

This is a true story about four young boys from Hell's Kitchen in New York. When they are responsible for a tragic accident while stealing hot dogs, they wind up in the Wilkinson Home for Boys. Once inside, they become victims of a cruel regime led by a sadistic prison guard, suffering both physical and sexual abuse. Years later two of the boys, now grown men, accidentally meet the guard, who had caused them so much pain, and shoot him dead. The resulting court case provides the way for the four lads to get their revenge on three other guards who had made their lives a living hell.

Directed by Barry Levinson and starring Brad Pitt, Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, Jason Patric and Kevin Bacon, this is an extremely thought provoking and dramatic film that's constantly watchable and very stylishly made. Acting is excellent, direction is first rate and should hold your attention from start to finish. Verdict: Surprisingly good.

Evita (18's)

Evita has all the ingredients of an epic film; what we used to call a 'A Big Picture'. Madonna is in it. Antonio Banderas is in it. Alan Parker directs it and the music, if you didn't already know, is by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. It's beautifully photographed and the sets are absolutely stunning, faithful to the period of the story. Madonna gives her best (of a bad lot) performance to date as Eva Peron, the woman whose spirit captivated the Argentinian nation, and Antonio Banderas actually looks as if he can act a bit, although this is probably due mostly to Parker's direction. However, as most people will admit, looks aren't everything. Compared to the great classical musicals of Rogers and Hammerstein, on a scale of one to ten this one scores about five. Maybe this musical was never intended to make the transition from stage to screen, because something is definitely missing. Still, well worth seeing if only out of curiosity as to how Madonna handles the role. Verdict: Fans of the would-be Blond Bombshell will love it!

Fled (18's)

This is a standard escape action film, as two prisoners on a chain gang make their escape while on work detail in Georgia. They flag down a car driven by a pretty girl who helps them get rid of their handcuffs and prison garb, and from then on it's a case of staying one jump ahead of the law, the Mafia and uncle Tom Cobbley and all! You don't have to be a member of the brains trust to guess the rest, it's all been done before, sometimes better sometimes worse. Nonetheless there are good performances from Laurence Fishburne and Stephen Baldwin as our two escapees, and it's a well photographed and tautly directed piece. There's absolutely nothing original about this movie, but if it's a rainy day it will definitely pass a good hour-and-half or so. Verdict: Very good, if standard, fare.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

We wish to remind all those who are interested that there will be "A Night At The Dogs" in Harold's Cross Stadium on Friday September 19th., 1997.

All funds raised will assist the continued development of our school and its resources - Library expansion, Science apparatus and Sports equipment.

We have, at this point received sponsorship for all races, but anyone wishing to nominate a greyhound should contact Ms Lila Flynn at 6285606 or Ms Geraldine Tobin at 6285489. The usual nomination fee is ten pounds.

Michael Dillane
PRO

Features

HOW MAYNOOTH VOTED

The report on how Maynooth voted in the 1992 General Election, carried in the January 1993 issue of the Maynooth Newsletter, highlighted a big shift to Labour at the expense of both Fine Gael and Fianna Fail. In the recent general Election, there was an even bigger drop in the Labour vote compared with 1992, from 36% to 25%. However, this was not simply a case of these voters shifting back to previous allegiances as the increase in the Fine Gael and Fianna Fail votes were relatively marginal, from 27% to 28% and 25% to 29% respectively. In fact, the main beneficiary of the drop in the Labour vote was Catherine Murphy of Democratic Left, whose share of the vote rose from just 3% to 11%. The PD and Green Party votes remained much the same, at 4% each.

However, it would be wrong to interpret these figures as meaning that those who voted Labour in 1992 transferred in large numbers to Democratic Left in 1997. What is more likely to have happened is that many of the new voters who have settled in Maynooth in the interim voted for Catherine Murphy, with few of them voting for Labour. This is suggested by the fact that in Box No. 10, embracing Parklands, Catherine Murphy outpolled all other candidates with 95 votes. Whereas rezoning was not a major issue in the election in the Kildare North constituency generally, it presumably was important for Parklands residents.

Old Greenfield (Box 4) remained a true bastion of Labour support, yielding 151 votes (almost half of the total) for Emmet Stagg. Here, Bernard Durkan also polled strongly (85 votes compared with just 67 for the two Fianna Fail candidates combined, and very few for anyone else). However, in both absolute and relative terms, Bernard Durkan's top performance came from Box 7 (mainly Leinster Park and Mariaville), where he obtained 95 votes - one third of the total.

For Fianna Fail, the overall vote was fairly evenly split between Paul Kelly (15.6%) and Charlie McCreedy (13.5%). Perhaps if Fianna Fail voters had obeyed party instructions and opted for Kelly in Maynooth, he could have been in the shake-up for the last seat. In four of the 12 Maynooth boxes, McCreedy actually outpolled Kelly. Overall, Fianna Fail did particularly well in Box 9 (mainly Moyglare and Newtown), where they obtained 36% from a low poll. They also did well in Boxes 1 (Beaufield) and 8 (Maynooth Park/Meadowbrook).

Apart from Parklands, Democratic Left also had above-average performances in Boxes 2 (Carton Court/Cluain Aoibhinn), 9 (Moyglare/Newtown) and 11 (Railpark/Rocklands). The latter provide further evidence that rezoning was an important ingredient in support for Catherine Murphy, although the existence of a nest of DL supporters in Railpark has previously been noted in the Maynooth Newsletter's election reports! Both the Green

Party and the PDs got above-average support from the Parklands box; combined with the DL vote, this suggests a strong tendency among residents of this estate to go against the conventional grain in Irish politics. However, one would not wish to exaggerate this: between them, Labour, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael still got two thirds of the vote in this box (compared with over 80% in Maynooth all told). Incidentally, the Parklands box had by far the highest turnout in Maynooth, suggesting a high level of involvement on the part of one of Maynooth's newest housing areas. Easily the lowest turnout came, predictably enough, given the time of year, from Box 3, which embraces Maynooth College.

The above information comes from the tally figures which, as ever, were produced on a cooperative basis by all the political parties under the expert organisation of Charlie McCreedy and his expert associate Kathleen O'Neill, well-known to many Maynooth people. It is not possible to compare with any great accuracy how different parts of Maynooth voted as between 1992 and 1997, as the number of polling boxes increased from nine to 12 and the local areas were redistributed accordingly.

ST MARY'S BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

There was a graduation party held for the boys of sixth class on Tuesday 24th June. They were presented with certificates. We take this opportunity to wish them good luck as they go their separate ways.

Congratulations to the boys who won first prize in each class for the art competition. Each picture will be framed and hung on the walls of the corridors for all to see.

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Junior Infants:	Stephen Sheeran
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First Class:	Stephen Travers
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Third Class:	Paul Clerkin
Third Class:	Matthew Buckley
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SCOIL UÍ RIADA

All's well in Larch Hill

Pupils from Scoil Uí Riada were involved in a unique project during June when their artistic talents were called on to decorate an Arcadian well in Larch Hill gardens. The project, which involved decorating the well with hundreds of sea shells which were collected from Gormanstown Beach, was instigated by the owner of Larch Hill. Michael de Las Casas is currently restoring the gardens and lake to provide a welcome amenity in the Kilcock/Maynooth area.

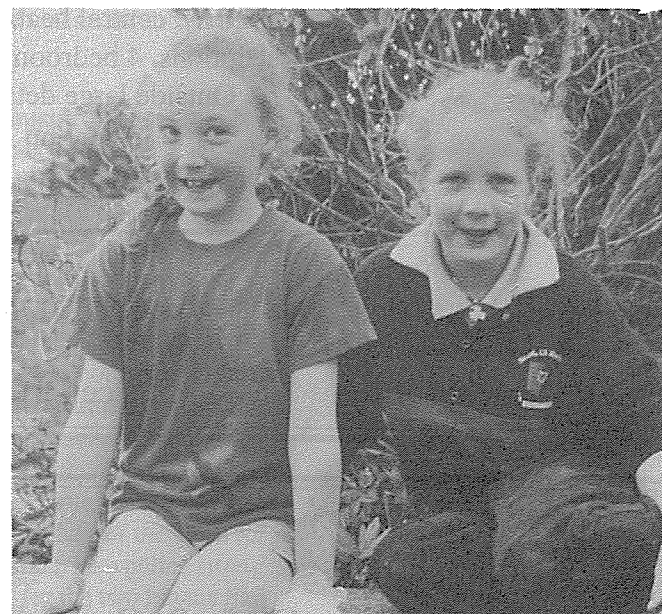
According to Colm O'hAnluain, teacher of 3rd and 4th classes the kids had first to research the project, then collect the shells and finally mix the mortar to hold the shells. Children from Moynalvey National School also took part. You will all have an opportunity to see the kids handiwork when Larch Hill opens to the public. Thanks to Colm O'hAnluain, to Michael de Las Casas for the kind invitation and to Breda Byrne school bus driver who ferried the children there and back safely.

BIRTHDAY BARBECUE

Cairde Scoil Uí Riada organised a barbecue on the 7th of June in the school

grounds to mark the 10th anniversary of the school. The evening was a great success despite the bad weather.

A special birthday cake, designed as a replica of the school, was made specially for the occasion by Caroline and Alan Hartnett. Special thanks were given to a number of founder members of the school who attended. A presentation was made



Carly Mac Cúirte & Áilish Ní Shionnaigh Rang 111, Scoil Uí Riada

to an t-Far Cathaoirleach, Donnchadha de Burca and his wife Margaret, to mark Donnchadha's contribution as former Chairman of the Board of Management.

Farewell to all that

Pupils from Rang A Sé bade farewell to Scoil Uí Riada at an emotional and entertaining concert recently, organised by muinteoir Seosamh O'hEarcáin. The parents were entertained by a selection of traditional music, dancing, singing and storytelling - the Séan O'Riada tradition is alive and well!!! The parents also enjoyed a cheese and wine reception.

Also, in the traditional music vein, a successful end-of-year céilí which was organised by Paddy Joyce and Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann of Enfield took place in the Bridge House, Enfield on 27th June.

Cairde Scoil Uí Riada would like to thank Bobby and Frank Keenan for the use of the premises and all their help.

Formative Fun

Congratulations to the children who won vouchers in the Formative Fun Easter Adventure Competition.

The Board of Management and Public Relations Committee would like to wish all parents, sponsors and supporters an enjoyable summer (if it actually arrives!!)



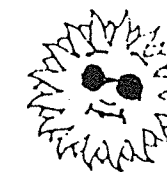
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Please make these changes in your Maynooth 1997 Directory

Leinster leader Listing Page 64 *Delete*

Editor 045 - 897314

Petrina Vousden (Maynooth Contact Leinster Leader)

Include on Page 64 Newspapers and Publications

629 1171

Scoil Ui Riada 6287904 *Should Read*

628 7906

Rockfield Residents Listing Page 110

Change of Secretary to: Miriam Aherne, 8 Rockfield Manor

629 0220

Maynooth School of Speech and Drama Page 88 628 5538 *Should Read*

628 6944

Old Greenfield Residents Listings page 110

Margaret McCarron, 2 Old Greenfield, Maynooth

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HYPNOTHERAPIST Ruth Allen M.I.A.H. *See Ad. page 73*

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Upstairs Downstairs Listing page 42 628 6701 *Should Read*

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Features

Kildare Come of Age in Epic Matches

In forty years time those of us lucky enough to be still around will be reminiscing about the summer of '97 when Kildare and Meath met in three (?) epic matches in Croke Park. So far we have seen two great games of football and the match on July 20th was one of the most enthralling sporting events this writer has had the privilege of attending. Over the two games we have had almost three hours of non stop action, drama and nail biting tension. That these sporting feasts have been served up by amateur players does great credit to Gaelic Games and makes a telling contrast with the much hyped F.A. Premiership where pampered players expect to earn thirty or forty thousand pounds a week.

Whatever the final outcome, and who but a fool would predict the result of the second replay, Kildare have laid to rest some of the ghosts that have haunted the county teams for the last twenty years or more. This Kildare team is a very good football team. Level of skill running from goalkeeper through to corner forward. At times it has displayed tremendous team-work, first in evidence against Laois, but much more impressively when the chips were down against Meath. And finally, there is an iron confidence which no Kildare side in the last three decades has managed to preserve when the stakes have been highest.

Having said all that it is also true to say, in the words of Eamonn Dunphy, this is a good team, not a great team. At least not yet. On the field, man for man, they are more than a match for any 15 Meath have so far fielded. Davy Dalton, Glen Ryan, Niall Buckley, Eddie McCormack and Declan Kerrigan have performed at a level matched by few of the Meath players. There are no longer any obvious weaknesses among the first 15. And yet despite the majority of possession, better team-work and substantial leads in both matches, they have failed to put Meath away.

In the first match Kildare led Meath 1-5 to 0-5 at half time. Kildare were playing very well and Meath very badly. A great Kildare team would have led by seven or eight points at that stage and would have been good enough to see off a stuttering Meath come-back.

In the replay Kildare gained almost total dominance during periods in the second half. Willie McCreery won a fantastic amount of possession in midfield but, with ample opportunities, the forwards kicked 11 wides and left the door ajar for a Meath come-back. Again, Kildare led 3-16 to 2-13 in extra time although Meath's eventual come-back inspired by Jody Devine would have defied the most resilient of teams.

What all of this tends to suggest is that while Kildare cannot yet be described as a great team, Meath are certainly no world beaters. What Meath have going for them is that they seem impossible to beat. In their last five big matches at Croke Park - Mayo twice, Dublin, Kildare twice - they have,

on balance, been outplayed in most of them. But what may give Kildare hope is that Meath lack some of the inspirational forward play that won them some big matches in the years 1987 - 91. They do not have a finisher of the calibre of Bernard Flynn, for example There is a high and the full forward line in this team is much more work manlike than the famous O'Rourke - Stafford-Flynn combination. Starved of possession the current Meath forwards do not inspire the same confidence that they can steal games that might otherwise be lost. "Divine" inspiration got Meath a draw on July 20th but it must be doubtful if Meath can continue to defy the odds.

Kildare will win on August 3rd if they maintain the level of team-work and absolute commitment displayed in the two matches so far. But they must also take their chances and kick far less than the 19 wides kicked in the first replay. Meath can only win if Kildare disimprove or Meath find something extra, over and above what has been evident in their performances to date. Whichever team wins, the games we have witnessed this summer will live long in the memory. It has been a privilege, and for Kildare, glory may lie ahead.

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The Zoo Story by Edward Albee

Another lunchtime theatre presentation will occur in August when Crooked House presents Albee's compelling one-act play in The Blue Room, VTOS, George's Street, Newbridge.

This is the story of what happens to a nice, respectable, middle-aged man who is sitting on a park bench in New York one Sunday. He is confronted by a young, aggressive and fascinating fellow New Yorker who succeeds in capturing the older man's attention by telling him bizarre and horrifying tales from his own experience.

A relationship grows between the men, culminating in a profound challenge to the older one's beliefs and values. It all ends with darkness and tragedy and leaves the audience feeling slightly perturbed and moved.

The Zoo Story is not to be missed. It begins on Tuesday 19th August at 1.00pm and ends on Saturday 23rd. The play is directed by Peter Hussey and features Darren Donohue and Hugh McGinley.

AUDITIONS FOR THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

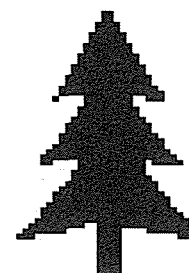
Anyone interested in taking part in Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice is invited to turn up in The Blue Room, VTOS, Newbridge on Monday 25th August at 8.00pm. You do not need to have had any prior experience of acting or stage-work. Auditions are open to anyone. They will take the form of a general workshop with improvisation and theatre games-the emphasis will be on fun and craic. Lots of men are needed for this one.

The Merchant of Venice will be staged for a week in late October /early November.

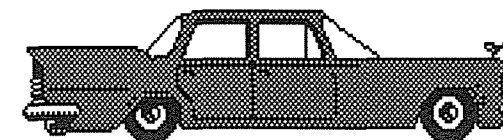
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150 YEARS OLD MAYNOOTH RAILWAY STATION 1847-1997

The Freemans Journal on 26th June 1847 carried the following advertisement.

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This line will be OPENED on
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with the Royal Canal to Mullingar and
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Enfield.

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3.15 p.m. and arrive at Enfield for
10 a.m and 7 p.m. trains.

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By Order

HENRY BEAUSIRE, Secretary
23 College Green, Dublin
23rd June, 1847.

There were 4 passenger classes until
1865 and 3 classes until 1914. The
fares were 1st. 2/6,

2nd 2/-, 3rd. 1/3, 4th. 10d. A horse's
fare was 5/-. The time taken to travel
from Dublin to Maynooth was much
the same as it is now.

This advertisement had been eagerly
awaited. Before that, the Royal Canal
was the only way to convey a large
number of passengers through
Maynooth. The Royal Canal Company
began its passenger service on 2nd
December 1796 between Dublin and
Kilcock. The only stop on the journey
was at Leixlip. In 1799, the boat began
to call at Maynooth. In 1999, the
bicentenary should form part of
Maynooth Festival.

The Midland Great Western Co.
bought the Royal Canal in 1845 for a
third of its original cost. The plan was
for a main line from Dublin to
Mullingar with later extensions to
Athlone and Galway. This provided
for a main track right across the heart
of Ireland from east to west. The first
35 miles of the route to Mullingar
follows very closely that of the Royal
Canal. By following the course of the
Canal, it got the land cheaply and
construction was easy. No major
earthworks were required and many
stretches of the line were level. The
contract to build the railway as far as
Enfield was awarded to Messrs Jeffs. It
cost £70,000 for the 26 miles of track.
The first sod was cut on 8th June 1846
and the first 26 miles as far as Enfield
completed in the remarkably short time
of 10 months. The opening of this
section of the line took place on 28th
June 1847. The stations on the line
were Blanchardstown, Clonsilla,
Lucan, Leixlip, Maynooth, Kilcock and
Enfield. In Dublin, the Midland
terminus at Broadstone was built in
1850. The principal sheds, workshops
and the headquarters of the line were
there. Practically every engine had its
own name. The names were carried on
brass plates. One train bore the
Maynooth name plate.

Freemans Journal 29th June 1847

Yesterday, the above line of railway
was opened for public traffic as far as
Enfield. The first engine that started
was the Dunsandle, and altogether,
four trains left the terminus at

Broadstone during the day. The
carriages, particularly the first and
second class, are got up in a very
superior style. In some of the first class
carriages, there are beds fitted up,
something after the fashion of berths in
steam packets, and there are other
carriages for the exclusive use of ladies
when they travel alone, and do not
wish to enter mixed trains. The usual
formalities were observed on the
occasion of opening the line and the
trains went alight under the
superintendence of Mr. Deurance the
head inspector of the locomotive
department. Although the machinery
was necessarily "stiff", it being the first
time the engines were used, every thing
passed off with the utmost success and
to the satisfaction of all parties
concerned.

In Dublin, in order to gain access to the
docks, the Liffey branch line was
constructed and opened in 1864. This
followed the course of the Royal Canal
around the Northern edge of the city.
All the Dublin freight traffic of the
Midlands was then handled at North
Wall goods depot. The cattle traffic
continued to use the special depot at
Broadstone. In 1937, passenger
services were brought as far as Amiens
Street and Westland Row, now known
as Connolly and Pearse. Extensions
westwards were as follows - Galway
(1851); Longford (1855); Sligo (1862);
Westport (1866); Ballina (1873);
Kilalla (1893-1934); Achill (1895-
1937); Clifden (1895-1935).

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5. Never pour water over a chip pan which has caught alight or carry the pan outside. Turn off the cooker. Soak a towel/teatowel in water and place it over the chip pan.
6. Wash new dark coloured towels separately for at least 6 washes as the colour is apt to run into other washing.

MAYNOOTH PEOPLE TO WALK IN THE BURREN FOR M.S.

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Now is the time to do a bit of walking each day in preparation for a great weekend. Not alone will you be getting fitter but you will be helping a good cause. The program of research into Multiple Sclerosis needs more money urgently to continue research into the disease.

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Contact Helen (6287572), Winnie (6285656), Breege (6284135)

POEM JUNE 1946 - 1997

The poet Doricia Cee awaited the Leaving Cert. results in 1946 just as so many of our 17 year olds wait this month for the 1997 results. We wish each of them the very best where ever the future may take them. In 50 years time they too will have "Another June Full of memories".

June 1946

Am anxious seventeen years old
She sat in the sun
On a step beside her mother.
Sun still in the east
Lavender at her feet
and rosemary too.
Another place, another step.
Lemon balm brushed her shoulders
and touched her face.
Toast and marmalade
Tea just cold
Leaving Cert prose on her knee
Pale blue cups.

June 1997

Sun from the east,
Another June
Full of memories.
Eyes full of the now.
Green leaves, greener.
Night of rain.

Pale hostas tremble
Slugs have called again.
Again, the slugs have called - again.
All so still, so still.
The silence of the hill
Friendly calves nuzzle the paling.
Paint peeling off yard door,
Weeds.
Utter peace
Now.

CELBRIDGE ABBEY

The Festival of Art will be held on Sunday the 3rd and Monday 4th of August, 1997, in the Celbridge Abbey Grounds.

There will be an Exhibition and Sale of Work by some of the finest local artists, Thomas the Tank Engine and a Bouncing Castle will entertain the children.

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MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

The proceeds of our Annual walk in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens were handed over to the Senior Citizens Committee at a function in Caulfields which was held on July 17th.

A record sum of £1,851.50 was raised this year and a cheque for that amount was presented by Cllr. John McGinley to the Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Committee Josie Moore.

We would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their continued support.

Bond Bridge

The County Manager and County Engineer attended the area committee meeting on 11th June to try to finalise this long outstanding problem. Unfortunately, it was not possible to resolve the problem at this meeting and a special meeting will be held on 31st July in an attempt to reach consensus.

New Public Lights for Pound Park

Following consultation with local residents, Cllr. John McGinley has agreed the location of the three new public lights with the E.S.B. The additional lighting follows from a request by Emmet Stagg T.D. and will enhance the area and make it safer.

Carton Avenue

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for consideration by the full council:

“That this Council leases Carton Avenue, Maynooth, to the Maynooth Community Council in order to ensure that the grass is cut and the Avenue is maintained”.

The Motion, if agreed, will overcome the difficulties that the Tidy Towns Committee has encountered in maintaining the Avenue.

Meadowbrook - Enforcement Notice

Emmet Stagg T.D. has been advised by Kildare Co. Council that an Enforcement notice is to issue to the developer of Meadowbrook. The notice is the first step in forcing the developer to complete the estate to the standards as laid down in the Planning Permission.

Straffan Road

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the next Celbridge Area Committee meeting:

“That this Council arranges for the clean-up of the disgraceful mess resulting from the landscaping carried out as part of the upgrading of Straffan Road, Maynooth”.

The weeds and thistles are now higher than the shrubs. There isn't much point in the Council spending large amounts of tax payers money on landscaping and shrub and

tree planting if they don't maintain them afterwards. When Cllr. John McGinley made this comment at the last area meeting in relation to the new linear park in Leixlip the County Manager gave an assurance that the park would be maintained. The same policy should also apply to the Straffan Road and other areas throughout the County that have been landscaped by the Council.

'Aerial' Litter

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for consideration by the area Committee:

“That this Council enforces the litter laws against those who put “Houses for Sale” or other illegal signs on utility poles in Maynooth and other towns”.

These signs are litter and they are cheapening our area. The amount of them erected on poles on the Straffan Road would have the opposite effect to that intended - it would not encourage people to live here.

Doctors Lane

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the area Committee
“That Doctors Lane be closed off at the Dublin Road end this year, as agreed in the Maynooth Town Improvement Plan”.

Doctors Lane is presently being used as a rat run to avoid the traffic lights on Main Street. It is now extremely dangerous for pedestrians. With pedestrians exiting from the new car park and the Library onto Doctors Lane, it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.

Maynooth Boys National School

Following representations to the Minister for Education, Emmet Stagg T.D. has been advised that the Department have now approved a grant towards the cost of improvement works at Maynooth Boys National School. The works include the re-surfacing of the play area in the school.

Maynooth/Barberstown Road

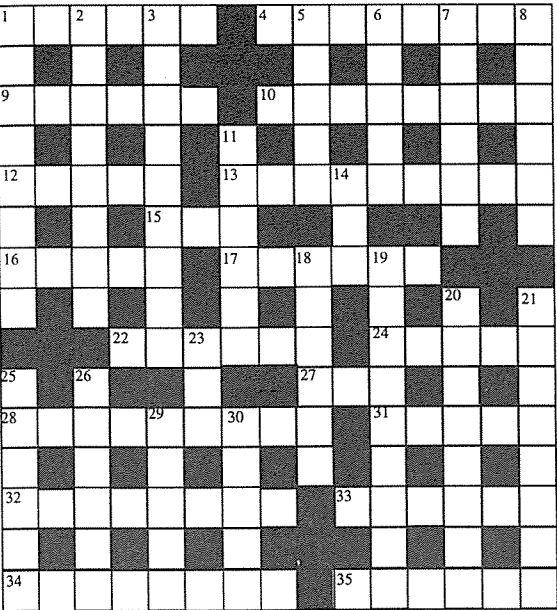
The County Engineer and County Manager have been requested by Cllr. John McGinley to give the Maynooth/ Barberstown Road number 1 priority for non-national road grants.

Realignment of the road is needed in a number of critical areas and the amount of traffic now using it warrants significant expenditure. Improving the road would also help alleviate the problems in Celbridge Main Street as Clane traffic would use the Barberstown Road to the motorway instead.

Footpath O'Neill Park

Following further representations from residents, Emmet Stagg T.D. has asked the Co. Engineer to repair the footpath outside no's 545 and 546 O'Neill Park.

Crossword No. 117



Entries before 15th August

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Across:

- 1. Mountain guide (6)
- 4. Con artist (8)
- 9. Conqueror (6)
- 10. Chimps (8)
- 12. French river (5)
- 13. Alias (9)
- 15. Cover (3)
- 16. Implicit (5)
- 17. Embrace (6)
- 22. Cot for a tot (6)
- 24. Droop loop? (5)
- 27. Piece of turf (3)
- 28. Criminal (9)
- 31. Brown dye (5)
- 32. Musical (8)
- 33. Captain Flint? (6)
- 34. Poet (8)
- 35. Copper (6)

Down:

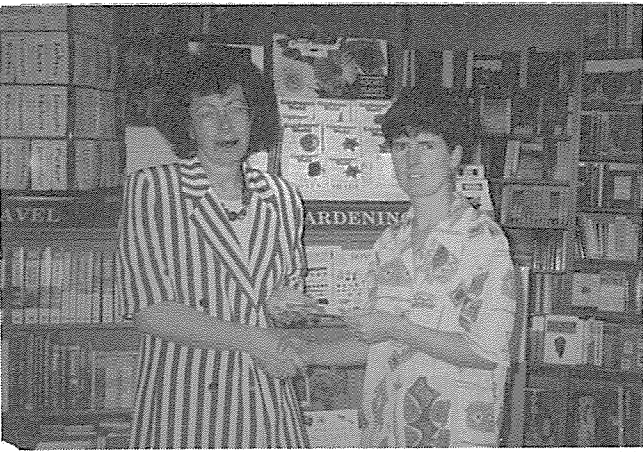
- 1. Harshness (8)
- 2. Intrude (8)
- 3. Transmitter (9)
- 5. Bad, comparatively (5)
- 6. Wanderer (5)

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- 7. Dormant (6)
- 8. Continue (6)
- 11. Add (6)
- 14. Flying saucer? (3)
- 18. Party of Spain (6)
- 19. Scenery (9)
- 20. Punishment for a soldier? (8)
- 21. Drinks container (8)
- 23. Mimic (3)
- 25. Bring in (6)
- 26. In the rear (6)
- 29. Primed (5)
- 30. Pal (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 116.

Across: 1. Desire; 4. Abattoir; 9. Trench; 10. Astounds; 12. Strap; 13. Consented; 15. Tea; 16. Ennui; 17. Missal; 22. Incite; 24. Crawl; 27. Ash; 28. Excrement; 31. Inter; 32. Imagined; 33. Neuron; 34. Militate; 35. Strait.

Down: 1. Detested; 2. Swearing; 3. Reception; 5. Bison; 6. Those; 7. Ornate; 8. Reside; 11. Scampi; 14. S.O.S; 18. Sheath; 19. Architect; 20. Bacteria; 21. Clarinet; 23. Cam; 25. Medium; 26. Scrawl; 29. Evict; 30. Exert.

Winner of Crossword No. 116 :
Thomas Nelson, Killeaney, Maynooth

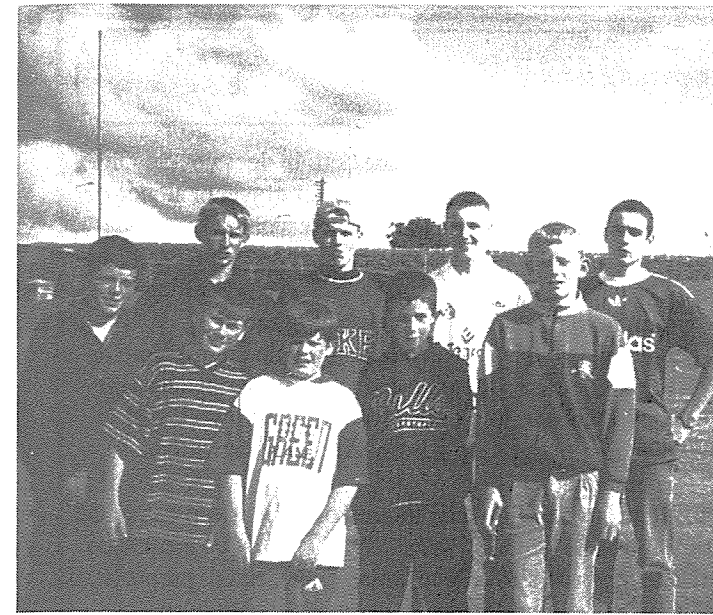
Festival Fun



2nd - McGinley Team - Treasure Hunt



Cú Glas Warrior



Junior Winners in Festival Tug-O-War



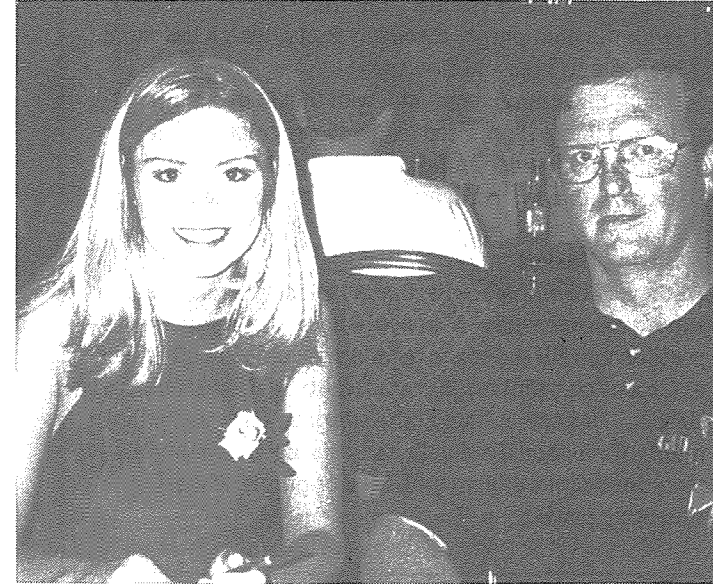
Maynooth Team who were runners up in the Tom Flood Memorial Cup during Festival Week



Flat seat in the town was a great idea. One can just watch the world go by, see whats going on at the Festival



Celtic wedding taking place in the Harbour Field during Festival week, re-enactment group Cú Glas



Miss Ireland, Niamh Redmond and Henry Carthy, The Roost, at Mr. Wonderful Competition



Tug-O-War runners up during Festival Week



Catherine Maher Dancers at the Glenroyal Hotel during Festival week



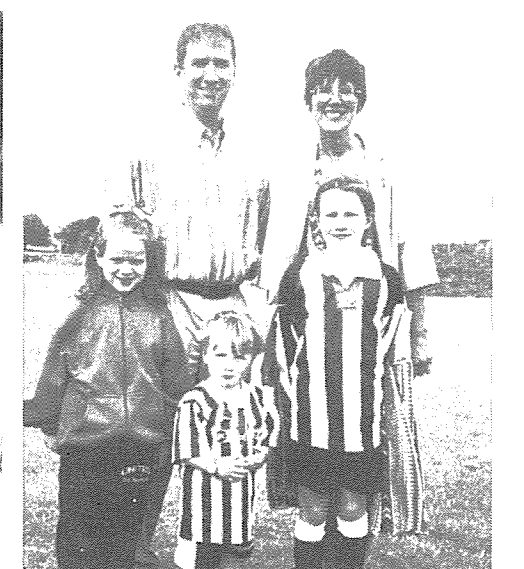
Cú Glas in battle gear in the Harbour Field



Winner, Mr. Wonderful John O'Brien



Enjoying the Strawberry Fair



Rita Doyle, with husband and family, daughter Eimear Flynn plays football with the Maynooth team

Gardening Hints

Herbs for the patio

Most herbs are naturally compact, scented and drought-tolerant and they do well in the warmth and shelter of a patio. Being near the house makes them convenient for picking. Very compact herbs, such as parsley, thyme, coloured-leaved sages and the various basil, are particularly suitable for hanging baskets, while mints, scented-leaved pelargoniums (some of which are good for cooking), chives, French tarragon and nasturtium or calendula marigold (both of which have edible petals) will grow in containers. Trimmed bay trees or a large group of small-leaved sweet basil make good specimen plants in large pots to stand on either side of a door. You can grow herbs in raised beds and the very drought-tolerant varieties, such as creeping thymes, will grow in gaps made where paving slabs have been removed. They do not mind being trodden on occasionally and when they are bruised, they release wonderful herbal scents. Naturally you cannot use chemicals to keep the patio weeded once the cracks are planted with herbs; hand weeding with an old dinner fork or a daisy grubber is the safest answer.

Thyme, sage and verbenas

Variegated and coloured-leaved herbs make attractive additions to baskets and wall planters. They often perform better than more conventional basket plants in hot, dry summers, thriving in the well-drained conditions and not minding the occasional missed watering. They also smell good, so hang them where people can gently rub the foliage and release the aromatic oils. In general, variegated herbs are not as strongly flavoured as plain-leaved species, but their foliage is useful for garnishing dishes and drinks. If you are growing herbs in a basket for the kitchen, you could plant a combination of good culinary types along with more decorative varieties and add a few edible flowers, such as nasturtium, *Calendula* (pot marigold) and *viola* for extra colour. Herbs add significantly to the range of foliage plants that you can use in baskets. For baskets in full sun, try sages, such as the all-purple *Salvia officinalis* 'Purpurascens', the pretty pink, white and purple variegated S.o. 'Tricolour' or the yellow-variegated S.o. 'Icterina'. Creeping thymes are useful all year round for covering the sides of baskets-plant bushier more upright types in the top. There are many golden and variegated varieties to choose from and you will find them in both the herb and alpine sections of garden centres. For baskets in shade, try using one of the variegated mints, golden marjoram or the feathery leaved golden feverfew.

1. Terracotta wall pots in sunny positions lose moisture rapidly, so always line them with plastic before planting. Cut a hole in it for drainage.

2. To ensure that the hole at the bottom does not clog up with potting mixture, add a layer of gravel or stone chippings before filling the planter with soil.
3. For a seasonal mixture of herbs and bedding plants, use a peat based multi-purpose potting mix. For longer-term herb plantings, choose a soil-based mix.
4. Plant the gold-variegated lemon thyme in the centre of the wall pot to soften the edge. Add a variegated sage behind and slightly to one side. The sage will need pinching out to keep it bushy and in scale with the container.
5. Plant a white-flowered trailing or upright verbenas in the centre and another variegated sage to match the one on the opposite side. Deep cerise-pink, scarlet, purple or golden-yellow flowers would work equally well.
6. Fill the gaps at each end with more verbenas. Most trailing types will need cutting back now and then to keep them under control. This may not be necessary with the blue-purple cascade variety, which has more delicate foliage and flower.
7. Hang the arrangement on a wall that is in sun for at least half the day. Feed and water regularly. Keep a watch for powdery mildew on the verbenas and spray them with a systemic fungicide at the first sign.

A Spring Basket

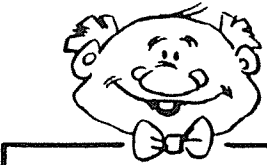
At the end of summer, dismantle the basket, removing the salvias and verbenas. You could leave the thyme in position and fill the space behind with crocus bulbs, such as *Crocus chrysanthus* 'Cream Beauty' or 'Zwanenburg Bronze', or gentian blue *Scilla sibirica*. Pack the bulbs in tightly for a good display in early spring, or remove all the plants and replace them with blue or purple winter-flowering pansies.

Checklist:

- Stop feeding roses, and shrubs in containers, as it'll encourage soft growth that will be prone to frost damage.
- Complete summer-pruning of wisterias.
- Propagate rhododendrons by layering.
- Finish trimming conifer and evergreen shrub hedges.
- Start preparing ground for seeding new lawns next month.
- Pot hyacinths for Christmas flowering indoors.
- Prune summer-fruiting raspberries, taking out fruited canes and tying in new ones 10cm (4in) apart.
- Prop up heavily laden branches of fruit trees.
- Prune side shoots on gooseberry cordons to within 1 in of the old wood.
- Cut and dry herbs for winter.
- Earth up or wrap blanching varieties of celery.
- Lift, dry and store onions and garlic.

Children's Corner

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU FIND TO RHYME WITH FACE?



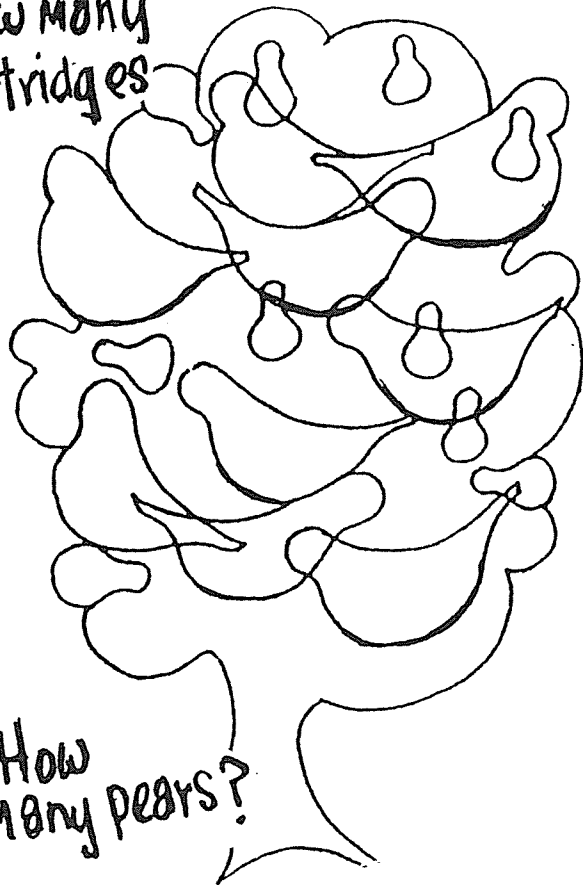
WRITE THEM IN THE SPACE BELOW

Empty box for writing words that rhyme with FACE.



A SMALL PICTURE OF A GIANT TO COLOUR.

How many Partridges



How many pears?

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2 nd Prize Elaine Houlihan Cowanstown Maynooth	2 nd Prize Patrick Mooney Toolestown Maynooth
3 rd Prize Maria McAuliffe 562 O'Neill Park Maynooth	3 rd Prize Lisa Nolan 20 Maynooth Park Maynooth



L-R: Team Manager Tony McMahon and Team Members Gary McMahon and Stephen Healy with Rob Meharg Managing Director of Value Tile.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Maynooth town's under 13's schoolboy soccer team have secured sponsorship for the coming season from Rob Meharg Managing Director of Value Tile.

Maynooth Shopping Centre Presented Team Manager Tony McMahon with his side's kit for the 1997/8 season.

Also pictured are team members Gary McMahon and Stephen Healy. All Maynooth Town sides will shortly be back in training for the new season.

All Junior game sides (8,9,10 year olds) will train in the harbour field from Tuesday next at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in playing football with Maynooth can turn up on Tuesday night to register for further information on all teams contact Gerry Folan on 6286994.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Weekly Members Lotto Results

29/6/97	5, 20, 30	£400	O.Murphy	K.Donavan	P.Moran	R. Behan	C. O'Brien
06/07/97	9, 10, 17	£425	D. Doogan	L.O'Brien	B. Mee	E. Sheirdan	J. Doogan
13/07/97	9,10, 27	£450	R. Hayes	N. Donovan	N.Dempsey	D. Moran	M. Maguire
20/07/97	12, 14, 22	£475	S. Kennedy	R. Behan	E. Nolan	A. Higgins	M. Nolan

Lotto Draw takes place in Caulfields Lounge every Sunday night. Thank you for your support. All Maynooth Town sides are back in training for the coming season.

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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Pre-season training has now commenced and players should be in top shape before the new season starts in a few weeks time. With several weeks training now under their belts, players should have shed the extra poundage which accumulates during the off-season. Trainer, Frank McCarrick, will ensure that superior fitness will be a major factor in our quest for honours during season 1997/98.

Meanwhile, our Ladies team have been blazing away on two fronts with great success during their season. Notable results to date have seen the scalp of top North-East Side Bailieboro Celtic being captured in the F.A.I. Ladies Cup. The next round sees Maynooth pitted against Co. Carlow Braun Utd.

Other results to date:

Dublin Womens League Prem. Div B.

Maynooth Town 4

St. Brendans 1

Maynooth Town went a goal behind in the 18th minute, but they responded quickly to get on terms four minutes later. Geraldine Breslin scored from close range when an Antoinette Mooney cross caused confusion in the "Saints" defence. Emma Kilduff put Maynooth in front and this helped the home side to settle and play their usual free flowing game. Maebh Flood put Maynooth further in front with a low shot to the corner of the net. Emma Kilduff scored Maynooth's fourth to see Maynooth run out comfortable winners. Best for Maynooth: Antoinette Mooney, Maebh Flood and Emma Kilduff.

Maynooth Town 5

Griffeen Valley 0

Lucan rivals Griffeen Valley were no match for a rampant Maynooth side who handed out a right thrashing in an easy victory. Maynooth's all round strong strength proved too much for their rivals, who were well beaten at the final whistle. Having title aspirations of their own, this defeat is a real dent in their hopes. Emma Kilduff opened Maynooth's healthy account with a superb volley from 40 yds. Fionnuala Heaney increased Maynooth's lead when the keeper failed to hold her shot and she was on hand to tap home the loose ball. Leanne Hughes scored Maynooths third following good work by Fionnuala Heaney. Griffeen Valley were being overrun and Maynooth went further in front when Leanne Hughes created the opening for Emma Kilduff to score. Maynooth closed the scoring with a minute to play when Leanne Hughes got her second.

Best for Maynooth: Ginny Breslin, Emma Kilduff, Fionnuala Heaney, Brid Ann O'Shea, Irene Kearney and Leanne Hughes.

Liffey Celtic 0

Maynooth Town 0

Maynooth were glad to take a point from this game after a heroic defensive display. Maynooth's defence proved their quality with a display of guts and bravery beyond the call of duty. The back four of Irene Kearney, Ginny Breslin, Brid Ann O'Shea and Emer Coughlan were outstanding throughout and keeper Paula O'Shea was equally impressive with a number of top class saves.

Emma Kilduff was commanding the midfield area and snuffing out many of the Celtic threats. Just on the stroke of full time, Maynooth hearts stopped when a powerful drive by Liffey's Orla Woods was destined for the corner of the net but keeper Paula O'Shea flung herself across goal to bring off a wonderful fingertip save to share the points.

This game came only 24 hours after their hard Cup game against Bailieboro Celtic and speaks volumes for the fitness and commitment of the side. All were heroines with Paula O'Shea receiving the greatest praise for her wonderful last minute save.

Maynooth Town 1

R.S.L.F.C. 0

Maynooth gained revenge for an earlier defeat by the same opposition and consolidated their position at the top of the table. Maynooth had to dig deep to take the three points and it took a number of good individual performances to achieve a narrow victory. Emma Kilduff was once again in top form and it was fitting she should be involved in the winner.

Fionnuala Heaney swung a corner into the danger area, where Emma Kilduff smashed a powerful header off the crossbar and Marie Grehan reacted quickest to hit the rebound to the net. R.S.L.F.C. pressed hard for an equaliser, but Brid Ann O'Shea and Ginny Breslin were in excellent form at the heart of Maynooth's defence and gave little away.

Best for Maynooth:

Ginny Breslin, Irene Kearney, Brid Ann O'Shea and Emma

B.W.G. FOODS PRESENT JERSEY'S TO THE GLENROYAL FOOTBALL TEAM

Presentation of one of the Jersey's which was kindly sponsored by Joe O'Sullivan sales manager of B.W.G. Foods to Helen Courtney General Manager and Enda Creegan Assistant Manager of the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Club.

The Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Club would like to convey their feelings of gratitude and their appreciation to B.W.G. Foods.

The Glenroyal Football Team were runners up in the Community Festival Guinness 7-a-Side Soccer.



Lto R: Joe O'Sullivan, Helen Courtney and Enda Creegan.

Sports

Ladies F.A.I. Cup Maynooth Town 2

Bailieboro Celtic 0

This was a wonderful game between two excellent footballing sides who gave everything in their quest for victory. That Maynooth had the greater all round strength in depth will be a major factor in their campaign for Cup and League glory. This was the game in which Emma Kilduff emphasised her growing reputation with another top class performance. Her pairing with Antoinette Mooney, in the engine room of Maynooth's midfield, must rank as the best combination in any of the Ladies Divisions. It is now only a matter of time before this skilful duo receive recognition with international trials. Bailieboro are one of the best sides Maynooth have met in a number of seasons and was the ideal stage for Maynooth to display their vast repertoire of talents. Emma Kilduff put Maynooth in front in the first half with a typical piece of trickery. Taking the ball down expertly and turning to shoot to the net through a ruck of players. This looked to be the only goal of the game, but with time running out and Bailieboro searching for an equaliser, Antoinette Mooney found Emma Kilduff in space with a superb crossfield pass and the latter made no mistake, with an angled shot across the penalty area to the net. Apart from Emma Kilduff, others to shine for Maynooth were Antoinette Mooney, Fionnuala Heaney, Brid Ann O'Shea, Irene Keaney, Leah Newman and Ginny Breslin.

The club received a number of boosts recently, with players being honoured at different levels. Martin Byrne, Donncha McCarrick and Niall Naughton being selected for the L.F.L. youths representative League panel for an inter League competition.

Congratulations to Salesian College, Celbridge, on their great showing in the Schools World Cup in Peru. Our club was strongly represented on the panel with Donncha McCarrick, Niall Naughton, Alan Nugent, Damian Doyle and Jay Miley being either current or past players. Winning the coveted Fair Play award was just reward for their efforts. Mentor, Robbie Moran also represented this club in the past and well done to him also and his fellow mentor, Paddy McGovern.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Twelve teams from the two sixth classes in the Girls National School, Maynooth, battled it out for the plaque in the 1997 School Basketball Tournament.

The Final match was played by:

Team 1:

Elaine MacNamara
Niamh Byrne
Róisín Lally
Michelle Mc Govern
Aoife O'Brien

Team 2:

Cheryl Naughton
Gráinne McManus
Edel Fay
Sarah Baxter
Deirdre McCann
(Subbed by Eimear Quinn)

Team 1 was victorious. It was an exciting match refereed brilliantly by Emma Flemming.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

U. 14 FOOTBALL LEAGUE 6/6/97

Rathangan 3-9 Maynooth 3-6 Maynooth lost their unbeaten run in the U.14 League at Rathangan when they were narrowly beaten by the home side in an exciting contest. They got off to a perfect start with a goal by Patrick O'Rourke after four minutes. But a knee injury to midfielder, Pierre Ennis, a minute later disrupted their rhythm. He was forced to move in to full forward after ten minutes, and for the remainder of the half. Rathangan started to dominate around midfield. However, some great defensive work by Joseph Brennan and Graham Quinn kept Maynooth in the game. Midway through the half, Pierre Ennis scored Maynooth's second goal, but a goal and a succession of well taken points left Rathangan leading 1-6 to 2-2 at half time. After ten minutes of the restart, Maynooth found themselves nine points behind after conceding two goals and a couple of points. However, they didn't throw in the towel and inspired by Peter Sheehan, Cillian Carr, Patrick O'Rourke and Morgan Sweeney, they started to come more in to the game. Points by Patrick O'Rourke, Pierre Ennis, Alan Baxter and a great goal by Morgan Sweeney brought Maynooth to within three points of Rathangan. They kept battling to the finish, but the woodwork and some good goal keeping denied them further scores.

Teams and Scorers: Aidan Molloy, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tadgh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan, Brian Downey, Cillian Carr, Pierre Ennis (1-2), Donal Houlihan, Patrick O'Rourke (1-2), Morgan Sweeney (1-1), Fergal Molloy, Alan Baxter (0-1), Fintan O'Donoghue.

Subs: Paul Broughan and Joseph McLoughlin.

U.14 FOOTBALL LEAGUE 20/6/97

Maynooth 5-13 Milltown-Allen 2-3
In what was easily their best display of the League, Maynooth scored a very comprehensive win over a highly rated Milltown side at a wet and windy Maynooth. With Cillian Carr and Pierre Ennis taking control at midfield from the throw in, the Maynooth forwards tore the Milltown defence to shreds with some neat inter passing and good accurate kicking. Maynooth had a match winner in right half forward, Donal Houlihan, who scored two goals and four long range points from play, and generally caused panic in the Milltown defence. He was well supported by Patrick O'Rourke, Alan Baxter, Dermot Canning and David Comerford. It took Milltown ten minutes to cross the half way line, but when they did, they found the Maynooth defence and full back Graham Quinn in particular in tremendous form. Joseph Brennan and Stephen Curran had the measure of the corner forwards, while the half back line of Tadgh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan and Eric Roberts did everything that was asked of them. Goalkeeper Fergus Deveraux made one good save but generally had a quiet evening.

Scorers: Donal Houlihan (2-4), Pierre Ennis (2-2), Alan Baxter (1-1), Patrick O'Rourke (0-3), Dermot Canning (0-1), Cillian Carr (0-1), David Comerford (0-1).

U.14 FOOTBALL LEAGUE 23/6/97

Maynooth 3-19 St. Cocos. 3-6
Maynooth had a rather easy win over a disappointing St. Cocos side in perfect conditions at Maynooth G.A.A. grounds. St. Cocos got off to a perfect start with a goal from a penalty in the first minute. They dominated the early part of the game with a strong midfield partnership putting the Maynooth backs under pressure. However, as the half wore on, Maynooth came more in to the game with Pierre Ennis and Cillian Carr starting to get to grips with their midfield opponents. Goals from Alan Baxter, Donal Houlihan and Dermot Canning as well as a succession of points left Maynooth comfortably ahead at half time. In the second half, St. Cocos faded as Maynooth scored points at will to run out easy winners. Dermot Canning with a goal and six points was Maynooth's man of the match.

Team and Scorers: Alan Sweeney, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Tadgh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan, Eric Roberts, Cillian Carr (0-1), Pierre Ennis (0-5), Donal Houlihan (1-2), Patrick O'Rourke (0-1), Dermot Canning (1-6), David Comerford, Alan Baxter (1-3), Morgan Sweeney (0-1).

Subs: Fergus Deveraux, Fintan O'Donoghue, Colin O'Neill.

U.14 FOOTBALL LEAGUE 27/6/97

Ballyteague 2-6 Maynooth 1-7
Having led for fifty six minutes of the match, Maynooth were unlucky to lose to a late Ballyteague goal in this top of the table clash in Ballyteague. The home side were unbeaten going in to this match while Maynooth had dropped two points to Rathangan. Maynooth were the more determined side for most of a thrilling match with Dermot Canning, giving them the lead with the first point of the game.

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Full forward Morgan Sweeney, who roamed all over the field in search of possession, added a goal and a point to give Maynooth a five point lead. Ballyteague replied with three points before half time, but they were cancelled out by Donal Houlihan with two points and Patrick O'Rourke with one. Leading by 1-5 to 0-3 at half time, Maynooth were rocked back in the first minute of the second half when Ballyteague had the ball in the net. It was end to end stuff for the remainder of the half with Maynooth goalkeeper Alan Baxter performing heroics to keep out goal bound shots. Patrick O'Rourke kept Maynooth in the game with two second half points and was unlucky when a goal bound shot hit the cross bar and was cleared to safety. They were leading by two points with four minutes remaining until Ballyteague struck for a late goal and a point. This was a good all round performance by Maynooth, despite having to field without several regular players.

Teams and Scorers: Alan Baxter, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Michael Quinn, Tadgh O'Corcora, Peter Sheehan, Colin O'Neill, Cillian Carr, Pierre Ennis, Donal Houlihan (0-2), Patrick O'Rourke (0-3), Dermot Canning (0-1), Fintan O'Donoghue, Morgan Sweeney (1-1), Joseph McLoughlin.

Subs: Paul Broughan.

MAYNOOTH LADIES G.A.A. NOTES

On Sunday July 13th, Maynooth played Carbury in the County Championship, 1st Round.

Result: Maynooth 1-12 Carbury 2-1

Maynooth took the field without the services of Captain "Anto" Mooney, who is injured. Things looked ominous at the start with a goal from Carbury in the opening minutes. Maynooth Captain Tricia Purcell rallied her team and with fine passing and support play Maynooth gradually stamped their mark of superiority on the game.

Emma Kilduff opened the scoring for Maynooth with a point in the 10th minute. Keeping their shape and controlling the game Maynooth forwards put over points from Maeve Flood, (who did a great job replacing "Anto" in mid-field). Tricia Purcell, Josephine Byrne and Noelle Fitzpatrick also scored, leaving the half-time score Maynooth 0-5 Carbury 1-0. Following the restart, Emma Kilduff, who was in great form, scored in the 39th and 42nd minutes. Joe Byrne beat the keeper in the 49th minute to put Maynooth's first goal of the season on the score sheet. Emma Kilduff followed this with 3 more points, and had near misses with two more. Ginny Breslin playing on the right wing, had a great shot at goal. However, the ball just squeaked passed the post, wide. Just 10 minutes from the end, Carbury put another goal past Paula O'Shea, who up to that had done a great job parrying and saving four attempts on her goal. Carbury scored another point 2 minutes later. With 7 minutes to go Ginny Breslin finally got her name on the sheet with a fine point from the right. Maeve Flood completed the scoring with a further point in the final minutes.

Next match in the Championship will take place on Monday the 21st July in Ballykelly when Maynooth meet Grange in the County semi-final.

Team: Paula O'Shea, Sinead Tolan, AnnMarie Farrell, Laura Kearney, Pamela Byrne, Irene Kearney, Maeve Flood, Tricia Purcell (Captain), Ginny Breslin, Josephine Byrne, Emma Kilduff, Jackie Kinsella, Bríd Ann O'Shea and Noelle Fitzpatrick. Also: Karen Mulhern and Catherine Fitzpatrick.

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MAYNOOTH LADIES G.A.A. NOTES

Maynooth 2-16 Grange 0-6

Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. team met Grange in the Semi-final of the County Championship, on Monday 21st July at Rathangan.

From the outset Emma Kilduff made it plain that Maynooth meant business. She scored the first of her eleven points in the 1st minute, and again in the 5th minute and from a free in the 6th minute. Grange replied in the 9th minute with a fine point, but Emma replied with another point again from a free which was awarded for a foul on herself by a very frustrated defence who had no answer to the Maynooth attack. Grange scored one more point in the 11th minute. Patricia Purcell and Leah Newman did great work in midfield supplying balls up front to Ginny Breslin, Bríd Anne O'Shea and Marie Grehan who were superb. Bríd Ann was denied a goal in the 15th minute when a beautifully judged kick from Ginny Breslin, put Bríd Ann through the defence only to strike the woodwork. From this kickout Fionnula Heaney and Mary McCleane who worked very well down the right, supplied Emma with the pass for her 5th point in the 17th minute. Maynooth players worked up and down the field with great support play and forced fouls from the opposition which were punished by scores from Emma Kilduff with a point in the 21st minute. Grange scored a point on the 26th. Marie Grehan was in great form following the removal of 5 stitches over her eye from a previous game, and scored a point from play in the 19th minute and again in the 27th minute. Grange scored another point from a free in the 28th minute before Maynooth finished with a flourish with a goal from the boot of Aisling Bryant from a pass by Tracey Kearney. The lack of scoring by Grange was due to the great defending by Pamela Byrne, Laura and Irene Kearney, Sinéad Tolan and of course the mighty goal keeping skills of Paula O'Shea who never ceases to amaze her followers.

Half time Maynooth 1-8 Grange 0-4

Maynooth started the second half, as they did the first with a point from play by Emma Kilduff. Playing tightly, Maynooth were fielding well, taking all the balls from the Grange kickout and piling on the scores. Emma Kilduff 33mins Marie Grehan, 35mins Tricia Purcell 44th minute Grange scored a point from play in the 50th minute. A kickout from Paula O'Shea was beautifully fielded by Ginny Breslin and the great passing movements through the field by Irene Kearney, Mary McCleane, Tricia Purcell and Fionnula Heaney put Emma through again for another point. At this stage the game was held up following a very heavy collision by two Grange players which resulted in one leaving the field. Mary McCleane was meant to be the meat in this sandwich but just ducked out in time. Laura Kearney was replaced at the back by Anne Marie Farrell who worked very well with Sinéad Tolan and Irene Kearney in the defence. Grange scored again but Emma Kilduff was still popping over the points. One on the 52nd minute from a free and one on the 55th minute. Marie Grehan scored again on the 56th minute from a long overdue free for a foul on Bríd Ann O'Shea who was constantly pulled and dragged by the Grange defender. Karen Mulhern replaced Tracey Kearney 3 minutes to go, and Fionnula Heaney put the final nail in the coffin with a goal on full time.

Result Maynooth 2-16 Grange 0-6

Team

Paula O'Shea, Pamela Byrne, Sinéad Tolan, Laura Kearney, Fionnula Heaney (1-0) Mary McCleane. Irene Kearney, Patricia Purcell (0-1). Emma Kilduff (0-11) Leah Newman. Ginny Breslin, Marie Grehan (0-4).

Tracey Kearney, Aisling Bryant (1-0), Bríd Ann O'Shea, Anne Marie Farrell, Karen Mulhern.

Next Match is the Final Maynooth V Eadestown, Sun July 27th, 8 p.m. in Newbridge.

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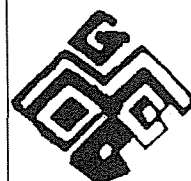
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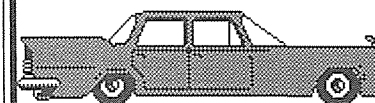
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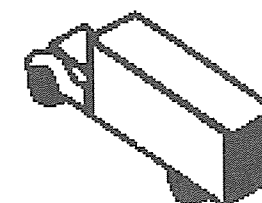
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COMMUNITY FESTIVAL GUINNESS 7-A-SIDE SOCCER

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As last year 10 teams took part in the competition. Unfortunately, another 4 teams were late with their entry form and as the draw was already made and circulated they could not take part. One months notice was given for teams to enter.

The 10 teams were divided into two sections and the competition was run on a league basis. Screw Alexandra, a very friendly team of Intel workers, topped Section 1 undefeated. The surprise here was the very poor showing of last years winners Derrinstown. They did not appear to have wintered well and did not win a single match. The best match here was reserved for the final evening when The Spice Boys met The Usual Suspects (Danny Grehans team) if either team won they were through to the Semi Final. However, after a nail biting last 5 minutes the match ended 1-1, thus allowing The Monday Club (Bradys Pub) into the Semi Final. The Monday Club deserved to be there as they had some excellent results despite the absence of the experienced Nicko Farrell for two of their games. The Usual Suspects therefore went out without losing a match.

In Section 2 as with Section 1 the battle went all the way with a very unlucky Parklands losing out to The Glenroyal on goal difference. The winners here were the very classy Seven from Heaven. All three teams finished on 9 points, but Seven from Heaven's 9 goals scored, courtesy of some beauties from Philip Doyle, saw them come out on top. The Dizzys, the youngest team in the tournament gave the favourites, The Glenroyal, the fright of their lives on the last evening before finally going down 2-0. Probably the most unlucky team in this section was the very talented Young Guns. As the name implies they were a very young team and they put up very game performances throughout.

The first semi final was between Screw Alexandra and The Glenroyal. In the first 5 minutes Screw Alexandra should have

scored twice. But after that they faded and did not play to their true form and The Glenroyal ran out easy enough 1-0 winners.

The second semi final was between two of the traditional teams, Seven from Heaven V The Monday Club. Seven from Heaven, especially Philip Doyle, played brilliantly and ran out easy 5-0 winners. The Monday Club, including Nicko Farrell this time played gamely but were outclassed by a very good Seven from Heaven.

So to the final between The Glenroyal and Seven from Heaven.



Winners of the Guinness 7-A-Side Festival Soccer Competition

The match was changed from Sunday 20th to Friday the 18th so that we could all (including the New Locals) watch Kildare playing in Croke Park.

The final was a great match with good clean football throughout. Everyone knew only one goal would decide the outcome and that came after 15 minutes of the first half. A sweeping move from their own goal area

resulted in David Mahony scoring a fantastic goal for Seven from Heaven. We then had end to end action with brilliant saves from both goalkeepers. The Glenroyal came very close to equalising when Simon Cahill shaved the post 3 minutes from the end. It was all hands to the pump for Seven from Heaven from then on and they held on for a great victory. Presentation of the trophies took place in The Roost and a good time was had by all.

I would like to thank all the teams for their very sporting behaviour and particularly for their punctuality throughout the tournament. Thanks also to my fellow hard working Organising Committee members, Lennie Murphy, John Doogan and Tom Dempsey. Many thanks to our THREE referees, Pat Sharkey, Ken Smith and Lennie Murphy. Last and by no means least I would like to thank our sponsors, Guinness Ireland, who provided the beautiful trophies for winners and runners up.

John McGinley
Organiser.



Well done to all !!!

JUNIOR SOCCER

Pictured is the Maynooth Town Under 8 team which finished second in the Under 8 North South Division of the Dublin and District Schoolboys League.

The team won 22 of their 28 games, drew 2 and lost 4. The team were presented with their medals by the Chairman of Maynooth Town, Michael Dempsey, at the recent Soccer Marathon.

Pictured at the back are, Jim Doogan, Manager, Carl O'Sullivan, Sean Durkan, Brendan Doogan, Shane Travers and Pat Moynan, Manager. Front Gary Walsh, Christopher Moynan, Alex Cash, Garth Dooley, Emer Flynn. Missing from the picture are Fiachra O'Muircheartaigh, Niall Prendergast and Cormac O'Reilly.

Well done to all of them.

PITCH AND PUTT

Well done to the Maynooth girls who won the gold medals for County Kildare held in Maynooth Pitch and Putt course on the 21st June, 1997.

The girls then went forward to the Leinster Finals held in Castledermot on Saturday, 19th July, 1997 representing Kildare.

They did Maynooth proud by coming second and will continue to Mosney in August to National level, with Offaly and Westmeath representing Leinster. We wish the girls the best of luck.



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With Deepest Sympathy to Shiela Munzar, Rockfield, Maynooth, formerly Quebec, Canada, on the death of her Father in Canada.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Maevie Moloney, Woodlands, wife of the late Daniel Moloney, formerly of Graignamanagh, Co. Kilkenny wishes to thank most sincerely Fr. Brendan Supple and Fr. Denis Cogan for their visits to Dan. Thanks to the doctor and nurses for their care. The neighbours of Woodlands were wonderful in their thoughtfulness and concern. A special word of thanks to Laura Kiely. Dan was an example to all in the way he accepted his many years of incapacity. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Stephanie and Caroline Thompson, 851 Old Greenfield who celebrated their 21st Birthday on July 15th. A party for family and friends was held in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, for the happy occasion, and a wonderful time was had by all.

Happy 4th Birthday to Téadóir Warfield on the 12th August. Love from Mammy and sister Abaigéal..

Happy Birthday to Anita Corcoran on the 10th August. From Orla, Pat and Lauren.

Happy Birthday to Philip Leavey and baby brother David Old Railpark, Maynooth. From Auntie Jacinta.

Happy Birthday to Damian Behan, 276A Greenfield, Maynooth. From Auntie Jacinta.

Belated Happy Birthday to Mary McTigue whose Birthday was on the 14th July. From her daughter Anne Marie.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Shiela Black on the birth of her first Grandchild Sophie on 24th June '97.

Congrats to Kathleen Gannon on the birth of her grand-daughter.

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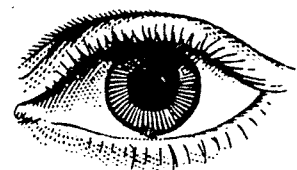
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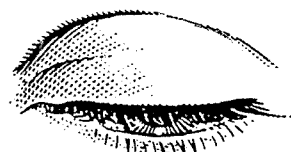
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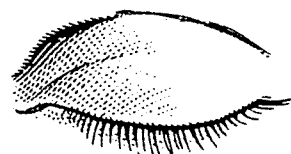
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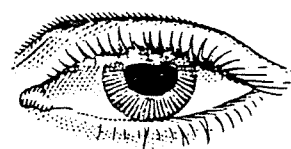
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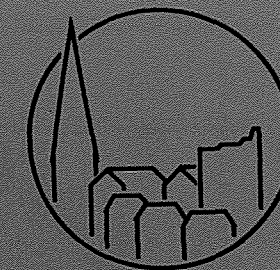
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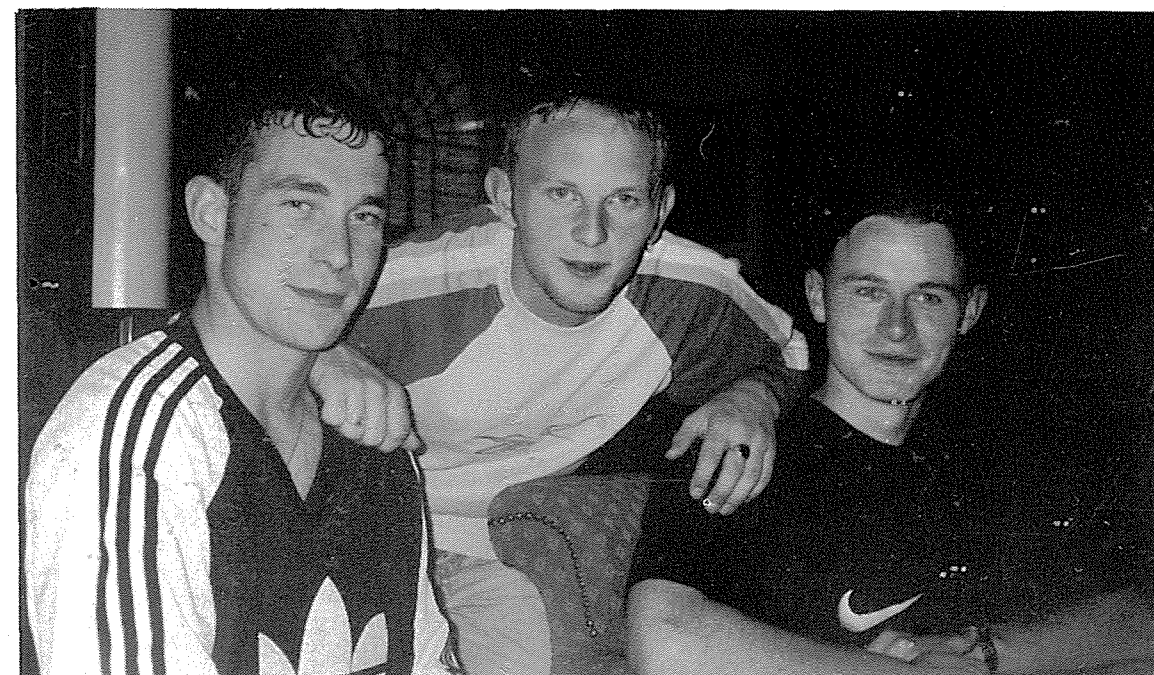


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**Sat Sept 6th:** Silken Vale Res. Social Night G.A.A.  
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**Sun Sept 7th:** National Heritage Day Walk  
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**Mon Sept 8th:** Childrens Set Dancing B.N.S.

**Sat Sept 13th:** Pilgrimage to Knock S.V.P Centre

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**Sat Sept 20th:** Maher School of Dancing Féile Parish Hall

**Tues Sept 23rd:** Public Lecture Glenroyal Hotel  
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**Fri Sept 26th:** Community Games Table Quiz G.A.A.  
Club

**Sat Sept 27th:** Maynooth Golfing Soc. (Longford)

### EDITORIAL

#### Leaving Cert Results

According to all reports this years Leaving Cert results in Maynooth Post Primary School are the best ever with more students achieving higher grades than in any previous year. Success of this kind is the result of a lot of hard work on the part of students but very often the key is good teachers and the right environment in the school. Maynooth is indeed fortunate in having such an excellent school serving the community, particularly at a time when the acquisition of a good education can determine a young persons future prospects in life. Of course not all students will achieve high marks in exams and go on to university. It is here that the school plays a vital role in ensuring that even students who are not academic achievers fulfill their potential and leave school equipped to pursue a rewarding working life. On that score Maynooth Post Primary School makes a major contribution to the life of the town.

As a teacher and principal Tom Ashe has played a huge role in the development of the school and on behalf of the people of Maynooth the **Newsletter** would like to wish him a happy retirement.

#### Dirty Old Town

Work on the refurbishment of Main St. is due to start this Autumn and no doubt when the project is finished the appearance of Maynooth will be much improved. At the moment though the town is not looking its best. Apart from the usual litter problems the state of the Straffan Road from the interchange all the way down to the Square is a disgrace. In some places the grass and weeds are four feet high. Grass verges in other parts of the town also remain uncut - notably at the end of the Dunboyne Road. While Maynooth Tidy Towns have a role to play in the maintenance of the town environment this can be no substitute for a commitment by Kildare Co. Council. The refurbishment of Main St. will be a once off project - funded largely by the National Roads Authority and the EU - but what is needed on an ongoing basis is for the Co. Council to commit staff to Maynooth. We are, after all, a town of over 10,000 people and are entitled to a much better service from our local authority.

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Letter To The Editor

LETTER TO EDITOR

Re: Bond Bridge, Maynooth

I write to express my serious concern at the amount of inaccurate information supplied by Council Officials to both the Celbridge Area Committee and the full Council during 1996 in relation to Bond Bridge.

The Area Committee was advised that the cost of the new bridge would be £750,000. I subsequently put a motion to the full Council Meeting on 27th May 1996 outlining the levies paid, the cost of the new bridge and the shortfall at £517,124.

All Council Officials present accepted the £750,000 cost. I asked that the Council seeks approval from the Department of the Environment to take out the loan necessary to build the new bridge forthwith and that this loan would be repaid from Special Development Levies on the 50 acres still to be developed.

The Council Road Section replied to me on 8th November 1996 as follows:

"The Council sought a special grant of £500,000 earlier this year for the reconstruction of Bond Bridge. It was intended to supplement this grant with development levies of £350,000 (this was already collected and £120,000 was spent on buttressing the bridge).

The Department replied to the effect that in light of the priorities relating to the E.U. co-financed Schemes there was no prospect of funds from that area in 1997 for Bond Bridge. The Department added that it was open to the Council to raise a loan for the project."

At a Celbridge Area Meeting on the same day as the date on the above letter (8 Nov 1996), we were advised by the Project Engineer, that the cost of the bridge had now risen to £900,000. The extra £150,000 being due to CIE's bridge height requirements.

Five days (13th Nov 1996) later in a report to the Estimates Committee Meeting of the Council, the County Manager gave the cost of the bridge at £1.5 million. When I sought clarification on this extraordinary jump in the cost in just FIVE DAYS, the County Manager advised that the extra £600,000 was for the new Meadowbrook Link to the Straffan Road and for work on the Rathcoffey Road. The Acting County Engineer stated that the Meadowbrook Link was vital in order to provide a detour during construction of the new bridge.

At the Estimates Meeting on 18th November 1996 I had detailed discussions with the then County Manager and the Acting County Engineer in order to resolve the problem.

The following was agreed by the County Manager:

- 1. That Special Levies would be set at £22,000 per acre on the 29.7 acres zoned residential and undeveloped. This would raise £660,000 and with the £233,000 already in hand the cost of the bridge would be at the Council's disposal.
- 2. That the bridge would be a stand alone project i.e. the Meadowbrook Link and Newtown Road improvements would not be part of it.
- 3. That detouring during construction would be agreed by the Area Committee.

There was a lull for some months until Planning Procedures were finalised.

When we enquired about progress at the Area Meeting on 16 May 1997 we were advised that the project was going to cost £1,381,000:

The bridge £850,000  
Rathcoffey Road £231,000  
Meadowbrook Link £300,000

We stated that the bridge was to take precedence and that the Engineers be asked to start work on a design and programme of work straight away.

Then came the bombshell at our meeting on 11th July 1997, when you advised us that the costs were now as follows:

The bridge £1.5 million  
Rathcoffey Road £385,000  
Meadowbrook Link £400,000

Note: CIE's requirements for the bridge were now costing nothing extra.

These costs were repeated to us at our subsequent meeting on 31st July 1997, at which you stated that you will be giving us a written report for our meeting on 5th September 1997.

To say that I am astonished at such unprofessionalism is putting it mildly and I am now asking for a written explanation for this litany of errors. In addition, I believe you should give an apology to the people of Maynooth for the mishandling of this project by Council officials.

Yours sincerely  
John McGinley.



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# Community Council Notes

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

### Town Improvement Works

An advertisement in the National Newspapers recently sought tenders for the contract to commence work on the Maynooth Town Improvement Plan. It now seems that despite the long delay that this work to enhance the main street area will soon get underway. So what does this work include?

- Paving the footpaths in the main street area and the repair or replacement of footpaths from the shopping centre on the Leixlip road to the University on the Kilcock road.
- Overhead utility cables will be put underground in the Main Street.
- New street lighting will be installed.
- Main Street will be resurfaced.

The money for this work will predominately come from the By-passed towns funding administered by the National Roads Authority, who give this to the local authority to renew the town centre following the opening of a by-pass, which in Maynooth's case occurred in 1994.

Some minor adjustments will be made to the access available to traffic as part of the plan, which it is hoped will make traffic movement safer in the town centre.

### Meetings sought with Kildare County Architect

As part of our efforts to advance our case to achieve Heritage Town status for Maynooth, we have sought a meeting with the Kildare County Council Architect. While the amended Draft Development Plan 1996 outlines support for the development of heritage tourism in the town, we feel that it would be helpful for us to outline our opinions, while at the same time seeking the views of Kildare County Council on the matter.

### Straffan Road.... Accidents will happen

In these notes several months ago concern was expressed about the behaviour of traffic on the Straffan Road and regrettably it seems that the potential for accidents has probably increased. Of particular concern is the turn right lane into Maynooth Railway Station. For reasons best answered by themselves some motorists simply stop in the traffic coming from both directions to drop passengers. The traffic behind think that traffic turning into the station are simply overtaking when in fact they are going into the railway station car-park. You get the picture!!! Perhaps it is time to consider traffic calming measures on the Straffan Road to reduce traffic speeds to the permitted 30 mph.

Anybody travelling throughout Ireland will notice the traffic calming measures being implemented in almost every little village you pass through. Yet in a town like Maynooth where a large number of people use their cars to travel to work causing particular danger at peak commuting times, that we do not have similar traffic controls in place

Full traffic lights at the entrance to Maynooth Railway Station could serve a number of purposes making it safer for

traffic to enter/exit the car-park as well as to allow pedestrians cross the Straffan Road with more safety.

**Paul Croghan**  
Chairman  
Planning & Development Committee

## CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE

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In planning extensions or adaptations to their homes people with disabilities should ensure that they apply for a grant in good time - the grant will not be made if work has begun before formal approval of the application has been received.

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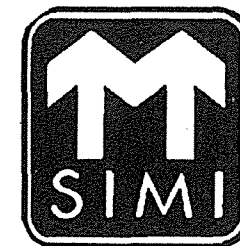


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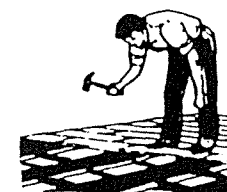
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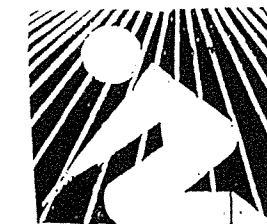
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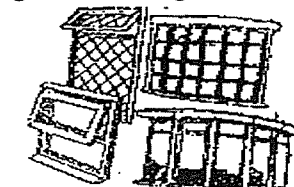
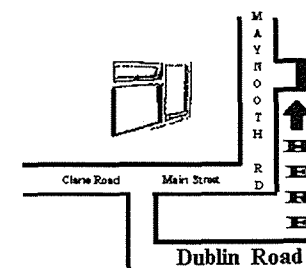
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| National Association of Residents Associations                                                       |                    |
| Contact: Michael Quinn, 13 Laurence Ave., Maynooth .....                                             | 6285258            |
| <b>ATHLETIC CLUB</b>                                                                                 |                    |
| Contact: Marie Gleeson, 5 Straffan Way, Maynooth .....                                               | 6285246            |
| <b>BADMINTON CLUB</b>                                                                                |                    |
| Contact: Kevin Murphy .....                                                                          | 6290194            |
| <b>CASTLE COMMITTEE</b>                                                                              |                    |
| Contact: Gerard & Joan Howard-Williams, Carton Demense .....                                         | 6289239            |
| <b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>                                                                           |                    |
| Gerry Bolger (Sec) .....                                                                             | 6291407            |
| <b>COMMUNITY GAMES</b>                                                                               |                    |
| Contact: Marie Gleeson, 5 Straffan Way, Maynooth .....                                               | 6285246            |
| <b>CONRADH NA GAEILGE</b>                                                                            |                    |
| Colm O'Cearúil, 116 Moyglare Village, Maynooth .....                                                 | 6286472            |
| <b>DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION</b>                                                                       |                    |
| Mary Cullen, Main Street, Maynooth .....                                                             | 6286297            |
| <b>FLOWER CLUB</b>                                                                                   |                    |
| Contact: Moira Baxter, Applewood, Laraghbryan, Maynooth .....                                        | 6289102            |
| <b>G.A.A.</b>                                                                                        |                    |
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| <b>GOLF</b>                                                                                          |                    |
| Maynooth Golf Society, Contact: Seán O'Connell .....                                                 | 6285048            |
| Captain: Gerry McTernan .....                                                                        | 6285968            |
| <b>GYMNASTICS.</b>                                                                                   |                    |
| Contact: Leonard Bhattachayia .....                                                                  | 087-462885         |
| <b>I.C.A.</b>                                                                                        |                    |
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| Marion Souhan (Pres) .....                                                                           | 6285714            |
| <b>LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b>                                                                |                    |
| Lenny Murphy, 841 Old Greenfield, Maynooth. Sec. Helen Johnson .....                                 | 6272807            |
| <b>LIONS CLUB</b>                                                                                    |                    |
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| <b>NO NAME CLUB</b>                                                                                  |                    |
| Contact: Melanie Oliver (Sec.), 40 Maynooth Park, Maynooth .....                                     | 6285918            |
| <b>PITCH &amp; PUTT CLUB</b>                                                                         |                    |
| Contact: Tony Bean .....                                                                             | 6285233            |
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| <b>SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE</b>                                                                     |                    |
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| <b>SOCCER CLUB</b>                                                                                   |                    |
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| <b>SCOUTS</b>                                                                                        |                    |
| <b>Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland</b>                                                                |                    |
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| Cathal Gaffney, 165 Kingsbry .....                                                                   | 6286836            |
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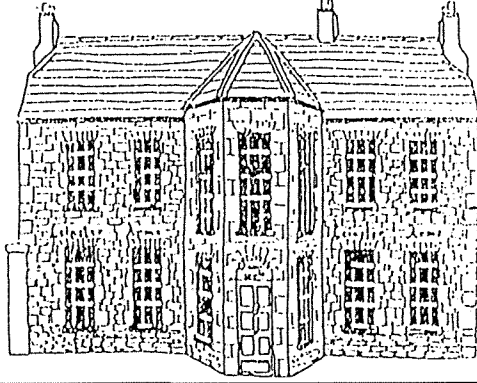
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# Clubs Organisations and Societies

## SCOIL UI RIADA NEWS

### New Pupils

Scoil Uí Riada would like to welcome our new pupils who commenced school on 1st September. First days at school sometimes prove to be a most traumatic time for parents.

Indeed for those of you who wish they could exchange places with your offspring, we will be offering you a chance to relive your own school days when we run our series of Irish Classes (Ranganna Gaeilge) in the coming weeks.

Parents are the primary educators of their children and your co-operation and support are essential to the smooth operation of the gaelcoil. Scoil Uí Riada parents have formed a number of action committees, notably, the Cairde Committee (fundraising) and the PRO Committee.

It seems an appropriate time to let our new families know the objectives of these committees.



"Open Wide " Henry Hippo with pupils from Senior Infants at Dublin Zoo, during their annual school tour.

### The Cairde Committee

The functions of the Cairde Committee are

(a) to generate financial resources to improve facilities in the school. These funds are usually raised through social events such as bowling nights, quiz nights, etc.

(b) to act as a focus of social interaction for parents and friends of the school.

(c) Cairde act as a link between the local businesses and the school.

### The PRO Committee

The Functions of the PRO Committee are:

- (a) to assist the Cairde Committee in publicising their events.
- (b) writing articles for the Maynooth Newsletter and Parish Bulletins.
- (c) to promote and highlight the successes and

achievements of the school in the local media.

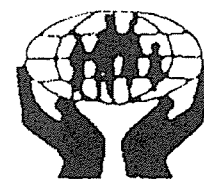
If you would like to join or help out on these committees please contact Miriam Ahern at 01-6290220.

### Stars in their Eyes

Don't forget to tune in to RTE's television programme "Eureka" next month to see your classmates Aisling Ní Duarcáin, Thea Ní Linnáin, Pól de Broughtún participating in the quiz. For their efforts they won cameras, bags, tee shirts, pens etc. and they even met Ray D'Arcy. They were cheered on by their múinteoir Seosamh Ó hEarcáin and their classmates from Ranganna cúig agus sé.

### School Tours

The Board of Management and múinteoirí would like to thank those parents who helped out and accompanied pupils on the recent school tours.



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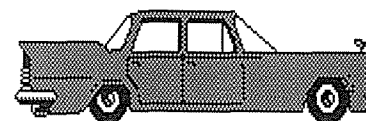
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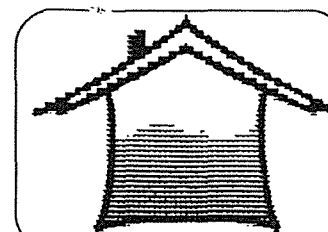


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# Clubs Organisations and Societies

## COMMUNITY GAMES REPORT

We have now completed another season of Community Games at Local, County and Provincial Level.

Between 400 - 500 Maynooth children took part at local level this year. They contested Athletics, Gymnastics, Swimming, Art & Modelling, Quiz, Chess, Project and Pitch & Putt at local level.

From these events competitors went on to represent Maynooth at County Finals. From these Finals 5 individual competitors took Gold which qualified them to represent Kildare at the National Finals in Mosney at the end of August.

Ciarán Dooley & Rachael Cunningham (Gymnastics)  
Aaron McGrath (Swimming)  
David Campbell and Mark Cummins (Athletics).

The Maynooth Girls Pitch & Putt team who won gold at local level went on through County Finals to represent Kildare at Leinster Finals, where they took silver medals thus qualifying them to represent Leinster at the National Finals in Mosney alongside Offaly & Westmeath.

**Team:** Anthonine Rossiter, Aisling Bean, Emma Cullinane, Ciara Baxter and Suzanne Butler.

Besides the gold medalists, Maynooth took many silver and bronze from County Finals.

**Silver:**  
Paula Curran (Art)  
Emma Higgins (Gymnastics)  
André Heslin (Swimming)  
Anne Connolly (Athletics)  
The Girls Volleyball Team  
The Girls U/15 Soccer Team  
The Girls U/16 Choir

**Bronze:**  
Sarah Prendergast (Gymnastics)  
Sharon McLoughlin (Swimming)  
Bríd Anne O'Shea (Athletics)  
Elaine MacNamara (Athletics)  
Girls U/13 Swimming Relay Squad  
Girls U/13, Boys U/13, and Girls U/16 Basketball Teams  
Boys U/16 Pitch & Putt Team.

Besides this we had teams competing in Boys U/16 Basketball, Hard Court Tennis, Quiz, Project, Chess, Boys U/14 Gaelic Football, Boys U/14 Hurling, Boys U/12 Soccer, Girls U/12 Soccer & Badminton.

Congratulations and thank you to all those children and the "Backroom" people who coached, managed, cajoled and supported them.

The Committee wish also to thank all those who supported

the Community Games Collections and those Businesses who sent donations.

Unfortunately expenses exceeded income and we will be holding a Fund Raising Table Quiz at the end of September to make up the difference. Support for this venture would be greatly appreciated.

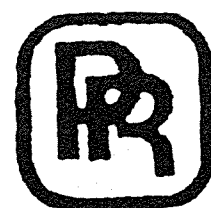
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**SATURDAY - 13th September - "JOANNA & TEQUILA SUNRISE"**

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## MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Well it's that time of year again. The gardens are beginning to assume the role of Autumn days when the blooms will close and the leaves will fall and with the exception of our Winter pansies or the odd Virburnan, our flower beds and window boxes and thankfully the wasps will sleep. However contrary to nature our schools and organisations will come alive again and relieve the boredom of those Winter days and nights. Speaking of schools let me take you back to May 27th this year when I had a very pleasant visit to our Boys Primary School, during which I met a class of eight year olds, who had just received their first Holy Communion.

They presented me with a cheque for £81.21 towards our fuel and social fund, which they contributed from their "First Communion money". I talked at length to many of these boys and they surprised me with their understanding and knowledge of older people and the function of our organisation. I congratulate their teacher Ms. Cathy Carr and their parents as this knowledge and training can only serve to bridge the gap we so often hear about, between the generations and heighten awareness and understanding between young and old, all of which will benefit society as a whole. Many thanks Boys and well done.

Our Annual outing in June, although dampened a little by the weather was a most enjoyable event. While the rain altered our plans to visit 'Grove Gardens' in Kells, none the less our trip along the Boyne was delightful and the meal and hospitality shown to us by the staff at Springfield Hotel was superb.

A special thanks to Gerry Hannigan and Kathleen Holbrook for their kindness and courtesy to all. We finished off the evening with dancing and entertainment. Many thanks to Kevin McGovern my reliable partner in Music. This was a very nostalgic part of the evening as we were joined

by Fr. David Boylan who was very kind to us during his stay in Maynooth. We thanked him for his kindness in the form of a small gift and tribute. We wish him well.

Our Cabaret during "Festival Week" was once again a huge success and I thank all who made it possible. Caulfields for their hospitality, Community Council members for taking the time to support the event, the many people who donated spot prizes Kevin and Mick for their entertainment and all of you who came along and joined in the fun especially Paul (Elvis) Kelly, not forgetting our hard working committee who supply and serve the refreshment quietly and efficiently year after year.

A regular feature of this event is the presentation of the proceeds of the Tony Smith memorial walk, which takes place in May each year. This is a community event which brings together and involves great interaction between our organisation, public representation and the community at large.

The amount raised this year was £1,851.50, the most successful to date. Many thanks to the Labour Party, our own committee members and the many sponsors and walkers including Senior Citizens who helped to make this event such a success.

As I write, a group of our Senior Citizens are about to set off on holiday to Kerdiffstown House, and I have no doubt that it will be as enjoyable a week as in previous years. So with holidays over I am right back where I started this article,.... September, the start of another full and fun-packed year, which kicks off with our committee meeting on Tuesday Sept 2nd and the re-opening of our club. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as the old reliables.

Finally we extend our sincere sympathy to Statia Ashe on the death

of her mother Kathleen, who for many years, along with her late husband Pat, attended our club. To Bridget Tierney on the death of her mother. Bridget is of course a long serving member of our committee.

To the Hayes family on the death of their mother. To John and Anne Fortune on the death of their mother Bríd, who was a well respected member of our club, and to Maura O'Keeffe on the untimely death of her husband Michael. "May they all rest in the peace of Christ".

### A Tribute to Fr. Boylan

To learn of his departure  
Was disappointing, cold and stark  
Although its only been six years  
On Maynooth he left his mark.

He worked so well with young and old  
And touched our lives so much  
He's a breath of fresh air in an often  
stuffy world  
For he has the common touch

To know that he's not being replaced  
Leaves our lives a little hollow  
But I'm not surprised, for we all know  
He is a difficult act to follow.

We loved his gentle kindness  
Knowing him was a pleasure.  
The Holy Mass, the Help, the Homily's  
And the memories we will treasure

We thank him for being here  
We wish him well in Rome  
There will always be a welcome here  
Whenever he is home.

Who knows, he may return to us  
And change our "famine" to a "feast"  
For I hope and pray that he someday  
Will be our Parish Priest.

*Josephine Moore*  
*Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee*

## Senior Citizens Cabaret



*Dan & Babbie Newton*



*Mick McGarry and Josie Moore*



*Mrs. Imelda Farrelly and Mrs. Tosheen Farrell enjoying the Festival*



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### ROYAL CANAL NOTES

Our Community Employment Scheme commenced work again after the Summer holidays on Tuesday 11th August. Work continues as before at Maynooth and at our other areas of responsibility at Kilcock and Confey, Leixlip.

National Heritage Day comes up on Sunday 7th September, and a walk from Maynooth to Jackson's Bridge will bring it home that in engineering terms, at least, the canal system deservedly forms part of Ireland's Heritage.

At this stage we have recovered from our efforts in Miss Royal Canal selection 1997 in July. We have thanked our sponsors and benefactors individually.

Our Committee intends to travel this month to view the Ballinamore - Ballyconnell canal system in order to obtain fresh ideas about enhancing the tourism and amenity values of our local Canal system. We always welcome ideas from the public, who may call to our office at the Town Centre Mall at normal business times.

We were delighted with the coverage Miss Royal Canal received in the local media, The Liffey Champion, The Leinster Leader, CKR Radio and The Maynooth Newsletter.

Finally, we send our best wishes to Martina Murphy, our office administrator for the past year, who has progressed to full time employment in Dublin.

We would like to welcome Catherine O'Connell as our new Office Administrator.

### SCOUTING NEWS

We begin on a sad note this month. All scouts and scout-leaders extend their deepest sympathies and condolences to Tony Muldowney our Unit Leader and his family on the recent death of his father. Our thoughts are with him and his family at this time.

Cub-Scouts will recommence on Tuesday 2nd September from 7.30-9pm. To register, contact Deirdre at (087) 8173149. Any girls wishing to join Cubs are very welcome. Scouts will recommence on Thursday 4th September from 7-9pm.

Anyone wishing to join, attend on the night. The Scout Den is situated in the Prefab beside the Post-Primary School; also known as the M.A.D.E. Centre on the Moyglare Road. Hope to see you soon. Yours in Scouting

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## MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

Gro Harlem Brundtland, a former Prime Minister of Norway, is best remembered for her work as Chairperson of the World Commission on Environment and Development established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1984. This Commission was responsible for initiating studies which culminated ten years ago in the publication of Our Common Future, a report which was to set the bench-mark for all future discussions of sustainable development. The kernel of the Brundtland Report was its definition of sustainable development as:

**'Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs'**

Such a principle has now become a standard guiding light for enlightened planning throughout the developed world and is also a centre-piece of Irish government policy as espoused in a recent statement by the Minister for the Environment.

**'Economic growth and social development cannot be to the detriment of environmental quality and must respect the limits set by nature'**

As the economic growth of the Celtic Tiger accelerates, it is important to remember that there are limits imposed by natural systems on the usage of them which we can make without resources

being exhausted and damaged beyond repair. There is a limit to the number of sheep you can put on a hillside in Connemara, or the amount of pollutants you can ask the atmosphere to disperse safely. Equally, there is a limit to the development potential of north east Kildare. In our case that limit is provided by the assimilative capacity of the River Liffey.

### Multi Purpose Resource

The river Liffey is a multi purpose resource. As well as supplying water and waste dispersal facilities it is also a fishing resource, a recreational resource and a source of electrical power. To best manage these sometimes conflicting roles, the Water Quality Management Plan agreed to by the various local authorities which adjoin it, sets limits on the treated sewerage quantities which can be discharged from the Leixlip Waste Water Treatment Works. To maintain the river at a quality suitable for supporting coarse fish (not trout or salmon it should be noted), the quality of the river at low flow is required to be above a certain standard (<5 mg/l Biochemical Oxygen Demand at the 95 percentile flow limit). This means that the assimilative capacity of the River Liffey at Leixlip is, and will remain, capable of handling the waste equivalent of 90,000 people. Leixlip Waste Water Treatment Works receive

effluent from Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Kilcock. Straffan is also due to be connected in the next few years. The present population of this area is in excess of 37,000 people. Recent approval of a large housing scheme in Leixlip and other increases in population over the past year probably raise this figure to 40,000. But people alone do not account for all of the demand for waste water treatment. Industrial demands can be substantial. Intel, for example has a demand equivalent to a small city of 30,000 population. Hewlett Packard and other industries in the north Kildare area also have waste water treatment demands, though much less significant than Intel which uses large quantities of water in its manufacturing processes.

### Total Demand


At the end of 1996 Kildare County Council estimated that the total demand on the river at Leixlip was equivalent to 66,000 people. With more recent developments taken into account, this means that about 20,000 population equivalent capacity remains. Such a figure does not take into account the labour forces at Intel and Hewlett Packard, and also 5,000 students who may not normally reside in the catchment but who also require to be counted for waste water treatment calculations. But even ignoring these, 20,000 units are what is available to meet future residential expansion

throughout north east Kildare, and also what is available to meet any new industrial employment sources which locate here. How should we divide up this 20,000 units?


Firstly, it must be remembered that the excesses of the 1985 Development Plan for Kildare have saddled the county with huge areas of lands already rezoned for housing, much of which is awaiting development at present. In the area served by Leixlip Sewage Works, 628 acres already zoned for housing awaited development at the end of last year. This land will most likely be developed rapidly to house an additional 20,000 people. But many areas, such as in the new estates of Maynooth, consist of families at the pre-children stage and can be expected to increase in population dramatically over the next few years. Thus if we do nothing in terms of additional rezoning in north Kildare, we will exceed the capacity of the Liffey during the next decade as natural growth in the existing population proceeds.

Secondly, it must be emphasised that some of our local councillors want to rezone an additional 1,145 acres in this region, the largest chunk of it being in Maynooth. This would provide for a further 36,000 people on top of the 20,000 extra described above. In excess of 126,000 people






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would now be seeking to use a river with a maximum capacity of 90,000. The implications are obvious, not least for the fish and the residents of Dublin City and Dublin Bay! This is not what Gro Harlem Brundtland, or Maynooth Planning Alliance, or any reasonably minded individual, would describe as 'sustainable development'.

### Development Led Growth

But there is an even more insidious aspect to the development led growth which some of our local councillors insist on inflicting on Maynooth. By using the capacity of the river to meet a burgeoning demand for domestic waste water treatment, they are ruling out the possibility of using any significant part of this resource for industrial employment. Another Intel could not even today locate in north Kildare because of the short sightedness of zoning policies. So where will the children of this huge new future population work? Certainly not in employment sources which have significant water requirements.

In the feeding frenzy to rezone land, the lesson is clear - short term greed will not result in sustainable development either in Maynooth or in North Kildare. How sad, and strange, it is that those who can shape the future of Maynooth seem willing to push us along a road to unsustainable development which does not meet the needs of either the present or future generation of Maynooth residents.

### MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

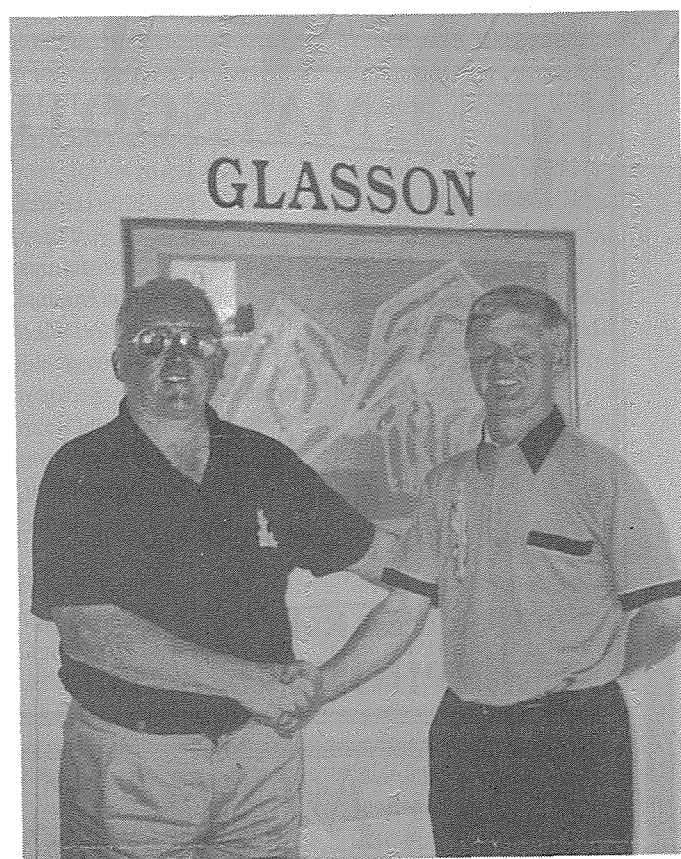
#### Captain's Prize (G McTernan) Glasson 5th July '97.

|                 |            |      |   |             |
|-----------------|------------|------|---|-------------|
| 1st Overall     | L Farrelly | (13) | - | 36 pts      |
| 2nd             | N Kavanagh | (17) | - | 35 pts      |
| 3rd             | T Flatley  | (18) | - | 34 pts      |
| 4th             | E Savage   | (10) | - | 33 pts      |
| 5th             | J Nolan    | (17) | - | 31 pts      |
|                 |            |      |   | (Back Nine) |
| 6th             | B Condon   | (20) | - | 31 pts      |
| 7th             | K O'Brien  | (17) | - | 30 pts      |
|                 |            |      |   | (Back Nine) |
| 8th             | F Desmond  | (15) | - | 30 pts      |
|                 |            |      |   | (Back Nine) |
| 9th             | J Doyle    | (19) | - | 30 pts      |
| 10th            | P Conway   | (23) | - | 28 pts      |
| Back 9          | G McTernan |      | - | 15 pts      |
| Front 9         | S Tracey   |      | - | 16 pts      |
| Par 5           | J Saults   |      | - | 10 pts      |
| Par 3           | M Fahy     |      | - | 9 pts       |
| Nearest the Pin | L Farrelly |      | - |             |
| Longest Drive   | F Desmond  |      | - |             |
| 2's Club        | E Savage   |      | - |             |
| Visitors        | B Cassidy  |      | - | 17 pts      |

Liam "Smoker" Farrelly achieves big ambition in winning Captain's Prize.

Glasson Golf Club greeted 36 golfers on Saturday the 5th July to compete for Captain's (Gerry McTernan) Prize. Off the white stakes and into a fresh breeze this is a daunting test of golf and so it proved.

The last six holes (Shannon View) was where Liam produced his best golf and his 36 points won the day by just a single shot from Norman Kavanagh. In making his acceptance speech he thanked his playing partners and indeed the major role played by his veteran caddy - Cha Farrelly.



Liam Farrelly being congratulated on winning the Captain's Prize

The Captain then thanked all the sponsors for the wonderful array of prizes and Glasson Golf Club for the excellence of their course and facilities.

The day/night concluded with a darts benefit display courtesy of Philip Doyle and a Houdini act of walking on glass by Sean O'Connell in Lysters of Rochfordbridge.

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### BOND BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

The Committee of the Bond Bridge Action Group wishes to express it's grave concern at the recent development in the campaign to have Bond Bridge, Maynooth re-aligned. The amount of inaccurate information that has been supplied to the residents of the Newtown area and the whole issue of the handling of these special development levies in the last number of years must now be subject to a public inquiry. The details of information supplied to our group is as follows.

May 1996..... cost of re-alignment of Bridge £750,000  
Levies Paid or due to 2/2/96 £353,776  
Monies spent as of 2/2/97 £120,000  
Monies available to fund project £233,776

8th November 1996..... cost of project £900,000  
Increase due to C.I.E. height requirements

13th November 1996..... cost of project £1,500,000  
Increase due to cost of Meadowbrook Link Road

This attempt by County Officials to include the Meadowbrook Link Road with this project was firmly rejected by the Celbridge area committee and the following was agreed with the County Officials at the estimates meeting on 18th November 1996:

- That special levies would be set at £22,000 per acre on the 29.7 zoned residential and undeveloped. This would raise £660,000 and with the £233,000 already in hand the cost of the project would be at the Council's disposal.

- The Bridge would be a stand alone project i.e. the Meadowbrook Link and Newtown Road improvements would not be part of it.

- That detouring during construction would be agreed by the Celbridge Area Committee.

At the Area Meeting on 16th May 1997 the Area Committee were advised the cost of the project was now £1,381,000  
Cost of Bridge.....£850,000  
Rathcoffey Road.....£231,000  
Meadowbrook Link..... £300,000 (Half the original estimate)

At the area meeting on the 11th July 1997 there was a further revision of costs:

Cost of Bridge .....£1,500,000 (C.I.E. requirements now cost nothing extra)  
Rathcoffey Road .....£385,000  
Meadowbrook Link £400,000

Having received this information from the Area Committee prior to the granting of planning permission on the two developments currently under way in this area this committee publicly stated that they would not appeal the decision to grant this permission. This decision may have influenced others to follow the same line. We must therefore assume that the actions of Kildare County Council Officials may have had a direct bearing on

the outcome of the appeal decision of an Bord Pleanala.

The image that this fiasco portrays to members of the public can only have a negative effect on all our local and national representatives. The Committee of the Bond Bridge Action Group will be asking all our local elected representatives to approach the relevant department and request they seek a full and detailed explanation for the way in which this matter has been handled. This is no longer just a matter of the handling of the Bond Bridge project but the credibility of our system of local government.

A public meeting will be organised in the coming weeks for this committee to seek guidance from the residents of the Newtown area as to what course of action should be taken to resolve this situation.

*John Doogan (Chairman)*  
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## MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

About 280 children registered for this years project and all trips were pretty well booked out on registration day. Our events were trips to Ballylane Farm, Wexford, Bowling, Indoor Fun Factory, The Zoo, Donadea Forest Park, Films, Annamoe Fun Park Wicklow, Celbridge Abbey, Ice Skating and Dart Trip to Bray. Our over 12's programme was fully booked every night with as many as 50 teenagers travelling at night to the different events.

With all the variety there was something to suit everyone and the children and leaders enjoyed all the outings. On the home front we had Soccer, Crafts, Pitch and Putt, Quiz, Tennis, Games, Bingo, Films, and Disco Dancing Competitions. Unfortunately our Discos came to a sad end when we had to cancel them out in the Glenroyal Hotel. This was due to the unsocial behaviour of a handful of boys and girls who decided they were going to spoil the fun for everyone else. All we can do is apologise to all the children of good behaviour who missed out on their discos.

### Thanks

We would like to thank the following for their help during the project: Maynooth Community Council, Summer Project Committee, Student Leaders, Voluntary Leaders, Parents, V.E.C., for use of MADE Centre, Glenroyal Hotel, I.C.A. for use of Hall, C.Y.C for keeping us informed of what's going on and to Tony and Mary Bean for their help with the Pitch and Putt. Our student leaders this year were: Elaine Phelan, Aileen Staunton, Deirdre Sheehan, Alex Brady, Paul Considine, Adrian O' Donovan, Ross O' Donoghue and Edel Forde.

These were a great bunch and worked extremely hard with the project and we would love to have them all back next year. Our volunteer Youth Leaders were Maeve Stynes, Andrea Ennis, Sandra Brady and Ciara Baxter. Our grateful thanks to these young people who gave freely of their time for the month of July to the youth of Maynooth. With young people like this in our midst we cannot go wrong.

I'd also like to say a big thanks to Johnny Dowling for all his help this year and every year. Where would we all be without Johnny.

Congratulations to all who won prizes in the Scavenger Hunt, Disco Dancing Competitions, Pitch and Putt, Tennis, Quiz, Bingo and Soccer Competitions. See our photo spreads elsewhere in the Newsletter. If I have forgotten anyone it was not intentional. Our AGM will take place in October. So watch the Newsletter for the date.

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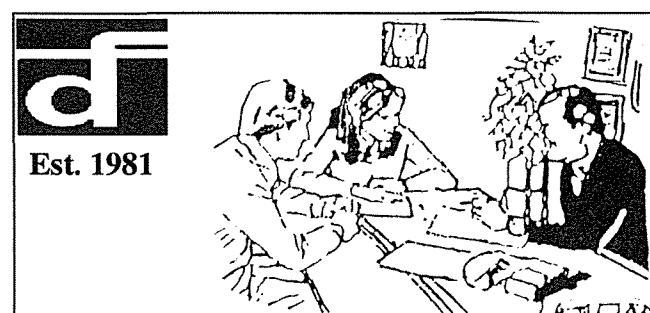
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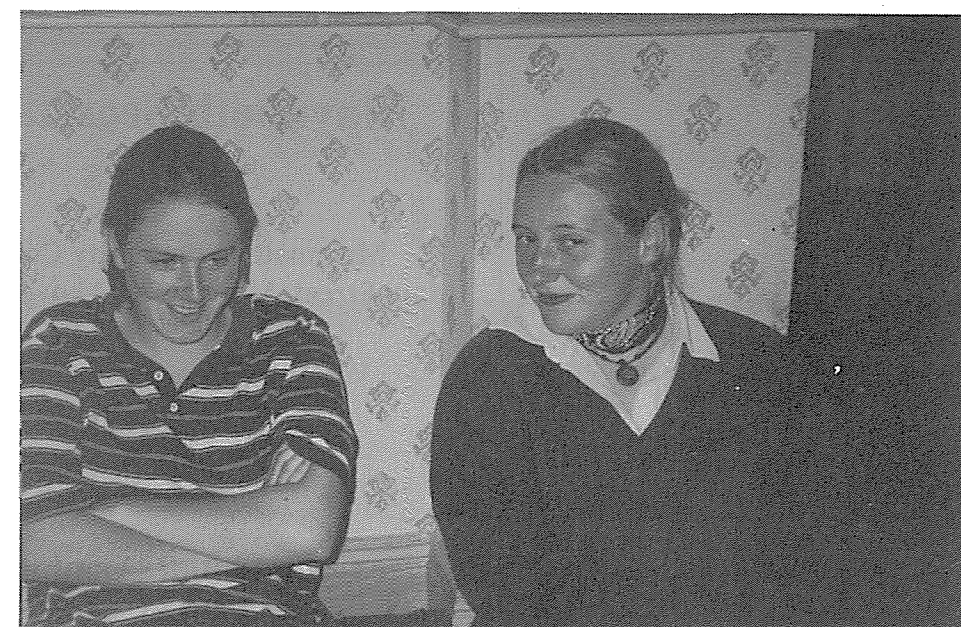
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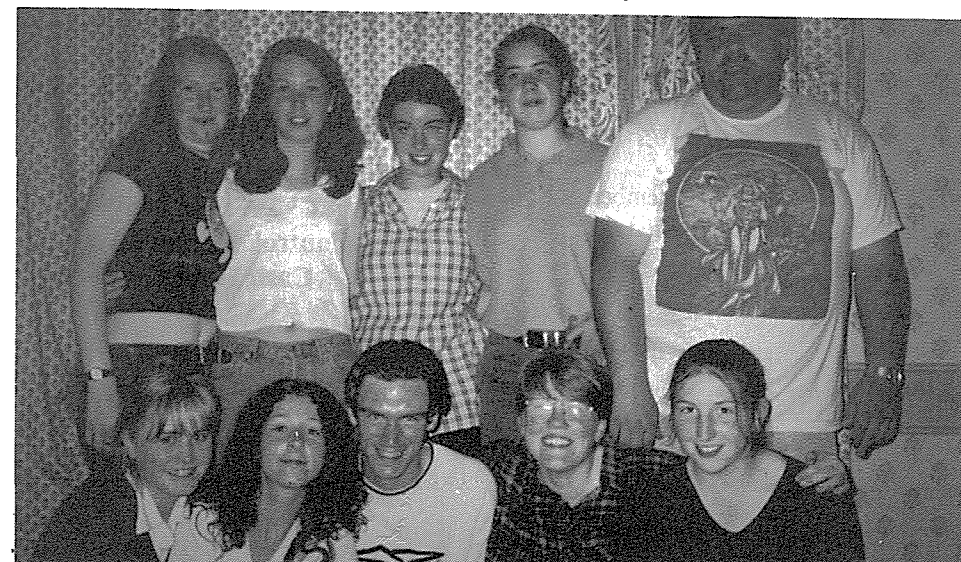
## SUMMER PROJECT 1997



Summer Project leaders Andrea Ennis and Maeve Stynes



Busy boys on Summer Project



Summer Project Leaders  
Front L-R: S. Brady, Nicola, R. O'Donoghue, A. Staunton, C. Baxter.  
Back: A. Brady, D. Sheehan, E. Forde, E. Phelan, J. Dowling

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### MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

It's back to Club events again after the holidays. We have a very busy Autumn in the Club with a full programme of events planned!

On September 16th, we expect a large attendance to see Fergus Hemingway. He is from Wexford and is a most exciting and inventive demonstrator, using the most modern and unusual items in his work! Remember his last visit and the exhaust pipe from his car used as a wonderful stand? Fergus has won many prizes at the International and National Shows in Ireland, England, New Zealand.

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Reminder of A.O.I.F.E. week-end in Athlone on Oct 2nd - 5th. There will be the finals of Inter-Club Competition and Flower Arranger of the Year. Noleen O'Brien and Felicity Satchwell will be representing our Club. I wish them well and every success to both!

On September 16th our meeting will be held as usual in "Loftus Hall" St. Patrick's College at 8 pm. Non members are most welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings.

Admission £3 to include Tea & biscuits.

*Moirá Baxter PRO*

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL

We would like to welcome all the boys to school for the start of another year and a special welcome to all the new boys just starting.

We hope to hold our AGM before the end of September. A date has not yet been set, but parents will be notified in good time.

*Claire O'Rourke,*

*P.R.O.*



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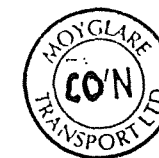
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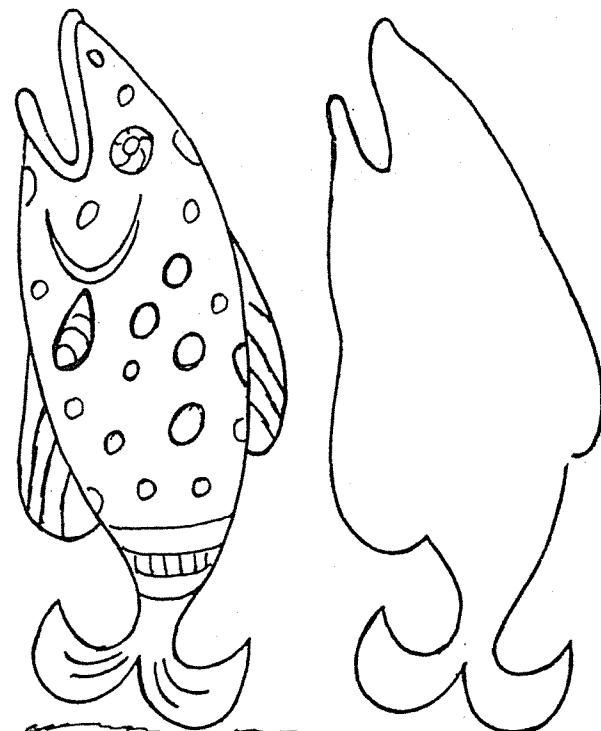
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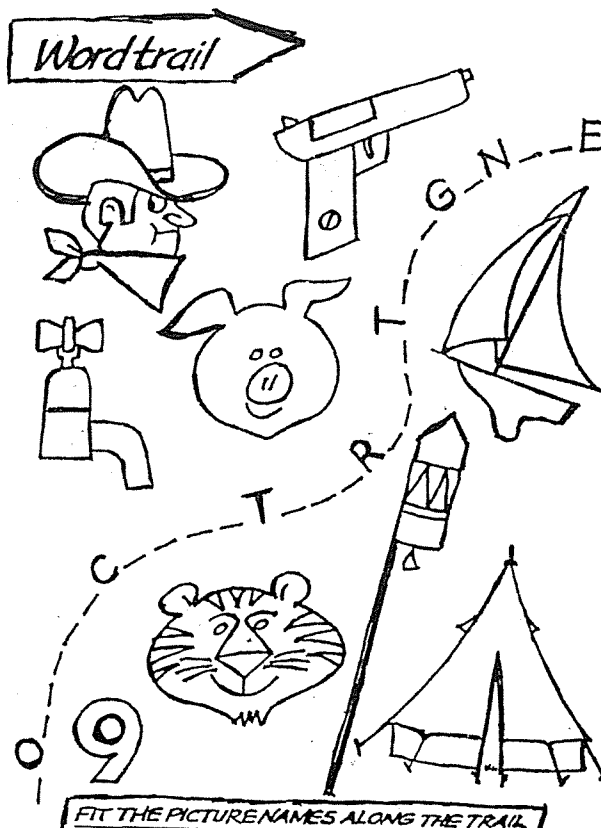




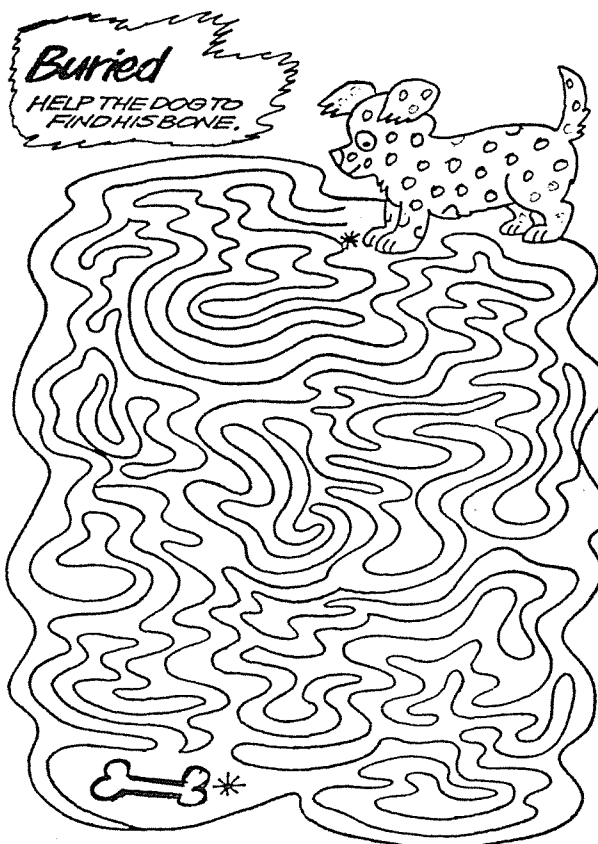
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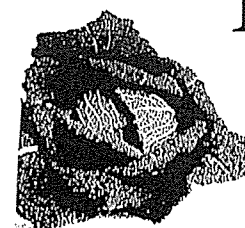
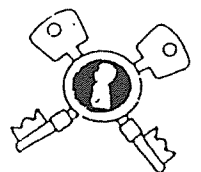
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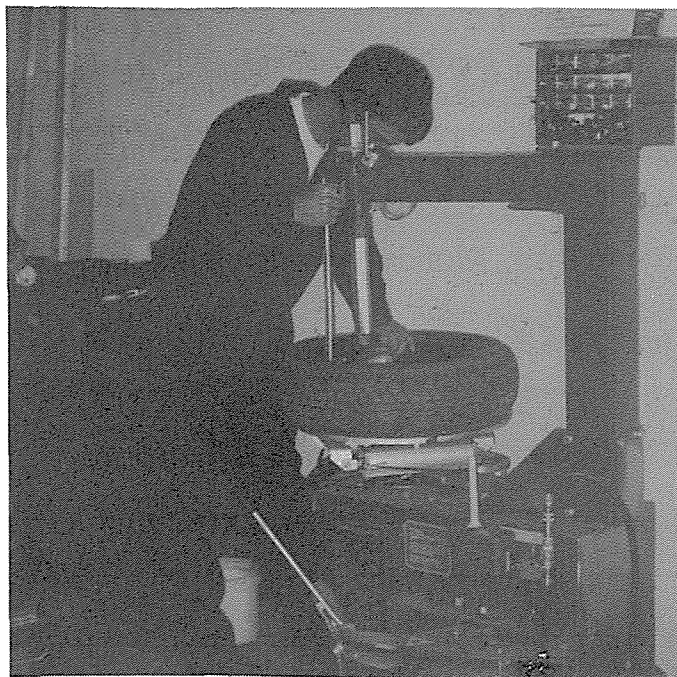
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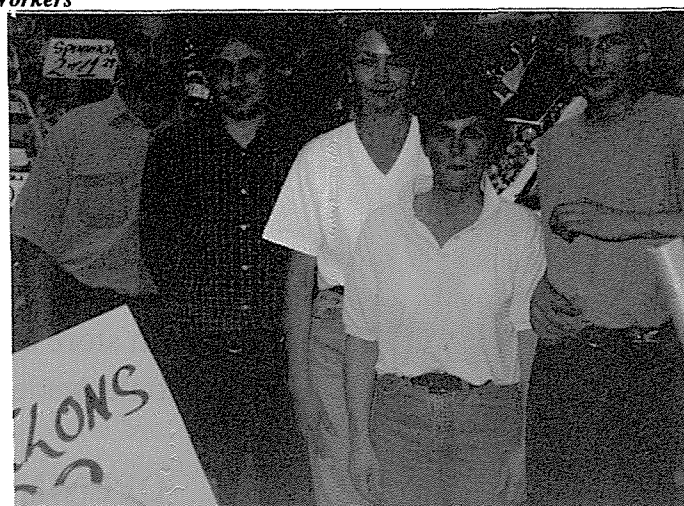


*Pictured above, Sticky Fingers Playschool Workers*

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*L-R: Mario, Colm, Regina, Ann, and Tommy.*

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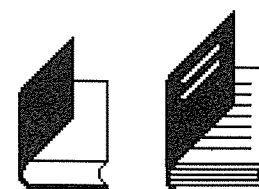
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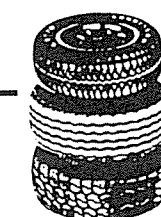


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Co. Kildare played a crucial part in the Rebellion and we have invited Mr. Liam Chambers of Maynooth College, who has recently completed a thesis entitled "Politics and Rebellion in County Kildare 1790-1803" to deliver the lecture.

The lecture "Understanding the 1798 Rebellion in County Kildare" will be chaired by Mary Cullen, historian, and will include details on activities in Maynooth and surrounding areas during the Rebellion.

The occasion promises to be of great interest to all local residents wishing to learn more of our local history and we look forward to a large attendance in the new conference room in the Glenroyal.

### THE MAZE IN THE MAIZE

Have the time of your life in a field of maize. This is a good way to learn about the environment on the treasure trail as you solve clues to reach the centre of the maize.

This novel idea is the brain-wave of Deirdre Hughes a computer student and with the help of 2 other college friends, Anne-Marie Bennett, (also studying computers) and Tom Madigan (studying accountancy) the whole project has proven so far to be a great success.

A lot of information was taken from the internet and the work for the project started back in January.

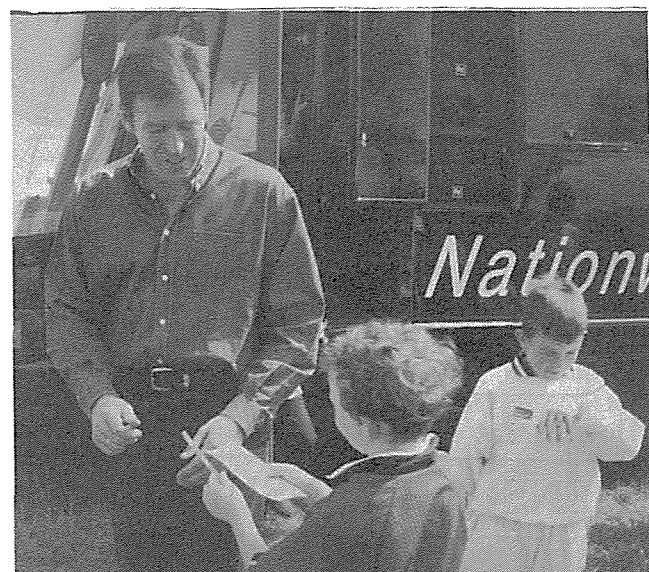


*Packie Bonner Opening The Maze in the Maize.*

2 FM sponsored the project and have been responsible for a lot of publicity that the maze has received.

A great day out can be had for all the family especially since there is a pet farm and sand pit available for smaller children and a coffee shop, flower shop and crafts shop are also available for a coffee or just for a browse. At the moment the maize is 6 foot high and will eventually grow to 7 - 10 feet tall and the maize will close with a Harvest Festival on the first week in October.

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*Packie Bonner giving a little fan an autograph.*

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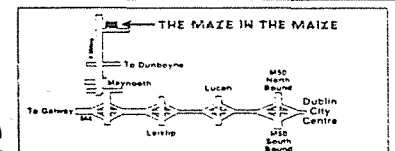
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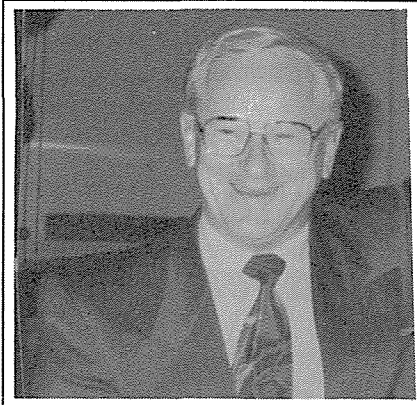
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## TOM ASHE RETIRES

After twenty six years of service to Maynooth Post-Primary School Mr. Thomas Ashe has announced his resignation from his position as principal of the school. He has taken us all by surprise. His extraordinary achievement in turning around the fortunes of this technical school to one of the best educational establishments in the country has been remarked upon continually during my seventeen years in Maynooth. However, I first got to know Tom Ashe through my work with the Community Council when we collaborated on a common project shortly after I became Chairperson in 1987. The Community Council has met in the school for most of its life also. On behalf of the Council I would like to thank him for this facility. During this initial period, his ability to work, his directness and getting to the point became increasingly clear to me. I was very impressed by his total dedication to his school, students, staff and parents, a quality which became more obvious to me as my children later attended the school. His energy knew no

bounds and his interest never waned. During the last six years the addition of further rooms and a huge hall to the school are a measure of his outstanding devotion.

On a personal, selfish level, I am sad to see Tom leaving before my second daughter completes her studies. I admired and concurred with his educational philosophy and his emphasis on the total development of the student. The introduction of the Transition Year was a welcome expansion within the school. His devotion to students was often well beyond the call of duty. The small number of rules, the openness of the staff with the students and the maturity with which problems were dealt with were, I believe, due to his influence. He knew his 650 students well, something which never ceased to surprise me. The measure of his achievement culminated in the Irish Times education correspondent recognising Maynooth Post-Primary School as one of the best schools in Ireland. I was delighted, proud and lucky to have my family educated there. I hope that in the future his philosophy will continue to bear fruit. The school is a monument to his love of education, students, staff and parents. I wish him a wonderful retirement. I shall miss him tremendously. I do not think I will be alone. I hope his successor will have the maturity to continue with his legacy.

Thanks for everything Tom, on behalf of the Community Council, the town, my children and myself.

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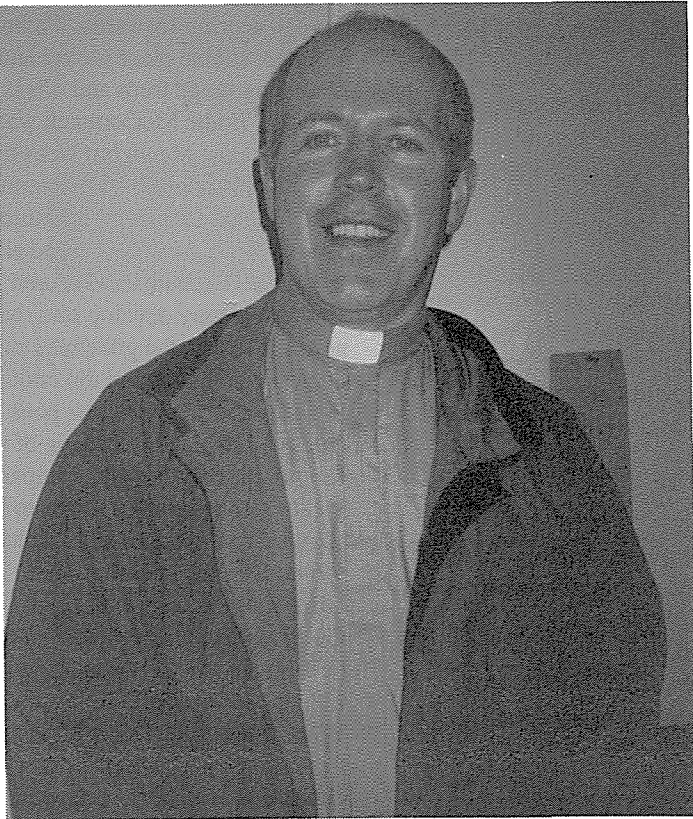
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## THE NEW CURATE

The new curate to Maynooth parish, Fr. John Sinnott speaks of a great welcome from many parishioners as he begins ministry in Maynooth parish. Fr. Sinnott was a chaplain for the last six years at University College Dublin. U.C.D. was a place of youth, optimism and great energy. The first weeks in Maynooth show Fr. Sinnott strong signals of the same kind of energy and enthusiasm. There is a real sense of history and tradition working alongside new possibilities and progress. Fr. Sinnott is a native of Bray, Co. Wicklow. He completed his studies in Clonliffe College Dublin and the Irish College Rome, followed by



*Fr. Sinnott, Maynooth's New Curate.*

ordination in July 1981. Since ordination Fr. Sinnott has also ministered as priest-teacher Ringsend Technical Institute, and chaplain to Mountjoy prison. In coming to Maynooth Parish, Fr. Sinnott is very eager to work in close partnership with the parish priest, Fr. Supple and the many parishioners who are eager to get involved. In common with Fr. Supple, Fr. Sinnott also has a brother working in the diocese. His brother Peter is a curate in the parish of Kilnamanagh, Tallaght. Finally a particular note of thanks is made to the neighbours on Straffan Way, who went out of their way to help Fr. Sinnott settle in. Fr. Sinnott will be living in 18 Straffan Way, and asks parishioners to note his new phone no. 6290553.

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Maynooth Conference of St. Vincent De Paul are running their annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday September 13th. This years Pilgrimage holds a great significance because it coincides with the Beatification of the venerable Frederick Ozanam, the Founder of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. The Beatification Ceremony will be performed by His Holiness Pope John Paul in Paris at the end of August. This year it also coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Catherine Laboure Founder of the French Sisters of Charity, some of whose members were in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for many years.

There will be special ceremonies this year in Knock to mark the occasion. Among those attending will be Most Rev Michael Neary Archbishop of Tuam, Mr Noel Clear National President of St. Vincent De Paul, Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy and Fr. Richard Mc Cullen C.M. As there is only one bus going from Maynooth we advise early booking. The bus fare will be £8.50 for adults and a cut fare for children under 14 years.

The bus will leave Kingsbry (Maynooth) at 8.30 a.m. and will pick up passengers at the entrance to Old Greenfield and at the Catholic Church at 8.45. There will be a break for tea

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### SAD END TO KILDARE'S CAMPAIGN

Kildare's dramatic run in the Leinster championship came to an end on August 4th when Meath finally ground out a victory in the second replay. Some would say that after four high profile matches in this years championship Kildare have nothing to show for their efforts. It is true to say that this team haven't won any titles. But all four performances have won Kildare new respect. The old suspicions that Kildare teams lack the necessary heart to compete at the highest level have been firmly dispelled. A foundation has been laid for the future and no team in Leinster will fancy drawing Kildare in next years Leinster championship.

#### Bitter Pill

Defeat on August 4th was a bitter pill to swallow. But it was a defeat which had more to do with an improvement in Meath's performance than any collapse on Kildare's part. In the first two matches Kildare won the lions share of possession around the centre of the field. Some of this was due to excellent fielding by Buckley and McCreery but more important was Kildare's ability to snaffle up the breaking ball, with Kerrigan, McCormack and the half backs being particularly effective. The Meath forwards were forced to live on scraps and only a last minute goal by Giles and unbelievable point scoring by Devine kept Meath in the contest. Sean Boylan learned from the first two matches and the deployment of Colm Coyle as a third midfielder on August 4th was the key to a changed pattern in the third game. This time Meath were fastest out of the traps and asserted a firm hold on midfield in the first quarter of the game. By the 23rd minute Kildare trailed 0-1 to 0-7 and the nightmare scenario of a heavy defeat loomed. Inspired by Buckley and Rainbow, Kildare fought back to 0-5 to 0-7 though Meath increased their lead to four points at half time, 0-5 to 0-9.

#### Missed Penalty

Eddie McCormack's missed penalty just after half time proved costly as Murphy's goal for Meath meant that Kildare trailed by six points with just 17 minutes left. As in the first half Kildare fought back with spirit and a series of magnificent long range frees by Niall Buckley and a scrambled goal by Eddie McCormack brought them to within a point of Meath. But there the comeback ended and the total relief on the faces of the Meath players was matched only by the absolute dejection of the Kildare players when the final whistle sounded.

#### The Future?

Where to, from here for this Kildare team? This team is tantalisingly close to being good enough to win a Leinster title. As a squad they have shown the necessary application and self-belief to compete at the highest level. Critically, though, one of the old problems still remains - a lack of

enough scoring forwards. Padraig Graven has proved a find as a dependable place kicker and Niall Buckley's accuracy from long range frees and 45s is as good as any player in the country. Eddie McCormack was excellent in the second match against Meath but lacks consistency. Declan Kerrigan had a good championship overall and proved himself more than a match for Enda McManus but is not a consistent point scorer. Brian Murphy caused all sorts of problems for the Meath full back line and scored a brilliant goal in the second match. He may develop into the type of forward Kildare needs. Finally, the great enigma, Martin Lynch. Lynch is a talented footballer and did enough to keep Darren Fay busy. But his scoring return was poor. Too often possession was wasted with aimless kicking or running into dead ends. Overall the forward unit compared unfavourably with Meath's and certainly seems to be in the halfpenny place compared to the amazing display put on by the Offaly forwards in the Leinster Final. Two new scoring forwards, capable of kicking points consistently from play would be the final piece in the jigsaw of this Kildare team. Offaly's performance in the Leinster final proved the old Dublin-Meath domination in Leinster can be broken. Roy Malone ripped the Meath defence apart with the sort of display that has Kildare fans wishing that there was a transfer market in Gaelic football. Put Malone in the Kildare forward line and .....

#### The Ref

Finally, a word about Mr. Pat O'Toole, the referee who was supposedly in charge of the Kildare v Meath series of games. It is not often that a referee can simultaneously alienate both set of supporters. When it happens it indicates poor refereeing. O'Toole lost the respect of the players in the first match and, if anything, his performances disimproved as the series went on. Over 160,000 fans witnessed the three Kildare - Meath games, the players gave their all. The very least the fans and players deserved was a decent referee. On that score Mr. Pat O'Toole doesn't qualify.

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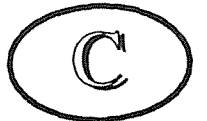
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### OFF TO SCHOOL WE GO.

At the beginning of the Summer holidays we thought that the month of September would never come. Let us be honest about it - September did seem a long way off. Now the children are going back. At this time of the year both parents and pupils are looking forward to school. There are two groups for whom this is an especially important time. Is your first child starting Primary or Post Primary? - whichever it is it is a new experience for the family.

The four or five year old is quite likely to have attended play school. There they were in the bigger, older and more responsible group. Now they are surrounded by so many strange faces - many of them much taller than them. Just think of Gulliver on his travels. No wonder a first child may be a bit 'clingly'. The later members of the family are used to their sisters and brothers going off to school and returning home in the afternoon. What can parents do to assure their child? KEEP YOUR PROMISES. If you are to collect your child at the school gate make sure you leave yourself enough time. The uniform is very important. A ribbon will help to keep the hair neat and tidy. Has your child a name tag? Did you label his clothes, his bag and its contents, his lunch box and drinks container? Does he know his phone number, his surname and address? Can he tie his shoe laces - button his coat - put on his gloves - open his drink and lunch box - go to the toilet unaided? All these things will help to make the transition from home to school easier. When you get to the school show your child where to hang his coat, show him to his seat and GO.

Is there anything you feel your child's teacher should know? Has there been any change in home circumstances during the holidays? Who lives with the child? A note to the teacher will be much appreciated.

The older child will already be familiar with the school routine. You may or may not agree with the teacher but it is better not to criticise the teacher in front of your child. A quiet word with the teacher will iron out any difficulties. Too little homework - too much homework - talk it over with the teacher. Set a time for homework. Make the study area comfortable with good lighting, a table or desk and no television. Keep the television for the leisure area. Read your children's books so you can discuss them. Breakfast is most important. Lunch needs to be well balanced so that the child's energy is sustained for the afternoon.

The other big change comes for the first year pupil in Secondary school. By this time the student should be responsible for his own clothes, bedroom and study habits. Talk, talk and more talk with your child should be your aim. Keep communication channels open.

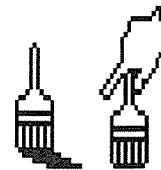
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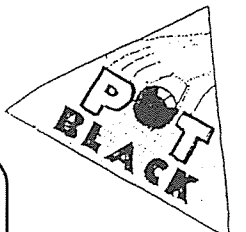
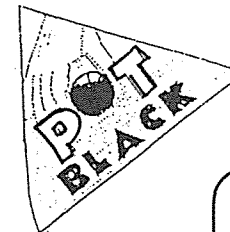


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## Features

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Re-opening on Wednesday Sept 10th.

#### Adult Classes

Every Monday from 8.30pm-10pm in the Boys National School Hall.

Re-opening on Monday September 15th.

Teacher - Rita Doyle T.C.R.G.

### THE ROSE OF TRALEE

The pale moon was rising above the green mountains,  
The sun was declining beneath the blue sea,  
When I stray'd with my love to the pure crystal fountain,  
That stands in the beautiful vale of Tralee.  
She was lovely and fair as the rose of the summer,  
Yet 'twas not her beauty alone that won me,  
Oh, no 'twas the truth in her eye ever dawning  
That made me love Mary the Rose of Tralee.

This year the people of Maynooth had an added interest in watching the Rose of Tralee contest on the television. Some of you were fortunate enough to go to 'the beautiful vale of Tralee'. Best wishes to the Australian Rose, Lynda Smyth and her family Tony and Mary Smyth.

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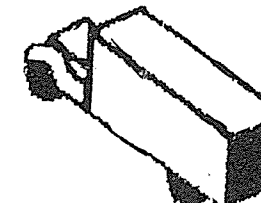
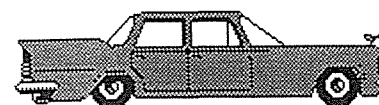
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# Features

## VIDEO REVIEW

### Ransom (15's)

Mel Gibson stars as a business tycoon whose son, played by Nick Nolte's actual son Brawley, is kidnapped in this gripping thriller. What should have been a simple case of the baddies finally getting what they deserve, is actually raised far beyond this by a very clever, almost (but not quite) Hitchcock-ian script and brilliant direction by Ron Howard (Ritchie Cuninghame to you). Gibson and screen wife (played by Rene Russo) have their high-flying yuppie lifestyle shattered when the boy is grabbed and they receive a ransom demand for two million dollars. But without giving too much away, things are not as they seem. For a start Mel's got a skeleton in the cupboard in the form of an ex-associate rotting in prison, the leader of the kidnappers is a police detective, and what starts off as ransom becomes bounty money!

There are enough twists and turns and red herrings to keep even the most ardent whodunit fans glued to the edge of their seat throughout. This is a good, old-fashioned and very well executed piece of cinema that's worth two hours of anybody's time.

*Verdict: Not to be missed!*

### The Ghost and the Darkness (15's)

This movie is based on a true story and stars Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas. Kilmer is an engineer who is posted to Africa to supervise the construction of a railway bridge. One of the native workers is attacked and killed by a pair of rampaging man-eating lions, and the rest of the workforce threaten to do a runner if something is not done about it. Enter Douglas (in the nick of time) as a big game hunter, hired by the railroad boss to eliminate the felonious felines. After several failed individual attempts, the engineer and the hunter join forces to track them down and I have no intention of telling you what the outcome is!

The Ghost and the Darkness is a bit of a letdown as films go. As a factual account of a serious incident, even given the content, it's only mildly interesting. As a Boys Own ripping yarn, a la *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, it fails miserably, and both Kilmer and Douglas never succeed in bringing real depth to their respective characters.

Incidentally, Michael Douglas gets to use the best (or worst) cliché of 1997 when Kilmer decides to use himself as bait to lure the lions into the open. "Do you think it will work?" he asks Douglas. "I know it will" he replies "because I think they're after you!"

Hollywood moguls will have to realise that the mundane doesn't get any better just because you throw big names at it.

*Verdict: Disappointing.*

### 101 Dalmatians (G)

A remake by the Disney studio of their own animated classic, the kids will have you tormented to rent this video time and time again! This is a terrific movie, even more so if you happen to be the one person on the planet that hasn't seen the original.

Glenn Close is brilliant as Cruella De Ville and hams it up beautifully, while Hugh Laurie and Mark Williams are superb as the bungling dog-nappers who slapstick their way through the entire hilarious film. The original script was adapted by John Hughes of Home Alone fame, and comparisons with Laurie and Williams and Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern are definitely not coincidental! What more can I say? Everybody between the ages of three and ninety-three should thoroughly enjoy this excellent hour and three-quarter's entertainment.

*Verdict: Highly enjoyable.*

## ADULT EDUCATION

Mellow the moonlight to shine is beginning Close by the window young Eileen is spinning This is the time of year when enrolment begins for the Autumn term of Adult Education. We are very fortunate here that our classes take place in the morning. The classes cover a wide variety of interests. A knowledge of first aid is something everyone should have. Have you wanted to play bridge or paint or have a few rounds of the dance floor? A bit of home decorating might be a good idea. Flower arranging, interior design and french polishing are available. The children are very much into computers - so be one step ahead with your own computer course. There are several courses for yourself - Yoga, personal awareness, womens' health issues, creative writing and one entitled 'Make time for yourself'. The 'Make time for yourself' course is subsidised by the Department of Social welfare and costs £10. To help child carers a creche will be available.

Whether you are looking forward to devoting more time to an existing interest, resuming an old hobby, or trying your hand at an entirely new pastime the choice is yours. Language classes in Gaeilge and French will prepare for that next holiday. The courses will keep us fit in mind and body. They are a pleasant way of meeting old friends and making some new ones. Enrolment begins the week beginning Monday 15 September.

Classes begin 2 weeks later. In Maynooth the classes take place in the M.A.D.E. building on the Moyglare road just up past the church on the opposite side of the road. Celbridge classes are in St. Eustace parish centre, Main St.. Prices vary from £30 - £45. and there are concessions for unemployed.

Cluainn Aoibhainn



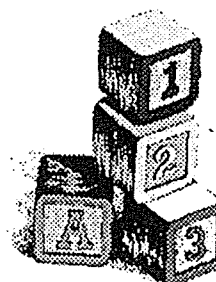
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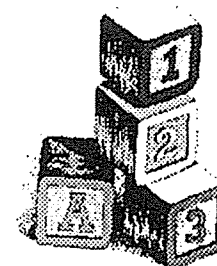
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# Features

## MAHER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Congratulations and very well done to the dancers who recently travelled to Scotland to compete in the Edinburgh Festival.

Seventeen dancers from the Class travelled together with their families and a great weekend was had by all. The festival was a great success with dancers from all parts of Scotland, England and Ireland and the standard of dancing was extremely high. In all, we won 110 prizes - including the Oversea's Championship and the Boy's Championship - a great achievement by all concerned. Many thanks to Enfield Transport and our driver Joe for all their help.

Another major event in our dancing calendar is our annual Feile Rince Maigh Nuad which will be held on Saturday 20th September at the Parish Hall. All proceeds from the Feis go to Our Lady's Hospice - Home Care Team. It is a prestigious event in the Feis Calendar and attracts dancers from far and wide - this year we have a group of dancers travelling from Dundee in Scotland to spend the weekend in Maynooth.

Finally, classes resume on Wednesday 10th September at 6.15pm at the Boy's National School and on Friday 12th September at Mulhussey Parish Centre at 6pm.

Looking forward to seeing everybody - new pupils very welcome.

*Catherine Maher TCRG, ADCRG.*

## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We wish to remind people of our forthcoming "Night At The Dogs", which is due to take place on Friday, September 19th. Anyone who wishes may sponsor a dog, the usual fee for such nomination is ten pounds.

Committee members will be selling Raffle/Admission tickets, at a cost of two pounds each, outside local shops during early September. Your generous support will be much appreciated.

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*Michael Dillane PRO*

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## Residents Association

### SILKEN VALE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE 1996 - 1997

The Committee would like to thank the residents for their support in opposing the proposed footbridge and rear access. All letters of objection along with a submission outlining our concerns have been sent to Kildare County Council. We have requested a meeting with the Council and will advise you of their decision.

Kildare County Council have served another Enforcement Notice on North City Builders obliging them to complete the works to the estate. The Enforcement Notice was served in June and at the time of going to press nothing of consequence has happened. Obviously North City Builders are paying as much attention to this Notice as they did to the previous one.

The Committee will continue to pursue North City Builders in an effort to get the works completed. The County Council will also be pursued to ensure that the Enforcement Notice does not lapse as happened before.

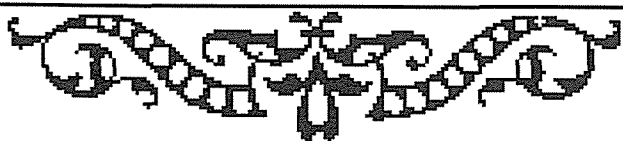
Following the success of the Social Night earlier this year it has been decided to end the Summer with the 'September Swing'. This Social Night is open to all residents and friends and will be held in the G.A.A. Club on Saturday 6th September starting at 8.00pm. So get your dancing shoes on for some food, fun and frolics. Tickets were sold throughout August but are still available from Committee Members.

Please make a note in your diaries for Monday 15th September as our AGM is being held in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30pm. The night will begin with a Neighbourhood Watch meeting and we hope to have guest speakers to help highlight some of the issues concerning all residents. The AGM will follow and we would request that every household be represented. Any person wishing to take an active part on the Committee next year may contact a current Committee member.

Finally, congratulations to all people on the estate who have had babies recently. We hope you are all doing well. We would also wish all expectant mothers the best of luck in the coming months.

*Damian Roche*

*Chairperson*



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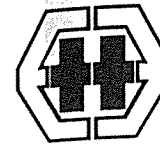
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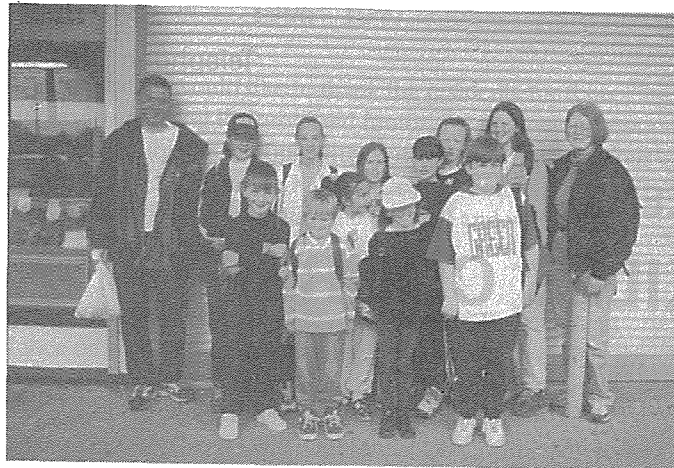
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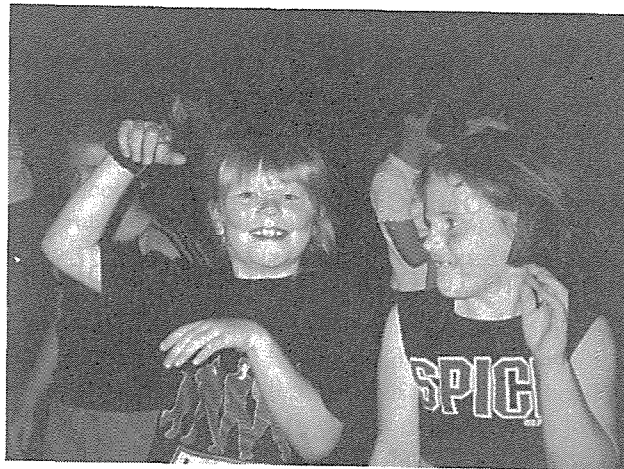
# SUMMER PROJECT 1997



Off to Ballylore Farm with Paul & Aileen



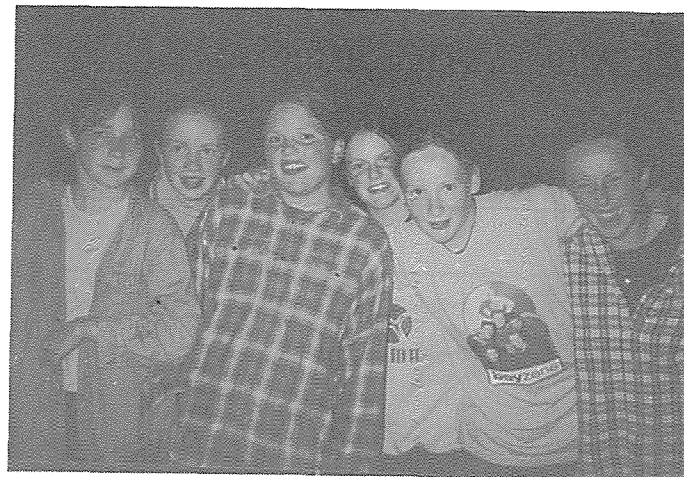
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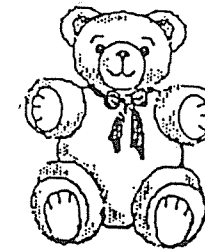
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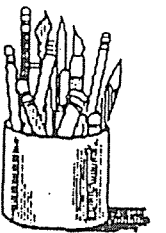


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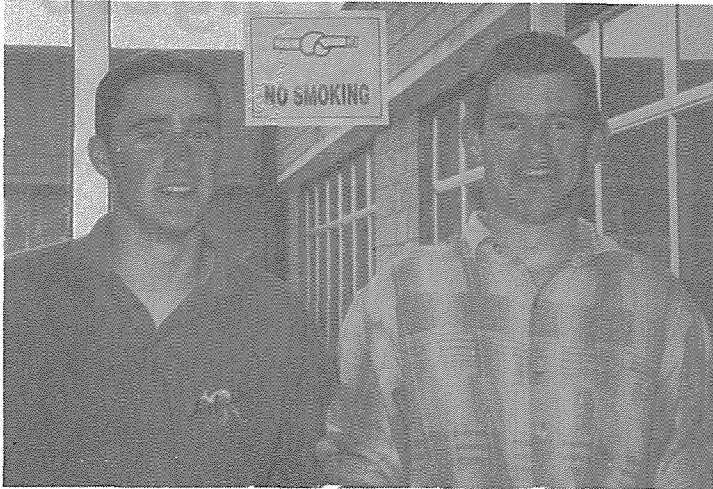
# Maynooths Leaving Cert 1997

As we all know the Leaving Cert results came out on the 19th August this year and the day was marked with many different reactions to the receiving of these results. The students all shared one common emotion, prior to opening their individual envelopes....."anxiety".

However it was interesting to note the different mixed reactions to actually realising their results. Some faces immediately lit up and many shouts and roars usually ensued and then on the other hand there were the few glum faces that said that student didn't achieve exactly they would have liked, but the glum faces were few and far between in Maynooth.

The overall atmosphere was one of great relief to finally know the outcome of tests and study done months before.

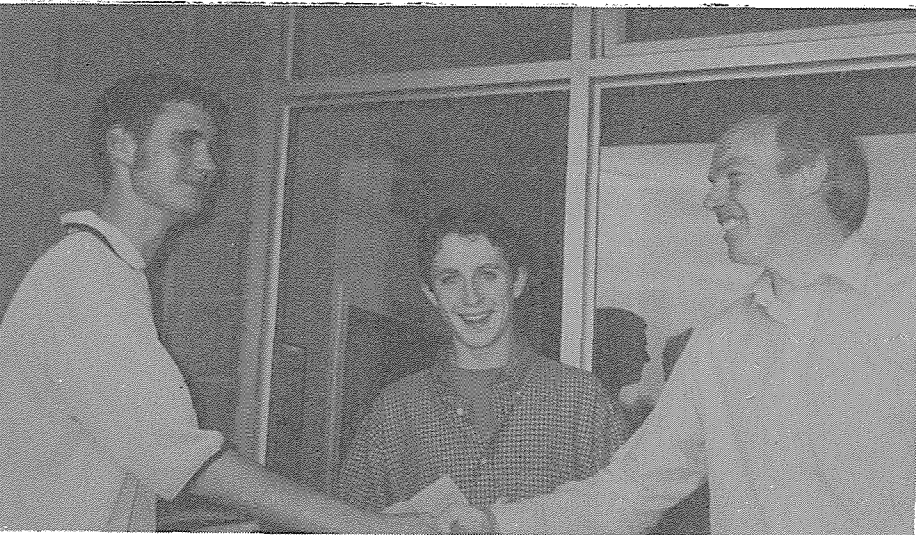
Principal Thomas Ashe was absolutely delighted with the overall results. He said that in all his years as Principal of Maynooth Secondary School he has



L-R John O'Shea and Packie Carroll



L-R Linda Clarke and Edwina Mahoney



Two students being congratulated by their teacher.  
L-R Neill Farrelly, Brian Joyce and Mr. McKeon.

never seen such a set of wonderful results with many of his students achieving the highest possible points of 600 needed for entry to colleges of their choice. With a lot of students receiving all A1's the school and teachers have a lot to be proud of in this Leaving Cert year.

Principal Tom Ashe and some of the other teachers commented that they felt the results should be sent to each students home and they should not have to come in to the school to collect these important pieces of paper.

There is enough pressure on school leavers without the added pressure of facing fellow schoolmates who might have done better than they did.

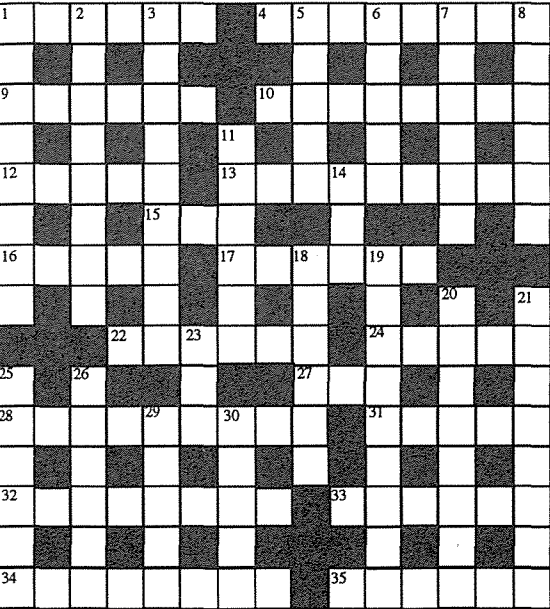
Granted for the students who have done very well it is great for them to be able to laud for a while in their capabilities but for the weaker student it just makes the day more difficult than it really needs to be.

A lot of students went to Rockafellas on the night to wind down and do a bit of celebrating.

Principal Tom Ashe said he is retiring this year and it certainly is a good year to go out on.

On a final note we would like to congratulate the students who received their results and the parents who supported them throughout the year!

## Crossword No. 118



Entries before 5p.m. 19th September, 1997

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Across:

- Fable (6)
- Hurried (8)
- Eminence (6)
- Treacle (8)
- Sign up (5)
- Flock-watchers! (9)
- Fruit-seed (3)
- Fight (3-2)
- Rudimentary (6)
- Affirms (6)
- Smooth fabric (5)
- Newt (3)
- Speculative (9)
- Precise (5)
- Placed before (8)
- Slow movement (6)
- Honours (8)
- Those who inflict pain (6)

### Down:

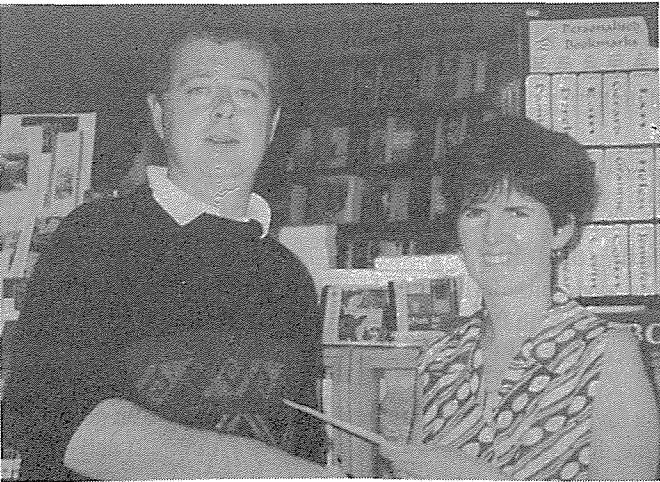
- Generosity (8)
- Produce (8)
- Stair support (5, 4)
- Copy (5)
- Refuse (5)

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- Iridescence (6)
- Cease (6)
- Outlook (6)
- Normal (3)
- Divide (6)
- Time past (9)
- Throttle (8)
- Oily (8)
- Highest card (3)
- Dazed state (6)
- Disconnects (6)
- Uplift (5)
- English river (5)

### Solution to Crossword No. 117:

Across: 1. Sherpa; 4. Swindler; 9. Victor; 10. Primates; 12. Rhone; 13. Pseudonym; 15. Cap; 16. Tacit; 17. Enfold; 22. Cradle; 24. Moose; 27. Sod; 28. Miscreant; 31Sepia;. 32. Operatic; 33. Parrot; 34. Tennyson; 35. Peeler.

Down: 1. Severity; 2. Encroach; 3. Projector; 5. Worse; 6. Nomad; 7. Latent; 8. Resume; 11. Append; 14. UFO; 18. Fiesta; 19. Landscape; 20. Corporal; 21. Decanter; 23. Ape; 25. Import; 26. Astern; 29. Ready; 30. Amigo.

Winner of Crossword No. 117:  
Patrick Healy, 9 Leinster Park, Maynooth.



## Gardening Hints

### THE GARDEN INDOORS

#### Growing Bulbs in Pots

Spring bulbs can be incredibly cheering, especially when they're flowering indoors in the middle of winter.

It is important to buy specially prepared bulbs, these are heat-treated so that they'll flower before spring. For Christmas flowering they should be planted by mid-September.

Hyacinths, narcissi, crocuses, early tulips and dwarf irises will flower well indoors.

#### Planting the Bulbs

Using a pot with drainage holes, plant the bulbs in potting compost or bulb fibre. Be careful not to overwater as the bulbs could rot.

Put a layer of compost in the pot and set the bulbs out on it so that they're not quite touching. Fill with compost and firm it gently.

Leave the tip of larger bulbs like hyacinths exposed while smaller ones should be just covered. Water the pots and put into a cool dark place. To encourage the roots to form cover the pots with black polythene.

Check that the compost is moist, and water sparingly if necessary. Move into the light once the shoots are 2.5-5cm (1-2in) high.

### GENERAL TASKS FOR AUTUMN

#### Autumn Planting

Autumn is the best time to plant hardy garden plants. Do not plant evergreens that suffer from frost damage, as these are best planted in the Spring. Hardy evergreens like rhododendrons can be planted in Autumn also. Autumn conditions are the best to get plants quickly established as the soil is warm and rarely dry for long periods.

Prepare the ground well by digging at least two spades deep. Pull up all weeds and add plenty of garden compost or well-rotted manure. Water the plant well before planting. Dig a hole and add fertiliser.

Place the plant in the hole with rootball at soil level. Fill with soil and water well. Stake trees and tie them with a tree tie. Surround plants in exposed sites with a polythene

windbreak or fine netting during the Autumn and Winter.

Wait until October or November to buy roses, hedging plants, fruit trees or bushes.



### FRUIT



**Apples and Pears** should be harvested when the fruit separates easily from the branch. To store apples, select undamaged fruits and put about 1 kg (2lb) at a time into sealed polythene bags, pierced with a couple of pin-holes. Store pears in open wooden trays or on shelves. Keep both fruits in a very cool but just frost-free place. Check the fruits regularly and throw out any with signs of rot.

If you've got masses of fruit, even windfalls, it's worth storing in boxes to put out for the birds in winter. Blackbirds, thrushes, redwings and field-fares will really appreciate such a feast when the weather's cold.

**Grease bands** fixed round the trunks of apple trees will trap the wingless female winter moths as they climb up the trunk to lay their eggs. The caterpillars would otherwise feed on the opening buds and young leaves.



**Strawberries** should be planted by the end of September so that they can establish well for cropping next year. Prepare the ground thoroughly by digging in well-rotted compost or manure, and rake in some organic fertilizer. Space the plants 45 x 60 cm (1 1/2 x 2ft) apart, with the crown of the plant exactly at soil level. Water well after planting

### VEGETABLES

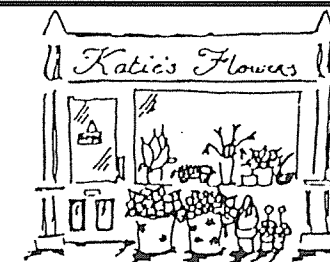
**Asparagus** foliage should be cut down to within 2.5 cm (1 in) of the ground once it has turned yellow, and the plants should then be mulched with well-rotted manure. Prepare a site for asparagus crowns to be planted next spring by digging in manure.

**Marrows, pumpkins and squashes** can be picked and put in the sun to ripen for a few days. Then hang them in net bags in a dry frost-free place, and they'll keep for two or three months.



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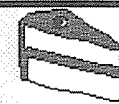


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## Hobbies & Interests



### Deliciously Simple



#### Country Chicken Stew

Serves 6-8

1.4kg/3lbs chicken portions  
45g/6tbsps flour  
45g/1½oz butter or margarine  
225g/8oz belly pork, rinded and cut into 5mm ¼ inch dice  
3 medium onions, finely chopped  
1.7lts/3 pints water  
3 x 400g/14oz cans tomatoes  
3 tbsps tomato purée  
120g/4oz fresh or frozen broad beans  
120g/4oz sweetcorn  
2 large red peppers, cut into small dice  
3 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1.25cm ½ inch cubes  
1-2 tps cayenne pepper or Tabasco to taste  
2 tps Worcestershire sauce  
280ml ½ pint red wine  
Salt and pepper

1. Shake the pieces of chicken in flour in a plastic bag to coat. In a large frying pan, melt the butter until foaming. Place in the chicken, without crowding the pieces, and brown over a moderately high heat for about 10-12 minutes. Remove the chicken and set it aside.

2. In the same pan, fry the belly pork until the fat is rendered and the dice are crisp.

3. Add the onions and cook over moderate heat for about 10 minutes, or until softened but not browned.

4. Pour the water into a large stock pot or saucepan and spoon in the onions, pork and any meat juices from the pan. Add the chicken, tomatoes and tomato purée. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for about 1-1½ hours.

5. Add the broad beans, sweetcorn, peppers and potatoes. Add cayenne pepper or Tabasco to taste. Add the Worcestershire sauce and red wine. Season to taste.



6. Cook for a further 30 minutes or until the chicken is tender. Add salt and pepper to taste.

7. The stew should be rather thick, so if there is too much liquid, remove the chicken and vegetables and boil down the liquid to reduce it. If there is not enough liquid add more water or chicken stock.

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With a large, sharp stainless steel knife, cut the top, the stem, the skin, the core and the eyes from the pineapple. Slice the fruit crossways to make thin half-rings.

For the topping, melt the butter in a one-piece, straight-sided cake tin, 9in/23cm in diameter and 1¾ in/4.5cm deep -preferably a non-stick one over a low flame.

Swish the butter around to coat the sides if the tin is not non-stick. Add the sugar, brandy and the lemon juice. Stir gently as the mixture boils and foams. After a few minutes it will start to colour. Continue stirring until it is a pale, even toffee-brown. Take the tin off the heat. Arrange the pineapple slices in the sauce, overlapping, to cover the whole bottom of the tin. Whizz all the cake ingredients in the food processor until smooth and creamy, or beat them energetically by hand. Pour the mixture over the pineapple and smooth over the surface with a spatula. Bake at 375°F/190°C/Gas 5

Baked Potatoes with Mushroom Filling

Preparation & cooking time: 1 hour 10 minutes

4 large floury potatoes
200g/7oz mushrooms
1 shallot
45g/1½oz butter
150g/5½oz crème fraîche
Salt and white pepper
150g/5½oz fresh bean sprouts

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6. Thoroughly wash the potatoes and wrap, unpeeled, in aluminium foil. Bake for about 1 hour, until cooked.

2. Meanwhile wipe and finely chop the mushrooms; finely dice the shallot. Heat the butter in a frying-pan, add the mushrooms and shallot and brown lightly over a medium heat. Stir in the crème fraîche. Season with salt and pepper and bring to boil. Add the bean sprouts and heat quickly in the mushroom sauce.

3. Take the potatoes out of the oven. Unwrap and cut off a lid. Hollow out the potatoes a little and fill with the mushroom mixture.

Classy Upside-Down Pineapple



Cake

Serves 6

For the topping

Half large ripe pineapple
3oz/90g slightly salted butter
3oz/90g caster sugar
1 tablespoon brandy
½ tablespoon lemon juice

For the cake:

4oz/120g butter
4oz/120g caster sugar
3½oz/100g self-raising flour
1 level teaspoon baking powder
1oz/30g hazelnuts, roasted, papery skins rubbed off, then ground in a liquidiser or food processor
2 eggs size 3
1 tablespoon brandy

for 45 minutes, lowering the heat to 350°F/180°C/ Gas 4 after half an hour if the mixture is already well risen and deep brown. When it is cooked, the cake will have contracted slightly from the sides of the tin, and a skewer pushed in at an angle across the cake will come out clean.

Take out of the oven and let it sit for a few minutes. Pass a knife round the sides to make sure nothing has stuck. Place an inverted serving plate over the tin, then turn the whole thing upside down in one swift movement. Serve hot, warm or cold with whipped double cream, strained thick yoghurt or crème fraîche.



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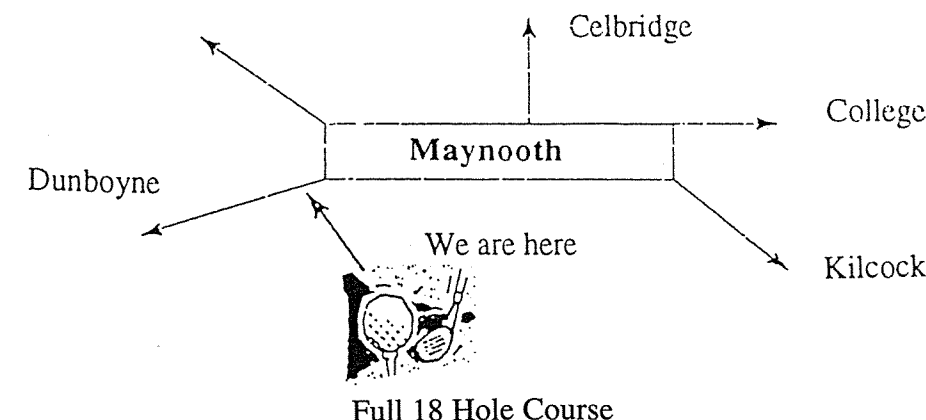
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Party Political Notes

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Bond Bridge, Maynooth

When the County Manager advised the Celbridge Area Committee at our meeting on 11th July that the cost of the new Bond Bridge would be £1.5M, it would be putting it mildly to say that we were astonished. All along we had been told that the cost would be £750,000 to £900,000. Indeed no later than the 16th May we were told that it would cost £850,000. Based on the £900,000 costing the previous County Manager agreed with Cllr. John McGinley on the 18th November '96 that Special Development Levies of £22,000 per acre would be set on the 29.7 acres zoned housing and undeveloped in the area in order to pay for the bridge (£233,000 was already in hand).

Now new management in Kildare has overturned all the hard work that was put into getting agreement on the £22,000/acre levy and residents who did not object to the extra houses in the area because they thought that they were getting a new bridge, are now left with the worst of both worlds - more houses and the same old bridge.

The Manager confirmed his costings to us at a Special Area Meeting on 31st July. He also stated that we had three options:

1. Do nothing until we have the £1.5M costing in hand in around seven years time.
2. Go to the full Council to get their permission to raise a loan for the shortfall of £700,000. (Estimated completion time for the new bridge is two and a half years.)
3. Build a pedestrian bridge now at a cost of £250,000 and put traffic lights on the Bridge at a cost of £50,000. (Estimated completion time is one year.)

In addition he stated that consultants would shortly be carrying out an origin/destination survey of traffic on the bridge to establish where they were coming from/going to. (It is becoming apparent to me that the Council officials now see the Meadowbrook link to the Straffan Road as becoming more important than the new bridge.)

Cllr. John McGinley proposed:

"That we seek permission from the full Council to raise a loan for the shortfall of £700,000 in order to start work on the new bridge now."

The other Area Councillors agreed to this motion despite the opposition of the Manager and it will go before the full Council at the end of September.

The next Area Meeting is due on 5th September and the Manager has promised a written report on the history of the project for the meeting. Cllr. John McGinley's report on the "history" of the project has been sent to the County Manager in a letter dated 6th August 1997 which can be read elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Main Street Improvements

Work on undergrounding overhead wires, paving footpaths with concrete flags, carpeting Main Street and installing new Public Lighting is due to begin in mid October. Tenders

were invited for the work on August 6th and the successful contractor will be appointed in September. The work is due for completion by Christmas. Cllr. John McGinley will be liaising with Council Officials to ensure disruption to the community is kept to the minimum.

"Landscaping" Straffan Road

Council officials have advised Cllr. John McGinley that they are arranging to have this disgraceful mess sorted out as a matter of urgency.

"Houses for Sale" Signs

The Council have replied as follows to Cllr. John McGinley's Motion:

"I confirm that the offending auctioneers in the north of the County have been written to by the Council and advised that under the terms of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, the erection of the auctioneering signs is prohibited".

As the auctioneers have to-date ignored the Council's letter, Cllr. John McGinley has now asked the Council to take legal action in this matter.

New Pedestrian Crossing for Straffan Road

The Co. Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the provision of an additional pedestrian crossing is warranted on the Straffan Road. The crossing will be located somewhere between the Old Greenfield exit and the Glenroyal exit. The most advantageous location would probably be north of the Old Greenfield and Silken Vale exists and near the train station exit.

E.S.B. Substation in Doctor's Lane Car Park

This building is an eyesore and is attracting the attention of modern 'artists'. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the E.S.B. to pebble dash the building in order to eliminate the problem and improve the appearance.

Silken Vale

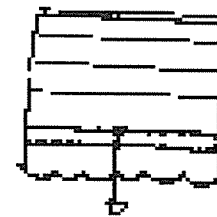
Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

That whatever steps necessary be taken to remove the following conditions of Planning for Silken Vale, Maynooth:

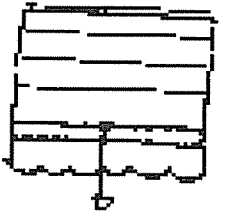
1. Construction of footbridge from estate to Royal Canal.
2. Walkway from the estate to Meadowbrook.

Silken Vale Residents Association are due to attend the next Celbridge Area Committee meeting of the Council on September 5th to outline their legitimate concerns on both of these issues.

Emmet Stagg T.D. has previously advised the Residents Association that the builder should apply for retention planning permission excluding the footbridge and walkway. This should only be done once all other works have been completed satisfactorily in the estate.



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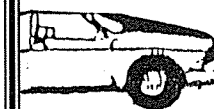


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Sports

INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Maynooth 3-11. Eire Óg / Corrachóill 1-9.

Maynooth secured their second victory in the Championship with an impressive but hard earned victory over Eire Óg / Corrachóill on Saturday evening in Naas 19/7/97. The match was scheduled to start at 6.15pm but due to a cock-up in the appointment of a referee the sliotar was not thrown in until 7.20pm.

Maynooth started the game in a very determined mood but found scores hard to obtain. With limited possession Eire Óg / Corrachóill had scored two points inside the first five minutes before John Lee from fully 60 yards scored a fine point for Maynooth. Two minutes later Maynooth went ahead when after fine ground hurling from Hugh Nevin and Tom Farrell, Mick Barry caught the Eire Óg full back out of position, and slammed the sliotar to the net. Eire óg came strongly into the game midway through the first half with strong performances from their mid-field and half forward line and drew level with two points in quick succession. Maynooth Manager Pat Nevin made a shrewd move in switching Hugh Nevin and Mick Bennett and both benefitted from the moving coming more in to the play. In the last ten minutes of the first half great defensive play by Fergal Scully, Jimmy Cahill and Stephen Noonan held Eire Óg at bay and ensured a plentiful supply of ball into the forward line which yielded a further brace of points from Mick Barry and Mick Bennett. Two minutes later a long delivery from Jimmy Cahill found Tom Farrell who rounded his marker before passing to Senan Griffin who was left unmarked and from 14 yards out gave the Eire Óg goalkeeper no chance with an unstoppable shot to the net. Both teams exchanged points before half-time with Fergal Scully adding to the Maynooth tally leaving the score Maynooth 2-4: Eire Óg 0-5.

The winners opened the scoring in the second half with a delightful point from Mick Bennett who was causing major problems for his opposite number. Gradually however, Eire óg narrowed the six point deficit to two within a seven minute spell with 2 points from play and 2 points from frees. Then a few minutes later Maynooth were rocked back on their heels when a defensive lapse resulted in a goal for Eire Óg giving them a one point lead. However Maynooth's fighting qualities, higher fitness level and greater hunger for victory came to the fore and Fergal Scully showed the way with a fine long range point. From there to the end it was all one way traffic with a further point from Scully before that man Senan Griffin struck again for a fine opportunist goal following good interplay between Mick Barry and Mick Bennett. Indeed Senan was the victim of a very wild pull a few minutes later from his marker who was duly cautioned but luckily was able to continue playing. In the last ten minutes Maynooth added a further four points from Hugh Nevin, Stephen Brennan, Fergal Scully and substitute Padraic Ward to emerge deserving winners.

There is no doubt that manager Pat Nevin had his players well prepared for this vital game with a high degree of fitness and proper mental attitude in evidence. There is no doubt Maynooth will be a force to be reckoned with in the remainder of the championship.

Best for Maynooth were:

Stephen Noonan, Fergal Scully, Jimmy Cahill, John Lee, Mick Bennett, Senan Griffin, Mick Barry and Hugh Nevin.

Team and Scores:

Matt Carroll, Sean Cushen, Stephen Noonan, Mick Gahan, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully (0-4), Jimmy Cahill, John Lee (0-1), Stephen Brennan (0-1), Mick Bennett (0-2), Tom Farrell, Senan Griffin (2-0), John O' Brien, Mick Barry (1-1), Hugh Nevin (0-1).

Subs: Padraic Ward (0-1) for John O'Brien
Declan Buckley for Tom Farrell (injured).

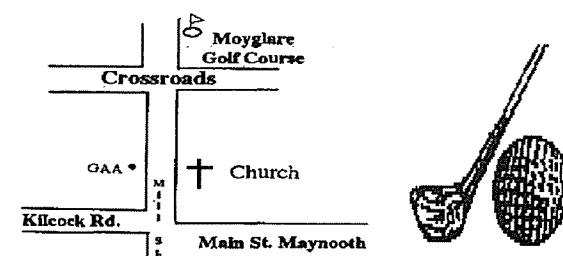
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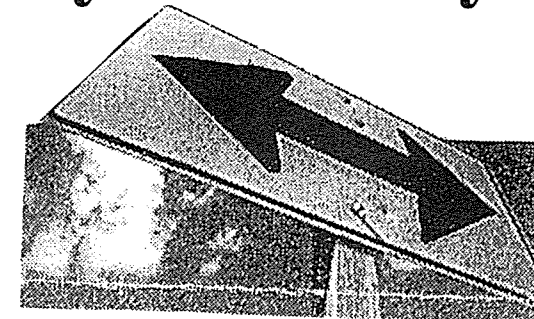
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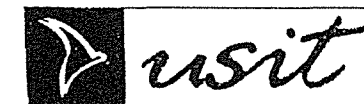
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Sports

MAYNOOTH LADIES G.A.A.

Sunday July 27th 1997. A Red Letter Day in the annals of Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. Team.

On Sunday evening 27th July two teams took to the field in St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge to contest the final of the Kildare Ladies Gaelic Football Championship. Maynooth V Eadestown.

Maynooth were without Antoinette Mooney (Captain) who is injured. For the first 5 minutes Eadestown were in control but then Maynooth settled down and in the seventh minute

Mary McClean, Catherine Fitzpatrick and Irene Kearney, Maynooth kept the lead. Having failed to get the goal Eadestown contented themselves with taking two more points from Mela Reynolds and Barbara Delaney. With only one point in the difference, Emma Kilduff put another point over from a free and although Mela Reynolds had a few shots on the Maynooth goal Maynooth finished two points clear on the final whistle.

This was a great and deserving win for Maynooth who worked so well together and have been League Winners in 1996.



Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. Team winners of Kildare County Championship. Back Row, L to R: Maebh Flood, Mary McClean, Marie Grehan, Emma Kilduff, Aisling Bryant, Ginny Breslin, Sinéad Tolan, Brid-Anne O'Shea, Leah Newman, Rob Stelling (Trainer), Michael Kelly (Manager). Front Row, L to R: Pamela Byrne, Laura Kearney, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Paula O'Shea, Tricia Purcell (Captain), Fionnula Heaney, Irene Kearney, Ann-Marie Purcell, Ann-Marie Farrell and Karen Mulhern.

Maynooth opened the scoring with a bad clearance by Eadestown coming to Fionnula Heaney who made no mistake in right footing this gift into the net for a great goal. Two minutes later Eadestown replied with a goal from Claire Dowling. The game continued with great play from both teams and with inspired play from goalkeeper Paula O'Shea, Fionnula Heaney, Emma Kilduff and Maebh Flood who scored a fine point on the 16th minute, with Emma and Fionnula adding points in the 18th minute, 23rd minute and 3 minutes of injury time. Eadestown only managed 1 other point in this half, half-time score, Maynooth 1-4, Eadestown 1-1.

Eadestown started the second half again in attacking form scoring 1 point in the 1st minute of this half. Fionnula Heaney added one for Maynooth on the 4th minute but Eadestown replied with 2 more before Virginia Breslin put one over in the 11th and Fionnula Heaney scored again in the 15th minute.

Eadestown who were now only 3 points adrift mounted a bombardment on the Maynooth goal but Paula O'Shea was equal to her task and with great defending by Sinéad Tolan,

Team: Paula O'Shea, Laura Kearney, Mary McClean, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Pamela Byrne, Sinéad Tolan, Irene Kearney, Fionnula Heaney, Patricia Purcell, Marie Grehan, Virginia Breslin, Bríd/Ann O'Shea, Emma Kilduff, Maebh Flood, Aishling Bryant.

Subs: Ann-Marie Farrell for Laura Kearney, Tracey Kearney, Leah Newman, Ann Purcell, Anto Mooney, Karen Mulhern, Josephine Byrne.

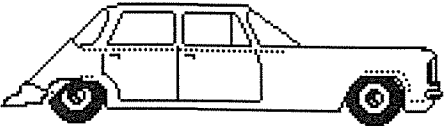
The Ladies Committee and team wish to thank all those who have supported them throughout the season. Thanks is also extended to the GAA Club and Londis Supermarket who provided the "after-match" food and drink for the celebrations. Thanks also to Noel Brady of the Clock House for his continued support.

Go Raibh Maith Agaibh go léir.

Slán go foill (B.B.)

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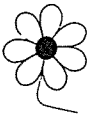
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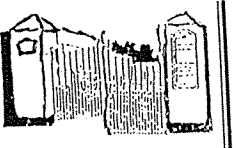
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Sports

MAYNOOTH TOWN AFC SOCCER CLUB

The Joe Murphy Memorial Cup was held at the Harbour Field and once again proved a great success. There was a high standard of football throughout the tournament and the main feature was the exemplary behaviour of all the teams taking part. With just a few yellow cards and no sendings off it was an indication of the true sporting attitude of the players involved.

Played on a League System through to the Semi-Finals Knock-out stage saw some great games during the seven nights. Group One saw Sosso's 7 emerge as winners with Kilcock Red coming second. Group Two saw Town Sundaes come out on top with Bobby Dazzlers taking the second qualifying spot.

Group One results saw Sosso's 7 defeat the Glenroyal HLC 3-1 with the Flood Brothers playing a leading role.

Kilcock Red - 2 Town Saturns - 0

Ray Lynch helped Kilcock to a win over local side Town Saturns.

Hoggy's 7 - 0 Glenroyal HLC - 1

Glenroyal got themselves back on track with this narrow win over an enthusiastic Hoggy's 7 who put up a spirited performance

Kilcock Red - 0 Sosso's 7 - 1

Sosso's 7 gained their second win with this close fought win over Kilcock who had little luck and were unlucky not to get a draw.

Town Saturns - 1 Glenroyal HLC - 2

Glenroyal emerged victorious over Town Saturns in one of the best games of the tournament. The Cahill Brothers led the Glenroyal with great skill but Saturns Stephen Hallinan took the honours with the best goal of the tournament.

Sosso's 7 - 3 Hoggy's 7 - 2

An understrength Hoggy's 7 were no match for the Tommy Fay inspired Sosso's 7 despite the whole-hearted efforts of Shane Burke and David Hawkins.

Hoggy's 7 - 1 Town Saturns - 2

Two "Doc" Carrolls goals gave Saturns a narrow win over Hoggy's 7 where Brian O'Connor was in top form in goal for the luckless Hoggy's.

Kilcock Red - 2 Glenroyal HLC - 1

In a game which was crucial to both sides Kilcock came out on top after a first class game. Glenroyal took the lead but Kilcock fought back and got on terms with a Kenny Cribbin penalty. A late Kilcock goal put Kilcock through to the knock-out stage and end Glenroyal's campaign.

Kilcock Red - 0 Hoggy's 7 - 2

Both sides completed their Group games with Hoggy's 7

gaining a deserved win. With qualification already assured Kilcock were not too despondent in defeat.

Town Saturns - 1 Sosso's 7 - 2

This game closed the group with Sosso's 7 just shading it. Having gone through the Group undefeated Sosso's 7 easily topped the Group with Kilcock taking the other qualifying spot over Glenroyal on goal difference.

Group 2 Results

Town Sundaes - 2 Kilcock White - 0

Local side Town Sundaes defeated Kilcock White after a close fought game despite the scoreline.

Hammy's 7 Kilcock White 1

Kilcock got back on track with this narrow win. Ger Lynch inspired Kilcock and kept their groups hopes alive.

Kilcock White - 1 Bobby Dazzlers - 3

Last years winners had to come from behind with three late goals. Kilcock took an early lead and looked like holding out but were overcome in the latter stages of the game.

Town Sundaes - 0 Bobby Dazzlers - 0

Both Sundaes sides showed each other great respect and the game ended in a draw which kept both sides hopes alive.

Town Sundaes - 4 Hammy's 7 - 0

Town were just too good for Hammy's 7 and ran out easy winners.

Hammy's 7 - 1 Bobby Dazzlers - 0

Hammy's 7 gained a notable victory in this thriller. Keeper "Hammy" Cunningham led his side by example and inspired a deserved victory for his side.

Semi Finals

Sosso's 7 - 0 Bobby Dazzlers - 0

Holders of the Cup Bobby Dazzlers fought hard to retain their title but to no avail. Extra time failed to separate two evenly matched teams before the penalty shoot out came into operation. The deadlier accuracy of Sosso's 7 saw them emerge victors and book their place in the final.

Town Sundaes - 1 Kilcock Red - 0

This eagerly awaited pairing proved to be another close game with defences on top. Town Keeper Michael Kelly earned his side an extra time chance with two good saves late in normal time. With three minutes remaining in extra time a Martin Byrne throw in was hammered to the roof of the net by William Farrelly from close range.

Final

Town Sundaes - 3 Sosso's 7 - 0

The greater all round strength of Town Sundaes proved the major factor in this victory. An early Paul Byrne penalty

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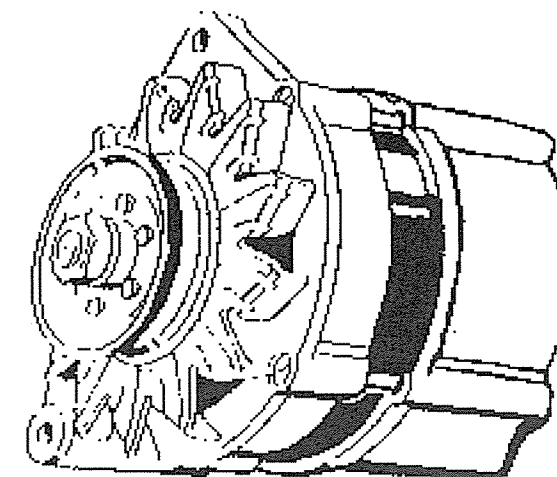
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Sports

helped to settle Town Sundaes who gave a superb display of free flowing football. Further goals by Martin Byrne and Fergal Barton were just reward for their overall play.

Winning team: Michael Kelly, Brian McCall, Eamon Dunne, Joey Dempsey (Capt.) Paul Byrne, Michael Murphy, Fergal Barton, Martin Byrne, Dermot Myles, William Farrelly.

Town Sundaes went through the tournament unbeaten a feature of which no goals were conceded with a total of thirteen scored.

The Joe Murphy Memorial Cup was presented to winning Captain Joey Dempsey by Mrs. Annie Murphy wife of the late Joe Murphy.

Club Chairman Michael Dempsey presented the Heineken sponsored runners up trophies to Sosso's 7.

Club sponsor Noel Brady presented the winning trophies to the victors on behalf of Tournament Sponsors Heineken. The club would like to thank everyone who helped to make the tournament another success. Without the help of those people the tournament could not run so efficiently.

The Club wishes to extend deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of Richard Naughton who died so tragically. Richard was the father of Club Goalkeeper Niall who was an integral part of the last seasons promotion winning Sunday team.

Congratulations to Club player Dermot Myles on his recent marriage to Ann O' Riordan.

With Leagues about to commence for season 97/98 it is hoped that results will be favourable for all club sides.

School Boy Soccer

Maynooth Town AFC held their soccer marathon on 13th July in the Harbour Field. The marathon was run in conjunction with the Community Festival and a great day was had by all. Many thanks to all who helped out on the day and a very special thank you to all the children for their fund raising efforts. The winner of the £25.00 sports voucher for the highest sponsorship was David Baxter. Garreth Dooley and Daire Sweeney must merit a special thanks for their fabulous effort. The funds raised on the day totalled £377.05. This money has been used to buy equipment for the schoolboy teams. The kit purchased included 40 training balls, training cones, bibs, kit bag and first aid kit. Lets hope the new kit will help the teams improve on their tremendous achievements last year when our under 8's and two under 9's finished runners-up in their divisions. This year we will have 8 teams at schoolboy level (2x8's, 2x9's, 2x10's, 1x11's and 1x13's) all teams are now back in training for the new season and new players are welcome for all squads. Sponsors are required for some schoolboy teams.

For further information on any matter relating to the Club contact John Doogan on 01-6289720 or Gerry Folan on 01-6286994

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Daughter, sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of Nancy Hayes (nee Coyne), Carton Court, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mrs. Nan Tracey, Mariaville, who celebrated her 88th birthday. August 11th. A party attended by family and friends was held in G.A.A. Club for the happy occasion. Best wishes, Nan, from all.

Sandra Thompson, Greenfield, who celebrated her birthday, July 14th. A get-together was held in "The Glenroyal" with her pals and friends and a good time was had by all.

A Happy Birthday to Adam Nyland who celebrates his 4th birthday on September 2nd, love from Nannie Nyland, Maynooth.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tony and Nuala McTernan, Silken Vale, who celebrated their 23rd Wedding Anniversary, July 16th.

Also Raymond and Noelle McTernan, Moyglare Village, who celebrated their 18th Wedding Anniversary, August 25th.

Also Peter and Jackie McTernan, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne, who celebrated their 26th Wedding Anniversary, July 23rd.

Gearóid and Ita McTernan who celebrate their "Golden Wedding Anniversary", September 3rd.

Paddy and Mary Nolan, Castlebridge, who celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary, August 27th.

Ann O'Riordan, daughter of Lily and Michael O'Riordan, "The Bungalow", Greenfield, Maynooth and Dermot Myles, son of Joan and Derry Myles, Castletown, Leixlip, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on 25th July. Honeymoon spent in Cyprus. Best wishes from your families and friends.

Congratulations to Kevin and Helen Kilduff of Courtown Park Kilcock on the birth of their baby daughter Elaine, a little sister for Aisling and Ciarain. Love from the Kilduff family.

Congratulations to Rowena Howard-Williams and Mark Meadon, who are getting married on the 13th September in Maynooth.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Gormally Family - Carton Court, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, and those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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Kildare Local Development Agencies Meetings,

Tue Oct 7th: St. Mary's G.A.A. Hall, Leixlip at 8pm.

Tue Oct 14th: Celbridge Abbey at 8pm.

Tue Oct 21st: Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.

Sat Oct 11th: Maynooth Band Open Air Recital at Maynooth College.

Sat Oct 11th: N.U.I. Maynooth Family Day at 2pm - 5pm.

Sun Oct 12th: Maynooth Athletic Club (First Race Cross Country Season) in Edenderry.

Tue Oct 14th: Presentation Parents Ass. A.G.M. at 7.45pm.

Tue Oct 14th: Maynooth Post Primary School Parent/Teachers Ass. A.G.M. New School Hall at 8pm.

Wed Oct 15th: Tidy Towns Estate Presentation in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.

Sun Oct 19th: Senior Citizens Halloween Party in the Post Primary School.

Tue Oct 21st: Maynooth Flower and Garden Club A.G.M. in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College.

Sat Oct 25th: Golf Society Outing in Edenderry.

Wed Oct 29th: I.C.A. Trip to An Grianan

Fri Oct 31st: Maynooth Band Halloween night in the Glenroyal Hotel, 10pm - 2am.

Sat Nov 1st: Parklands Estate, Halloween Fancy Dress Party in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Fri Nov 7th: Scoil Uí Fhiaich, Fashion Show.

EDITORIAL

Think of students in Maynooth and you think of the words of the song paraphrased as follows: We go there and they come here. What is Maynooth like when the students are away - well it is like any similar town of its size. In the mornings the road is full of people going to work, to the shops, to Mass. Neighbours meet over their garden walls; the children play on the greens. Indeed over the past Summer much talk centred on would they or wouldn't they and after the third Kildare - Meath match why, why, why??

Well October is here and some come here and some go there. To all the Maynooth third level students going away we wish you every blessing with your chosen field of study. To the students coming to Maynooth for the first time or returning we say welcome. It is great to see so many new faces - all eager to see what Maynooth has to offer. Well Maynooth has a lot to offer. For those young people from Maynooth fortunate enough to get a place in Maynooth University it must be the only town in Ireland where you can begin in the Infant class and go through second level and on to University without leaving the same small area.

What is Maynooth like after Sunday 28 September? It is like any similar town of its size if the population doubled overnight. In the morning the road is full - very full of people - going to work, to the shops, to Mass and of course to college. The weather is cooler so neighbours don't meet as much over the garden wall. The children are well settled back at school. In the streets one can hear "What are yours like - mine are lovely". The first year students may be wondering what all that is about - well it is about you!!! Your likes and dislikes are very important to your hosts.

Sometimes, though, all is not as it should be. Children of Maynooth need their rest just as all children do. Workers of Maynooth have to get up for work in the mornings whether or not a party has been going on next door into the small hours. Being a good neighbour here is the same as being a good neighbour anywhere else - consideration for other people in your locality is the essence of good neighbourliness. The same also applies to all the Maynooth young people going elsewhere. You are taking a step into your future and we wish you well.

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Letters To The Editor

RE: BOND BRIDGE

Bond Bridge and Parsons St. are recognized as hazardous to motorists and pedestrians. The addition of an extra 200 houses along the Rathcoffey Rd. will result in an increase in the motorized and pedestrian traffic using the bridge and road. This will significantly increase the hazards for pedestrians and cyclists.

The present access to the motorway for traffic coming from Rathcoffey and the Newtown area is via Bond Bridge, Parsons St. and Main Street. Every effort needs to be made to identify an alternative route to the motorway which will route this traffic away from the Main Street.

To address these issues I would like to suggest the following:

1. Restrict the area from the entrance to Meadowbrook to the entrance to the College at Parsons St. to one way into the village from Newtown/Rathcoffey. Traffic from the village would be routed via Old Greenfield and Meadowbrook.
2. A footpath/cyclepath for pedestrians could then be constructed on the bridge at Parsons St.
3. An alternative road, routing traffic out of the village should be constructed parallel with the motorway along the sterile corridor linking the Rathcoffey Road with the Straffan Road.

This would have the advantage of:

- Allowing pedestrians and cyclists use Bond Bridge safely
- Low cost (Parts 1 & 2)
- Routing traffic out of the village onto the motorway
- Saving Bond Bridge which is over 200 years old.

Padraig Ó'Murchú, Woodlands Resident

REST IN PEACE

Provided you're not in the way!

Q. When is your last resting-place not your *final* resting-place?

A. Why, when it gets in the way of so-called progress, of course!

The Celtic tiger is on the march; onwards and upwards, and why should the graveyard of a few dead nuns be allowed to halt his charge? This seems to be the cry from those people to whom profit is everything and respect is nothing. After all, you can't lodge respect for the deceased in the bank and watch the interest accumulate.

For almost a hundred and seventy five years the nuns of the Presentation Order have lived, worked, taught, cared for the community and even provided employment, here in Maynooth. Now, in an almost sacrilegiously callous move, the tiny cemetery that was to have been the last resting-place for the fifty or so deceased members of that Order is to become a building site. Oh yes, their remains will be removed and *re-located* elsewhere with all due reverence!

But how do you un-consecrate or de-consecrate consecrated ground? Will the new site have fifty separate graves and headstones? Or will we have a mass grave into which the remains (or as much of the remains that can be found) will be placed, with a single marker inscribed with the usual platitudes, to keep relatives and friends happy! It is a ridiculous notion to think that a cemetery that pre-dates the Famine can be moved and re-sited with any degree of success or reverence.

The Provincial of the Order stated that the move had the support of all but one or two of the relatives of the deceased nuns. This statement has since proved inaccurate. It has also been stated that the new grave site in Laraghbryan would allow the graves to be better maintained and provide better protection against vandalism. This statement is highly questionable, as anyone who has ever seen the handiwork of some of our young citizens will know. A high stone wall surrounds the present cemetery with a strong iron gate for access. Local FAS workers have volunteered to undertake the upkeep of the present site, so improved maintenance is not relevant. In fact there is no argument in favour of the proposed move other than a developer wants to use the plot for building purposes. I wonder how many people will buy their house or apartment knowing that it's built over a graveyard, or will a potential developer keep that information to himself until the deal is finalised. Guess!! I maintain that prospective purchasers should be told..... Maynooth in recent times has become very aware of its heritage and history. We have St. Patrick's College, Geraldine Castle, Carton Demesne etc. and lately we have had erected a monument to the members of this community who took part in the Easter Rising. However, I maintain that the seemingly insignificant little convent cemetery is just as important to the heritage of Maynooth as any of these. I would strongly urge everyone who believes there are some things greater than pure profit, to be seen to oppose this ghastly plan.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Maynooth-Self determination and devolved power in 1998

A letter from Mr. Noel Dempsey, The Minister for Environment, has confirmed that he is to publish the Government's proposals for local government reform early next year. The long awaited reforms will be particularly awaited in towns like Maynooth. The Community Council has consistently lobbied for Town Commission status over the last ten years without success. However, Mr. Dempsey has indicated that his proposals for the reform of local government will include the creation of Town Councils, for towns with a population in excess on 7,500 inhabitants. All members of Dail Eireann representing Kildare North have pledged their support to Maynooth in the ongoing quest to achieve devolved local power.

Kildare County Council confirm neon sign is illegal

Kildare County Council has written to Maynooth Community Council confirming that they have asked the owner of a fast food outlet to remove an illegal neon sign at his premises in Main Street. Maynooth Community Council office has received a large number of calls from the people of the town objecting to the sign. Our September meeting unanimously passed a proposal that the Community Council write to the businessman outlining the views expressed to the council and asking him to remove the illegal sign.

Community Council express best wishes to Mr. Tom Ashe

Community Council Secretary, Ms. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain led the many tributes paid to Mr. Tom Ashe who retired as Principal of Maynooth Post-Primary School on the 1st of September last.

Sympathy expressed to the family of P.J. Bennett

Mr. Tom McMullon, Community Council Chairman, paid tribute to the late Mr. P.J. Bennett for his work in the community. Mr. Bennett died at the end of August.

Community Council Resignations

Ms. Eileen Dunne from Kingsbry has resigned following her involvement over many years as both a councillor and as a worker. The council was informed that Ms. Dunne is leaving Maynooth to move to Kilkenny. Due to pressure of work Ms. Mary Carter has also resigned as a member for Parklands.

Community Council Vice-Chairperson steps down

Community Council members were surprised when the secretary informed the September meeting that Ms. Liz Stoll was stepping down as vice-chairperson in advance of the

AGM. Ms. Stoll is the chairperson of Parklands Residents Association and secretary of Maynooth Planning Alliance, she became Vice-chairperson in April 1996 and will continue as a member of the Community Council. Chairman Tom McMullon thanked her for her work during two terms as Vice-Chair and looked forward to her continuing contribution as a council member.

Bond Bridge dominates Community Council Meeting

A broad discussion took place at the September meeting regarding the ongoing campaign to have Bond Bridge realigned. Bond Bridge Action Group Chairman and Meadowbrook Resident, Mr. John Doogan outlined the saga of the ongoing revision of the costs involved in completing this work.

Community Council object to ESAT Mast in the centre of the town

Maynooth Community Council has formally objected to the building of a thirty metre mast at Maynooth Garda Station. The Council were advised that the objection must be based on purely planning grounds. The September meeting felt that the erection of this mast would be inconsistent with ministerial guidelines issued last year and is inappropriate for the town centre.

Proinnsias Breathnach recovering after illness

On behalf of the Community Council, colleagues and students in NUI Maynooth and his many friends in the town, we wish Proinnsias Breathnach best regards for a speedy recovery after a recent operation. Proinnsias was instrumental in setting up the Community Council and was its first Chairman.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Traffic By-Laws should go on display

October 1st 1997, has finally arrived when we were promised that the traffic by-laws were expected to go on public display. Traffic, just like the weather is the subject that dominates conversations between the people in the town. It is important that the by-laws take account of the needs of the vast majority of the people who live in the town. It is useless if the needs of a small number of interests render these new traffic restrictions useless. Improved traffic flows will have to be the result of the by-laws and if that is not the case we should not bother going through the process to implement them.

Improved Train service back on the agenda

The need to double the track between Clonsilla and Maynooth is apparent to everybody and many people believe that plans are in place to complete this work. You will be aware that through this column we have kept you informed of the progress on this matter. The last official position is that the doubling of the track was part of an overall project costing £38m which included other work to improve the service. This proposal was put to the E.U. Commission last year. A group representing commuters from all the towns on the Western Suburban Line met with Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, Minister For Public Enterprise in September to review progress.

The Maynooth Survey 1996, showed that over 14% of commuters travelling to Dublin daily use either a bus or train service, leaving over 85% to use private cars.

Carton Avenue and Harbour Area- Public Parks or Private Party Areas

The lack of public amenity areas in Maynooth is a subject on which much agreement exists and indeed some of the most natural amenity areas around the town continue to come under development pressures. What is the point of enhancing natural amenity areas when the existing public amenity areas are frequently used as private party areas by groups of people consuming lagers and beers and making it uncomfortable for other people to use for a pleasant walk. It is untrue to say that drinking in public is the preserve of students or teenagers, evidence of recent visits to Carton Avenue shows that people drinking there should be doing so at home or in one of the pubs.

Proposal to erect ESAT Mast at Maynooth Garda Station

An application to erect a 30 Metre ESAT mobile phone mast at Maynooth Garda Station was lodged with Kildare County Council on the 21st August last. The proposal is in line with similar applications throughout the Country, following an agreement between the Gardai Authorities and ESAT Digifone. The location of the Garda Station in the centre of the town means that health considerations aside, this mast

would be very obtrusive. The following are the main reasons for objections to the mast:

- The serious impact on the amenity value of Maynooth's Geraldine Castle soon to be restored.
- Contrary to the 1985 Maynooth Development Plan.
- Conflicts with the 1996 Ministerial Guidelines on the location of masts, which recommends that masts should not be erected close to residential areas or schools.
- The erection of the mast would be inappropriate to the town centre.

Similar applications have been made for both Celbridge and Kilcock Garda Stations.

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TIDY TOWNS

The following is this years report on Maynooth's entry in the Tidy Towns Competiton,

Overall Development Approach

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map. The FAS/Community Employment submission was very interesting. The surveys are to be commended and points such as the rapid growth of Maynooth must be taken into consideration in all future plans and requirements for the town. It was good to note that those who were asked to participate in the survey were interested to do so and that quite a number of positive points about Maynooth were forthcoming. The information in this submission will contribute significantly to your 3-5 year plan which is now required for the competition. Much work has been completed and well done with it. It is important that all newcomers to Maynooth are aware of your objectives and plans and contribute in their own way to the well being of the town.

The Built Environment

The Pitch and Putt course was well presented. The Motor Factors, Regan’s, Maynooth Curtains and Paddy Power’s were all well presented on the main street as were Hula Bou and the Pepper Mill Delicatessen. The stone wall outside the Cemetery on the N4 looked well - the adjudicators look forward to it becoming home to some vegetation. Maynooth Credit Union looked very well and Centra Supermarket was being newly painted. A few hanging baskets would look well on the few shops at Just Gifts and the Bookshop. Some bright red hanging geraniums would set off well against the brown/grey stone of the Glenroyal Hotel. The trees behind the Glenroyal are under stress - many are poorly and need replacing. The railings and wall of the school on the Moyglare road required repainting and weeds needed to be removed from the playground yard. The Parish Hall had weeds at the base of the fence. Moyglare Nursing Home was well looked after as was the GAA ground. Caris Communications and Divine Missionaries had some nice landscaping. The front of the College was well maintained as usual - well done. There was also some nice planting opposite. St Mary’s Church of Ireland has been tidied up. The pump on this road could do with a coat of paint. The Garda Station looks extremely well as usual and the Fire Station and Health Centre were fine though again some weeds lurked in corners. Greenfield Shopping Centre could be brightened up. The train station was reasonable and there was some nice planting. The bridge needed to be repainted. Quinnsworth really needs to make an effort with some planting/baskets.

Landscaping

Many of the areas around Maynooth look well, especially some of the housing estates and the College. Individual landscaping is good in many cases; however a more co-ordinated approach is required. Maintenance of trees is important. Side shoots should be removed and make sure

they are not being strangled by tags which are too tight. Grassy areas where the bus turns off the Straffan road badly needed attention as they were very long and unkempt. The grassy area at the Celbridge road and down the Celbridge road was very unkempt.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities

The canal is a superb amenity area. The canal amenity is well done - new placards and boards required to inform what is in the canal. The water looked reasonably clear and small fish could be viewed quite easily. Swans and moorhens were vying for crusts of bread! There is still scope for more tree planting. Small plants will inhabit the new walls and will give a more natural look. Carton estate is also a haven for wildlife, as are the grounds of Maynooth University. A number of habitats could be created around the town. It is an ideal project for all levels of students and having a large number of third level students in the town should allow for initiative in developing these areas.

Litter Control

There was a scattering of litter on the Moyglare road and at the entrance to the College Campus. Many of the estates were free of litter - some though also had a scattering of litter. There was no evidence of litter bins in the car park area.

Tidiness

The centre of the town was quite tidy. Many of the estates were also tidy. Due to the grassy areas and weeds in gutters and the uncut grass in many of the grassy areas, the appearance on the approach roads was untidy.

Residential Areas

The Convent apartments were nicely maintained. St. Paul’s looks well. In Moyglare village, there were weeds in guttering and at base of trees. A lot of landscaping was being carried out in Moyglare Abbey. Woodlands, Cluain Aoibhainn and Newtown Court were among those that were well presented though there were still some houses in Newtown that needed some attention. Fencing around Newtown Shopping Centre needed to be mended. Parson Lodge and Parson Court were well presented. There are many green areas in the housing estates; these should be considered as areas for use for children’s facilities as well as landscaping. Rockfield estate was well maintained though some dead trees required replacing. The estates along the Celbridge road were generally well kept. Trees need to be looked after. The stream area in the estate at the end of Old Greenfield is a missed opportunity. This could be very pleasant with some cleaning up and some planting. The houses along Old Greenfield were generally well presented though the road needs resurfacing. Castlebridge was well landscaped though tree maintenance is required here. Interesting to note that there are no litterbins. The green amenity areas are vast and a grove of trees or area of managed wildflowers would look very well. Birdboxes are another suggestion.

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Roads, Streets and Back Areas

The approach road from Dunboyne needed some cutting back. The N4 to Kilcock required cutting back also. The Moyglare road also had quite a number of weeds in the gutters. Congratulations to Moyglare Stud for their litter bins and well cut back areas. There are a lot of weedy areas on the Clane road and also on the Celbridge and Straffan roads. This created an untidy appearance. The back street areas were reasonably well kept, but some weeds needed to be removed. There is some nice landscaping and planting at the canal on the Dublin road, but there was some litter on the Dublin approach road. I couldn’t locate the sign for Maynooth despite travelling up this road several times.

General Impression

Well done on the work carried out in the past year especially down at the harbour area. Many of the shop-premises should be proud of their presentation as should many of the estates. The approach roads require attention and unfortunately

because of the large number of weeds in the gutters and at the base of walls and the scattering of litter, there was an untidy air to the town.

Nun's Resting Place

The deceased and remaining nuns in Maynooth are remembered and held in high esteem by past pupils and residents.

To allay Sister Francis Crowes concern re: the Convent Cemetery in Maynooth, the Tidy Towns Committee are prepared to undertake, if permitted, the ongoing maintenance of this Cemetery as part of Maynooth’s Heritage. We will include it in our future work schedules. Our Secretary is sending a letter to Sister Crowe confirming our offer and decision.

RESULTS	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Development Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	15	15
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	162	159

The Annual Tidy Estates Presentation will take place on Wednesday 15th October at 8.00pm in The Glenroyal Hotel. The Tidy Towns Committee are very grateful to Coonans Auctioneers for their sponsorship of this event.

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If you qualified for Disability Allowance you would get maximum £80.70 (£67.50 personal and £13.20 half-rate, children). If your husband qualified for the Carer's Allowance he would get £83.70 (£70.50 personal and £13.20 half-rate, children) giving a total of £164.40, making the family better off by £30.50.

However if you are getting assistance under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme towards Rent or Mortgage your Rent Allowance would be reduced leaving you still better off, but only by £3. (Differential Rent from a Local Authority would also be affected). But if you qualified for Disability Allowance you would be entitled to a Free Travel Pass and a Companion Pass which would allow someone to travel free with you. You may also qualify for the Free Electricity Allowance, TV Licence, Telephone Rental, if your husband is getting the Carers Allowance and your children are under 18 or if in full-time education, under 22.

The application forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office or the Social Welfare Services Office, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford. Tel: 043 45211 or 01-8748444.

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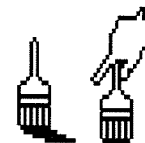
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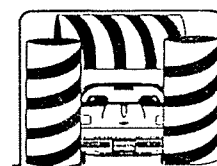
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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

Training has re-commenced in the G.A.A. field on the Moyglare Road every Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining us is most welcome to come along. We cater for children under 8 all the way through to juniors, seniors and veterans.

There are people of all standards training at the moment. It is very pleasant to see beginners young and not so young enjoying the fresh air and getting fit.

Results over the last month were very encouraging.

Congratulations to:
Declan O’Rourke who won two Leinster titles over 400 metres and 400 metres hurdles.
David Campbell won two All Irelands over 800 metres and 1.500 metres and won selection for the N.A.C.A.I. 75th Anniversary International Track Meeting at Santry in September.

David Jolley followed on from his Indoor All Ireland Vets, wins by winning the Leinster over 50 10k. road championships at Kilcock. Marie Gleeson finished 1st woman 0.45 in the women’s race and John Campbell won the Leinster 0.40 on the same night.

The first race of the cross country season will be October 12th in Edenderry and we would like to see a good turnout, so if you want to join us please come along any Wednesday night.

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MAYNOOTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Junior Badminton for boys and girls has recommenced in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 3.15pm-5.00pm for beginners and improvers and on Saturdays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm for more advanced players.

Fees for the year are £25.00 for 1 child, £45.00 for 2 children and £60.00 for 3 children. This fee includes coaching in both sessions. Registration will continue at the commencement of each session. Fees are payable at registration.

Vacancies exist in both sessions. We particularly want youths up to age 18 to join the Saturday session.

The club would like to hear from adults who would wish to play badminton for recreational purposes one morning per week.

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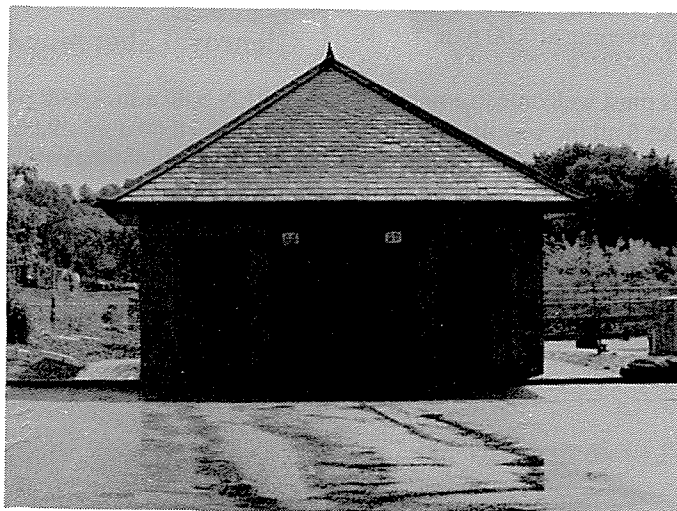
ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

We often receive enquires concerning the names of the Canal bridges around Maynooth. Starting near Intel the bridges are Deey - Pike - Mullen (now New Mullen) - Bond & Jackson. They were named after early directors of the Royal Canal Company, which started life in 1789 with subscribed capital of £134,000 and with parliamentary grant aid of £66,000. The flotation was a 'sell-out' and the subscribers were going to make a 'packet'. By 1794, The Royal Canal Company was bankrupt, and one of the reasons was the decision to go against engineering advise and route it through Maynooth. It had become a vanity race from early on.

Our fact finding mission to view the Ballinamore-Ballyconnell Canal has filled us with a range of ideas. In the Canal-Boating world in western Europe a new canal (such as the restored Royal Canal) is a huge attraction. On the evidence from Leitrim the canal enthusiasts will definitely travel and use it. Maynooth has great potential as a starting point or a regular stopover.

Napper Tandy was an original shareholder in the Royal Canal Company. He later became a prominent United Irishman in the lead up to the 1798 Rebellion, and is mentioned by name in a Patriotic 19th Century ballad. Name That Tune! He is also mentioned in a Dublin Folk-Song with an international flavour. Name that tune!

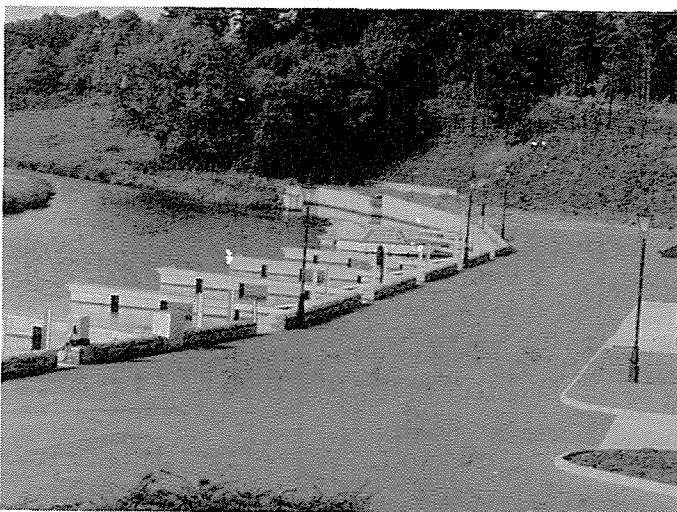
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the canal system and nearby lakes on a magnificent waterbus... Sliabh An Iarainn sunset. It was predicted that 50 boats would use the restored canal system in its first year. Two thousand boats did, and have done so every year since. Finally, our congratulations to our treasurer, Brian McGlinchey, who graduated recently from U.C.D. with an honours degree in



Motorway at Ballinamore

engineering, and who will now embark on his master's degree there.

Slan go Foill.

BRUSH SHEILS AT THE GLENROYAL

Brush lived up to the motto of the showband promoters from the 1960's.. "Send 'em home sweatin' "

He said he was on familiar ground at an early stage, and announced that he recognised a lot of faces from when he first played in Maynooth in 1964 with Rose Tynan and the Rangers. Brush, the artist Bobby Ballagh, and the late Rory Gallagher cut their teeth, not mentioning their fingers and nails, from that showband era. Endurance and value, from 11.30 am to 2 pm. Brush and his band equalled ten aerobic sessions in a row from any Leisure Centre.

The Happy Prizewinners found they then had to compete in Brush's version of Riverdance.. part 3... dance for three minutes in time to music at a speed to rival 'Clem's Polka' (Clem Quinn from the original Miami Showband) The music was a familiar mix and range in a jaunty Rock Tempo, which included music tributes to Rory Gallagher and Phil Lynott.

The dance floor overflowed in many directions with all ages, ranging from a young 80 year old who 'be-bopped' most of the night to exhausted sixteen year-olds.

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BOND BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

Report on Public Meeting I.C.A. Hall - 18th September 1997

In attendance were Bernard Durkan T.D., Michael Fitzpatrick (P.A. to Charlie McCreevy), Councillors Senan Griffin, John McGinley and Catherine Murphy. Apologies were received from Emmet Stagg T.D., Councillors Gerry Brady and Colm Purcell.

A packed I.C.A. hall heard the Chairperson open the meeting with a brief history of the campaign to date. A high level of frustration was expressed by both the B.B.A.G. Committee and the County Councillors at the lack of detailed information available regarding the amount of levies collected in the past and how some of this money has been spent.

Each of the Councillors were given time to express their views on the progress to date. They all had serious concerns at the way in which they have been misled by Council Officials. An amount of debate took place and it was accepted that the members of the Celbridge Area Committee had acted in good faith when giving details of the amount of funding required to have the project completed. That the cost of the new bridge had now doubled was due to inaccurate information given by Council Officials and this mis-information had a direct bearing on the amount of objections and appeals against planning permissions granted in the area. The meeting then considered three options that the County Manager had presented to the Celbridge Area Committee at their meeting on 31st July 1997.

- Do nothing until full funding was available through development levies. This would take approximately seven years.

This option was rejected as the cost of the new bridge would probably increase quicker than the amount of incoming levies and the time scale was extreme.

- Install a footbridge and traffic lights on the bridge at a cost of

£300,000. The footbridge would be part of the final new construction when the project is finally finished.

Some residents ask that this option be carefully considered as there may be some merit in it considering the Councils apparent lack of determination to replace the complete bridge. There were also strong concerns raised against accepting this option. The concern for personal safety along with the appearance of such a structure was raised by several residents. The frustration caused by delays at the traffic lights may lead to drivers ignoring them and speeding to beat them. People, especially children, may continue to use the road rather than climb the footbridge. The use of such an amount of money from the fund would cause the final solution to be delayed even further.

- Go to the full Council for permission to raise a loan from the amount required to complete the project. This would take approximately two and a half years.

Councillors Griffin and Murphy cautioned the meeting that this option would require the support of the majority of Councillors at full Council level and there could be problems getting that support. Following some debate this option was unanimously approved by the meeting. A motion will be placed, by the Celbridge Area Committee, before the next full Council meeting to raise a loan to complete the project. This loan will be repaid by future development levies raised in the area.

Bernard Durkan suggested that a meeting be arranged between the County Manager, local T.D.s, the Celbridge Area Committee and a delegation from the Bond Bridge Action Group. This meeting could have detailed discussion to move the project forward and impress upon County Officials the need for urgent action to resolve the issue. Michael Fitzpatrick undertook to arrange this

meeting as soon as possible after Minister McCreevy returned from Government business in Hong Kong.

The residents also approved an escalation of the campaign. This would include a demonstration from the motorway bridge on the Straffan Road to Bond Bridge. The protest was organised for Saturday 27th September at 2.00 p.m.

John Doogan
Chairman (B.B.A.G.)

SCOUTS - 8TH KILDARE, MAYNOOTH, RYE VALLEY REGION

"We're back!"

Yes, Cubs and Scouts are under way again for another year of slip-sliding away as the Scouts were on Saturday 13th September when they decided to swop their hiking boots for some very in-line blades — no, not roller-blades — ice-skates! A great day was had by all with some of our more professional bladers strutting their stuff on the ice-rink. Very impressive they were too!

Scouts takes place every Thursday in the Scout Den/M.A.D.E. Centre beside the Post Primary School, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cubs have also re-opened and are on at the same venue from 7.30 pm to 9pm every Tuesday. Our new members are especially welcome and if you are interested in joining cubs there are places still available for boys, and any girls out there — I'm sorry, but you'll have to go on a waiting list, but if any spaces become available, you can jump right in.

So that's all the news. See you soon — and the Grascals say hi! If you don't know what a Grascal is, to all those cub parents, its coming to a house near you.

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Scoil Bhliain Nua/A New School Year.

The first day of September saw a new group of bright eyed and fresh faced Maynooth children making their way to their home town Gaelscoil. The children and their parents were greeted by Gaelscoil Principal Máirín Ní Chéileachair and múinteoir Laura Ní Dhuibh who quickly put everybody at ease and made the first day a pleasant and memorable experience. The Naíonáin Beaga were made feel at home by the Naíonain Móra, these old hands were able to show the ropes to the younger scholars. The Naíonáin mór have taken up residence in their new seomra ranga and much praise is due to the parents who gave of their time and energy over the summer months to decorate the second classroom.

Ar nDúchas Slán/Our Heritage safe.

This is the ideal which we have set ourselves for the coming school year. The ground work was started last year. The class of last year will now build upon the foundations of their acquired linguistic, academic, sporting and cultural skills and appreciations. The windows of wonder are now being open to a new group of eager learners, let us hope that they will bask in the light of their native language with its wealth of story, song, suaimhneas agus sonas.

Dáta Dialann/Diary Date

We intend to augment the computer facility in the school and to acquire some extra teaching aids which are outside the remit of the Department of Education. Therefore it is with great gratitude that we commend the hard work of the Cairde Committee. The Cairde Committee who channel the support of the people of Maynooth for their Gaelscoil are calling for a massive turnout for their annual fashion show on the 7th November 1997. The show was an outstanding success last year, all were surprised by the wealth of local talent in design and local expertise in the modelling and display of fine Irish goods. This is most definitely a date for your diary.

Tomás Aghas, Príomhoide, Iarbhunscoil Mhaigh Nuad.

Like most of the population of Maynooth we were surprised to learn of Mr. Tom Ashe's retirement from his current position as Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School. The word surprised is used in the context of the youthful countenance and vigour of this erudite individual. There are two words which epitomise Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach's relationship with Tom Ashe, they are helpful and accommodating. Whenever he was approached with a request, he thought positively and gave us practical help. Táimid fíor buíocht díot. We all wish Tom and Stasia gach rath agus dea ghruí in their new roles in life.

Cuireadh do Mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad/Invitation to the people of Maynooth.

If you would like to learn more about our school and the

services we provide you are welcome to ring the above number and make an appointment with the school principal. Beir bua agus Beannacht.

Colm Ó Cearúil

GOLF SOCIETY

Dominic Dominates in Portarlinton.

The very testing Portarlinton course was the venue for Vice-Presidents (Noel Brady's) prize on Saturday 23rd August. Left-hander Dominic Nyland had a big win with 41pts to leave him 5 points clear of nearest rival veteran Paddy Foy on 36pts. The presentation took place in Brady's Lounge on Sunday morning.

Next outing:

Joe Murray Cup in Edenderry on October 25th.

Vice-Presidents (Noel Bradys) Prize

Portarlinton Saturday 23rd August 1997.

1st Overall -	Dominic Nyland	(18)
41	Pts	
2nd	P. Foy	(28)
36	-	
3rd	S.Tracey	(17)
35	-	
4th	S. O Connor	(22)
34	-	
5th	E. Savage	(9)
33	-	
6th	T. Flatly	(17)
32	-	
7th	J. Nolan	(16)
32	-	
8th	M. Fahy	(21)
31	-	B.9.
9th	L. Farrelly	(10)
31	-	B.9.
10th	W. Moore	(17)
31	-	
Front 9	P. Doyle	
17	Pts	
Back 9	T. O Haire	
17	Pts	
Visitors	Martin Sheils	(14)
41	Pts	
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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

Kildare Development Plan is Rejected as Defective for a Second Time

Last Year's Rejection

On Monday 23rd September 1996 the then Minister for the Environment, Brendan Howlin, made his historic intervention in the planning process in County Kildare. After repeatedly warning that maverick rezoning was undermining public confidence in the entire planning process, he acted on that day to freeze the passage of further development plans for the time being in County Kildare. "I had hoped", he commented, "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". Such action was a timely response to excessive rezoning proposals by councillors, which in the case of Maynooth, proposed enough new residential lands to facilitate an increase in population from about 9,000 people to over 21,000 by the year 2,001.

This Year's Rejection

A year has gone by; the Minister has changed, and after gutting a sensible Strategic Plan prepared professionally for them, Kildare County Councillors sent the remnants off to the Custom House in the hopes of being allowed to resume rezoning. Maynooth Planning Alliance and their colleagues in the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning during the past year have, however, continued to highlight the folly of going back to the bad old days and have adopted a variety of strategies to inform people and politicians alike of the consequences of large scale rezoning in places such as Maynooth. Senior politicians in all of the parties, including the Taoiseach, have been made aware of the concerns of the people of Maynooth, and of North Kildare in general, that a national settlement strategy must be implemented as a matter of urgency if both developed and underdeveloped parts of Ireland are not to become further polarised in the years ahead. September 12th 1997 will be remembered as a significant day when the concerns of the community were explicitly recognised by the Minister.

The 'Dear John' Letter

On Friday September 12th Minister Dempsey directed a senior official to write to the County Secretary refusing permission for an extension of time to complete the County Development Plan pending a radical revamp of their proposals.

The draft submitted, it was contended, "does not appear to provide a definitive strategy for the implementation of these policies". While one section states that there is a need "for the development of a hierarchical settlement plan for the county as a whole", the Minister notes that "the plan does

not go on to develop that hierarchical settlement pattern, notwithstanding the availability of population projections in respect of the appropriate electoral areas". The Minister commented that "the reference to 'carefully chosen zoning of lands in the remaining towns of the north-east' appears open to different interpretations, especially as no criteria for such zoning is specified in the plan".

In summary this was deemed by the Department of the Environment to be an incompetent plan. This being the second time in a year this has happened, it is an indictment of the inabilities of some Kildare County Councillors to listen to the wishes of their communities, or to the sensible voices of their own professional planners. Once again as we go around the block for the third time on this one, *Maynooth Planning Alliance* requests local representatives to plan for a future Maynooth which grows naturally and at a pace which enables its amenities, character and quality of life to be preserved.

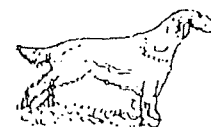
Maynooth Planning Alliance congratulates Minister Dempsey for his good judgement in rejecting this plan. His actions mean that the Kildare Development Plan, which should be reviewed every five years, is now over 12 years old and that every national political party has now rejected our councillors' attempts to carry on as before. A culture change is obviously required.

MAYNOOTH GYMNASTICS CLUB

Maynooth Gymnastics Club would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of the gymnasts to the club and also to remind parents that new members are always welcome. The sessions take place in St. Mary's Community Hall, on the grounds of the boys' school, on Mondays from 2pm - 3pm for beginners and 3pm - 5pm for novices.

We would also like to take this time to congratulate two members of our club who competed with distinction in the Community Games National Final at Mosney. Rachael Cunningham (under 14) and Ciarán Dooley (under 8) competed over the first weekend and did their county proud. Not only did they compete well but they have put in a lot of training throughout the Summer. We hope that this type of success may continue for the future.

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL

By the time this article goes to print our A.G.M. will have taken place. We will publish it in next month's Newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr.Sinnott to the Board of Management of the school and hope he will have many happy years involved with the school.

Claire O'Rourke
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent/Teacher Association A.G.M.

Dear Parents(s) Guardian(s),
You are warmly invited to the **Annual General Meeting** of the Parent/Teacher Association which will be held in the new school hall on Tuesday 14th October, commencing at 8pm. The Keynote address will be presented by our esteemed Mr. Tom Ashe (recently retired Principal).

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

D. Nangle, Chairperson

THE PRESENTATION PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association are having their Annual General Meeting in the Girls School, Maynooth on Tuesday 14th October 1997 at 7.45pm.

We would welcome new members to our committee. We would be glad if any parent who has a couple of hours to spare a month would make themselves known at the meeting.

The main speaker of the night will be Ms. Margaret Burns who will give a talk entitled "HOMEWORK WITHOUT HASSLE". This is a talk designed to deal with the difficulties encountered by parents and to give guidance for successful homework.

The key areas explored are:

- How to guide the child to complete the homework effectively and on time.
- How to help any parent who may feel that she/he is out of touch with present day learning methods.
- How to encourage the child to work independently where required.

- How to organise the homework session.
- Advice and tips for various subjects with particular attention to reading.
- How to help a child when a difficulty arises.
- How to manage your own worries.
- What to do about poor concentration.

We hope that this will be a most interesting and informative evening and all are invited.

Mary Cowhey
Secretary

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

It is that time of year again when we try to come up with some new activities and outings for next summer. Anybody with any good new ideas would be a great asset to us. Please contact us c/o Community Council Office, Main Street, Maynooth.

Our A.G.M. is coming up shortly but no date has yet been set so watch this spot for further information.

Claire O'Rourke
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Well, here we are back again to our Card Games and Bingo for the long Winter. Very glad to see so many familiar faces. We would like to welcome some new people who have joined us. To any other senior citizens who have not yet found us, we are in the I.C.A. Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Card games are played on Tuesdays and bingo on Thursday. There is a mini-bus collection so don't be afraid to make yourself known to us if you want that little break.

We have our Halloween Party on Sunday 19th October in the Post Primary School commencing with Holy Mass at 3.30 p.m.

Our Committee have been fortunate for so long having the use of the school for our parties and for this privilege we are deeply indebted to Mr. Tom Ashe for his kindness and courtesy at all times.

The announcement of his retirement came as a huge shock to all of us. We are sorry to see him go and wish him all he would wish himself, especially health, happiness and good luck in the years ahead.

Now for what's ahead of us: planning our November Sale of Work. This is our Annual fund raiser which takes care of fuel distribution for Christmas and also goes towards entertainment for the members throughout the year. More news of this event next issue.

Betty Farrell.

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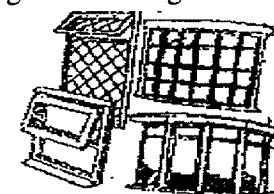
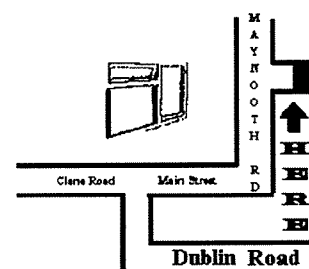
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The September meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday September 4th at 8.00 p.m. Kay Burns, Vice President, chaired the meeting as our President Marion was unable to attend. Kay welcomed all the ladies back after the Summer break.

Sympathy was extended to Marion Souhan on the death of her sister-in-law.

This is the Committee for '97 - '98.

President :	Marion Souhan
Vice President & An Grianan:	Kay Burns
Secretary & Produce Promoter:	Rosemary Hanley
Treasurer:	Anne Broughan
Assistant Secretary & P.R.O.:	May Haren
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Crafts Promoter:	Jo O' Connell
Sports Officer:	Bernie King
Kitchen:	Helen Finn
Community Council Reporter:	Connie Harpur
Timire & Arts Promoter:	To be decided
International Officer:	To be decided

An Grianan

Kay has the day trip to An Grianan organised on October 29th. A large amount of the ladies will attend as this is a very popular days outing. There will be a Bring & Buy Sale at the October Meeting, the proceeds of which will go towards the part-scholarships to An Grianan. The draw for these scholarships will be held at this meeting also.

Two of the ladies had spent a week in An Grianan - Mairead Scanlon and Imelda Delaney. Mairead made some lovely soft toys ranging from rag dolls to clowns to pin cushions. Imelda did a course in Historical Homes and she found it very interesting. I also have to comment from experience myself at An Grianan the food is just delicious and of course not fattening.

Crafts

Our Crafts Promoter Jo tells us the Craft classes commenced on Monday 8th September at 8.00 p.m. New members are welcome.

Badminton

Bernie our Sports Officer tells us badminton commenced on Tuesday 9th September 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. and on Thursday mornings 10.30 a.m. - 12.00p.m. The badminton takes place in our Parish Hall.

New members are welcome.

We would like to thank Maynooth Senior Citizens for the very generous cheque which was given to our guild. We received a newsletter on behalf of The Irish Cancer Society for participation on Daffodil Day. This years Knitting & Stitching Show is on the 6th to the 9th November in the R.D.S.

The next Federation Meeting will be held in the Soccer Clubhouse in Castledermot on 24th September.

Community Council

Connie tells us a meeting was held on September 1st at which Liz Stoll resigned as Vice President. An application has been made by Esat Digifone for the erection of a 100 ft. mast at the Garda Station.

Community Council held a very good festival this year and seem pleased overall.

The annual collection was on the 11th, 12th & 13th September. There was a public meeting on the 18th September to discuss Bond Bridge.

A table Quiz was held in the GAA Hall on the 26th September for Community Games.

Competition

Our Contest Secretary Margaret held a geography trivia at the September meeting. This trivia was very well thought out and Margaret certainly got us all to think hard. The October competition will be an "On The Spot".

A raffle was held and the winners were:

- (1) Mary Halton
- (2) Margaret Houlihan
- (3) Helen Finn

The October Meeting will be on October 2nd in the hall at 8.00 p.m.

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Welcome back to all our swimmers for the new term; which started Saturday 6th September. We are now looking for new members for our waiting list from ages 5 and upwards. We would like to remind all our members, that fees for this term are now due, and can be made payable to any committee member on the bus.

Patricia Moynan P.R.O.
Tel: 6286865

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

Congratulations to the Maynooth contingents who travelled to Mosney over the two weekends of Community Games Finals.

Special congratulations to Mark Cummins who took 4th place in the Boys U/12 Long Puck, also the Girls U/16 Pitch & Putt Team who were 6th overall. A special word here for Emma Cullinane who scored a "Hole in One".

Maynooth Community Games Committee will hold a Table Quiz on Friday September 26th at 9pm in the G.A.A. Club, Moyglare Road. Price per table £12.

The A.G.M. of Maynooth Community Games Committee will be held on Wednesday October 1st at 9pm in the I.C.A. Hall. A large attendance would be appreciated.

At the Table Quiz on the 26th September the Trophies for Best Overall Competitor and Best Overall Family performance will be presented, the results of which are listed below.

BEST COMPETITOR PERFORMANCE

19pts.	Sean MacNamara
16pts.	Elaine MacNamara
12pts.	Muire Ennis
11pts.	Aisling Bean
10pts.	Kevin Comerford
10pts.	Ciana Ennis
9pts.	André Heslin
9pts.	Donal Houlihan
8pts.	Claire MacNamara
8pts.	Alan Sweeney
8pts.	Bronadh McDermott
8pts.	Bríd Ann O'Shea
7pts.	Nevan Buckley
7pts.	Eoghan McCartan
7pts.	Padraic O'Sullivan
7pts.	Anthonine Rossiter

BEST FAMILY PERFORMANCE

43pts.	MacNamara Family
22pts.	Ennis Family

17pts.	Bean Family
16pts.	Comerford Family
15pts.	Clann Mhuruchú
14pts.	Judge Family
13pts.	Dooley Family
13pts.	Buckley Family
12pts.	Houlihan Family
10pts.	Devaney Family
10pts.	O'Sullivan Family
9pts.	McLoughlin Family
9pts.	Baxter Family
9pts.	Curran Family
8pts.	Flynn Family
8pts.	Kelleher Family
8pts.	Pollard Family
7pts.	O'Flaherty Family
6pts.	Cummins Family
6pts.	Kearney Family
6pts.	O'Connell Family
3pts.	Clerkin Family

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The A.G.M. of the Club will be on October 21st in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. Expect a large attendance to hear of plans for year ahead, especially our major event in December, the Flower Festival at Carton.

Five club members will enter the imposed class on 21st. This is always a most interesting competition. Brid Kelleher is the Guest of Honour, and will give a mini demonstration on "Italian Style". The evening will end with tea and birthday cake.

Moirá Baxter.

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BAND BULLETIN

No, your eyes didn't deceive you last month. There was no bulletin for the first time in many years. I missed the editorial deadline not just by one but by seven days. 'I must be slippin'. Hence we have just a few items of news to catch up on before we get up to date.

September Highlights

We are happy to report that our Musical Marathon organised as a kick start to our Kansas City fund-raising, was an outstanding success. Despite one or two hours rain in the morning the day picked up meteorologically and financially and we were really pleased with the response received from everyone. Many thanks to all who contributed to our cause and a special word of thanks to Willie Kiernan - sound man Willie - for the use of his P.A., to Phil Brady without whose power we would have no sound, to Melanie Oliver our honorary 'Roadie'. Well done Mel, Thanks a bunch, to Eithne Bean who joined with her sister Elaine and Melanie in some beautiful songs. Thanks to Eoghan Donovan who gave us a very welcome break when he showed us he is not just your ordinary blow in. He provided some first class pipe music. Thanks are also due to our own 'crew' who really hung in there and gave a fine days entertainment to a very appreciative audience.

Flag Weekend

We would like to thank all those who supported our annual flag weekend which was as usual given excellent support. Special thanks to Ollie Bright and the management of Quinnsworth Shopping Centre for allowing us to collect at the centre.

Junior Classes

Our classes have now resumed for the Autumn/Winter sessions and we are expecting great things from the boys and girls. Hopefully this time next year they will have graduated to the senior band and their places will be filled by new recruits. We have not yet started classes for total beginners but hope to have some news on this front after Christmas.

New Members

Once again we repeat our invitation to musicians living in the area as well as to past members of the band to please drop in to the Band Hall any Monday or Thursday night between 8.30 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. and you will be made very welcome.

Engagements

During September we spent a very pleasant Sunday afternoon entertaining visitors to the Celbridge Abbey Gardens. It was a first visit for us and indeed one of our

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BAND BULLETIN Cont.

very few visits to Celbridge and our music was much appreciated by a very varied audience. The good news is that we have been invited back next year. This month we play a very special engagement in Maynooth College at an open day on 11th October. This, believe it or not will be our first time to give an open air recital in the College as our previous visits have been for concerts in the Aula Maxima and the visit of the King and Queen of Spain. We are indeed looking forward to this recital and to perhaps being more involved with the College under it's new status.

Mass for Deceased Members

Our annual mass for deceased members will be offered on Sunday 2nd November and we take this opportunity to invite all relatives of past members who have passed on to join in with us remembering them.

Members Progress

We would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to our tenor sax player Eoin Maher who has just been accepted into the Rock School at Ballyfermot College. There was stiff competition from more than 300 applicants for under 40 places on this wide ranging course. We would like to think that Eoin has learned enough with our band to get him through a difficult interview/audition process and we hope he does well.

Big Halloween Night

We are offering all you talented girls and guys to pull out the stops and join the fun at our Halloween Fancy Dress Ball in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 31st October. Dancing from 10.00 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. Admission £8. Music by the fabulous Jazz Freaks. Bar extension. Prizes for the most topical, funniest and most original. There's loads of scope for your imagination. Hope to see you all there. Proceeds of course go to our American fund.

American Fund

Speaking of the American fund we are very pleased with the response to date among which are generous donations from the Royal Canal Amenity Group and the Post Primary School. We really appreciate your kind support and we can assure you that we will do Maynooth proud when we get to Kansas City next March. If you wish to make a donation you can drop it in to our Chairman, Paddy Boyd, at Maynooth Office Supplies on the Dublin Road or lodge it directly to our American Appeal Fund, Ulster Bank, Main Street, Maynooth, Account No. 46609000. All donations will be acknowledged in due course. If you require any information or would like to act as a main sponsor please contact Paddy Boyd (P.R.O.) at 6286468 (work) or 6284564 (home) he will be very happy to accommodate you.

That about brings us up to date on all the news, I look forward to reporting progress on all fronts next month.

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BEAUFIELD RESIDENTS SPORTSDAY

Beaufield Sportsday, Sat. 30th August

Glorious evening sunshine brought out all the children of Beaufield for lots of fun and games on the final Saturday of the school holidays.

Congratulations to all participants particularly the TSB Sportstar of the Year Matthew De Barr.

Special thanks to all sponsors including Coca Cola, Head to Toe, Leaf Ireland, Newtown Stores, Premier Dairies, Quinnsnorth and Super Value.

The winners:		
100m sprint:	U6 girls & boys	Aine Ball
	U10 girls	Claire Noone
	U10 boys	Liam Hendrick
	U14 girls	Mandy Fallon
	U14 boys	Joseph Earley
Egg & Spoon:	U6 girls & boys	Sinead Connolly
	U10 girls	Claire Noone
	U10 boys	Daniel Marcello
	U14 girls	Mandy Fallon
	U14 boys	Joseph Earley
Wheelbarrow:	U6 girls & boys	Lorna Noone & Aine Ball
	U10 boys	Daniel Marcello & Marco Marcello
	U14 girls & boys	Joseph Earley & Ann Connolly
Wellie Throw:	U6 girls	Aine Ball
	U6 boys	Marco Marcello
	U10 girls	Claire Noone
	U10 boys	Brendan Doogan
	U14 girls	Sarah Prendergast
	U14 boys	Donald Tippen
Bunny Hop:	U6 girls & boys	Aine Ball
666 yd run:	U10 girls	Emma Collins
	U10 boys	Brian Tuohey
	U14 girls	Mandy Fallon
	U14 boys	Donald Tippen

Obstacle Race:	U10 girls	Siobhan Tobin
	U10 boys	Brendan Doogan
	U14 girls	Mandy Fallon

In the children's Tug 'O War the girls beat the boys!

Joe Geraghty

MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Moyglare Village Clean-up

The annual clean-up in Moyglare Village has not yet taken place this year. The Committee has decided that a skip will be provided for this purpose only if at least ten people approach us confirming that they will make themselves available to complete this work. Despite the good work by Mr. Paddy Flynn in keeping the grass cut, weeds along the roadside throughout the estate was mentioned in this year's Tidy Towns report.

Moyglare Village residents to receive invoices

Less than 50% of residents in Moyglare Village have paid their share of the cost of upkeep in the estate. The Committee has agreed that in fairness to those who have paid, an invoice will be sent to residents who have not yet paid the £20 fee.

Moyglare Village boundary with the Moyglare Road

Kildare County Council has replied to our request to finalise the boundary between Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road with the following reply: *"the Developer has put down a beech hedge as the Planners requested and they will be monitoring its success. No wall was sought under planning conditions in 1985. The existing hedge was to be retained. Hence, the planners opted for a replacement hedge."*

- A few simple questions need to be asked:
1. Who is protecting the interest of residents, one would have thought it was the planners?
 2. As the Developer illegally removed the original boundary surely a hedge of similar mature standard would be the least he would have been required to provide, instead of beech twigs?
 3. The Developer failed to meet the conditions of his planning permission between 1985 and 1996. Surely this failure should mean that the standards which are required in 1996 to complete a development are the ones that should now apply?

At the front of Moyglare Village, the developer provided two Public Open Space areas which are used by the children from both Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road area. The failure by Kildare County Council to ensure that the safety of over two hundred children in this area will come back to haunt them when an innocent child is killed or seriously injured. The very least that can be expected is that this association will object to all further development in this area because of the increased danger of the extra traffic to the lives of our children.

Paul Croghan
Chairman
Moyglare Residents Association.

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PARKLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Planning Update

It is with the most extraordinary sense of deja vu that I write once again for the October issue of the **Newsletter** that the Minister for the Environment, Noel Dempsey, has rejected proposals for the County Development Plan on the grounds that the plan does not adequately support a strategy for Kildare's future development.

On this issue of importance on every level from individual Estates to Town, County and Country we are seeing a continuity of policy across two governments. That the future development of Kildare has been considered and cared for by both Brendan Howlin and Noel Dempsey as an issue standing on its own merits, bigger than Party Political boundaries is tremendously heartening for all of those involved in the planning debate. - Liz Stoll.

Children's Sports Day

On a lovely sunny Saturday, August 30th, the children in Parklands competed in such compelling sporting activities as the "spoon and onion race" (invented by Maeve Millet (Secretary of P.P.A.) and organiser extraordinaire of the Sports Day. The trike race was fiercely fought and the Marathon three times around the green was anxiously anticipated by the ten to twelve age groups. It proved both exhilarating and exhausting for the participants (and the spectators). Our thanks to those who undertook the organising of this event, Maeve Millet, Brian O'Donnell, Paul Burnell, Harry Montgomery, Clare Daley, Robbie Dunning, Pat McCarthy, Des Lynch, Mary Canter and Marie McGuinness, who did a terrific job of keeping a cool head while cataloguing all the entries and winners for the events. Thank you to the parents who helped run the events on the day without even being asked to help. Tony O'Connor, Donal Colfer and others who did not leave their names, your support helped to make it a terrific day for all.

Parklands Five-a-side

On the 28th of July, Parklands Residents Association ran a five-a-side football league over four consecutive nights, and after many hard-fought battles on the football pitch we were left with two grand-finalists. With names such as Rise Rovers, The Lawns Layabouts, Porter Bellies, Crescent Crusaders, Place Kickers and The Square it should give you some idea of the fun had by all and sundry, not to mention the spectators who turned out in their droves to support their team.

Over the four nights they were treated to some spectacular football. Its a shame that there could be only one winner but in the end and after a gruelling battle Rise Rovers clinched victory over The Lawns Layabouts in the grand final.

We would like to thank the Maynooth Soccer Club for the use of the soccer posts. Start practising and watch this space for next year.

Fancy Dress

Parklands are holding their 2nd Halloween Fancy Dress on November 1st at the Glenroyal Hotel. Such was the success of the last event that we have re-christened the event the "Annual Halloween Fancy Dress". Perceived through the mists of time and a "slight" alcohol induced fuzziness it seems that no one ever had such a good time or enjoyed themselves so much. It is with great expectations that we approach this years fancy dress. We hope to have at least as much fun as last year if not more. **Fancy Dress is optional** - so no excuses. Come along. Tickets available from October 7th onwards.

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PROPOSED EXHUMATION OF 48 NUNS AT MAYNOOTH CONVENT CEMETERY

On Sunday 21st September relatives, friends and people from Maynooth and surrounding areas gathered at the above graveyard to voice their objections to the proposed exhumation.



Betty Cronin (Dublin) niece of late Mother Gerard R.I.P. handed me a list of family objections to be forwarded to Kildare County Council.

Hilda Mooney and relatives.
Owen Mooney, cousin of my aunt Mother Philomena, has sent his list of family members objecting to

Kildare County Council.

Mary O'Riordan (Cork), niece of the late Mother

Borgia, has sent her list also to Kildare County Council.

I wish to thank most sincerely Maynooth Community Council who gave immediate support to my campaign, Maynooth Tidy Towns who have offered to take over the ongoing upkeep of the nuns cemetery and my committee members including Bridie O'Brien and Ita Mc Ternan and all the people who have signed my protest almost 1,000 in all, these sheets are being signed daily and sent on to Kildare County Council.

Hilda Mooney.

KILDARE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES TO HOST INFORMATION EVENINGS IN NORTH EAST KILDARE.

During October, three important meetings will take place in North East Kildare. These meetings are a collaborative effort between Kildare County Enterprise Board, KELT and Kildare Failte. The purpose of these meetings is to explain the type of work and initiatives that each agency has assisted to date, as well as informing people how each agency can assist you in the development of an individual project or a community project/area.

These meetings are open to the public - individuals with ideas, community groups, small business owners or managers, crafts people. They represent a very good opportunity for people to find out about the range of assistance and financial supports available under a number of EU programmes currently operating in Kildare.

People are invited to attend the meeting that is most convenient for themselves.

Details of the meetings are as follows:

Leixlip	Tuesday 7th October
St Mary's GAA Hall	
Celbridge	Tuesday 14th October
Celbridge Abbey	
Maynooth	Tuesday 21st October
Maynooth Glenroyal Hotel	

All meetings commence at 8pm

MAYNOOTH NEEDS A YOUTH CLUB

With its ever expanding population, Maynooth is fast becoming one of the largest towns in Kildare. Yet despite all this progress and development Maynooth's young people still have no Youth Club.

It is now proposed to change all that.

This is a call to all parents of children between the ages of 12 and 18 years to lend a hand with the formation of a new Youth Club. It is proposed to hold a meeting in the Maynooth Community Council Offices (above Kehoe's Restaurant) on Tuesday the 28th of October at 8.30 p.m.

All interested are invited to attend.

For further information contact Pat Delaney at 6285591 after 6.00 p.m.

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MAYNOOTH PROPERTY PRICES

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College Green

A 3/4 bedroom house in College Green complete with fitted wardrobes in 3 bedrooms and dual heating throughout can expect to fetch anything in the region of the early £80,000s.

A 3 bedroom house in this estate can fetch anything from the mid-late £70,000 depending on condition and extras involved.

Kingsbry

A 3 bedroom semi-detached house complete with dual heating and garage space along with both a front and back lawn will sell for approximately £80,000.

Maynooth Park

A 4 bedroom semi-detached house with full alarm can reach as much as the late £90,000 region.

Castlebridge

Bungalows in this area are reaching as much as £125,000.

Rail Park

A 3 bedroom house in Rail Park can expect to be sold for anything in the region of the mid £80,000's.

Moyglare Village

A semi-detached house in this area complete with dual central heating and a large garden can expect to be sold in excess of £90,000.

Moyglare Meadows

A 4 bedroom detached house in this area will sell for £145,000.

Cluain Aoibhinn

A 4 bedroom semi detached house with aluminium windows and oil fired central heating can expect to be sold for anything in the region of the early £80,000 mark.

A 5/6 bedroom house in this estate can fetch prices in the region of the mid £90,000.

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2 bedroom houses in this estate are selling in excess of £70,000.

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FAREWELL TO FR. BOYLAN

A gathering of over 250 friends, colleagues and parishioners bid a fond farewell to Fr. David Boylan at a function in the Glenroyal Hotel, on the 22nd August.

After six years in Maynooth Post-Primary School and Parish, Fr. David is leaving to undertake a two year study programme in Rome in religious education, educational management and spiritual formation of young people.

Fr. David's parents, Carol and Noel, travelled from Skerries for his farewell party, and they were joined by his sister, Orla, an opera singer home on holidays from Milan. Other guests on the night were the Parish Priest, Fr. Brendan Supple, the new curate Fr. John Sinnott, Rev. Adrian Wilkinson and Fr. John Dunne, S.M.A.

Many tributes were paid to Fr. Boylan. Noelle Topley, one of the organising committee, acted as M.C. she said the Parish was sending



Fr. David off with "great expectations". On behalf of the parishioners she paid tribute to his warmth, humour, approachability, enthusiasm, energy and faith.

During his time in Maynooth Fr. Boylan was very involved in parish activities. At Maynooth Post-Primary he directed four musicals and he was Director of the Parish Choir. He edited the Parish Newsletter and was involved with the Family Mass Group. He also organised and directed courses and retreats for adults and the youth.

Rev. Brendan Supple, the Parish Priest, thanked Fr. David for all his help and support and said he was confident he would be successful in his studies, and in all that he undertook in the future.

Maynooth's new curate, Fr. John Sinnott who has moved into Fr. Boylan's former home in Straffan Way, took the opportunity to tease Fr. David about the amount of cooking utensils he has yet to move from the house! He suggested that a plaque should be put on the door, stating that "David Boylan cooked here!"

Many references were made to Fr. Boylan's love of cooking. He was referred to as a "cordon bleu" in the kitchen. Tom Ashe, Post-Primary School Principal, sampled Fr. David's cookery, but also recounted how the young Chaplain could eat a batter burger and chips with the same fervour as his own cooking.

Mr. Ashe thanked Fr. Boylan for his willingness to undertake and complete any projects entrusted to him as School Chaplain, and said he would be greatly missed.

Finally, Noelle Topley reminded Fr. Boylan not to play his new Bodhrán (a present from the Family Mass Group) too early or too loudly in Vatican City, so that his neighbour, Pope John Paul, could get enough sleep and rest!

On behalf of the parish, Mattie Callaghan, one of Fr. Boylan's neighbours on Straffan Way, presented him with a cheque and a print of the Parish Church.

In reply, Fr. David joked that he had been "deceived". He thought he had been going to a Bar-B-Q in someone's back garden! He thanked the people of Maynooth for their gifts, and for the warmth and support he always felt here. He had enjoyed his time in the Post-Primary School and the Parish.

He thanked Fr. Supple, and said he had admired his loyalty and dedication to the priesthood during his years in Maynooth. He thanked him for his support, and said he was very easy to work with. He welcomed Fr. John Sinnott, and told him of the

warmth and the friendliness of the people of Maynooth.

Finally, Fr. David thanked the organising Committee of his party, and said Maynooth was his first parish and would always be special to him.

A light salad buffet was served by the Hotel staff, and dancing followed to the music of Martin Ennis, from Longwood.

The Organising Committee would like to thank everyone who bought tickets, sold tickets, gave donations, or helped in any way to make the night so enjoyable. A special thank you to the Management and Staff of the Glenroyal for their co-operation and help.

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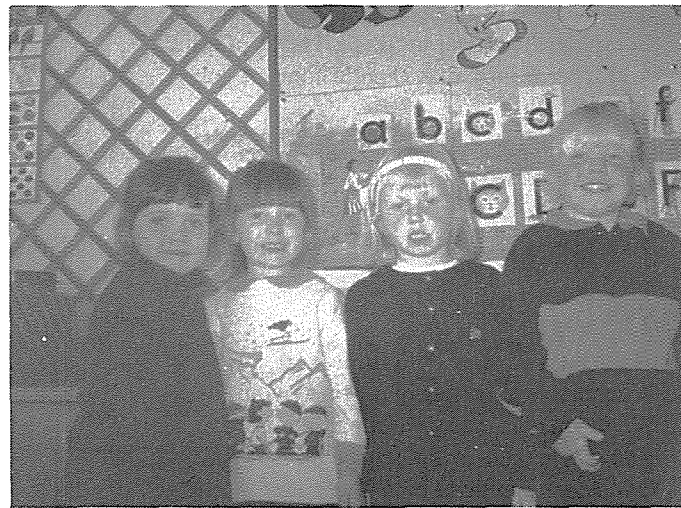
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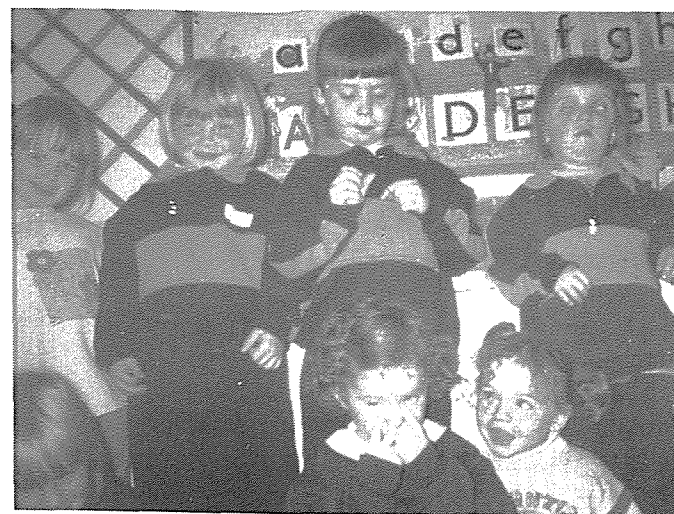
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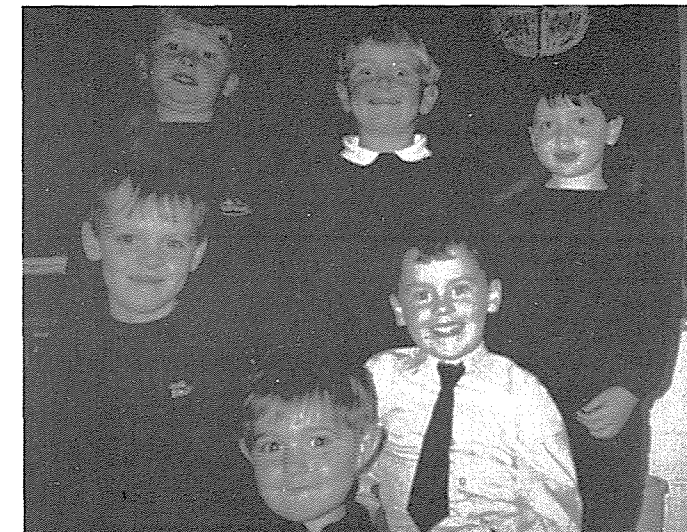
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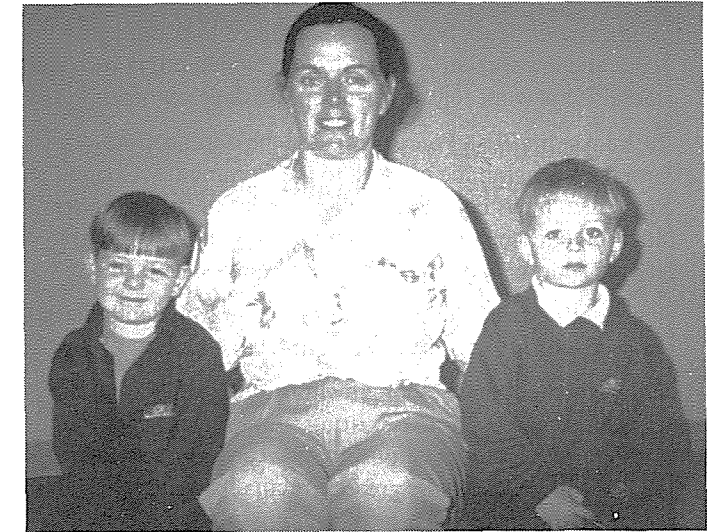
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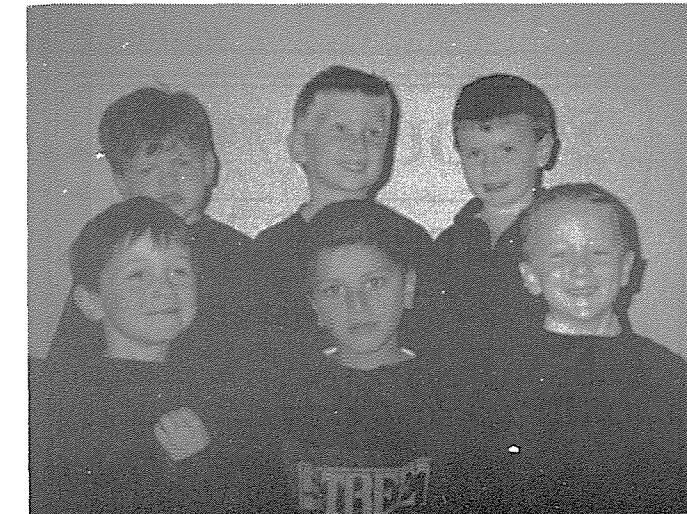
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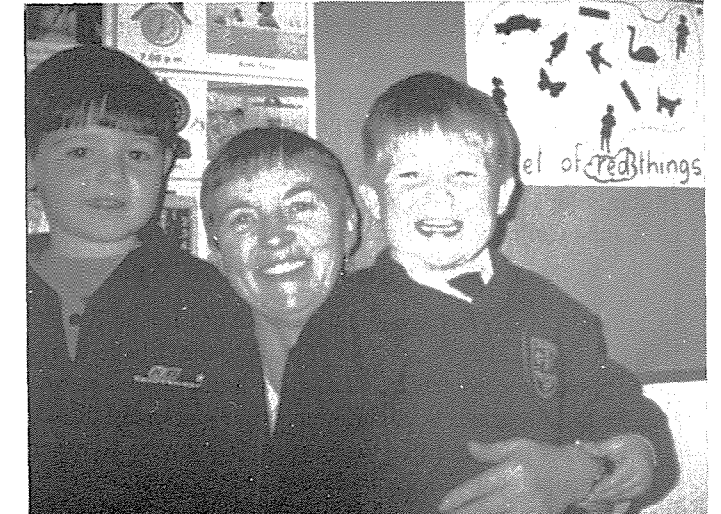
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L-R: Peter McNevin, Mary Leahy, Enda Kalfe*



*Maynooth Boys School - Back Row L-R: Pdraig Tracey,
John Deeney, Stephen Marshall
Front Row L-R: Sean O'Kane, Harpal Gill, Aodhan Jenson*



*Maynooth Boys School
L-R: Karl Murray, Teacher Bridie Furlong, John McNevin*

Features

MAYNOOTH TASK FORCE DRAWS UP STRATEGY

In May last a Task Force was formed to draw up a submission to Telecom Eireann's Information Age Town Competition. The winning town, recently announced as Ennis, will benefit to the tune of £15 million in investment in information technology. The Maynooth submission, although put together in a short period of time and dependent solely on voluntary effort on the part of the Task Force members, has been favourably reviewed by all who have read it. In drawing up the submission the Task Force evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of Maynooth as a town and as a community. The submission naturally focused the very real assets which we possess - the strong education sector including the university, the college and the post primary school, Maynooth's status as an historic town, our young population and Maynooth's location at the western end of a hi-tech corridor. Despite these advantages Maynooth is faced with a whole range of challenges for the future and the Task Force has undertaken to continue its work and draw up an Action Strategy which might provide a useful framework for the town's future development.

In August the Task Force presented the outline of its proposed programme of work to the Community Council and since then it has been engaged in a series of meetings in an attempt to tease out the issues which any future strategy should address. Amongst the areas being addressed are:

- the definition of a character or brand for Maynooth that can be used to drive the strategy and link the elements of the plan
- development of an employment strategy which seeks to attract new, and optimise existing, employment opportunities
- establish how the relationship between town and university can be structured for the greatest mutual benefit
- the need to establish a set of guiding principles for the future development of Maynooth so that the quality of life in the town is secured and improved
- consider how the tourism potential of the town can be optimised with minimum disruption to daily life
- identification of the sports, leisure and amenity facilities of the town and how they can be developed for the benefit of the community
- in terms of administration to identify the appropriate structure to develop and manage the action strategy

Groups and individuals are invited to make written submissions to the Task Force which should be addressed to Dr. John Cullen, Main Street.

MOTHER TERESA AT MAYNOOTH

Cardinal Cathal Daly awaited the arrival of Mother Teresa at St. Patrick's College. She was coming to the college to give the annual Trocaire lecture. The crowds poured in - clergy, students, laity and school children in their uniforms. Before long the church was filled to capacity. They were all eager to catch a glimpse of Mother Teresa and to listen to her words of wisdom. She had arrived in Dublin to visit the convent of her order the Missionaries of Charity off the South Circular Road in Dublin. She attended Mass at

Donore Ave. Church. She called on the President Mrs. Robinson at the Aras.

Meanwhile the crowd gathered at the college. The college choir sang. People prayed and meditated long before her arrival. It was an evening of prayer and music. When Mother Teresa arrived the interior of the church was filled with light as people held long lighted candles. Mother Teresa moved to the altar. So small and frail yet with a wonderful voice. In her talk she spoke about the need for prayer saying that prayer was the way to have love and peace in the community. She was hopeful about an increase in vocations to the priesthood. She told her listeners that sin is what she feared most. Prayers were said in 9 languages including Croatian, French, German, Hindi, Irish, Italian and Russian. It was a meeting which will long remain in the minds of those lucky enough to be present.

During her stay in Dublin she was made a Freeman of the city - the 61st. person to be so honoured. Thousands attended the ceremony which was held in the open air outside the Mansion House in Dawson St. The first days of June 1993 will be remembered in the history of Maynooth. What changes in 4 years, Cardinal Daly in retirement and Mrs. Robinson gone to Geneva as Commissioner for Human Rights.

Maeve Moloney





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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

7.00 - 9.30	- "The Good Morning Show" with <i>Daire Nelson</i>
9.30 - 1.00	- "Dee's People" with <i>Howard Dee</i>
1.00 - 1.15	- "Main Lunchtime News and Sport"
1.15 - 3.30	- "Doyles Corner" with <i>Eamon Doyle</i>
3.30 - 5.30	- "Eddie Caffrey's Afternoon Show" with <i>Eddie Caffrey</i>
5.30 - 6.00	- "Main Evening News and Sport"
6.00 - 9.00	- "Easy Evenings" with <i>Dermot Finglas</i>
9.00 - 11.00	- "The Evening Session"
11.00 - 1.00	- "Radio Romance"
1.00 - 2.00	- "Late Night Tracks" with <i>Michael Gerrard</i>
2.00 - 7.00 Nighttime Music	

LOCAL SERVICES

National News - Each Hour on the Hour

Local News	- 7.30am, 8.00am, 8.30am, 9.00am
Bulletins	11.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm, 5.30pm,
Bereavements	- after the 9.00am, 1.00pm and 5.30pm News Bulletins.
Sports Bulletins	- 7.50am, 8.40am, 11.05am, 1.10pm, 3.05pm, 5.40pm.
Agri News	- after the 9.00am, 1.00pm and 5.30pm News Bulletin.
Community Diary	- 8.20am, 11.30am, 3.15pm.
Rehab Bingo No's.	- 10.00am, 12.45pm, 3.30pm, 7.30pm, 8.50pm and 10.55pm.
Fresh 95.5 Trading Post-	1.40pm.
Fresh 95.5 Job Spot	- 2.40pm.

SATURDAY

7.00 - 10.00	- "The Breakfast Show" with <i>Paul Maguire</i>
10.00 - 10.15	- "Main Morning News"
10.15 - 1.00	- "The Greenscene" with <i>Eddie Caffrey</i>
1.00 - 1.15	- "Main Lunchtime News"
1.15 - 2.30	- "Fresh Hot Country" with <i>Howard Dee</i>
2.30 - 6.00	- "Saturday Sport" with <i>The Fresh 95.5 Sports Team</i>
6.00 - 6.15	- "Main Evening News"
6.15 - 9.00	- "Saturday Music Mix" With <i>Áine Ní Chairbre</i>
9.00 - 2.00	- "Dance Night"
2.00 - 8.00 Nighttime Music	

LOCAL SERVICES

National News - Each Hour on the Hour

Local News	10.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm, 6.00pm,
Bulletins	- after the 10.00am, 1.00pm and 6.00pm News.
Bereavements	- Regular updates on "The Saturday Sports Show"
Sports Coverage	

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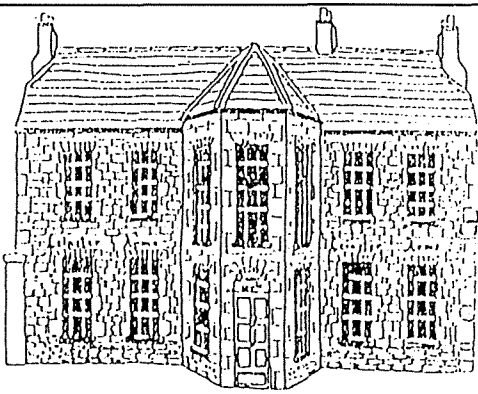
8.00 - 9.00	- "Classical Hour" with <i>Ray Stone</i>
9.00 - 10.00	- "Mass from the Area"
10.00 - 12.00	- "Sunday Morning Requests" with <i>Ray Stone</i>
12.00 - 2.30	- "Country 'n Irish" with <i>Dermot Finglas</i>
2.30 - 5.30	- "Sunday Sport" with <i>The Fresh 95.5 Sports Team</i>
5.30 - 7.00	- "The Cruise" with <i>Ken O' Sullivan</i>
7.00 - 7.30	- "Sunday Sport Roundup"
7.30 - 9.00	- "Clár Smidirini" With <i>Áine Ní Chairbre</i>
9.00 - 11.00	- "Jazz and Easy Listening" with <i>Dick Duffin</i>
11.00 - 2.00	- "Night Run" with <i>Brendan Tier</i>
2.00 - 7.00 Nighttime Music	

LOCAL SERVICES

National News - Each Hour on the Hour

Local News	10.00am, 1.00pm, 6.00pm,
Bulletins	- after the 10.00am, 1.00pm and 6.00pm News.
Bereavements	- Sunday Sports Show 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Sunday Sport Roundup 7.00pm.
Sports Coverage	

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THE MATURE STUDENT

Most weekends in Maynooth, places like The Roost, Caulfields, The L.A. and Bradys are packed with local people enjoying a few pints and the craic. As Maynooth is a University town, the locals mix extensively with students.

One is led to wonder if, and how often, the notion has crossed the minds of some of the more mature local people to become students themselves. Perhaps they have thought of the idea but quickly dismissed it as not being something for them. Even worse, they may have thought that they would not have the brains to study for three or four years full time and anyway they never got their leaving. Even peer pressure might come into the reckoning - my mates would break their hearts laughing at the idea of me going to college. Another obstacle might be ones domestic situation.

Let me assure you the notion is not that "airy-fairy". Today there are many, many mature students attending third level education who have achieved excellent academic results and can look forward to a more fulfilling life. In itself, the mere fact of acquiring a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree or any other degree gives you real confidence in yourself.

If you have got over the major hurdle and you have decided to embark on a degree course you certainly will need to give the maximum time to your studies. If there are children or other dependents relying on you on a regular basis, it will be necessary to make alternative arrangements.

During the academic year there will be pressure on you to get projects prepared for dead lines plus at the end of each year there will be the usual examinations which will require every minute of the day. If you have been working all your life or unemployed and start college, for the first few months there will be a sense of unreality about your life. You will have to get into the swing of organising your week around the various lectures and tutorials you must attend and if you are in the 50's bracket, you will have to adjust to having very young people around you all the time. This should not pose any great problem as you are all commencing studies together and in this particular field you have a common goal, sharing notes and opinions on the particular subjects you have embarked upon. The subjects you choose are of vital importance. Most mature students follow an Arts Degree course. This can be a course in English, Irish, Geography, History, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, etc. The college will help and guide you as to the best courses suited to you. In Maynooth, you will be expected to take on three disciplines i.e. Economics, History and Sociology the first year, then dropping one of these disciplines and continue with the remainder for two years, when hopefully you will attain your BA Degree and go on further if you so desire.

Perhaps at this point I should throw in to this discussion a short list of do's and don't's.

The Do's

Try to attend all lectures and tutorials.

Try and get your essays in on time - leaving them to the last minute is not a good idea, especially around exam times when you want to leave yourself free for study.

Make full use of the library - the staff are very helpful.

You will be given a list of books that you are expected to read on your chosen discipline; it is a good idea to buy one or two of these books as when exam time comes around all the important books will have been grabbed up from the library just when you will need them most.

Plan some form of strategy as to how to approach your exams by putting time aside for each exam.

Get copies of previous years exams to get an idea of what is required.

Get your hands on other peoples essays and see how they have approached essay writing.

Try and become computer literate - it certainly helps at the later stages.

On a personal note - Because you are sitting for long periods of time studying it is wise to ensure you exercise regularly. In other words break away from studying or reading in the library and take a walk. Instead of using the car, walk or cycle to the college if you live reasonably close.

If you have any problems or something that is worrying you, college life or a domestic problem, the College Chaplain is very approachable.

The Don'ts

By all means get involved in the general activities of College life but don't get so involved that it interferes with your academic ambitions.

If you can manage at all, don't take on any form of employment whilst attending College - it will eat into your time for study.

Don't neglect your health by burning the candle at both ends. Enjoy your time at the college but moderation is important.

Whilst doing a full time degree course you still have to live. If you are presently on the dole, you may qualify for Third Level Allowance (TLA). This basically is dole money each week whilst attending full time education. You can get details from your local Unemployment Office. You may also qualify for a full students grant or part thereof. For this grant contact your County CB Health Board in the form of subsidy towards your accommodation. At the beginning of this discussion I talked about enjoying a

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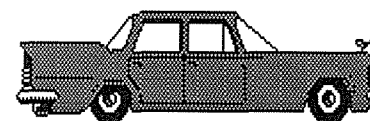
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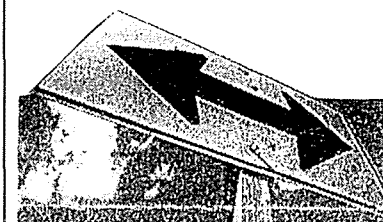
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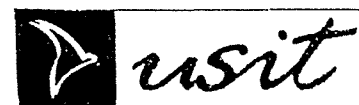
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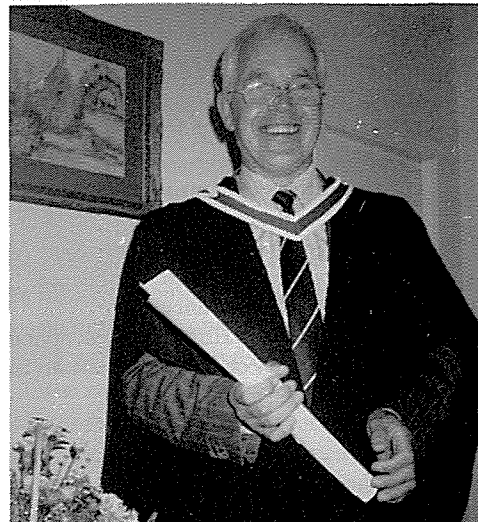
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Leo Armstrong on Graduation Day when he visited the Community Council Office, Leo is a former member of the Community Council Staff

few pints and having the craic. During the past four years, though I didn't drink, I still enjoyed the craic. Indeed I have enjoyed most of my time in St. Patrick's College, now called, as from June of this year, National University of Ireland, Maynooth. It was well worth the effort. In my teens I did not get any opportunity. At fourteen, I was either thinning turnips or picking spuds for farmers. At fifteen I was on the cattle boat to Bradford in England. However I have always had a flare for learning. As my foster father used to say, "Education is no burden" I wish he had put his saying into action at the time but they say, "It is better late than never". I am only forty years behind. I never even got my Leaving Certificate and today I have a Higher Diploma in Irish History. So if I can do it so can you.

Leo Armstrong

VIDEO REVIEW

Mars Attacks! (12'S)

This is the latest in a recent spate of 'alien' movies from a Hollywood that seems to be attempting to cash in on the success of the television series 'The X Files'.

It's directed by Tim Burton (who appears to live on another planet anyway) and stars a whole host of screen luminaries; Jack Nicholson, Pierce Brosnan, Danny De Vito, Rod Steiger, Glenn Close, Michael J. Fox, to name but a half dozen. There's even a cameo appearance by that famous Welsh Bard, Tom Jones! The story is a tried and tested 'space invaders' affair. An armada of Martian space ships hovering above Earth - will the little green meenies attack or won't they? Pierce Brosnan is the scientist who devises a way of successfully communicating with the little visitors, although the machine can only translate the phrase "We come in peace"!

The film is billed as a black comedy, which, assuming your IQ/vocabulary reaches the dizzy heights beyond "UGH", is

highly suspect. Nor is it in the same league as that fabulous 'B' movie blockbuster 'Independence Day', (which it copiously draws upon) either in content or special effects. Its one saving grace is the performance of Jack Nicholson as the U.S. President, which he hams up beautifully as only he can.

All in all a very disappointing film that could have been so much better, given the cast and the obviously huge budget.

Verdict: Only very mildly entertaining.

Shine (12's)

Is the harrowing true story of David Helfgott, the gifted Australian concert pianist who, because of pressure from his father to attain perfection, lapsed into a nervous breakdown that lasted nearly twenty years. From his beginnings as a child prodigy, we are given an insight into the mind of this tortured young man whose life and talent are taken over completely by his demanding and loveless father. In an effort to win his approval he attempts to conquer one of the most difficult piano pieces ever written and in a superb sequence the young musician physically breaks on stage under the sheer emotional weight of the piece. Geoffrey Rush, who is a noted Australian theatre actor, plays Helfgott in one of the best performances likely to be seen this year. Armin Mueller-Stahl is brilliant as his psychotic domineering father, who makes Leopold Mozart seem like your favourite uncle.

This is a film that is at the same time harrowing, awesome and beautiful and a tribute to the ability of the human spirit to survive. Well worth a look.

Verdict: Quite simply brilliant and unmissable!

The Crucible (12's)

Based on the McCarthy witch-hunt in Hollywood in the 50's, which saw almost the entire movie industry put on trial for so-called 'Communist activities', this is Arthur Miller's adaptation of his own play for the big screen and in its new setting to celluloid it loses none of its original power.

The story is set in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1662, and stars Winona Ryder as Abigail, the minister's niece who indulged in a little black magic in the woods at night. These goings-on inevitably lead to accusations of witchcraft and to avoid being barbecued, she claims that the family's servant put a spell on her and her partners in slime. When local farmer John proctor (superbly played by Daniel Day Lewis) hears of the witch trials, his attempts to discredit Abigail leads to his own wife being accused.

This film fared pretty badly at the box-office, which is surprising because the cast (which also includes Paul Schofield, Peter Vaughan and Joan Allen), the direction and chiefly Miller's script, are terrific.

Performances from Lewis and Winona Ryder are first rate and the movie is just about as true to the period as you're likely to get. If you're fed up with the latest movie craze for digitized special effects and techno rubbish, this thoughtful, intelligent and moving film may be just for you.

Verdict: Terrific!

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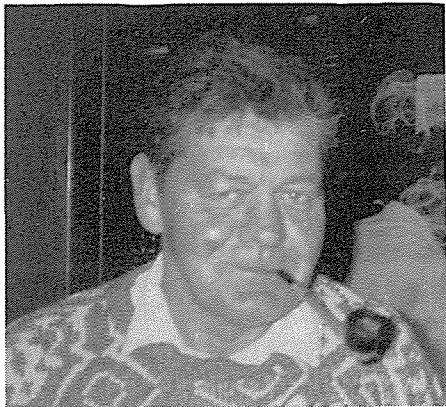
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The Late Patrick (P.J.) Bennett (RIP)
Fair noble is the call to speak
For one raised above the glorious peak.
The tears of your beloved far outweigh
All the words that we or others say.
From birth 'til death you stood the
test,
Lived in the town that you loved best.
No obligation ever was too much,
With your easy laugh and common
touch.
With grace and kindness to the fore
Your shadow blessed many's a door.

A builder you were by noble trade,
Astute and sharp-minded; foundations
laid.
You who have known the greatest
heights,
'Your lines have fallen on pleasant sites'.
As you battled with the elements,
What God sent you brought no laments.
Of constructions of the heart; your dreams,
Your family were the firming beams.
You did so much in your short years,
Peace came sprinkled by your dear ones tears.

In local activities you played your part,
With a wise head and an open heart.
Of G.A.A. Soccer and tug-o-war:
A stalwart of these sports you were.
No field your enthusiasm could contain
As pride of parish raged in your veins.
The Old Tug-o-War Team that would not yield

You were their 'general' on the field.
And since when we lost our way,
Men called out, "send for P.J."
When someone like you fades away
Duller is our rising day.



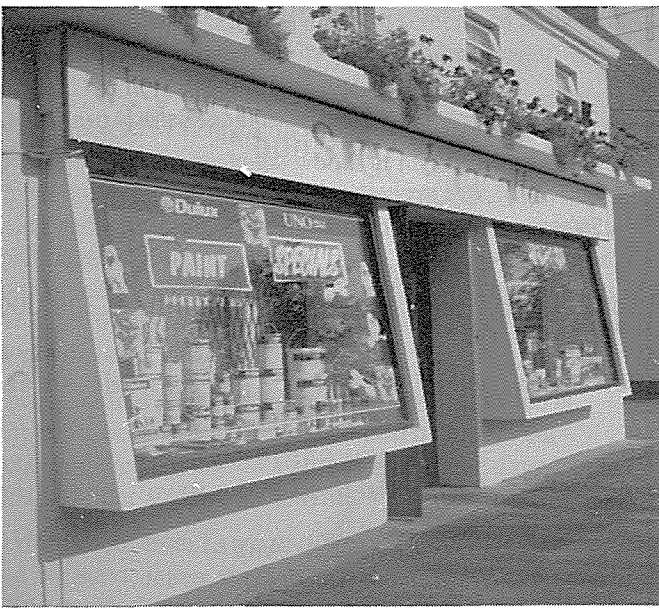
Of tragedy you had your share,
Sad volumes do the angels bear.
The road you took meandered so
As angels fly both high and low.
Your family were your greatest pride
And kept the power in your ailing
stride.
Over ragged stones you did not fall
But reached towards God's loving call.
Yes, the apples they have grown again
And you with the harvest are borne in.

As you joined your dear beloved
In the great abode,
You walked with Mother Teresa and Diana
Up that sunset road.
And as you smoked your pipe
You greatly eased their fears,
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MICHAEL CUSACK FOUNDER OF THE G.A.A.

Maynooth G.A.A. followers had many visits to Croke Park during the year - perhaps you were in the Cusack stand. The stand is called after Michael Cusack who just over 150 years ago - on 20th September 1847 was born in the parish of Carron in the Burren area of Co. Clare. He trained as a teacher at Malborough St. Training College and taught at Lough Cutra N.S. He had his eyes set on bigger and better things. By the age of 24 he was the English and Maths teacher at St. Colman's College in Newry. From there he went to Kilkenny College, to Clongowes and to Blackrock College. Blackrock College then, as now, was a well known rugby college.

Cusack was a great believer in physical exercise for young people. In Dublin, at that time, weight and jumping events were largely ignored in favour of races. When he arrived at Blackrock he set about introducing athletics to the students. At the college sports in 1875 he organised a hop step and jump competition. He himself was a noted athlete and in 1875 he won the 16 lb. and the 42 lb. shot events at a meeting organised by the Dublin Amateur Athletic Club. He organised a National Athletic meeting in Dublin at Easter 1880. In 1881 and 1882 he was the Irish champion weight thrower. In 1882 he founded the Dublin athletic club - open to all men. Cusack wanted everyone to play organised games. Dublin Hurling club was formed in 1882 and a year later the Metropolitan hurling club.

Cusack set up the Civil Service Academy - a school designed to help people enter the Civil Service. Soon he had his academy students out on the playing field - usually the Phoenix park. On December 8th 1883 the first properly organised hurling match in Dublin was played. Metropolitan beat Cusack's Academy. On Easter Sunday 1884 Metropolitan team took the train to Ballinasloe for a game on the fair green there against Kilimor. When he saw the standard of play he knew a code of rules for hurling was needed.

On 1st November 1884 at 3p.m. at Hayes Hotel, Thurles the first meeting took place of what became known as the Gaelic Athletic Association for the preservation and cultivation of national pastimes. Early in 1885 Archbishop Croke of Cashel gave the G.A.A. his unqualified approval.

In Dublin, in February 1886, Cusack refereed a hurling match between south Galway and north Tipperary. The first Dublin Club to be affiliated was Metropolitan. First country club to be affiliated was Clara in Co. Offaly. First hurling match under G.A.A. rules was at Tynagh with 6000 spectators. First football game under G.A.A. rules was at Callan Co. Kilkenny. Cusack died in 1906.

In 1913 the former city and suburban race-course was purchased by the G.A.A. to become Croke Park. In August

1938 the Cusack Stand was opened by Padraic MacNamee of Belfast the first Ulster President of the Association. The 150 anniversary of his birth was celebrated by his home county winning the McCarthy cup. A fitting tribute to a great man.

Maeve Moloney.

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SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

On Wednesday 17th September Mr. Aidan Herron kindly accepted an invitation from the Board of Management of Scoil Uí Riada to talk to the parents of the school about the Department of Education's new Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme. Mr. Herron was a former member of the Expert Advisory Group on RSE to the Minister for Education and has now returned to his primary school teaching duties. He addressed the meeting in a private capacity as a parent and teacher himself.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) seeks to provide children with opportunities to acquire knowledge and understanding of relationships and human sexuality, through processes which will enable them to form values and establish behaviours within a moral, spiritual and social framework. In his presentation Mr. Herron stated that an effective RSE programme is much more than just the provision of information, it should be delivered in such a way as to allow each child to assimilate that information and learn how to apply it to their own particular lives. The programme seeks to promote the development of skills and abilities which will enable children to better understand themselves, to communicate with others, to deal with conflicts, thereby empowering them to make the right decisions. An important focus of the programme will be the promotion of self-confidence and the fostering of self-esteem, important tools in enabling children to cope with changes in their lives as they grow.

The RSE programme syllabus is a spiral one extending from infants to sixth class. Expanding in scope each year and developing key topics further in ways which are appropriate to the age and stage of development of the pupils. The content for the RSE programme is presented in "strands" entitled *Myself* and *Myself and others*.

Mr. Herron highlighted that the first task in the development of an RSE programme in the school is to develop a school policy. This policy should reflect the core values and ethos of the school and should not confound the philosophy of the home. It is a written statement of the aims of the programme, its organisation within the school and how it will meet the needs of pupils, parents and teachers.

At the meeting a representative committee was established to facilitate consultation among the partners (parents, teachers, Board of Management) for the development of the RSE policy. Each of the partners will have distinctive contributions to make to the drawing up and the implementation of the RSE policy. The partners on the policy committee are represented by teachers (2), parents (2) and members of the Board of Management (2). The committee has been given the brief to:

- (a) draw up a draft policy statement.
- (b) to present this draft statement to the partners at a future meeting as part of the consultative process.
- (c) to review the feedback and to present the revised policy statement to the Board of Management for approval.

When agreed by the Board of Management the statement of policy will be made available within the school community.

The policy committee comprises the following:-

- Ursula King (parent's representative)
- Conn Mac Cingamhna (parent's representative)
- Pronsiáis Bean Uí Logáin (teachers' representative)
- Seosamh Ó hEarcáin (teachers' representative)
- Michael Durkan (BoM's representative)
- Noelle Mac Tiernan (BoM's representative)

Miriam Ahern, P.R.O.

HELPFUL HINTS AROUND THE HOUSE

1. To destroy all plant and mould growth, make up a strong bleach solution and pour over the growth, then wash off with water. Protect skin from bleach by wearing gloves.
2. Clean windows by rubbing over with crumpled balls of newspapers.
3. Never plug a bleeding wound with cotton wool as this will disturb the blood clot when the plug is removed.
4. Never use steel wool pads or abrasives to clean stains in a stainless steel sink. Neat washing-up liquid on a damp cloth should do the trick.
5. When cleaning your carpet, avoid uneven use of shampoo solution on the carpet as this can cause patchy colours and over-wetting can cause shrinkage.



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Features

FANTASTIC RESULTS FOR MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY STUDENTS.

The school had truly outstanding Leaving Cert. results this year. Pride of place must go to Barry McKeon and Hugh Denman who both achieved 6 A' grades at Higher Level - a maximum 600 points. Only 55 other students achieved this out of the nation-wide 62,500 students who sat the exam. Aengus Martin also got 6 A grades (580) points and 11 students got 500 points or Higher.

As well as our two top students achieving the maximum points with 6 A's - twenty five students got 6 Honours or more and more than 50 got 4 honours or better. It is very gratifying also to note that of the 114 students who sat for the exam 109 would be deemed to have an overall pass.

These results are tremendous bearing in mind none of these are repeat students and the school has an open enrolment policy for all in the catchment area. It is also worth noting that all of these students participated in all of the normal social/cultural activities associated with the school such as football, debating, musicals etc. Great credit must go to the parents, students and teachers and proves it is possible to enjoy yourself in school and still keep focussed on your exams.

Mise, le meas
Thomas Ashe

MAYNOOTH 1798
COMMEMORATION INITIATIVE

A good turn out was present at the Public Lecture in the Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 23rd September entitled "Understanding the 1798 Rebellion in County Kildare and Maynooth". The lecture was delivered by Liam Chambers, a doctoral student of history in Maynooth College and the author of a book entitled Politics and Rebellion in County Kildare 1790 - 1803, to be published by Four Courts Press in early 1998.

Liam's lecture revealed that Kildare has not received due recognition for the extent and relative success of the Rebellion throughout the county. From 1796 the United Irishmen politicised and organised a secret revolutionary army of 16,000; the leadership and rank and file included Catholics & Protestants of all classes; the leadership employed a strategy which succeeded in liberating much of the county, including Maynooth; hundreds of rebels were killed at the battle of Ovidstown and in a massacre at Gibbet Rath on the Curragh; due to the failure of Dublin to rise, the Kildare army based itself at Timahoe in the Bog of Allen, engaged in fugitive warfare and ensured that Kildare held out even longer than Wexford.

But it was the details on Maynooth which were most revealing. It was regarded as a "seditious" town by a Lt. Kane of Laraghbrien, houses were burned and some people were "punished" by Government troops in an effort to disarm the population and a Scottish regiment was billeted upon the locality.

Five hundred rebels from the camp at Timahoe entered the town on 10th June and 11 local yeomen were captured. Some seminarians, accused of United sympathies, were expelled from the College but Fr. Andrew Ennis, the then P.P. of Maynooth, was reported to have been supportive of the rebels.

United Colonels George Luby and Hugh Ware, and a Owen Lyons were leaders from the Maynooth area.

After the lecture a lively questions and answers session took place and a group of volunteers came forward to consider

appropriate ways to mark next year's bi-centenary at local level. Ideas included; commissioning a pamphlet on the Rebellion in Maynooth; hosting a 1798 music and poetry event with the Band, erecting a memorial; a "Lord Edward Fitzgerald" open day in Carton, etc.

The evening concluded with the Chair, Mary Cullen, inviting Allison Maxwell and Stuart Lane to read some poetry.

The below is Stuart's poem about a Richard Turner who was killed at the battle of Ovidstown, whose body was recovered by his mother and is buried in Ladychapel graveyard.

RICHARD TURNER

I meditate by your grave
Two hundred years after
Your death in a muddy
Ditch at Ovidstown
Bayoneted in the Belly
By a frightened youth
In a red coat

Did you sit with your
Fellows round the campfire
At Timahoe, laughing
And talking of daring
Deeds to come? Maybe
You dreamed of a glorious
New Republic where all
Men would be free and equal
Or perhaps you joined
The United Men just
For adventure

As the life ebbed out
Of you did you think
Of your mother? You
Cannot tell us now.

Micheal Quinn

Features

BOOK LAUNCH

What's the coolest book since Hotpoint's Guide to your Fridge Freezer?

What's the must-have on every parents' present list this year?

Don't know? Well, read on.

A new book by Maynooth author, Martina Murphy, is poised to cause quite a stir among teenagers and parents alike. Launched last month in The Coach House, Ballinteer, Livewire tells the story of Joey Boland, who loves music. He's in a band with four other friends and they enter a Battle of the Bands competition, ready to take on the world. However, only one thing stands in the way of Joey's dreams of fame and glory, and that's his Da. The Concerned Parent who wants his son to do something ordinary with his life, like get a job, for instance. This is the touching, bittersweet sometimes hilarious story of a painful father/son relationship. It will make you laugh and cry. Every parent and teenager on the planet will relate to it.



Martina at the Book Launch in The Coach House, Ballinteer.

The book was written by Martina when she was fifteen and offers a unique perspective on how teenagers really think. Years later she found it (not too many years later - she hastens to add!) and typed it up for Poolbeg on her newly acquired word-processor. The publishing company accepted it on her

third draft. They have hailed it as a 'stunning debut novel'.

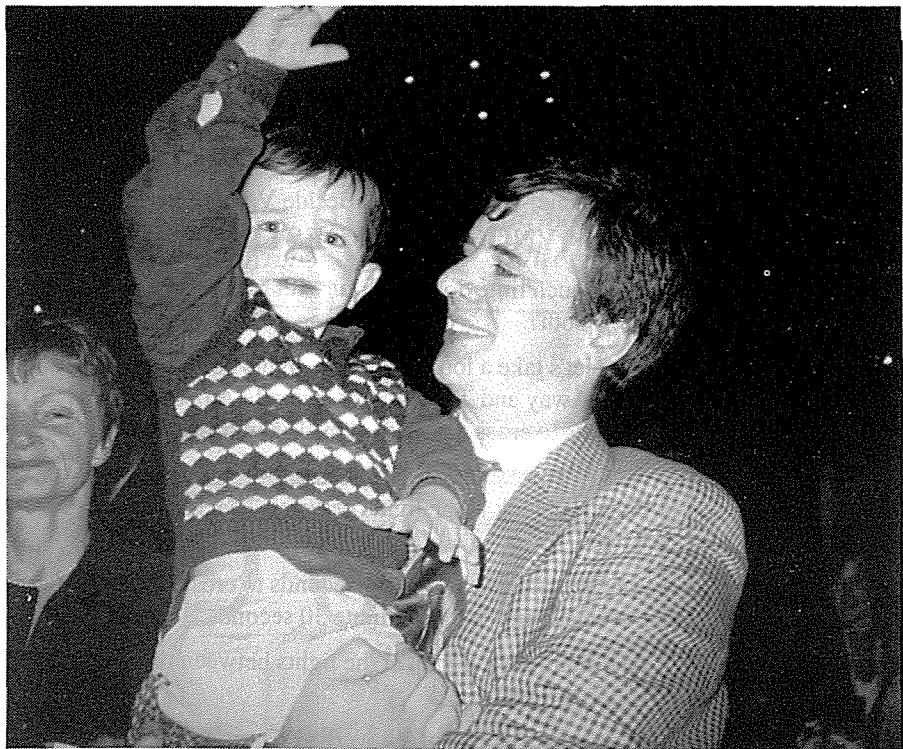
It has been accepted by the Scolastic Lists in England who have ordered a 2000 copy advance.

The book was launched by Brendan Tallon, lead singer with Revellino, who loved it as he too had had the same problems with his da that Joey has! Aisling Corcoran, star of Moll Flanders read her favourite passage from the novel. The launch was attended by all Martina's family and friends and celebrities, Tom Kitt, T.D., Jim Culleton and Clodagh O'Donoghue from Fishamble Theatre.

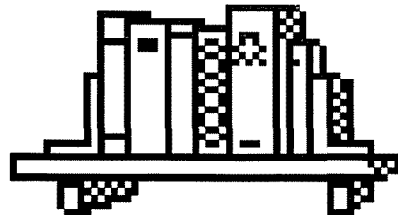
All in all a great night for a great book!

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Martina's husband Colm and son Conor.

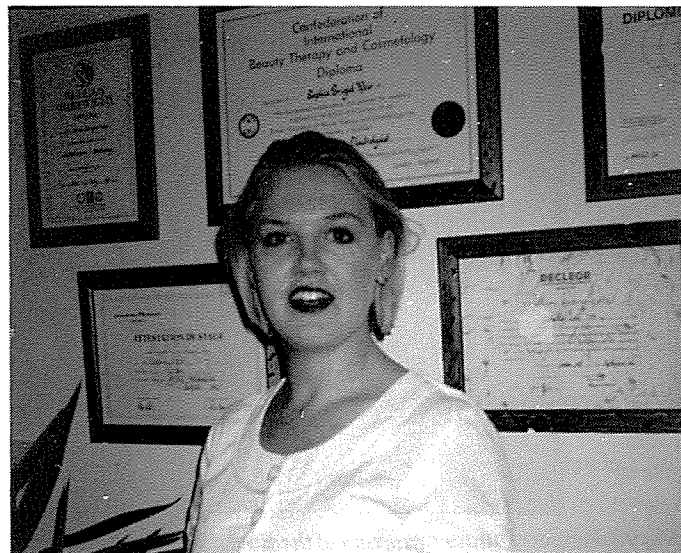


Street Talking

SOPHIA WEIR Health & Beauty Clinic

With a lot of hard work and many years of training Sophia has finally achieved her goal in opening up her own health and beauty clinic. Previously a model with The Ann Murray Model Agency in Grafton Street, Sophia was selected to attend The International Model and Talent Association Convention in "The Hilton" in New York. Sophia became interested in the beauty world after having worked as a professional model for a year and a half. She worked both at home and abroad, and trained as a Beauty Therapist with Galligans in Hume St. in Dublin.

Sophia began her career after College in Rathgar and soon after applied to "Steiner" in



Sophia in her beauty clinic

London where she began her maritime career working all over the world on various different cruise ships. Sophia was quickly promoted to health spa manager, managing the largest and most sophisticated health spa in the world measuring 30,000 square feet. These health spas operate on 150 of the worlds most luxurious cruise liners. Sophia used her time aboard the cruise ships to further her knowledge about different methods of alternative therapies, and inch loss procedures both in Europe and world wide with a view to returning home and finally sharing her knowledge and experience with prospective clients in her own health and beauty clinic.

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Now let's look at the lights between The Square and Pic-Kwiks.

A pedestrian is allowed 10 seconds to cross the road while traffic can move for 1 minute 30 seconds.

And finally we'll look at the lights between the Ulster Bank and The Square.

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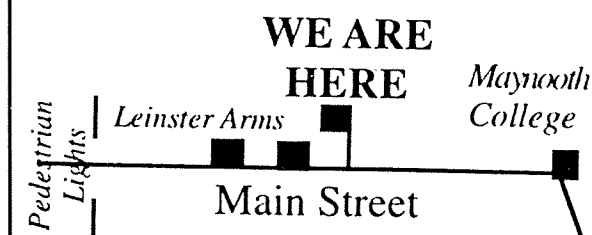
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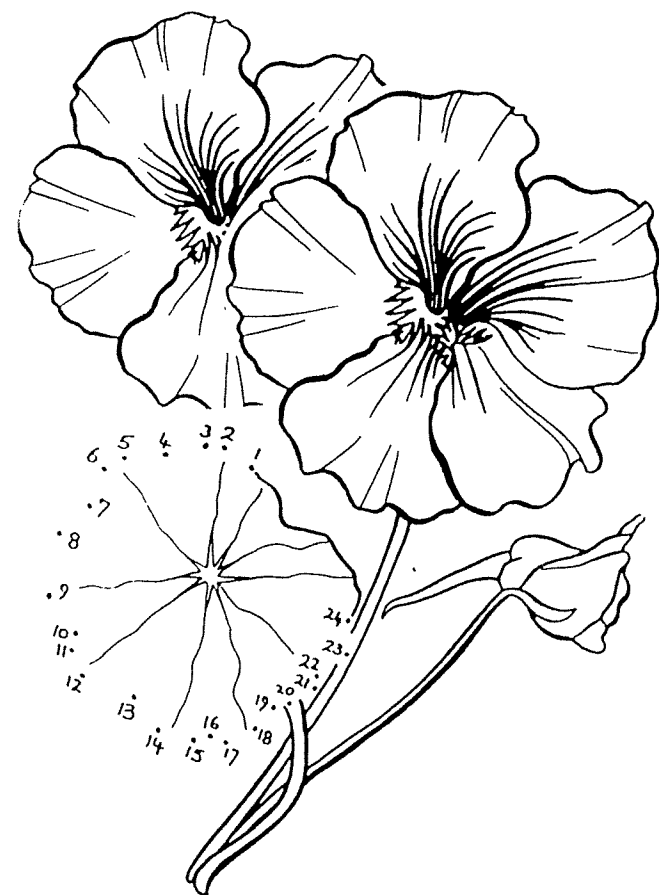
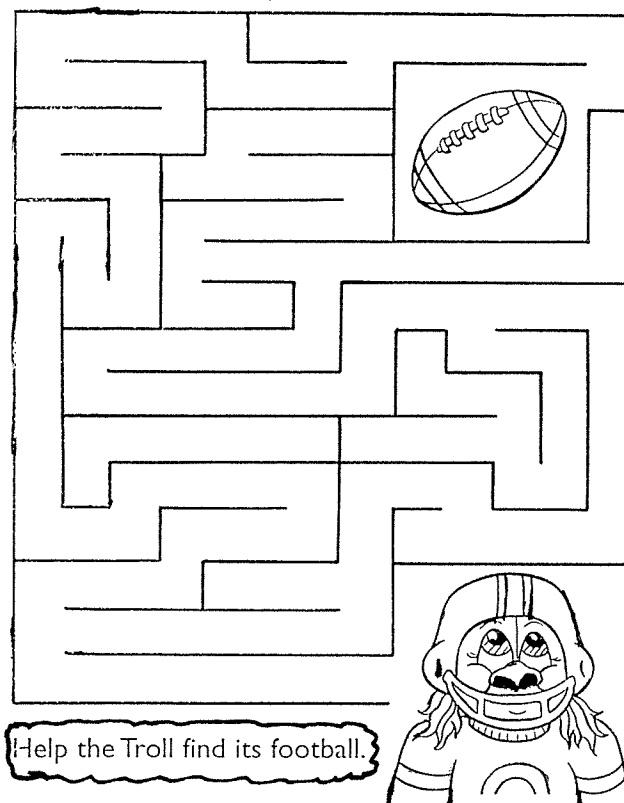
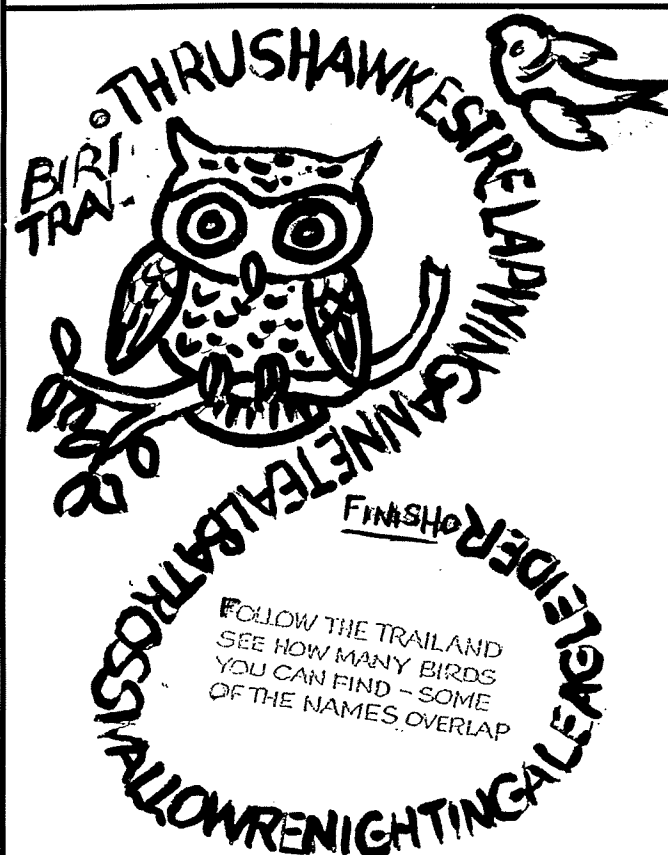
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1st Prize
Matthew O'Gorman
41 Maynooth Park
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2nd Prize
Maria McAuliffe
562 O'Neill Park
Maynooth

Hobbies and Interests

DELICIOUSLY SIMPLE

TEA BRACK

12oz plain flour	1 tsp. baking powder
12oz raisins	1/4 tsp. mixed spice
8oz brown sugar	1 egg
1oz chopped almonds	1oz chopped cherries
1oz mixed peel	1/2 pt. cold tea

To Bake:

7" square tin lined and greased.

Method:

Steep raisins, sugar, almonds, cherries and peel in cold tea overnight. Sieve together flour, baking powder, salt, and spice. Add a little of the flour mixture to the fruit and mix thoroughly. Add the beaten egg, fold in the remainder of the flour. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin. Bake 1 1/2 - 2 hours. 370° F Gas mark 5. Allow to cool before removing from the tin.

SMOKED SAUSAGE CASSOULET

Total time: 30 minutes

Calories per serving: 774

Serves 4

2 tbsp olive oil
12 small onions
1 garlic clove, crushed
350g/12oz smoked sausage, such as chorizo, cut in chunks
400g/14oz can butter beans, drained.
400g/14oz can flageolet beans, drained.
400g/14oz can chopped tomatoes with herbs
1 tbsp tomato purée
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
seasoning
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley, to garnish.

Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the onions and garlic for 5 minutes until soft. Add the smoked sausage pieces, butter beans, flageolet beans, chopped tomatoes, tomato purée, Dijon mustard and seasoning to the pan and mix together well.

Bring the mixture to the boil, then reduce the heat, cover and cook for about 20 minutes until heated through.

Sprinkle with parsley and serve immediately, with new potatoes if you wish.

GOOD OLD-FASHIONED SPOTTED DICK

Serves 6

110g (4oz) self-raising flour
110g (4oz) white breadcrumbs
A pinch of salt
110g (4oz) shredded beef or vegetable suet
85g (3oz) golden caster sugar
85g (3oz) currants
85g (3oz) raisins

The grated rind of 1 orange
85ml (3fl.oz) milk

Mix the flour, breadcrumbs, salt and suet together in a bowl. Stir in the sugar, dried fruit and orange rind. Using a round-bladed knife, add the milk and mix together to form a light, elastic dough. Knead lightly until just smooth. Shape into a neat roll about 15cm (6in) long.

Make a 5 cm (2in) pleat across a clean tea towel or large piece of muslin, or pleat together sheets of greased greaseproof paper and foil. Wrap the dough loosely to allow for expansion, pleating the open edges tightly together. Tie the ends with string and make a string handle.

Place the roll in a large pan of boiling water, cover and boil for 1 1/2 hours. Remove from the pan and place on a wire rack over a plate, to drain. Snip the string and roll the pudding on to a warmed serving plate. Serve sliced with egg custard.

SMOKED MACKEREL GRILLS



Serves 4

4 smoked mackerel fillets, fresh or frozen, defrosted
3oz/75g cream cheese spread
1 egg, size 3, beaten
2oz/50g medium oatmeal
2oz/50g white breadcrumbs
A few lettuce leaves and 1 tomato, quartered to garnish.

Peel away the skin from the back of the fish and using a sharp knife, slice mackerel in half horizontally.

Lift off the top half and spread the cream cheese over the flesh. Replace the top of the fish. Mix the egg with a little water. Pat the fish dry with kitchen paper to remove excess oil. Mix the oatmeal and breadcrumbs together. Brush the fish with the egg and coat thoroughly in oat mixture.

Cook on barbecue or under a preheated grill for 5 minutes or until crisp and golden. Sprinkle with any remaining crumbs when turned over. Serve the fish on a bed of lettuce, with wedges of tomato.

Tips: If you wish, use packet savoury breadcrumbs to coat the fish. The finished result will be different in colour and flavour but still tasty.

Also, try a cream cheese spread flavoured with chives or with ham instead of the plain one.

Microwave: Preheat a browning dish for 5 minutes, add a little oil and cook on medium (450 watts) for 3 minutes, turning once. Remove from the pan and drain on kitchen paper, serve as above recipe.

Gardening Hints

OCTOBER GARDENING HINTS

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS

Cut back the dead foliage of all perennials, any time from now until spring. If you can put up with your borders looking a bit scruffy, delay tidying up until early spring. The dead foliage provides winter shelter for ladybirds and other beneficial insects like ground beetles, a bit of food for birds and, when it's covered with hoar frost it looks wonderful.

Clean up pampas grass (*Cortaderia*), cutting off or pulling out dead leaves. But don't ever do it without wearing strong gloves as the leaves have sharp edges. One popular method is to burn off the dead foliage, but this isn't a good idea. Not only can it damage the plant, but you'll also kill lots of useful hibernating insects.

Perennials can be lifted and divided when they've formed large clumps, usually after three or four years. Late-flowering varieties like Michaelmas daisy (*Aster*) and red hot poker (*Kniphofia*) are best left until spring.

LAWN

An established lawn should be mown less frequently as growth slows down; mowing can usually stop around the end of the month.

Rake out the 'thatch' (a layer of dead grass) if you wish, and aerate the lawn if drainage is poor. Top-dressing can improve all types of lawn by revitalizing the upper layer of soil and increasing the rooting area. First rake out the thatch and mow the grass. Mix up a compost of three parts of sieved garden soil, two parts of sharp sand and one part of sieved compost (coconut-fibre if you wish). Spread a 1-2-cm (1/2 -1-in) layer over the lawn and work it in well with the back of a rake, but take care not to smother the grass completely. It'll look messy for a couple of weeks but the grass soon grows through. If the lawn is rather sparse or worn, mix a bit of grass seed in with the compost.

SHRUBS

Hardwood cuttings can be taken from deciduous shrubs any time over winter. Now is the best time, however, when the plants have just lost their leaves and the soil still has some warmth to help speed rooting. Take cuttings around 20-25 cm (8-10 in) long from straight healthy shoots, making a straight cut on the base.

GREENHOUSE

Watering and ventilation need care now that temperatures are falling. Grey mould or *Botrytis* can be a menace in winter, particularly where there's a combination of a damp, humid atmosphere and low temperatures.

Good greenhouse hygiene and ventilation can prevent it becoming a severe problem.

Pick off dead or faded leaves, and space plants out to allow good air movement around the foliage. If any signs of grey mould do appear, remove all the affected parts of the plant and put them in the dustbin-not on the compost heap or you'll be spreading the spores. Spray remaining plants with copper fungicide, which will help prevent the spread of disease.

Before watering, stand the full watering can in the greenhouse for a few hours so the water can warm up. Do the same with compost before sowing seeds or potting up young plants. Plant growth will slow down a lot, so take care to water sparingly. Remove, dry and store capillary matting if you didn't do it last month, as it holds lots of moisture and will make the atmosphere too humid. Ventilate the greenhouse as much as you can during the day while still maintaining temperatures, and close up at night. If you're heating with paraffin or gas, there needs to be a tiny bit of ventilation at all times. Clean out the greenhouse and insulate ready for winter if you didn't do it last month. Check that all glass is secure and replace any cracked or damaged panes. Give wooden framed structures a coat of preservative if necessary.



Checklist



- Harvest apples and pears; store undamaged fruits.
- Plant spring bulbs. Tulips can now be planted.
- Fix grease bands to apple trees if you have not already done so.
- Lift, divide and replant old clumps of rhubarb.
- Propagate fruit bushes like black currants by hardwood cuttings.
- Prepare a site for asparagus to be planted next spring by digging in plenty of manure.
- Sow broad beans outdoors in mild areas or on light soils.
- Bend cauliflower leaves over the curds to protect them from frost.
- Sow winter lettuce under cloches, in coldframe or greenhouse.
- Sow hardy annuals for spring pot plants.
- Plant lily bulbs in pots in the cold greenhouse.
- Buy material like bubble polythene to have ready for protecting shrubs and containers from severe frosts.
- Finish planting evergreens by the end of the month.
- Move frost-tender shrubs in containers into the greenhouse.



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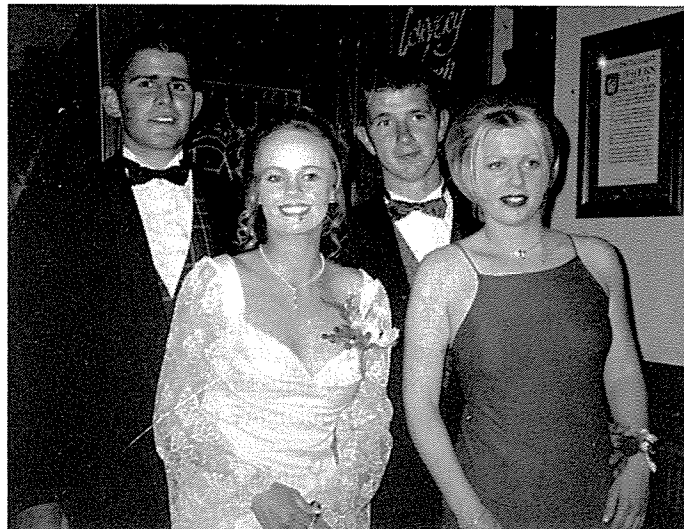
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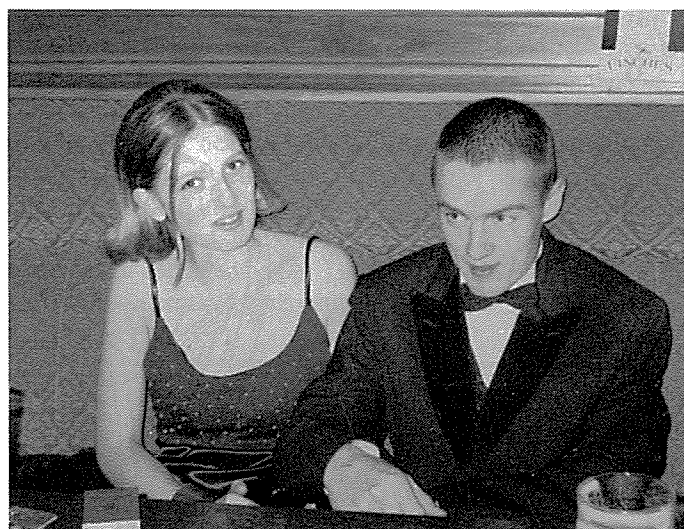
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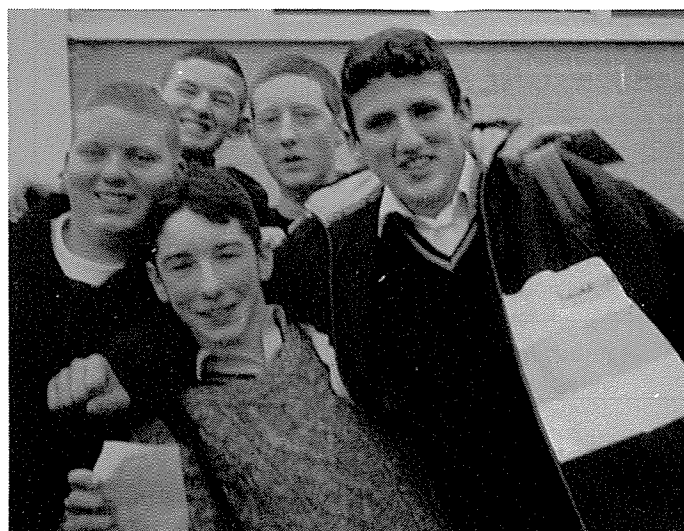
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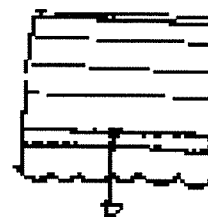
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Party Political Notes

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Development Plan Rejected Again

Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley are delighted that the new Minister for the Environment, Noel Dempsey T.D., has carried on the good work of the previous Minister Brendan Howlin by rejecting the Draft Kildare County Development Plan.

In rejecting the plan the Minister has drawn particular reference to 'carefully chosen zoning of lands in the remaining towns of the north-east'. Minister Dempsey agrees with the statements made by Cllr. John McGinley when the plan was being discussed in Naas in February of this year, that 'carefully chosen' is not defined in the plan and therefore makes no sense. Indeed Fianna Fail and Fine Gael Councillors saw the rezoning of either side of Carton Avenue as being 'carefully chosen'!

To put matters bluntly, the draft plan submitted by the F.F. F.G. coalition on Kildare Co. Council was a con job, which intended to allow Development to continue unabated in Maynooth. They have been found out and now must start again.

Emmet Stagg in welcoming the move has called on Bernard Durkan T.D. and Charlie McCreevey T.D. to finally get off the fence and drag their Councillors into line with the wishes of the residents of Maynooth and North Kildare.

Bond Bridge

In the last issue of the **Newsletter** we outlined our astonishment at how Kildare Co. Council got their figures so wrong on the costings for Bond Bridge. The Co. Manager had promised to supply a comprehensive report to the Celbridge Area Committee at its meeting on September 5th.

At the meeting on September 5th the Co. Manager did not even attend. The assistant Co. Manager presented a one and half page paper which was a rehash of previous reports. It did not indicate in any way how the Council got their figures wrong. Cllr. John McGinley expressed his extreme anger at the non attendance of the Co. Manager and the ridiculous report presented.

Because of the treatment of Councillors by the officials, we now must press ahead at the full Council meeting on September 29th to secure the loan of £700,000 to meet the shortfall on the project. This will have to be an all party push with full backing of the Celbridge Area Committee. It's time the officials were given a message from North Kildare. The Bond Bridge project must go ahead NOW.

95 Foot Mast For Town Centre

Esat Digifone have sought Planning Permission for a 95 foot mast at the Garda Station in Maynooth. Such a proposal is totally off the wall and must be resisted at all costs.

Cllr. John McGinley has objected to Planning Permission being granted on the following grounds;

1. The structure is inappropriate for a town centre location.
2. It would have a serious negative impact on the amenity value of the Geraldine Castle (£1 Million is going to be spent on the Castle over the next year and a half).
3. It is contrary to the 1985 County Development Plan.
4. It conflicts with Ministerial Guidelines that such masts should never be sited in residential areas.

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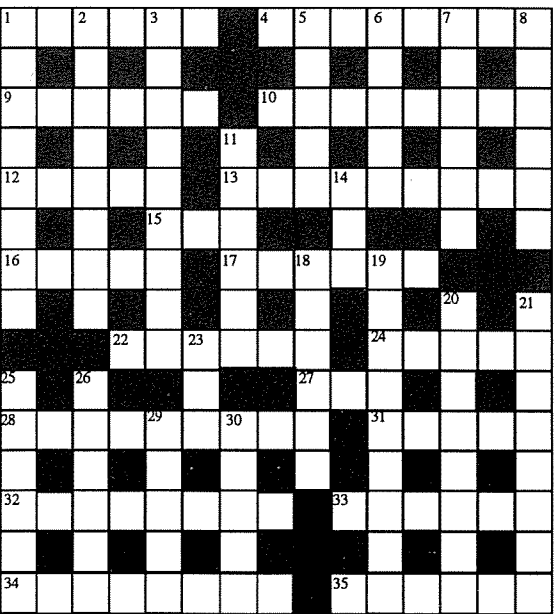
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Crossword No. 119



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Across:

1. Playful (6)
4. Type of dog (8)
9. Surgical instrument (6)
10. Severe (8)
12. Clearing (5)
13. Egg dishes (9)
15. Point (3)
16. Surrounded by (5)
17. Desolate (6)
22. Addresses (6)
24. Behind (5)
27. Witch (3)
28. Depraved person (9)
31. Extent (5)
32. World (8)
33. Allure (6)
34. Puts on board (8)
35. Grain (6)

Down:

1. Whole (8)
2. Hunter (8)
3. Beachcomber (9)
5. Cleanse (5)
6. Girl's name (5)

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7. Spirits (6)
8. Thwart (6)
11. Tolkien's hero (6)
14. Shelter (3)
18. Bacon slice (6)
19. Scent (9)
20. Disease (8)
21. Light and airy (8)
23. Vestment (3)
25. Complain about the bird? (6)
26. Injury support (6)
29. Final point (5)
30. Felony (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 118

Across: 1. Legend; 4. Scuttled; 9. Renown; 10. Molasses; 12. Enrol; 13. Shepherds; 15. Pip; 16. Set to; 17. Embryo; 22. States; 24. Satin; 27. Eft; 28. Theoretic; 31. Exact; 32. Prefixed; 33. Adagio; 34. Respects; 35. Gypers.

Down: 1. Largesse; 2. Generate; 3. Newel post; 5. Clone; 6. Trash; 7. Lustre; 8. Desist; 11. Aspect; 14. Par; 18. Bisect; 19. Yesterday; 20. Strangle; 21. Unctuous; 23. Ace; 25. Stupor; 26. Severs; 29. Raise; 30. Trent.

Winner of Crossword No. 118:

Mary Callaghan, 148 Kingsbry, Maynooth

CONT.

Party Political Notes

LABOUR PARTY NOTES Cont.

The local labour Branch are confident that the application will be rejected at County Council level but the difficulty will arise with an appeal to An Bord Pleanala. They are granting these masts on appeal to date regardless of the location.

Dunboyne Road

Cllr. John McGinley has written to the Co. Engineer expressing his extreme dismay that public lights and a footpath are still not in place from Lyreen Park and Nagle Court towards Maynooth village. It is now over a year since former President Mary Robinson opened the senior citizens houses in Nagle Court. Yet they are now facing a second winter without footpaths or lighting.

Development levies have being provided to pay for this work and one developer has proposed carrying out the work in lieu of the levies. The developer proposed this last May and still no action from the Council. Hopefully the Co. Engineers intervention will resolve this ridiculous situation.

Speed Limit Extension - Newtown

Emmet Stagg T.D. has been advised by the Co. Secretary that his request for an extension of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on the Rathcoffey Road has been agreed to. The speed limit will be moved from its existing position at Cluain Aoibhinn to beyond Ashleigh and will be incorporated in the 1997 Speed Limit Bye Laws.

Silken Vale

The following motion was agreed by the Celbridge Area Committee at its meeting on 5th September.

'That favourable consideration will be given to an application from North City Builders for Retention Planning Permission of the estate, excluding the footbridge and walkway, when they have completed all other works in Silken Vale and paid a sum of money, in lieu of the bridge, to Kildare Co. Council to go towards other works in the area e.g. replace the wooden bridge over the Canal'.

Thornton's 'Heineken Step' And Commerical Building Refused Planning Permission

Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley objected to the planning applications in support of the North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Protection Group.

We are very pleased that both applications were refused planning permission.

The Heineken Step was refused permission by Meath Co. Council on 20th August. The reasons for refusal included the following:

1. In the opinion of the Council the Heineken step was inaccurately described and was in fact not a Heineken step. Therefore the mound to be retained would constitute disorderly and haphazard development which would be inconsistent with the use of the site for residential, agricultural and equestrian purposes.
2. The development for which retention was being sought comprises a waste disposal site which is unauthorised and is therefore contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The Commerical Building was refused planning permission by Meath Co. Council on September 10th. The reasons for refusal included the following:

1. The proposed development is contrary to Meath Co. Councillors policy of channelling commerical development to existing serviced centres and restricting development in rural areas to agriculture and other rural activities.
2. The development would constitute disorderly and haphazard development in this rural area.
3. Traffic hazards would be increased.

Brookfield Avenue

Following representations from Brookfield Residents Association Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley contacted the Development control officer in Kildare Co. Council concerning the unsightly area opposite the 34 homes in Brookfield Avenue.

The Council have replied stating that the Developer will be contacted with a view to clearing up the area and properly seeding the open space associated with Brookfield Avenue.

However Enforcement proceedings will in all likelihood be issued in this matter by the Council.

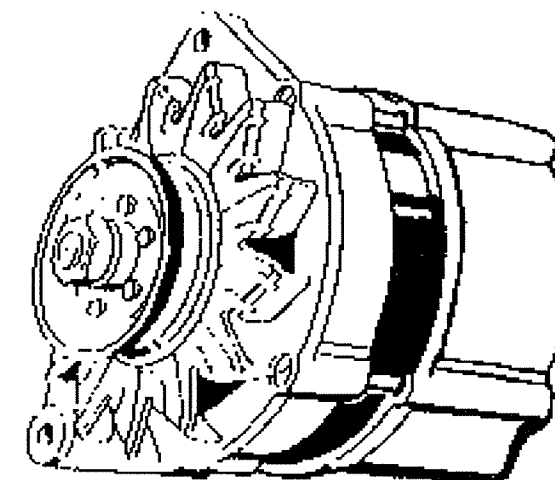
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Sport

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The season is now in full swing for our senior teams with the schoolboys section just commencing theirs. Results to hand are quite promising and we hope the trend continues for the remainder of the season.

Results to hand: Major Division Sunday
Maynooth Town 2 Rialto 2.

Maynooth made their debut in the Major Division following their promotion after last seasons runners-up spot in the Premier Division. Acquitting themselves well Maynooth showed that they are not just going to be making up the numbers among the big boys. Joey Dempsey put Maynooth in front to give his side a half-time lead. Rialto replied in the second half with the equaliser but Dempsey put his side in front once more but Town were unable to increase their lead and Rialto spoiled the party with a late equaliser to share the points.

Best for Maynooth were Joey Dempsey, Gerry Thompson and Paul Byrne.

Sacred Heart 0 Maynooth Town 0

Last years Champions Sacred Heart were fortunate to come away from this game with a point. Maynooth took the game to "Saints" from the kick-off and never allowed the opposition to settle. Mounting attack after attack "Town" battered away at the "Saints" defence but were unable to make the breakthrough. Sterling defensive performances by Gerry Thompson, Fergal Barton, Eamon Dunne and Martin McTernan and top class goalkeeping by Barry Desmond were features of the game.

Maynooth Town 1 St. James United 1

Last years Premier winners came to town hoping to build on their 96/97 success but found the "Town" in no mood to give anything away. Town had a number of near misses before James Delargy opened the scoring from a delightful free kick from thirty yards out. It was a goal which will hardly be bettered all season and would have been a deserved match winner. "Saints" got on terms with a disputed penalty before half-time. The visitors were reduced to ten men with fifteen minutes to go when their full back hacked down Martin McTernan and their centre half deserved the same fate shortly after for a similar offence but escaped with a finger wagging from the referee. Best for Maynooth were Paul Byrne, Feargal Barton, Dermot Myles and Michael Murphy.

Division 2 Saturday
Maynooth Town 1 Elm Rovers 2.

Maynooth will forever wonder how the three points got away in a game which the Town dominated for long periods.

Hoping to open their account with a win Town went looking for a quick early goal but were thwarted by a sound Rovers defence. Despite Maynooth's early dominance Rovers went into the lead and held this advantage at half-time. Rovers increased their lead after the break but Town rallied and Colm Carroll gave the home side hope when scoring a cracking goal from the edge of the area. Town pushed everyone forward in search of the equaliser but were unable to find a way through. Best for Maynooth were Colm Carroll, Niall Culliton, Dave Faherty and Federico Bros.

Aston Village Utd. 1 Maynooth Town 2

Mick Nevin proved to be Maynooth's match winner in this close game at Malahide. The town created several good scoring chances but the opening score took some time in coming. Niall Culliton played the ball into the United penalty area where he found Mick Nevin who made no mistake from close range. The same player put the town further ahead with his second goal. Receiving the ball thirty yards from the United goal he bore down on the home defence before letting fly to the roof of the net with an unstoppable shot from the edge of the area. Town looked comfortable now with Colm Carroll and Derek Dolan in top form at the heart of Maynooth's defence. With the game in injury time and Town coasting to victory the home side scored a late consolation but it was too late to upset the result.

Best for Maynooth: Colm Carroll, Derek Dolan, Anthony Smith and Mick Noone.

Our recent game against St. James United had a late kick-off due to being unable to gain access to our pitch. On arriving for the 11.00 a.m. morning kick-off the road leading to the pitch was found to be blocked by travellers caravans and motor vehicles. The caravans and vehicles were placed access the roadway ensuring that access was impossible. On first refusing to clear the roadway Gardai were called to the scene and after some heated debate the road was eventually cleared for all vehicular traffic to pass by. This road is protected at either end by a heavy duty steel barrier erected by the Co. Council some months ago. These barriers have been securely locked since erection and this was the first break-in. It was felt that this type of barrier and lock would eliminate the problem of many years illegal parking. The most disturbing aspect of this whole incident is the fact that the lock was removed and replaced by a lock which the travellers provided and boasted that "nobody would get in". This lock was removed the day after on the threat of action if an accident occurred at the pitch and an ambulance was unable to gain entry. The filth and damage that generally lies in the wake of those incursions would have to be seen to be believed. There is no regard for property, public health, the environment and above all the welfare of the players and public who attend the pitch on match days or on days when just out for a walk.

Sport

MAYNOOTH U.14 WIN SHIELD FINAL

Maynooth 6-10

Monasterevin 4-0

Maynooth U.14 footballers finished the season on a winning note against a disappointing Monasterevin side in the Shield Final played in Sallins.

The foundation of victory was at midfield where Cillian Carr and Pierre Ennis were on top for almost the entire game. The forwards played well as a unit, putting some fine moves together resulting in some well taken scores. First half goals by Patrick O'Rourke and Dermot Canning as well as points from Pierre Ennis, Donal Houlihan, Morgan Sweeney and Brian Downey left Maynooth leading 2-7 to 1-0 at half time. The second half was only five minutes old when Morgan Sweeney (who was a thorn in the Monasterevin defence) had the ball in the net twice. Monasterevin got their second goal in one of their rare attacks but further goals from Alan Baxter and the last, a rocket from Pierre Ennis left Monasterevin dead and buried.

The introduction of David Murphy ten minutes from the end inspired Monasterevin, and from there to the finish they had the Maynooth defence under pressure. They scored two late goals, but in the end Maynooth ran out easy winners. This was a good all round display from goalkeeper to corner forward. As well as those already mentioned Eric Roberts had a stormer at centre half back, getting good support from Graham Quinn and Tadhg O'Corcora. After the game Dennis Dalton presented the Shield Trophy to Maynooth captain Morgan Sweeney.

Teams and scorers:

Aidan Molloy, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tadhg O'Corcora, Eric Roberts, Colin O'Neill, Cillian Carr, Pierre Ennis, (1-6), Donal Houlihan (0-1), Patrick O'Rourke (1-1), Morgan Sweeney (2-1), Brian Downey (0-1) Alan Baxter (1-0) Dermot Canning (1-0). Subs. Fergus Deveraux for (Downey), Fergal Molloy for (Curran), Paul Broughan for (Canning), Joseph McLoughlin (not used).

LADIES GAA

On Saturday Sept 6th Maynooth Ladies GAA Team continued their season when they played Grange in the 1st round of the League.

Result: Maynooth 8-8 Grange 4-8

On Saturday Sept 13th they travelled to Abbeylaxey for the 1st Round of the Leinster Club Championship versus Shanahoe. Maynooth were without three of their key players.

Antoinette Mooney, (who eventually came on in the second half replacing Tracey Kearney), Fionnula Heaney was also missing as was Ginny Breslin who had a knee operation the previous day. Leagh Newman replaced Margaret Farrell. Shanahoe 'came at us' from the outset and unfortunately a slightly unfit Maynooth team succumbed

Result: Shanahoe 2-10 Maynooth 0-6

On Sunday Sept 21st the League continued with a game against Carbury in Carbury at 3pm.

Result of Carbury v Maynooth:
Maynooth 3-26 Carbury 2-1

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20.07.97	12,14,22	£475	S.Kennedy	R.Behan	E.Nolan	A. Higgins	M.Nolan\
27.07.97	7,22,26	£500	Danny Fitz	M.Lynch	J. Murphy	Marie Kelly	Y.O'Connor
03.08.97	2,6,30	£525	J.Horan	T.Flatley	V. Feeney	J. Nolan	K.Dempsey
10.08.97	5,16,26	£550	Trish Reilly	A.Beveridge	D.Birchall	A. Kealy	P.Corrway
17.08.97	14,19,22	£575	Lorraine (c/o Brady's)	J.Thompson	Ann Tolan	P. Haren	Sean Molly
24.08.97	16,21,29	£600	T.Griffin	Des Finnan	D.Horan	J. O'Rourke	J. Murphy
31.08.97	5,10,30	£625	L.Murphy	Pat Harty	Peter Brazil	Pat Mooney	R. Rochford
07.09.97	1,29,30	£650	P.Tobin	David Folan	J. Gaffney	L. Dempsey	B.Barrett
14.09.97	2,24,28	£675	T.Corcoran	M.Naughton	Big Mac	Y.O'Connor	M.McMullen

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

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<u>UNDER 8's</u> Division 8A1, Division 8B	BILL GANNON PAT MOYNAN	6290239 6286865
<u>UNDER 9's</u> Division 9A1, Division 9B	CIARAN GLYNN STEPHEN CORBALLY	6290918 6285742
<u>UNDER 10'S</u> Division 10A	PHIL DOYLE	VIA SECRETARY
<u>SOLAR SUPER SEVENS SATURDAY LEAGUE</u>	<u>TEAM MANAGER</u>	<u>CONTACT NO'S</u>
<u>UNDER 10's</u> Division 10B	COLM NELSON	6272251
<u>T.S.B. 11 A-SIDE SATURDAY</u>		
<u>UNDER 11's</u> Division 11A1	JOE WALSH	6285871
<u>UNDER 13's</u> Division 13A1	TONY McMAHON	VIA SECRETARY

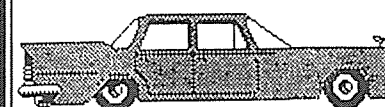
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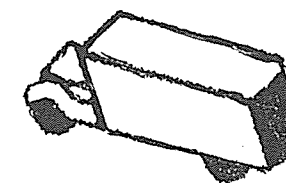
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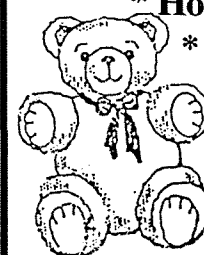
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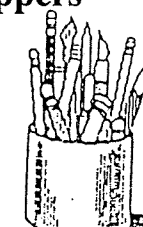


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BIRTHDAYS

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Love from all the clan.

Happy Birthday to Rikki McTernan, Laurence Ave. Age 6 Sept 8th and cousins Aileen McTernan, Moyglare Village Age 12 Sept 22nd and Keith McTernan, Dunboyne, Age 19 Sept 9th and to David McTernan, Kilcock, Age 19 Oct 19th. Best wishes from your Mammies, Daddies, Grannies, Grandads, Brothers, Sisters and all your friends.

Trever Naughton, Greenfield, Age 15 on November 19th. His sister Aimee Age 7 on November 29th.
Best wishes from Mammie, Daddy, Brother Darren and Sister Cheryl.

Happy Birthday to Dorin Goyvaerts from Greenfield Lane who celebrated her birthday last week.

Happy Birthday to Lima Higgins who celebrated her 63rd birthday on 23rd September from all her friends.

ANNIVERSARY

Happy 8th wedding Anniversary, 7th October, to William and Jacinta Black. Congratulations from all the clan.

Gerard and Ita McTernan, Parson Street, Maynooth, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on Wednesday 3rd September with a party at the Glenroyal Hotel. They have 6 sons and 13 grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robbie McDonald formerly of Laurence Avenue, Maynooth and Mary Anne McDonald (Nee O'Hanlon, Celbridge) on the birth of their baby daughter Sarah Lynn McDonald, 31st July.
Well done from the McDonald Clan.

Congratulations to Mary Fortune daughter of Mrs. Maureen Fortune and the late Sean Fortune, Parson Street, Maynooth, and Paul Mahon son of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mahon, Clondalkin, Dublin, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth 5th September.

Best wishes from your families and friends. Honeymoon spent in San Francisco.

SYMPATHY

Wife, Daughters, Sons, Brother, Brothers-in-law, Sisters-in-law, Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and Friends of Patrick (P.J.) Bennett, Newtown, Maynooth.

Tommie Murray, Maynooth Park, on the death of his father James Murray, Bulls-mouth, Dooniver, Achill, Mayo.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BENNETT: The wife and family of the late P.J. Bennett, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. Those who attended the Removal, Mass and Funeral, sent Mass Cards, Floral Tributes and letters of sympathy.
Mass will be offered for your intentions.

MULDOWNEY: The wife and family of the late Timothy Muldowney, Laragh, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. Those who attended the Removal, Mass and Funeral, sent Mass Cards, Everlasting Gifts, Floral Tributes and letters of sympathy.

A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. John McWey P.P., Rev. Fr. Paul O'Boyle C.C. Kilcock, Dr. Maurice Cowhey and colleagues and the many nurses for their help and support during Tim's illness.

The members of Scouting Ireland C.S.I. who provided the Guard of Honour.

The kindness of special friends and neighbours who helped us enormously.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

MISSING

Bag Stolen Graduation Night - Saturday 20th September 1997

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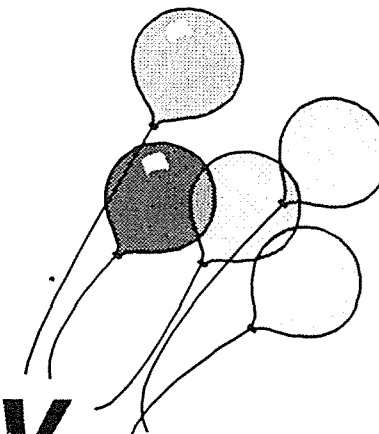
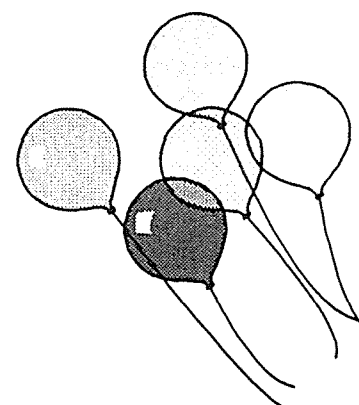
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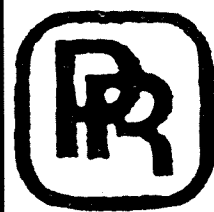
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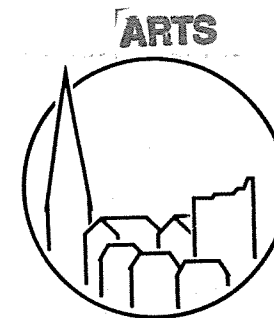
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For over two hundred years St. Patrick's College and the town of Maynooth have co-existed, side by side. For much of that two hundred years, while the College was exclusively a seminary, the level of contact between the two was minimal. Since the nineteen sixties when the first lay students were admitted, the College's impact on the town has grown. Now almost 4,500 students converge on Maynooth each October, up to half of them taking up residence in the town. Add in several hundred teaching and support staff and the effect on the town's economy is obvious. So, changes in what we think of as "the College" are important for the town.

The last few weeks have seen the launch of NUI, Maynooth and many readers will have attended the Open Day on October 11th to celebrate the beginning of a new era. The town now has its own independent university which in status stands alongside UCD, UCC and the other colleges which form the National University of Ireland. For a town of its size, Maynooth is probably unique in western Europe in having a fully fledged university in its midst.

Such a situation poses both problems and opportunities. During term time perhaps a quarter of the town's population is made up of university students while the town's social and recreational amenities remain under-developed. A number of the town's estates are becoming increasingly dominated by rented housing accommodating students. In some cases this has proved to be a problem for long term residents.

But the opportunities for Maynooth as a university town undoubtedly outweigh the problems. The local economy already benefits enormously from the presence of the university and further expansion, both in staff and student numbers, is planned. New computer courses in the university are set to produce highly skilled graduates who can benefit from local employment opportunities.

All of this poses a challenge to both town and university. How, as a community, can we make the most of the fact that we have a growing and vibrant university in our midst? For the university, how does it see its role and define its relationship with the town? Perhaps it is a debate worthy of a public airing?



Laying of Foundation Stone

The Foundation Stone for the New Science Complex was laid by An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, pictured here with NUI Maynooth President, Dr. W.J. Smyth



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Fri Oct 31st: Halloween Fancy Dress Ball, Glenroyal Hotel.
Sun Nov 2nd: St. Mary's Band Mass at 11am.
Mon Nov 3rd: Community Council Task Force Meeting.
Tues Nov 4th: Kelt Leader 11 (Informal Clinic) 10am-12noon and 4pm - 7pm.
Fri Nov 7th: Fashion Show - Scoil Uí Fhiaich, Glenroyal Hotel.
Fri 14th-Sun 16th Nov: Anna Liffey Artists Exhibition, Spa Hotel, Lucan.
Tues 18th Nov: Flower & Garden Club Party, Loftus Hall at 8pm.
Thurs 20th Nov: Post Primary Parents Association Presentation Function and Dance.
Sun 23rd Nov: Presentation Convent Past Pupils Mass at 2pm.
Sun 23rd Nov: Senior Citizens Sale of Work, Parish Hall.
Fri 5th Dec: Flower Festival Opening Night at 7.30pm.
Fri 5th-Sun 7th Dec: Flower Festival in Carton House
Tues 16th Dec: I.C.A. Federation Christmas Party

Editorial

At certain times during the day Maynooth is the victim of traffic gridlock. At around 9 o'clock in the morning any motorist leaving the Newtown area and attempting to make their way down Parsons St. onto Main St. and then up the Straffan Rd. towards the motorway can count on the journey taking anything up to 20 minutes. On their way they will invariably pass a long tailback of traffic from the Square back up the Straffan Rd. sometimes extending back to the intersection with the Celbridge Rd. Travelling around the town at lunch time and as the schools close at 4.00pm is equally frustrating. Without the by-pass Maynooth would surely be at a permanent standstill at this stage. For the many commuters driving into the city each day the volume of traffic is also becoming a major headache. On some mornings traffic jams can extend all the way from Woodies in Lucan right through to Ballyfermot and journeys to the city centre from Maynooth at peak commuting times take anything up to 75 minutes. It is interesting to note that developers in Maynooth are selling houses promising easy access to the city with journey times of 30 minutes - they don't mention that this can only be done at 3.00 a.m. in the morning!

With Maynooth destined to grow further perhaps as we sit in traffic jams around the town it might be worth considering how much more housing/people/traffic we want in Maynooth.

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Letters To the Editor

Kildare County Council - A Tribute

When I hear people whining, moaning and generally criticising Kildare County Council, it makes me see red. You know the usual, "they don't do this, they should do that, they won't do the other, I never get a reply, haven't heard from them in months, blah, blah, blah" and on it goes. People just don't realise the huge amount of administrative, not to say financial, planning that goes into 'getting things done'.

Take the cutting back (or not, in this case) of hedges and trees (Rathcoffey Road springs to mind). A simple operation, you might think. But you'd be wrong. It's not just a matter of sending somebody out with a clippers. The decision has to be made to *send* someone out, after the work has been *prioritised*, then it's a case of *who* to send, *when* to send him, *how* to approach the job etc., etc., and all this planning takes time.

Then there's the recently upgraded Straffan Road. Nobody can deny that it was badly needed to cope with the huge increase in traffic from the new motorway. Nobody can deny the difference it's made to the traffic problem in Maynooth. Yes, I know the only thing it's done is to take a larger volume of traffic, at a faster rate, to the same tee-junction in the centre of town. I know it possibly could have been planned slightly better, maybe utilising some of the space at the Square. But K.C.C.'s engineering, road design or architectural departments can't be expected to think of everything. Remember when it used to take as long as two to three minutes to turl from the Main Street onto the Straffan Road? We certainly don't want to return to those days!

Some people seem to think that all you have to do is click your fingers and, hey presto! a bridge appears. If only it were that simple! The Bond Bridge fiasco is a typical example of the impatience of people, once they get an idea into their heads that a project is urgent.

Action groups and committees are formed in an effort to pressurise the Council into doing something about it. That's all very well, but you must realise that a project of this size takes years of planning, feasibility studies, designing, engineering and draughting before it can get off the ground. Then there are the various meetings, environmental, costing and so on. Okay, so the cost seems to fluctuate on a weekly basis, but hey, what's a few quid here or there between friends. And all right, so the County Manager couldn't be bothered attending the meeting to explain the discrepancies. Come on, he's a busy man (he was probably attending an important conference on 'road traffic management in the Gobi desert' or some such). Anyway, the present structure has served the community of Maynooth quite well, thank you very much, for years and years. It's only relatively recently (ten or fifteen years) that the replacement of the bridge has become urgent, and as we all know, Rome wasn't built in a day.

So does Kildare County Council deserve all the criticism levelled at them? Definitely, and more! When you consider that we pay their wages, because a County Council has no money of its own, and when you consider the quality of the so-called 'professionals' that we get for our money, it's a self-answering question. Most of their engineering, architectural, town planning or estimating staff, not to mention managers, assistant managers, development officers etc. would find it extremely difficult to survive in the commercial sector. They suffer from the 'reverse Midas syndrome' — almost everything they touch turns to junk! It would seem that St. Mary's has become the County retirement home for the intellectually challenged, where they live out the remainder of their lives in blissful ignorance of the real world.

The story goes that a young boy asked his father: "What's a giraffe da?". "A giraffe, son," he replied, "is a horse designed by Kildare County Council!"

Christopher Kavanagh

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The Community Council will hold a special meeting on Monday 3rd of November, to respond to the draft proposals from the Maynooth Task Force, on a future development strategy for the Town. The Task Force last met with the Community Council in August, when they presented their draft outline agenda on the project.

The agenda titled "Choosing A Future" proposed research under the following headings; Character, Employment, University, Infrastructure, Heritage/Tourism, Sports/Leisure and Amenity, as well as Administration. In each case the important elements and issues were raised, and the relevant threats and opportunities that exist were highlighted to those in attendance.

Community Council members are encouraged to attend this meeting as the Task Force are keen to hear their views on the issues raised in this most important project for the future of the town.

Community Council Bi-Monthly Meeting in November

Just a reminder to Community Council members that the next bi-monthly meeting takes place on Monday 10th November as usual in the Post-Primary School. It is important that, as members represent their local Residents Association, Club or Organisation, that they attend as many of the bi-monthly meetings as possible, to ensure that their views are known to the Community Council.

Paul Croghan,
PRO

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In your circumstances you may not have an average of 20 over your working life but from 21st November Social Welfare are introducing a new Pro-Rata Old Age (Contributory) Pension. The conditions for this are:

- (1) That you entered insurance before reaching age 56 (as above).
- (2) That you have at least 260 weeks full-rate PRSI paid.
- (3) That you have an average of at least 10 weeks full-rate PRSI paid or credited over the period from 1953 or the date you started paying PRSI, if later) up to the end of the last full tax year before reaching age 66.

This means that people can qualify for a reduced pension if they have less stamps or credits over their working life. This is likely to benefit many people who were "out of the system" for long periods of time.

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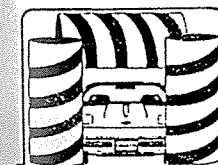


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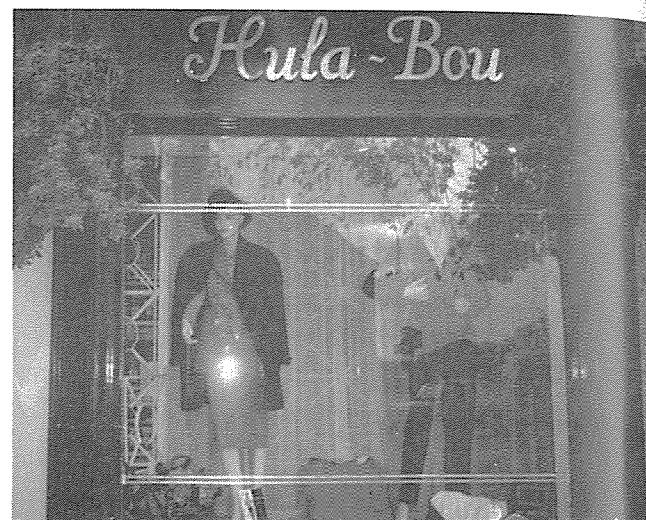
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Successes of 1996/7

The 25 strong, out-going committee of the Maynooth Post Primary Parent Teacher Association, has seen significant fund-raising successes. At our recently held AGM, the balance sheet showed an income of £12,154.21 (of which £2,398.41 was brought forward) and an expenditure of £11,695.60, which leaves a balance of £458.61 available for the incoming committee.

The committee is pleased to record the fact that a total of £8,746.00 has been handed over to the school. The allocation of funds is as follows:-

1. Last year's Transition Year received £500 towards a First Aid course.
2. This year's Transition Year has received £600 towards a course "Preparing for the Future".
3. The Science Dept. received £546 towards the purchase of protective clothing and equipment.
4. £1,000 was handed over to help defray "Professional Fees Expenses" incurred while building the School Hall etc.
5. £600 has been donated towards the Library Fund.
6. £1,000 has been donated towards the purchase of more school lockers for your children's use.
7. £2,000 has gone towards the purchase of a photocopier which is badly needed.
8. And finally, £2,500 has been donated towards the Sports Department.

Mr. Sean Ashe, at our last committee meeting, expressed his deep gratitude for the significant contribution the out-going Parent/Teacher Association Committee has made to the school, its teachers and pupils.

Greyhound Race Night - Big Success!

The Race Night in Harold's Cross on Friday 19th September was most enjoyable and very successful, netting just over £6,000 profit. The photos accompanying this article show how much people enjoyed the evening - and some even made a small profit!



Mr. Sean Ashe (Principal), Mr. Tom Ashe (Recently Retired Principal) and Mr. McManus enjoying a pleasant evening at Harold's Cross.

Thanks To The Committee & All Involved

To the very hard working officers; Margaret McLoughlin (Secretary) who kept me on my toes; to Mary Farrell (Treasurer, retiring this year after several years dedicated service) and Mick Dillane (PRO) I wish to say a very special word of thanks. To the committee members who had the vision/enthusiasm and commitment to propose and subsequently drive the Race Night Project forward, I say thank you and well done! However, I must also express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all of the committee members who worked so hard and in such a focused way. It was my

pleasure to be part of such an effective team. Of course, without the magnificent support of you, the public, parents and teachers and our sponsors, the night would have never been the financial success it was! Thank you.

Other Highlights of the past year:

Do you remember Tuesday 19/11/96 - It was a most memorable evening. An Ecumenical Service was held to formally open the "Garden of Remembrance" and the School Oratory - places of reflection!

Then there was 6-9/2/97. The Transition Year and Fifth Year combined, to present a spectacular Musical "Oklahoma". The show was highly professional and very successfully presented. This extracurricular activity is surely worthy of continuation, on an annual basis, even though Fr. David Boylan, who contributed in no small way to its success, has moved to foreign lands. However, many teachers including Ms Murphy are more than ready, willing and able to continue this very laudable project.

Social Dance:

A very enjoyable Social Dance evening was held in the Glenroyal on Saturday 18th Jan. '97.

Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association

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One of Five Schools Selected for EU Study:

Maynooth Post Primary School has been selected as one of five Irish schools to participate in a European Commission Pilot Project to "Evaluate Quality in School Education". Maynooth Post Primary School is the only VEC school, in Ireland, so selected.



Some of the students of Maynooth Post Primary enjoying the evening at Harold's Cross.

Recent Retirement of Mr. Tom Ashe

The Parent/Teacher Association, in co-operation with other interest groups, are organising a Special Presentation Night in the Glenroyal on Thursday 20th November, to honour Mr. Tom Ashe's retirement as Principal of Maynooth's Post Primary School. In retiring at a young age, Mr. Tom Ashe leaves behind a legacy of brilliant endeavour in the way he fostered and nourished successes in our children to their level of achievements.

Attendance at the function will be **strictly ticket limited**. Tickets for the Supper, Presentation and Dance will cost £12, while Tickets for the Presentation and Dance will cost £5; these will be available from committee members or through the school secretary. Your support will be most welcome.

Dermot Nangle
Chairperson.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION, ST. MARY'S BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

We would like to thank all those who attended our A.G.M. which took place on 25th September 1997.

The following officers were elected:

Chairperson:
Mary McNamara

Secretary:
Yvonne Comerford

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Margaret O'Neill

P.R.O.:
Claire O'Rourke



Joe McBride's class from the Boy's National School visiting the Maze in the Maize

We would like to thank the outgoing committee for all the hard work they put in over the past year.

Parents will be notified of any events or fund raisers which will take place during the year.

The Annual Sponsored Cycle organised by the Board of Management took place on 19th October. Well done to all the boys, mummies and daddies who took part.

Claire O'Rourke
P.R.O.

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BAND BULLETIN

This is very much a "waiting" month for the Band with most of our events yet to happen at time of writing.

Open Day

One engagement which did actually happen last month was the College Open Day to celebrate its National University of Ireland status but what a pity the weather was not in celebratory mood. It rained cats and dogs but thanks to the foresight of the organisers everything was 'under cover' and for the first time in years we gave our recital in a Marquee. It brought back happy memories to the older guys in the Band as the first public appearance of our then Boys Band was during the annual marquee festival on the Dublin Road in a field opposite the Mart in 1956. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then, eh? Anyway, back to the future and it was after all a very enjoyable day for both ourselves and the assembled revellers, although I don't think Michael Dempsey's ears are quite back to normal yet.

The Long Distance Man

On Bank Holiday Monday, 27th October, our fast improving baritonist Paddy Maher exchanged his uniform for vest and shorts and his instrument for running shoes and set off on the Dublin City Marathon to raise funds for the Band's visit to Kansas City next March. Paddy has put in a tremendous amount of work both in building up the miles and building up the money. He has generated a sizeable amount of personal sponsorship quite apart from that raised by Band Members and his work is greatly appreciated by us. Good to see you making the front page at last Paddy.

Halloween Fancy Dress Ball

As a further part of our American Fund Raising Campaign we hold a Fancy Dress Ball on Friday, 31st October in the Glenroyal Hotel. Music will be by that fantastic group, the Jazz Freaks, who play a wide range of music to suit all tastes. There will be prize money in three categories and we hope to see as many dressed up as possible. Admission is only £6. Come along and enjoy the craic.

Annual Mass

On Sunday, 2nd November, at 11.00 a.m. we celebrate our annual mass for deceased members when we ask all relatives and friends of members who have passed on to join us in remembering those who have played their part in making St. Mary's Band one of the oldest bands in the country. This will be our first Mass with our new conductor Niall O'Connor and we hope to play some new pieces with a larger group than in the past. We hope as many as possible will join in our remembrance.

U.S.A. 1998

We are still practising away on our new Irish programme for Kansas City and we hope to 'unveil' it to our many friends who have contributed to our fund raising before we head off

on 15th March next. If you have not yet made a contribution and wish to do so you may send it to Hon Treasurer, Jennifer Quigley, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, or drop it in to Maynooth Office Supplies, Dublin Road, Maynooth.

See you all again next month with news of our Christmas programme.

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COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

The Community Games Season is now finished and the New Season is about to begin. The A.G.M. took place in the I.C.A. Hall on Wednesday 1st October '97. Unfortunately it was **IGNORED** by the parents of the Maynooth (6-16) yrs. population.

Maybe I am being too hard on the "Parents"

Maybe you just "Forgot". When your children use this excuse, don't you get annoyed?

It is still not too late. Below is a

Reproduction of the Community Games Brochure.

If you have an interest in or a knowledge of any of the listed activities please come along to the next meeting of Community Games on **Wednesday October 29th** in the **G.A.A. Club**. If you cannot attend please contact me at 6285922 9.30a.m. to 2p.m. or 6286254 at any other time. This is your opportunity to become involved in the future development of **your children** in the Community Games.

Don't pass the Buck. **Take up the Challenge.**

Helpers are urgently required

The Committee of Maynooth Community Games wish to thank all those who supported the "Table Quiz" in the G.A.A. Club on Friday 26th September. To those who gave prizes for the raffle, to Mr. Gleeson and all the helpers we extend our grateful thanks.

Brighidín Breslin.
Sec./P.R.O.

INTRODUCING COMMUNITY GAMES

WHAT IS IT?

Community Games is an independent voluntary organisation which operates through the local community to provide an opportunity for young people to experience a wide range of sporting and cultural activities before concentrating on and specialising in those most suitable and attractive to them.

Community Games is a countrywide movement, non-political, non-sectarian, which operates at four levels: (1) Area (2) County

(3) Provincial (4) National

It caters for children whose ages range from 6 to 16 years in an Annual Programme which has 28 different types of sporting and cultural activities. Community Games introduces young people to the activity of their choice, encourages the pursuit of healthy interests and enables them to discover their talents. Emphasis is firmly placed on participation and not on winning at all costs.

ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Adult members of the community are involved by playing an active role in organising these activities. They obtain a great sense of personal satisfaction and enjoyment through the beneficial effects on the children. The social aspect is tremendously important and many adults have found the Community Games an ideal way to meet and make new friends.

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COMMUNITY GAMES LOCAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

COUNTY & PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

Nationwide, Community Games personnel organise a wide range of sporting and cultural activities all year long including Coaching, Competitions, Youth Exchanges etc. The competitions culminate in Area Finals (January-April), County Finals (May-June) and Provincial Finals (July) each year.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

The Special Activities Weekend takes place in Mosney Holiday Centre, Mosney, Co. Meath each year, usually over one weekend in May. This action packed weekend includes Sports Introduction Sessions, Table Quiz, Project Competition, Special Activities for Youth, Adult Involvement, Cross Country and instruction in a range of other specialised areas.

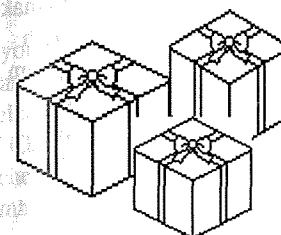
NATIONAL FINALS WEEKENDS

Community Games National Finals take place in Mosney Holiday Centre, Mosney, Co. Meath. They occur each year over the last weekend in August and 1st weekend in September. An exciting weekend of fun and activity for all the family with finals in all activities.

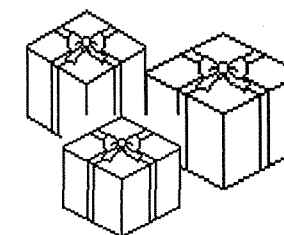
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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

Seó Faisin / Fashion Show 1997 - 7th November
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The coiste cairde have been extremely busy preparing for our annual fashion show. This is the Gaelscoil annual major fundraising event. To date the programme of the night's events have been finalised. I believe that there is a treat in store due to the quality of the garments on display that night. The majority of the clothing companies are locally based and all garments can be purchased in the local shops. We have been most fortunate in that a wealth of modelling or rather super modelling talents will be performed by local supermodels. The strong support by the local business community have ensured that the evenings booklet is a show-case of local business support for their Gaelscoil.

The night promises to be an evening full of colour, spectacle, variety and entertainment. So come along, sit back and enjoy yourself agus bain sult agus taitneamh ón oíche.

Ranganna Oíche / Evening classes in conversational Irish.

Due to the success of last years course there has been considerable enquiry regarding the above classes. It is intended to run the classes in the same format as before, i.e. a ten week course from February to Easter. It is intended to commence the classes on Monday nights at 8.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. beginning 2nd February 1998. If you are interested in either beginner level or advanced please telephone, call or write to the Gaelscoil for an application form.



Junior Infants
L-R Back Row: Niamh Nic Dhomhnaí, Muireann Ní Chearúil, Adrian O Dornáin.
Front Row: Emma Ní Chearúil, Lúcas Essex.



Junior Infants
L-R Back Row: Tomás Ó Flatharta, Noel Ó Cinneide, Siobhán Ní Shé
Front Row: Ruairí Mac Canna, Tim Ó Fionnagáin

Education Times / B.B.C.2 Education Forum.

It was a great honour for the Maynooth Gaelscoil to be asked to participate in this prestigious programme. The B.B.C. team wished to make a programme on the Irish Primary Education System and were particularly interested to learn more about the success of the Gaelscoil system.

The educational correspondent of the Irish Times and the B.B.C. crew arrived with all their paraphernalia in Maynooth on Friday, 17th October. The work of the children was recorded and a panel composed of parents of children attending the Gaelscoil spoke of the history of the school and the reasons why they chose to have their child educated through the medium of Irish. I wish to note that the level of expertise shown by the parents and the manner in which they articulated their views did the Gaelscoil and Maynooth proud.

Cairde Meiriceánach/ Our U.S.A. helping hand.

The Gaelscoil is very fortunate that Kathleen Rowe has become actively involved in the scoil. Kathleen who comes from New Mexico, via Intel is a primary teacher and a speech therapist. Máirín, our príomhoide gives Kathleen some new phrases as Gaeilge at the start of the day and our keen American student endeavours to use them during the course of the day. We greatly appreciate Kathleen's practical help with the children and can only admire her for her voluntary contribution to the wealth of the scoil.

GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH Cont.

Gaelscoil an Phobail / Community Gaelscoil

An open invitation exists to the people of Maynooth to become involved in Maynooth's Gaelscoil. There is always plenty of help needed to do practical things around the school.

If you have a talent in music or gardening and would like to share it with the children of Maynooth you are most welcome. We are fortunate in that our Príomhoide Máirín Ní Chéilleachair is a very practical woman and will find a niche for all talents. Call up to the school, beidh fáilte romhat.

Beir bua agus Beannacht.

Colm ó Cearúil.



L-R Back Row: Fiona Senchyna, Cáit de Fréine, Dáire Mac Seanlaoich
Front Row: Meggan Miach, Shane Mac Scalai

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

We have had lots of reaction from Leitrim people concerning our article in the last issue about our trip to Ballinamore and its canal system. The comments were unanimously favourable. The caption to one of our photographs . . . Motorway at Ballinamore . . . amused many of our commentators. The caption should have read . . . Moorings at Ballinamore. It was a photo of one of the two boat marinas there. Still, if the slipway arrives, can the motorway be far behind?

Our last article mentioned that NAPPER TANDY, the well known United Irishman, was a shareholder in the original Royal Canal Company. He is referred to in two well known Irish Ballads, one a 19th Century, and the other with Dublin connections. If you can name those tunes/ballads, put them on paper with your name, address, and leave them into our office.

If your children might be interested in learning canoeing skills, please leave your names, address and telephone number in our office at the Town Mall. If there is enough interest we will make enquiries from the Irish Canoe Union if an instructor from the Union might be available to give classes. Our group would have no other involvement except to pass on names and addresses to the Union.

Our 1998 Calendar, known as THE MAYNOOTH CALENDAR, is underway, with a few advertising spaces left. Enquiries to Gerry McGlinchey at our office. Telephone . . . 6290980.

It's business as usual for our workforce on the canal banks and harbour at Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock despite the onset of Autumn and it's weather.

Slán Go Foill.

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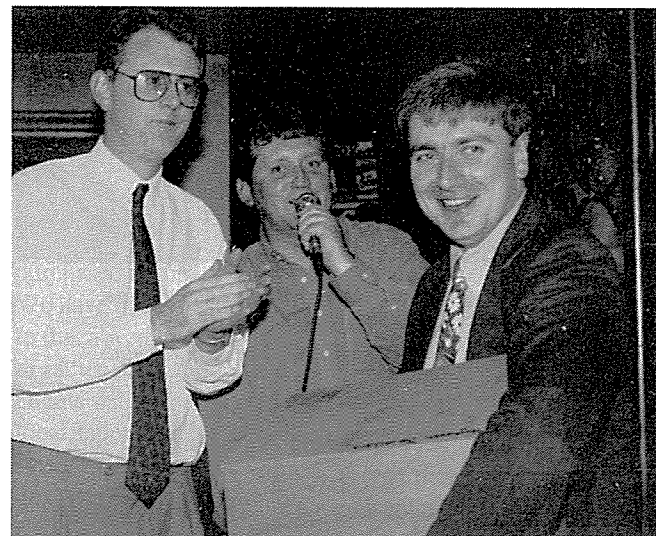
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Scoil Uí Riada News

Slán go fóill a Thomáis

A gathering of over 300 friends, colleagues and parents bade a fond farewell to múinteoir Tomás Ó Riain at a function and presentation in O'Keeffe's Public House in Kilcock on October 3rd. The night of "ceol agus craic" was organised by the Board of Management as a tribute to the enormous contribution Tomás had made to the life of the school. After 5 years in Scoil Uí Riada Tomás has departed to take up a new teaching post in his native county Clare.



Tomás Ó Baille agus Príomhoide
Seamus Ó Muirthe making a presentation to Tomás Ó Riain.

Tomás came to Scoil Uí Riada in 1992 and soon established himself as one of its most popular teachers. His popularity was due to his genial, genuine, witty and true personality. The tremendous turnout testified to the high esteem in which he was held by parents and colleagues alike. Tomás has a natural gift for teaching and developed a wonderful rapport with his pupils. "Múinteoir dó'n chéad scoth" agus "Fear Uasal" are sentiments which come to mind when one is thinking of Tomás the múinteoir.

Tomás left his mark on the cultural landscape of the school and the community. A talented musician, he instilled and fostered a love of traditional Irish music in countless pupils. He taught the bosca ceoil and was a member of the Enfield branch of Cómhaltás Ceoltóirí Éireann and according to Paddy Joyce, the PRO, "the only man I knew to better Tomás on the bosca was the famous Joe Burke from Galway". His influence also extended to the playing field where he was a dedicated and enthusiastic football manager and coach, managing the winning team in the under 10's division of Cumann na mBunscoil in 1995. This year he has helped to bring them to the finals once again.

Seamus Ó Muirthe, Príomhoide, paid tribute to his loyalty and devotion to the school which often went beyond the call of duty. Tomás gave unselfishly of his time in support of the school's extracurricular activities. He had become a

friend to many of the parents and was never found wanting when called upon to provide musical accompaniment to any of the school's fundraising and social events.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the parents of Scoil Uí Riada, I would like to thank Tomás for his dedication to our children and would like to wish himself and Noreen the best of luck for the future in county Clare. Go maire tú do scoil nua. Slán go fóill.

Annual Flag Days

The Cairde Committee would like to thank all those who supported our Flag Days not only for their generous contributions but for their kind words of encouragement and those welcome cups of tea and coffee. The money raised by this event and other such events forms part of the School Development Fund which helps to finance additional school facilities and augment the learning environment. The Cairde Committee would like to thank all the volunteers, from Maynooth, Kilcock and Enfield, who gave so willingly of their free time to fund raise on the Annual Flag Days.

Miriam Ahern, PRO

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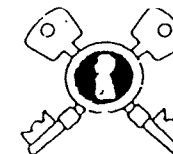
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Census Results Suggest Maynooth is likely to have a Baby Boom

New data from the 1996 Census is now available which contains a breakdown of population for each District Electoral Division by age group. This enables comparisons to be made between Maynooth and some of the other rapidly growing towns in Kildare, and particularly provides a pointer as to what schools and other facilities for young people will be required in the years ahead.

The table below contains comparative percentages for age groups for the towns of Naas, Leixlip, Newbridge, Celbridge and Maynooth, the five largest towns in Kildare.

Town	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65+ years
Naas	25.6%	16.2%	35.8%	16.2%	6.2%
Newbridge	29.4%	19.8%	30.5%	17.2%	3.1%
Leixlip	26.8%	18.4%	30.3%	17.8%	6.7%
Celbridge	33.6%	13.1%	38.2%	11.6%	3.5%
Maynooth	20.4%	28.5%	35.2%	11.4%	4.5%

It is apparent that Maynooth presently has far fewer children in the under 14 category than is the norm for the other towns. To take the most dramatic case, one in three people in Celbridge is under the age of 14, while only one in five in Maynooth falls into this category. At the same time, Maynooth is close to the average of the other towns for that proportion of its population in the 25-44 year age group - the age group in which most increases in family size occurs. In other words in Maynooth we have the young married couples, but the children they would normally be expected to produce haven't arrived yet! Less of a proportion of Maynooth's population is in the 45-64 age group - the age group indicative of families who have completed child rearing.

Child Numbers Set to Increase Dramatically

Even making some allowance for the effects of some enumeration of students in the Census data, the message is fairly obvious. Maynooth is set to experience a rapid growth in population as young married couples in its vast new estates start to have children. This is not a surprising finding. Anyone familiar with the housing situation in Maynooth will already have deduced that many of the new three and four bedroom houses are not always going to contain two people - or at least were not bought with that purpose in mind! If the proportion of children in Maynooth today was to be the same as the average for the other Kildare towns we would have somewhere between 500 and 800 additional children, equivalent to another secondary school. Should the future pan out along the lines experienced by other neighbouring towns such as Celbridge, the consequences would be serious. A much larger complement of children for Maynooth would have major implications for schools as well as for leisure and sports facilities. The implications would also be felt around Maynooth as the catchment areas for schools would undoubtedly change dramatically. Many such problems are currently being experienced in neighbouring towns with much lower rates of growth than Maynooth.

Time for a Rethink by Councillors

Do we have the foresight necessary to start planning for this future now while there is still time? The answer is not encouraging. In the Amended Maynooth Development Plan our councillors proposed, against the advice of professional planners, to facilitate a further huge influx of population to double the 1996 population of this town. This would seem to Maynooth Planning Alliance to be the worst possible course of action.

Maynooth Planning Alliance calls on our elected officials to recognise that the last thing Maynooth needs at present is further huge in-migration. It calls on them to await the preparation of strategic planning guidelines for the entire Greater Dublin Area before progressing any further with the Maynooth Development Plan. Only by this approach can young families look forward to a future for their children in Maynooth with confidence.

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I.C.A. NOTES

The October Guild Meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday, 2nd October at 8.00 p.m.

Our President Marion welcomed us all.

Sympathy was extended to Helen Finn and Irene Matthews who were recently bereaved.

Mary McNamara is welcomed on board our Committee. Mary is our Timire and International Officer for '97 - '98.

Margaret gave a report on the different contests. The Retail Jewellers of Ireland have a competition running "Write a Poem" about jewellery, so all you budding poets get moving.

The October Competition was "How long is a piece of String." The winner was Bernie King, 2nd - Mary Halton and 3rd - Betty Farrell.

Badminton continues in the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10.30 a.m.

The Auction was held at the October Meeting as a fundraiser for 2 part-scholarships to An Grianan. The two lucky winners were Nell McLoughlin and Grainne Kelly. It was based on a "Bring & Buy Sale." The excellent auctioneers for the night were Veva Kerins and Kay Burns.

The Federation Christmas Party will be held in the Red House on December 16th.

November is the month we hold our Ecumenical Service of Remembrance for past guild members, family and friends who have passed away. The Service will be organised by Eilis O'Malley who also did an excellent job last year.

The November Guild Meeting & Service will be on 6th November.

May Haren,
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

This year we are having our big Christmas night early, on November 18th in 'Loftus Hall', St. Patrick's College at 8 p.m. The demonstrator is Enda Thomson-Phelan, on her first visit to Maynooth. So, looking forward to some beautiful arrangements and lots of new ideas for our Christmas decorations.

Competitions that night are:-

Class A:
"Forever". A swag exhibition not to exceed 30" width.

Class B & C:
Everlasting Beauty' in a basket - less than 18".

Plant Competition:
One stem of berried shrub.

Our A.G.M. was held on October 21st — after copy date. So, full details in December newsletter.

Dates for your diary — December 5th, 6th and 7th. That week-end the club are organising a major flower festival in Carton House. Titled "Christmas in Irish Stately Home".

Marian Finucane will open Festival on Friday 5th December 7.30 p.m. Preview tickets for that evening £8, available on November 18th at meeting, or from committee. Proceeds from Festival for Kildare Hospice. More details in December.

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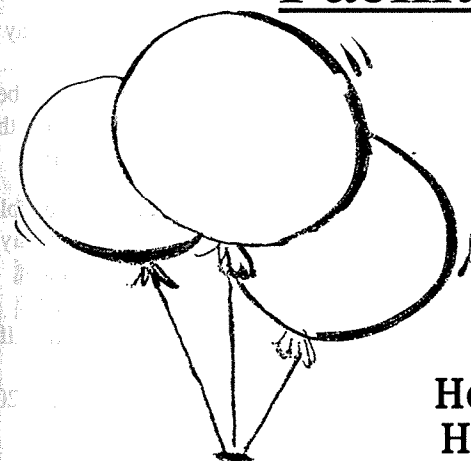
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Our Halloween Party took place as scheduled on Sunday, October 19th. We were joined on the day by our friends from Celbridge who always add to the enjoyment of the evening. Mass was celebrated by Rev. B. Supple and as we are approaching the month of the Holy Souls we offered our Mass for all the deceased members of our club and committee. I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Supple for his time and Sean Ashe and Brian Farrell for their generosity and facility in the Post Primary School. This is a very suitable venue which we appreciate.

We had a visit during the evening by Adi Roche and her entourage. Emmet Stagg, Colm Purcell and Catherine Murphy were there in all their glory. Adi met and talked with all our Senior Citizens which added a little colour to the evening.

Our new curate Fr. John Sinnott also paid an unscheduled visit which was very much appreciated by all.

So you can see it was a full and entertaining evening and an enjoyable time was had by all. This was our first party of our 1997/1998 year and thankfully got off to an exciting start.

Our 'Sale of Work' will take place this year on Sunday, November 23rd (See advertisement on opposite page). As usual we will be selling tickets for our "Monster Draw", outside Quinnsnorth on the two weekends prior to the 23rd.

Our Committee and helpers will be making the usual house calls and once again we appeal to your generosity. Many people will call to your door at this time of year, legitimate

and otherwise, so please make sure you know the caller and that they are genuine. We do not have children selling tickets or lines door-to-door, nor do we leave bags for filling. Generally we have the same people collecting in their own areas each year and unless you are new in the area you will know them. All our Committee members carry I.D. and our helpers carry authorisation. Remember our motto, "if in doubt, check it out!"

Meanwhile please remember the date, November 23rd. This is the most important date on our calendar. The success of our "Sale of Work" determines the services we provide. So come along for an enjoyable afternoon while at the same time supporting a worthy cause. Who knows, it may be worth your while, and sure if it isn't, you'll be content in the knowledge that you made it worth ours.

With winter approaching, may I remind all our older people, especially those living alone to be safety conscious. Many people still like an open fire, and who would blame them, but please remember to keep your spark guard on at all times. By now every home should have a smoke alarm. If by chance you did not receive one, just let one of our committee members know, or you can phone me at 6285206. Lets do our bit in reducing the numbers of house fires.

Finally, we extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Mary Geoghegan, Joe McMonagle, Tim Muldowney and Jack Dowling, all of whom passed away. May they rest in peace.

Josephine Moore.



John with mum Margaret Walshe

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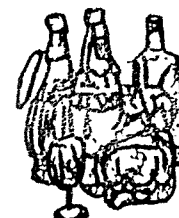
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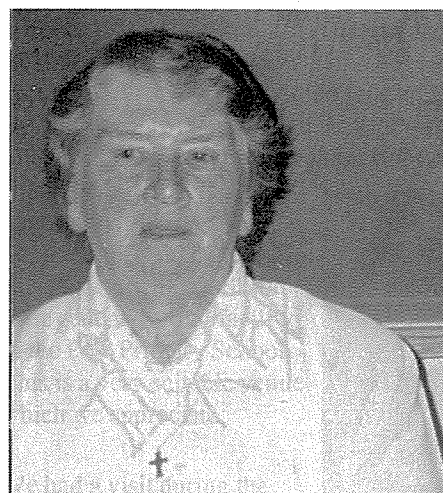
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P. O'Connor.



L-R Emmet Stagg, Adi Roche and Catherine Murphy at the Start of the Cycle.



Principal Peter Mullan with the young cyclists

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Maynooth Swimming Club are looking now for new members for our waiting list. Children must be 5 years and over. Our 1st term is now well under way, and will continue until 15th of November. Payments for the 1st term are now overdue, and can be made payable to any committee member on the bus.

Patricia Moynan
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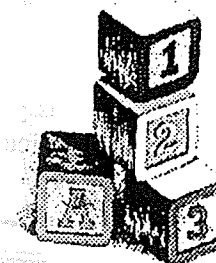
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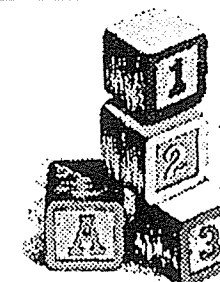


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Residents' Associations

BEAUFIELD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

Following the loss of key committee members Beaufield Area Residents Association is set for a re-launch in mid-November. The recent property market boom had a huge impact on Beaufield and has left the Residents Association without a Chairman, Treasurer and key road reps - our longtime Secretary sold up last year. Warmest wishes and many many thanks to those who moved on, or are about to move on, including Dave Hogan (founder member/treasurer), Tom Ball (chairman 1996/1997) and Dave Staunton (longtime road rep.).

Meanwhile, the show must go on and so the Residents Association re-launch is about to happen. Hopefully all residents, old and new, will come along and attend a general meeting (E.G.M) and help build an Association for the future.

Arrangements for the re-launch will issue to all residents in early November.

Finally, the Sportsday Committee wish to express special thanks to T.S.B. Maynooth for their recent kind sponsorship.

Joe Geraghty.

WOODLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Woodlands held their end of year clean up on Saturday October 4th. We want to thank all those residents who turned up and lent a hand. The estate was very well represented at the Bond Bridge Action march with 75% of households represented. Anyone who wants to walk to Woodlands these days is reminded to wear their wellie boots, as the entrance to the estate has been dug up and is in a sorry state, due to the massive pipes and digging equipment assembled there to accommodate the pipe laying on the Rathcoffey Rd. Shame on K.C.C. for not trimming back the hedge on the Rathcoffey Rd, after repeated calls to that office and an undertaking by them to address the problem. Pedestrians have no option but to walk on the road, due to the hedge completely blocking the path in places.

Padraig O Murchu,
(Secretary)

LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At an open meeting of the Association on 13th August last, much concern was expressed by residents at the number of cars and other vehicles blocking the lanes and limiting visibility at junctions off main street.

A letter was sent to the local Gardai about this problem and we also wrote to the chamber of commerce, as many of the cars belong to employees of business premises on Main Street.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that parking facilities at the Glenroyal Centre are under used and the increased use of these facilities will reduce the problem in the lanes off Main Street. As of this date we have not received a reply from the Gardai or the Chamber of Commerce.

The Association's barbecue took place on Saturday 30th August, at which the 300 draw was held. Congratulations to all winners, 1st. £100, 2nd. £25, and five prizes of £5. Our thanks to all for your support. The barbecue was a great success and a large attendance had a great time.

At a committee meeting on October 8th it was decided to hold a Christmas Dinner Dance and suitable venues are being considered at this time. A further open meeting will be held on 20th October to finalise these arrangements and discuss other matters.

Any residents wishing to join the association may do so by contacting any committee member. The annual sub. is £10, this may be paid in 2 x £5 if desirable. Old age pensioners with no working income to household receive free membership.

Matt Carroll,
Chairperson

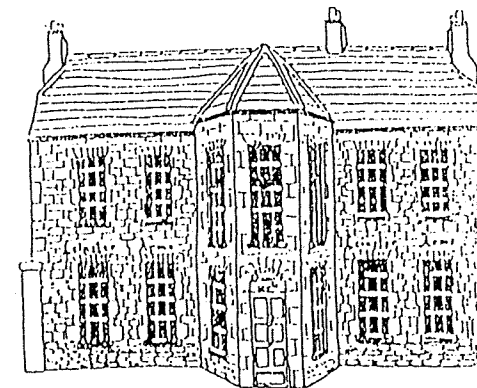
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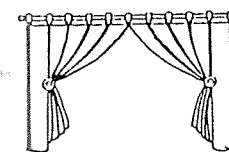
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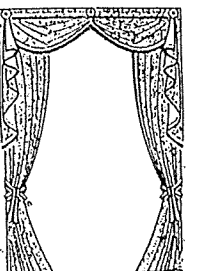
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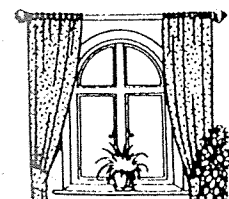
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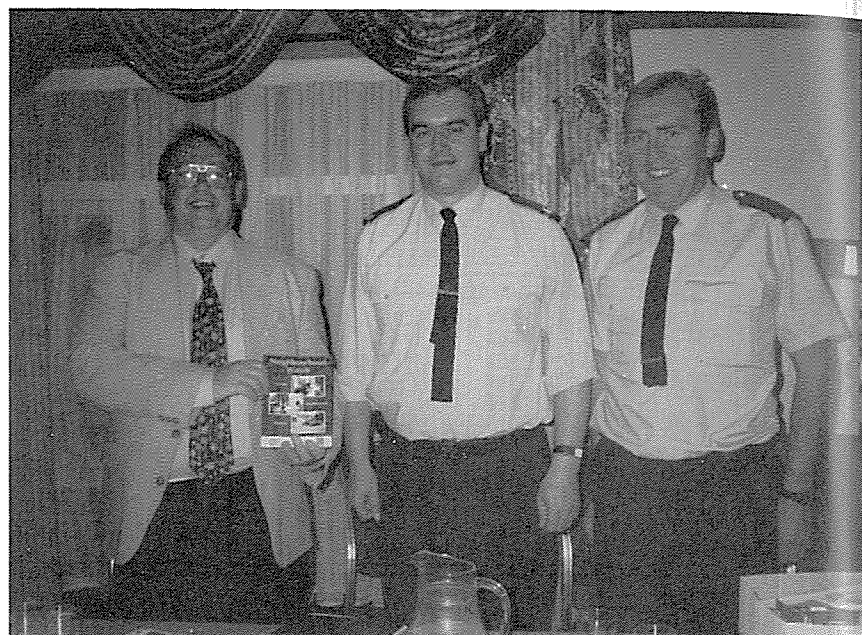
Residents Association

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Since its revitalisation in early summer C.A.R.A. has been very busy. A major estate clean up was carried out early in the summer. This left the estate looking well. Recently a skip was sent courtesy of West Side Waste Disposal and old grass cuttings etc, were removed as these were becoming a health hazard.

C.A.R.A. has now registered with the Garda Síochana as part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. A well attended meeting was held in the Glenroyal Hotel late in August to launch our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Elected to the co-ordinating committee were Tommy Sheehan, Ursula Walsh, Michael Reilly, Seamus Mullins, Susan Corbally, Dermot Bradley and Tony Clinton. Literature has since been distributed to each household and we are in the process of organising markers and signs.

C.A.R.A. would like to wish Samantha O'Neill a full and speedy recovery now that she is home from hospital and on the mend. A big THANK YOU to all who helped maintain our estate over the summer. Well done.



*Neighbour Watch, Cluain Aoibhinn
L-R Tony Clinton, P. Kearney & Tom Millner*

Presentation to Mr. Tom Mullan.

Tom and Maura's many friends and neighbours in Cluain Aoibhinn were proud and delighted to be associated with a presentation to Tom and Maura to mark his long years of service as Chairman of the Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Association. The presentation was made on behalf of the residents by the new chairman Mr. Tony Clinton at a recent function in the Glenroyal Hotel. He said that while no value could be put on the time, energy and commitment so freely and generously given by Tom to his neighbours over the years that it would be remiss of C.A.R.A. not to show its appreciation. A presentation was also made to Ms. Rose Hayes in appreciation of the sterling work she did in keeping the C.A.R.A. finances in order.

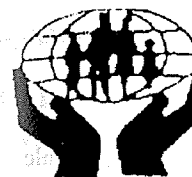


Rose Hayes, receiving a Bouquet from Tony Clinton in appreciation of her work for the Residents Association

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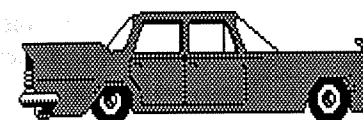
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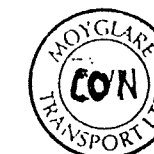


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HALLOWE'EN IS A MAGICAL TIME FOR CHILDREN

Halloween marks the end of Autumn. The Summer is over but we still have days of warm sunshine. It's the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and the most colourful of all the seasons. The orchard apples and pears are ready for picking. Ripe juicy blackberries glisten in the hedgerows. It is very pleasant to walk along the College grounds and hear the rustle and flutter of the falling leaves spreading their glorious hues of golden browns, yellows and reds. Some of the birds have left us already and the swallows are preparing for their long journey to the warm south. In the morning white mists rise from the fields and canal and in the evening the sky is a mass of colour with the sun setting down over the Kilcock Road.

Hallowe'en is a magical time for children. They dress up and go from door to door singing, dancing and playing. They hold out their bags for offerings of fruit, nuts and barm brack. For us as children in the country we got our hazel nuts, damsons and sloes in the woods. While cycling home we would hear the rustle of the birds and the scurrying of the rabbits in the undergrowth. We would frighten each other saying, "IT'S A GHOST".

My mother had a great sense of Hallowe'en. We sat around the big kitchen table waiting for the big dish of colcannon. For those of you who have never tasted colcannon, it is an experience not to be missed. Curly kale, potatoes and onion are boiled and then mashed. The best bit is the big knob of homemade butter dropped into a well in the middle of your plate of colcannon. Home made butter was made by churning the cream in a big wooden churn. We all took our turns at turning the handle of the churn. Mother made the colcannon extra special by hiding gifts in our plates - a coin wrapped in muslin, a small stick or a rag. These treasures each had its own meaning. The person who got the money would never know a poor day - if you got the rag the opposite would be the case. The colcannon was followed by thick slices of home made barm brack with lots of butter. We all watched to see who would get the ring - then as now whoever got it would be the next to marry.

We didn't have electricity in those days of pre-television Wicklow. Father picked the largest turnip from the pit in the back field. He scrubbed it and carved out a nose, a fearsome mouth and two eyes. In the middle of the head went a hole for the placement of a candle.

Hallowe'en took on a special meaning for us in later years as Nuala was born on All Saints' Day. The following day is All Souls Day. It was traditional for us to attend mass and pray for the Holy Souls. Graves of loved ones are visited at this time of year. Can you remember visiting the church on the way home from school, saying a quick prayer, gaining a plenary indulgence for each visit, nearly knocking down

each other in the rush to get in and out as fast as possible and have the most visits.

Unfortunately the parents of today cannot allow their children experience the same sense of fun which we enjoyed at this time of year. However we can do what we can not to let the old traditions die.

A.G.

PROPOSAL EXHUMATION OF 48 NUNS AT CONVENT GRAVEYARD

At the time of writing, no license has been applied for by Sr. Frances Crow re above. I understand at this stage the order is still only discussing a proposal, no decision will be taken for some time to come.

All the pages of signatures opposing the proposal have been sent to Sr. Frances via Kildare County Council.

All letters to Kildare County Council are being held on file at St. Mary's Naas. The relatives, friends and past pupils are having Mass/Prayers depending on the weather on Sunday 23rd November at 2 pm to remember our deceased aunts for the feast of the Presentation.

Thank you very much Ken for photos taken at the convent graveyard, many thanks to my friends from the Celbridge writers group for their support, the following lines were penned for me by one of the group, Stuart Lane.

Hilda Mooney

Thoughts on Hilda Mooneys Protest
Against the De-consecration of Maynooth
Convent Graveyard.

I know you're Philomena's niece
But you're against "progress"
If you think "may she rest in peace"
Means strictly what it says.

Who cares about old convent stones?
Such things are out of date.
God's Acre full of saintly bones
Is just potential real estate.

Stuart Lane.

THE DANGERS OF BANGERS AND BONFIRES!

If you are allowing a bonfire:-

- * Make sure it is sited on a hard surface away from houses, garages and overhead cables.
- * Don't use petrol or paraffin to light the fire.
- * Adult supervision is essential.
- * Fireworks are illegal and dangerous. Last year 36 children in the Dublin area had to be treated in hospital with injuries from fireworks.
- * If the bonfire gets out of hand make sure everyone leaves the area immediately and call the fire brigade.

If bonfires are being allowed they should be supervised by adults who should make sure that:

- * That bonfire is located away from buildings, trees and overhead cables.
- * Petrol or paraffin is not used to start the fire.
- * Rubbish which might contain bottles or aerosols is not thrown on to the fire.
- * The children do not play with burning fragments or stand too close to the fire.
- * The fire is kept under control.

Also parents should supervise 'trick or treating' by children at Halloween. Older people, especially those living alone, can find repeated knocks on their door after dark, bonfires and bangers disturbing and frightening.

Firework Top nine Safety Code for Adults

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the bonfire.

Here are the top nine safety tips for adults:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary.
4. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks except when ready to set one off.
5. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw away.

8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

Pets:

Animals do not like bonfires or fireworks. The flames and noise upsets them. They should always be kept safely indoors. Make sure that they can't get out through open windows and doors. It is best to keep the curtains closed too and it may be necessary to keep them indoors for several nights around October 31st.

Sparklers

These are often viewed as being harmless but they do burn at fierce temperatures. Sparklers should not be given to anyone under the age of five. To a young child, the heat from a sparkler is equivalent to the heat from a welding torch.

So - Safety rules for Sparklers:-

- * Never give to young children under the age of five;
- * Always wear gloves - with sparklers, preferably leather ones;
- * Hold it at arms length while an adult lights it for you;
- * Never wave it about near someone else as you could burn them;
- * Never hold a baby in your arms when you are holding a sparkler;
- * When the sparkler has finished, put it into a bucket of cold water straight away and leave it there.

Halloween night in recent years has become a problem for fire brigades and a particularly upsetting time for children and the elderly - all stemming from bonfires. Parents should know where their children are on Halloween night so that they cannot hurt themselves or cause annoyance to others.

Bonfires badly sited, inadequately controlled and fuelled by unsuitable materials cause approximately £50,000 of damage each year to public property not to mention the fear and anxiety to elderly people living nearby.

All of the above information was given to us by the National Safety Council.

For further information contact:-

*National Safety Council,
4 Northbrook Road,
Ranelagh,
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TOP TIPS FOR BETTER RETIREMENT

1. Look ahead : Be ready for retirement; think it all out well in advance; do a pre-retirement course.
2. Have a positive attitude; accept changes in lifestyle; look at the opportunities; get into a right frame of mind.
3. Put purpose in your life; a second career? Cultivate interests and hobbies - preferably with others.
4. Hold your independence; do things for yourself; keep your dignity; don't be patronised.
5. Keep physically active. Be fit for your age; get regular exercise; walk, swim.
6. Watch your health; eat and drink sensibly; no smoking; regular checks; keep well groomed.
7. Plan for security; save; is home now suitable? Reduce risks of accidents, fire or burglary. Make a will.
8. Enjoy your leisure - live by the calendar not the stop watch. Take holiday breaks. Exploit free travel.
9. Help others - start with spouse and family. Volunteer your services but don't be imposed upon.
10. Join an active retirement association. It will help you to have a happy retirement.

The active retirement movement aims to help older people have a full and active retirement by offering organised opportunities for a wide range of activities - holidays, outings and socials; creative and learning programmes; indoor and outdoor sports and community work.

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There are 4 more just such schools in Ireland: they are Killinarden Community School (Tallaght), Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis), Kilkenny College and St. Pauls College (Raheny).

The school will be involved in a European Project on self evaluation for the next 5-10 years.

The schools will be expected to evaluate where it is going as a teaching institution in this time period.

Maynooth Post Primary will have to meet with the other 4 Irish schools involved to decide on what mechanisms will need to be put in place for the project to be successful.

The schools will have to decide how to approach issues such as academic achievements, support for people with learning disabilities, social development, the schools link to home and the community among other issues.

Europe will then assess the schools development in these areas.

This project will be jointly funded by the EU and the Department of Education, though as yet, the exact allocation of funds has not been decided.

The Department of Education see this school self evaluation as being a school development planning project.

Maynooth Post Primary's acting principal Sean Ashe hopes that the school's achievement will place it in a better position with the Department of Education to obtain further physical and staffing facilities.

The school has more applications than there are placements in the school so hopefully this project will provide the school with a means of growing bigger if it isn't possible to grow better.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY

In mid November a group of young people from Maynooth will meet in Dublin with people from all over Ireland. They will have many memories to share of an unforgettable week last August.

On 17 August 1997 three teenage boys and three teenage girls left Maynooth to catch the ferry to Holyhead. They were joining about 400 other Irish on their way to World Youth Day in Paris. Bishop Brady the auxiliary for Dublin accompanied them. By one o'clock they were on one of the eight coaches taking them south to Dover where they got the ferry to Calais and then on to Paris. As they approached Paris they were given colour coded badges with name and country which they were to wear for the whole trip. Food vouchers were given to keep them sustained. Their French hosts awaited their arrival. They stayed with French families - the Larchers, Guittons and others. They were welcomed to the parish of Jean Baptist de la Salle.

Three hundred thousand other young people from all over the world were making their way to Paris. What a gathering at Port de Versailles. The heat was 30 but plenty of water was available. Nigerians, Australians, Italians, Americans, Irish and every nation under heaven were represented. English and school French were very useful. The badges showed where each person came from and were an instant ice-breaker.

The highlight of the visit was the Pope's visit to the assembled teenagers at Long Champ racecourse. The teenagers slept in their sleeping bags at the racecourse. They were each given a candle to light during the vigil. Andrea remembers the little dots of light everywhere. The Pope stayed with them until 10.30p.m. He baptised ten people. On the following morning he was back again at 9a.m. for Mass. The blessing by the Pope and the shouts of joy from the assembly are fond memories.

The Irish group were made to feel very welcome. Everywhere people noticed their badges. "Irish - we love Ireland" was heard so many times. 17 year old Truriane Guitton and all the others will long remember their Irish guests. When the delegates come together in Dublin this month they will relive moments that they were very privileged to share. Thanks to Nicola Conlon of Moyglare and University College Galway, Andrea Ennis, Fiona Hoare of Dowdstown, Pdraig and Michael Madden of Straffan Way and Declan O'Rourke of Kingsbry for reminding us of an unique event.

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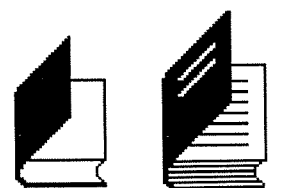
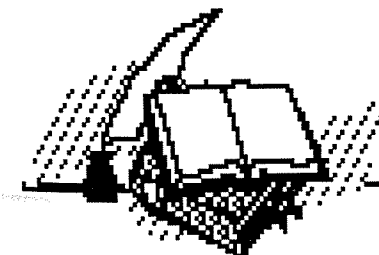
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National University of Ireland

At long last Maynooth receives the recognition it deserves. The Universities Act 1997 earlier this year made Maynooth a constituent University of the National University of Ireland. It now has equal status with Cork, Dublin and Galway as a constituent university of the Federal National University of Ireland structure.



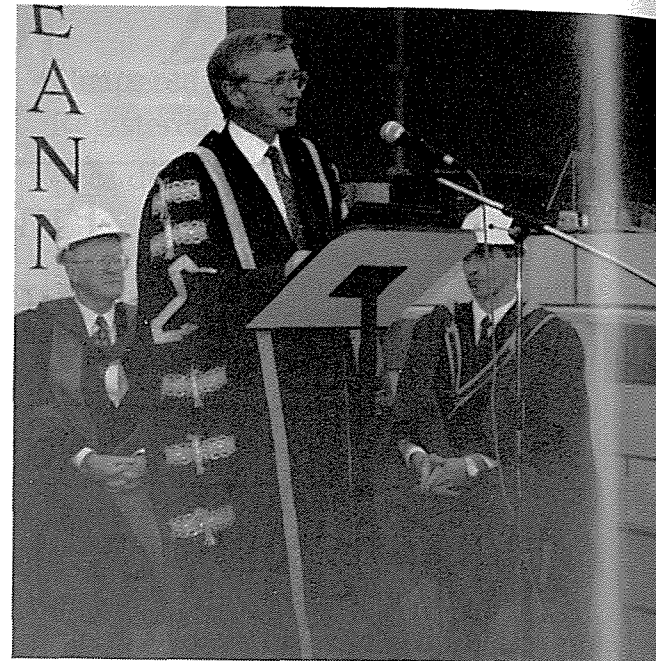
An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern at NUI Maynooth

The Taoiseach Mr. B. Ahern T.D., on Monday 13th October, laid the foundation stone of a new science building of National University of Ireland, Maynooth. It is being built at a cost of £9.6 million funded by a partnership of European Research Development Fund, the National Exchequer and University monies. Its purpose built laboratories and teaching spaces is on a par with the best on offer in European universities and will support 700 undergraduates and more than 50 postgraduates and postdoctoral researchers.

This has been brought about by the hard work of everybody involved in the College, especially the President, Staff and Students.

Three of the departments moving into the new building are Space Technology, headed by Professor Susan McKenna - Lawlor. Her research team and campus company, Space Research Ireland Ltd., produce hardware and software for space missions flown by the four major space agencies. Also Professor M. Quinn (Chemistry) and Professor J. Slevin (Experimental Physics) their research activities extend to Universities and Research Institutes in the USA, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy and the UK.

Part of the Taoiseach's address stated, "I would like to congratulate the President, Staff and Students of this fine institution without whose drive, dedication and commitment



President NUI Maynooth, Dr. W.J. Smyth.

the project would not have come to fruition. Developments here in Maynooth over the past few years have contributed greatly to the economic, social and cultural advancement of the whole country."

He also went on to say, "Ireland is now clearly a world leader in the field of higher education and we must take all

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steps necessary to make sure we retain that leading position."

Not forgetting the skill and hard work of the design team behind the project, the Taoiseach gave his, "Congratulations to the Architects, Moloney O'Beirne, Mechanical & Electrical Engineers, McArdle, McSweeney, the Structural Engineers, Michael Punch and Partners, Quantity Surveyors, B. Merry & Partners. The main contractor being P.J. Walls Ltd., who are an I.S.O. 9002 run company and wished them every success with the venture and commented on the high standard of safety used by this company in comparison with the old ways of running sites."

The President of N.U.I., Maynooth, Dr. W.J. Smyth said, "The university through its teaching programmes, research activities and campus companies is well poised to meet the needs of a rapidly growing Irish economy in which the provision of a highly educated workforce is seen as the principle ingredient of success."

On behalf of the people of Maynooth I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the N.U.I., Maynooth and wish them every success in the future and say we are proud to be a part of such an auspicious University.

MAYNOOTH POST - PRIMARY, TRANSITION YEAR HIKE.

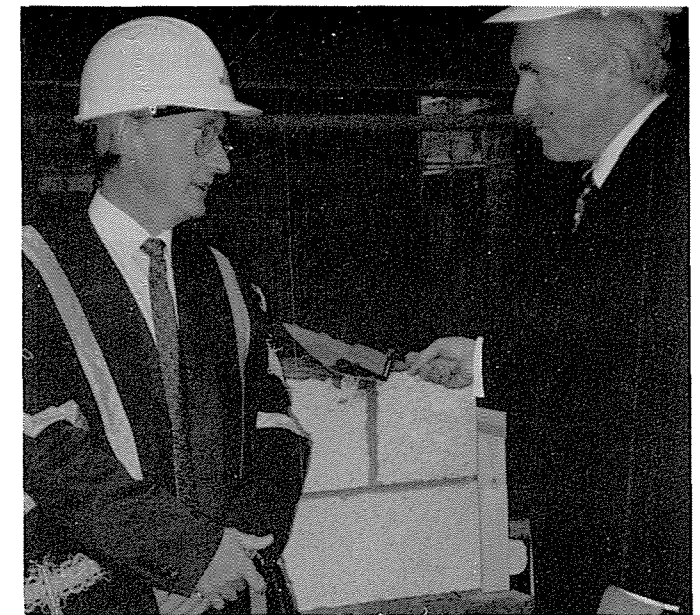
On Friday the 10th of October, the Transition year class of '97 set out on their annual hike up the Wicklow Mountains. Part of the hike took the class along the "Wicklow Way", but of course some detours were made - namely through forests, rivers and up steep mountain - sides! (These detours, we were assured by our teachers were all part of being out in the wilds of the Wicklow Mountains and all part of the fun.)

The night was spent in a youth hostel in Aughavannagh and by Saturday morning some were sore, some were tired, but all were willing to go on one more walk before heading back to Maynooth. We were accompanied on the hike by Mr. A. Dunne, Ms. L. Barry, Ms. Wafer, Ms. McLoughlin and Mr. J. McKeon (who was standing ready after each steep climb, to take photos of our pained expressions.)

Thankfully the rain stayed away for most of the weekend, but had it been around I doubt very much that the weekend would have been much different; everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and got thoroughly soaked to the skin anyway!

Hopefully the fun that was had on the Hike was what this years Transition Year will be all about.

CAPTION COMPETITION



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POST PRIMARY SHORT STORY COMPETITION

We are running a Short Story Competition for the Maynooth Post Primary School.

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- (b) The Senior Section i.e. Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Years.

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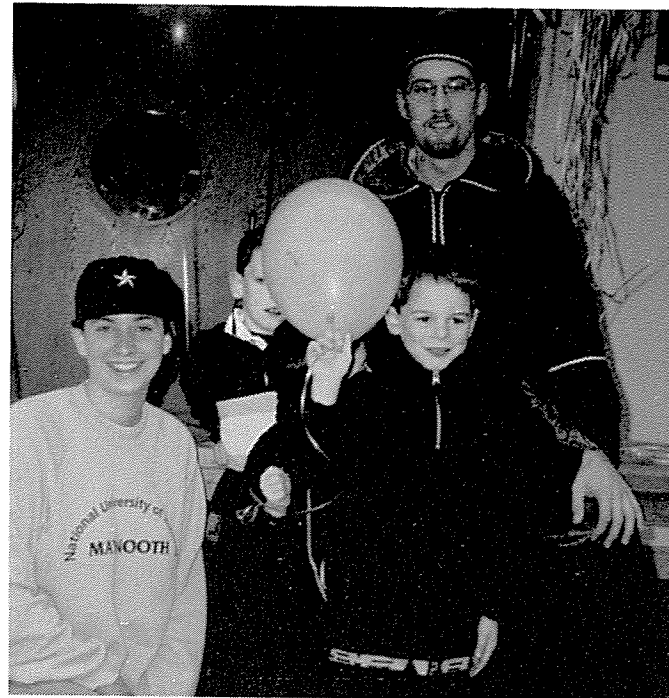
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FAMILY DAY NUI

On Saturday, the 11th October 1997, a Family Day was held in N.U.I. Maynooth to celebrate its new University status.

This afternoon of family fun was part of a week long series of events and was an expression of thanks to the local community for their support in the past.

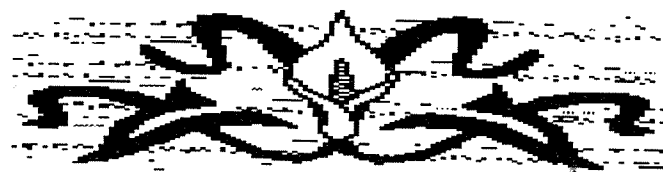


Enjoying the Family Day at NUI.

Despite the inclement weather, every child from Maynooth and the surrounding area seemed to be there. The dungeon throbbed to the sound of disco music where characters on stilts discoed with the children, many of whom had multicoloured painted faces. Nearby, crowds queued for free refreshments.

In the sports hall, dance aerobics were in full swing while at the other side of the hall, penalty taking was very popular. Meanwhile, Mickey Mouse and friends mingled with the crowds. In the dome behind the sports complex there were long queues for the bouncy castle and the bungee run.

At the end of the afternoon, there were many happy and exhausted children reluctantly returning home, carrying their balloons. Overall, a great day was had by all.



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KELT, the Leader 11 company for County Kildare, is hosting a series of informal clinics in your local area. Details for the Leixlip/Celbridge/Maynooth Area are as follows:

Celbridge Tuesday 21st October.
Venue Celbridge Abbey.

Maynooth Tuesday 4th November.
Venue Glenroyal Hotel.

Clinics will be held from 10am - 12 noon and 4pm - 7pm each day.

This notification represents an open invitation to come and meet us at the venue that is most convenient for you. No appointments or prior arrangements are necessary - just come and meet us.

Our staff will advise you on the range of supports including grants that are available under the Leader 11 Programme.



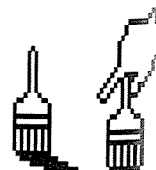
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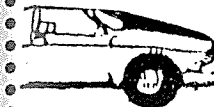
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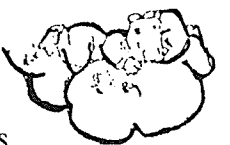


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Within the good Lord nothing wrong
And to fellow man gave your heart
A world figure of high esteem
A humanitarian your nature be
Now you have died seems like a dream
And the whole world remember thee

Hounded by the press you suffered so
Almost taken away your peace of mind
Despite this dilemma around you
The prettiest one could find
Farewell Diana I have to say
You suffered your share well
On this mournful time we pray
Within God your soul closely dwell

In a horrific crash you soon died
Many who loved you feel the loss
All over the world wide
Know you are of a good cause
A heart of gold you bestow
A talented Lady in many ways
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But your memory forever stays.

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MAYNOOTH MAN WALKS IN ARGENTINA

Maynooth man Jimmy Mee from the Moyglare Road, left for Argentina on Wednesday, 8th October. Jimmy and 43 others have undertaken the daunting task of walking 140 miles over a 2 week period in sweltering conditions.

Jimmy is no stranger to the fund-raising scene having walked in 16 charity walks throughout various parts of the world including Australia and the United States.

The charities that Jimmy has walked in aid of to date are the National Council for the Blind, Rehab, and he has also walked in aid of Kidney Research and heart transplants for babies. Jimmy has raised £3,250 for the Irish Heart Foundation.

He has certainly been a great asset in fund-raising for various charitable organisations throughout the past 18 years. Here's to future success for Jimmy and his good works. Well done!

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THE VARIATION IN PRICE BETWEEN FRESH & FROZEN VEGETABLES!

On comparing the price of fresh vegetables to frozen vegetables it was immediately clear that fresh vegetables are far cheaper than their frozen counterparts. In most cases the frozen variety are twice as dear as the fresh.

Fresh is cheaper and better for you and costs much less so why do so many of us opt for the more expensive and not so healthy alternative of frozen foods?

Well the answer is simple, its just that frozen is by far more convenient. You also save on actual cooking time even though you lose on money. Obviously for a vast number of people time is more precious than the pound but for those who believe in being economical read on.

Below is a comparison between the prices of fresh vegetables and frozen vegetables per kilogram.

Vegetables	Fresh	Frozen
Carrots	89p/kg	£2.20/kg
Cauliflower	69p/kg	£2.64/kg
Garden Beans	99p/packet	£2.78/kg
Sweetcorn	99p/packet of 2	£3.30/kg
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Maybe this is worth a thought!

What the People Say!

Of course by now we are all aware of the 5p rise in the price of alcohol. This means nothing to a lot of people but to others it is definitely worth a thought. We decided to ask opinions on this matter from both the public and the publicans of Maynooth.

Paddy, the Manager of the Roost said that in his opinion if you can already afford to drink at previous prices a 5p rise won't make much of a difference.

Des Hegarty, the manager of the Leinster Arms said "that if the brewery keep putting up the price of the pint they are cutting off their nose to spite their face because at the end of the day this increase is not down to the publican but to the brewery". He explained that publicans have been forced into rising the price of the pint as a result of the brewery upping the price of their kegs by £4.40. A keg of beer will contain 88 pints so the price of each pint must go up by 5p to reimburse the publican as he still has to pay his tax to the Government among the other bills he must pay.

Noel Brady, owner of Brady's said "The distillers have been allowed this increase and VAT so the publican has to raise his price to keep his profit margin in line".

Now we'll take a look at some of the customers views!

Ted Connolly said "once they don't stop making it I don't mind".

Gerry McNamara said "a pint should never go over £2 as its the extra 5p that breaks another £1."

Maureen Kelly said "its terrible and disgraceful".

Noel Kenny said "basically this means you can no longer get 5 pints for a tenner and that's sad".

The Camel, a regular of the Roost said he is going to give up drinking.

Many other customers who preferred to remain anonymous have just said "Who Cares? Once it has happened no one will care."

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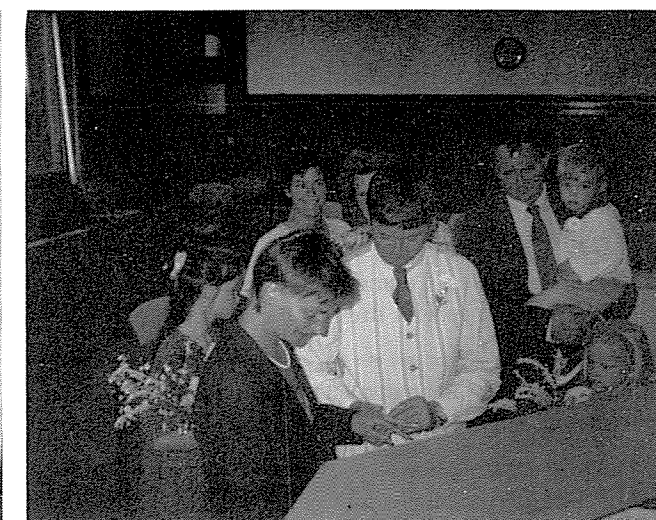
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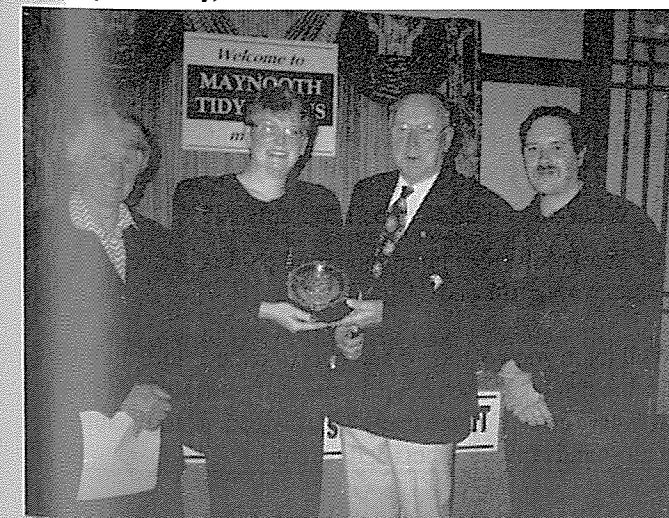
Congratulations to Keith and Bernie Walshe who recently married in Chicago.



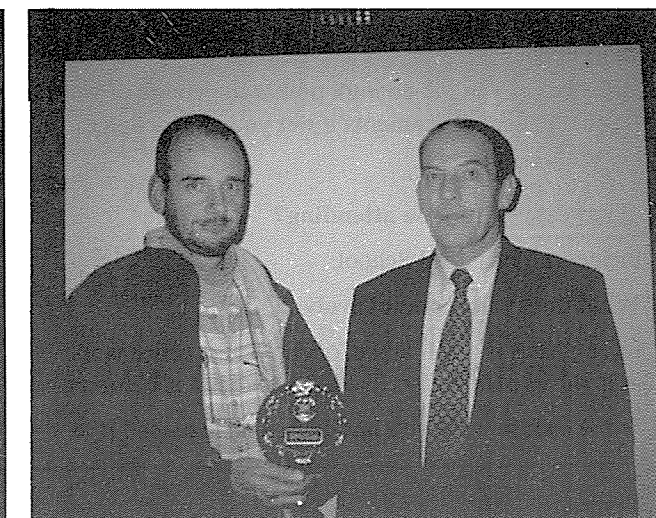
David Stynes, son of Michael and Madeleine Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth, Co. Kildare and Yvonne Appleby, daughter of Irene and the late Ivor Appleby, Bishops Island, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork, who were married recently in Fermoy, Co. Cork.



Vandalism in Kingsbry.



Rockfield Residents receiving their Winning Trophy.
L-R Sr. Mary Anne Stafford, Miriam Aherne, Bob Reilly, Chairman Tidy Towns & Michael O'Brien.



Kevin Freeney receiving the award in the Best Estates Competition, won by Parson St./Lodge/Court with Tom McMullon, Chairman, Maynooth Community Council.

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COLLEGE DAYS

The leap from secondary to third level education is quite a big step. Well I hear you ask; whats it all about? Who else is better to tell you than those who have experienced it first hand? Here are three students who have just started their college courses. So is it really as nailbitingly scary as its made out to be? We're about to reveal all!

Name: Gavin Paisley, Celbridge.

Q. Were you happy with the results you achieved in your leaving certificate?

A. Yeah I was very happy with them I honestly didn't think I'd do as well as I did.

Q. Did you get the points you needed to achieve your first preference placing in college?

A. Yeah!

Q. What college are you presently attending?

A. Kylemore College, Ballyfermot.

Q. What is the emphasis of the course, what does it involve?

A. It involves sound technology. We reproduce live sounds or recordings and we become acquainted with all aspects of the media.

Q. What motivates you in your course?

A. I've always enjoyed playing music, now I get an all round knowledge of the music industry and how to professionally record my own work.

Q. What would you usually do to relax after a day / week in college?

A. I've played the guitar for the last two years so we go to "the studio" and practice with our band. "The studio" is quite relaxed and has a really good ambience.

Name: Gerard Aherne, Leixlip.

Q. Were you happy with the results you achieved in your leaving certificate?

A. No, I didn't do as well as I had hoped.

Q. Did you get you get enough points to get one of your preferable college placements if not your first choice?

A. Yeah, my first choice.

Q. What college are you attending?

A. Inchicore Vocational School.

Q. What does your course involve?

A. Its emphasis is on all aspect of computers office work and it involves extra things like legal studies and German.

Q. Is the course what you had hoped or expected it to be?

A. Yes.

Q. Is your course a degree or diploma course?

A. It involves N.C.V.A., City and Guilds and computer driving licence.

Q. Er.... Computer Driving Licence? That a new one on me whats that all about?

A. It was introduced by the E.U. and it basically means that you are qualified to use any computer.

Q. What do you hope to achieve with your third level education behind you when you leave college?

A. Well most jobs these days involve some knowledge of computers, that the reason I chose this course, so I have a selection to choose from when it comes to the time.

Q. What do you do to relax after a day / week in college?

A. Smoke! Socialise, and hang around with my mates.

Name: Cyril Baxter, Leixlip.

Q. Were you happy with the results you achieved in your leaving cert?

A. Yeah!

Q. Did you think you would do as well as you did?

A. No.

Q. Did you manage to get your preference placement in college?

A. Yeah!

Q. What College do you attend?

A. D.I.T. Singer Street.

Q. Is your course what you had expected?

A. Kind of, I hadn't expected the bit on management.

Q. Is your course a degree or diploma course?

A. Degree.

Q. What do you want to do with your third level education?

A. Be famous - I'm going to leave after about two years and get a record deal

Q. What motivates you in your course?

A. The beer promotions organised by the Students Union oh, and there's pool tables down stairs. I'm only going to college because my parents wanted me to.

Q. What do you do to relax after college?

A.. Avail of the beer promotions and pool tables, and rush home to my girlfriend.

Well there you go, the ins and outs of college life! Between lectures, going to the pub, partying and generally socialising in every form. College doesn't really seem as frightening as it all sounds from teachers and parents.

Eh... 'ang on lads when do you get time to study??!



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Video Review

Romeo and Juliet (12's)

Every so often, a film comes along that just seems to sneak up on you quietly, and then leaves you totally gob-smacked. This is such a film. I mean, after all, Shakespeare in modern day California can't possibly work, it's sacrilege! The Bard would turn over in his grave! However, if you think that you'd be completely wrong. Yes, it's lavish, the way only celluloid can be. Yes, it's risqué but Shakespeare's writing was always full of nuances and innuendo.

Everybody is acquainted with the story of the young star-crossed lovers from rival families, so I won't bore you with going over the plot. Suffice to say that Leonardo De Caprio as Romeo, and Claire Danes as Juliet, are absolutely perfectly cast. The original text has been strictly adhered to, so nothing of the power of the plot is lost. Direction and photography is first rate and would be very difficult to improve upon. This is Shakespeare's finest tragedy, and very few who see it could fail to be moved by it. This movie is definitely destined to be a true classic of the cinema. What more can I say?

Verdict: Unmissable!

The English Patient (15's)

This is the opposite end of the cinematic scale - a big, lavish movie full of ...nothing. It's a beautifully shot, beautifully directed epic, which is guaranteed to bore the pants off you! Ralph Fiennes puts in a sterling performance as the badly burned stranger being cared for by nurse Juliette Binoche in North Africa, during the Second World War.

Of course they fall in love, but things aren't all they seem to be. Or are they? Is good old Ralph a spy or isn't he? Will the pair live happily ever after or not? When he recovers, will they part, never to see each other again? Do you really give a toss?

This is a film that would have been far better as a play on BBC 2. At least then, you could have switched channels and watched something more enjoyable like Prisoner-Cell Block H.

This movie is over two and a half hours long, and will keep you hanging on to the edge of your seat, in case you fall off in your sleep. It's a tribute to the power of publicity how it managed to walk off with so many Oscars.

Verdict: Bo-ring!!

Space Truckers (12's)

It's the year 2094, and Dennis Hopper is the cynical old freight pilot transporting an unknown cargo bound for Earth. His space team is Debi Mazar, the girl of his dreams, and Stephen Dorff, his reckless young sidekick. When they

discover that the cargo is actually an army of killer robots, hell-bent on taking over the world, the fun and excitement really starts.

This film is total ham and cheese, and doesn't pretend to be anything else. It's just great craic! The cast, including cameo performances from Charles Dance and George Wendt, are deliciously over the top. The movie was filmed mostly in Ardmore Studios in Bray, and failed to make any kind of impact at the box-office. Which is a pity because, taken at face value, it's a very good film - full of good, clean, nonsensical fun. And it doesn't take itself in the least bit seriously.

If you've been wiped out by Romeo and Juliet, and your (English) Patient's wearing a bit thin, this is just the bit of escapism for you!

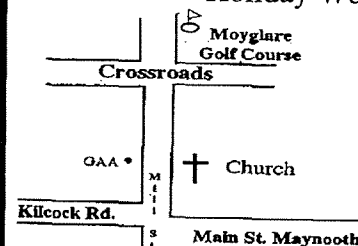
Verdict: Excellent - a great laugh!

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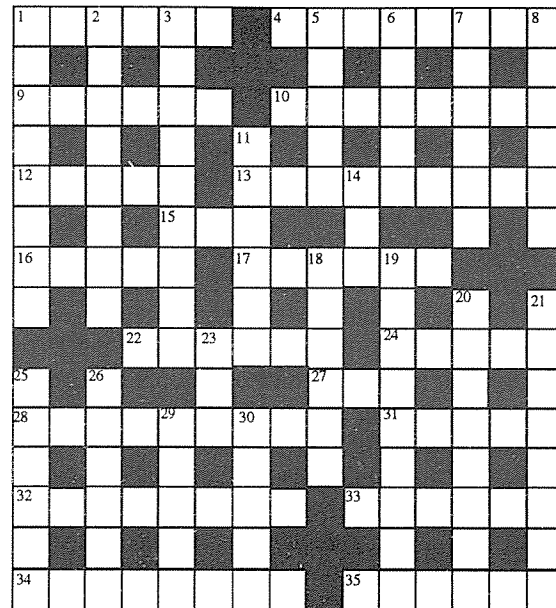
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1. Organ (6)
4. Period in the park? (8)
9. Encroach (6)
10. Set free (8)
12. Propeller blade (5)
13. Cloth design (9)
15. Snake (3)
16. Protective clothing (5)
17. Covered avenue (6)
22. Population count (6)
24. Abate (5)
27. Gardening tool (3)
28. Gut (9)
31. Class (5)
32. Transaction (8)
33. Underling (6)
34. Signal (8)
35. Indian region (6)

Down:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Motorway access (8) | 18. Edible nut (6) |
| 2. W.C. (8) | 19. Order (9) |
| 3. Stamina (9) | 20. Approval (8) |
| 5. Merger (5) | 21. Outside (8) |
| 6. Deflect (5) | 23. Fool (3) |
| 7. Stationery (6) | 25. Snag (6) |
| 8. Smart (6) | 26. Limits (6) |
| 11. Horrifies (6) | 29. Dried grain*stalk |
| 14. Ocean (3) | 30. Bring upon (5) |



Apologies to Patrick Healy, 8 Leinster Park, Maynooth, winner of Crossword No. 117 for omitting his photograph from the October Newsletter.



The Winner of Crossword No. 118
Mary Callaghan, 145 Kingsbry, Maynooth
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Solution to Crossword No. 119:

Across: 1. Impish; 4. Springer; 9. Trepan; 10. Grievous; 12. Glade; 13. Omelettes; 15. Nub; 16. Among; 17. Bereft; 22. Orates; 24. Ahaft; 27. Hag; 28. Reprobate; 31. Range; 32. Universe; 33. Entice; 34. Entrains; 35. Cereal.

Down: 1. Integral; 2. Predator; 3. Scavenger; 5. Purge; 6. Irene; 7. Ghosts; 8. Resist; 11. Hobbit; 14. Lee; 18. Rasher; 19. Fragrance; 20. Jaundice; 21. Ethereal; 23. Alb; 25. Grouse; 26. Splint; 29. Omega; 30. Arson.

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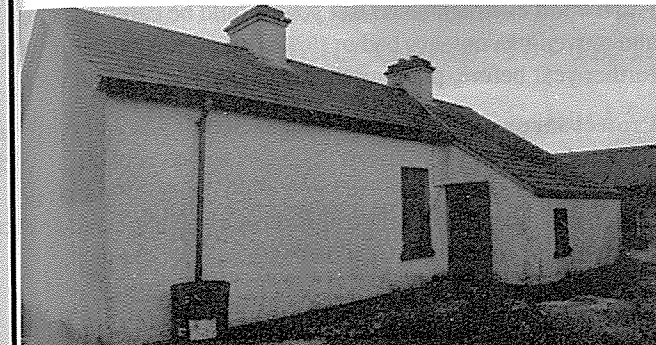
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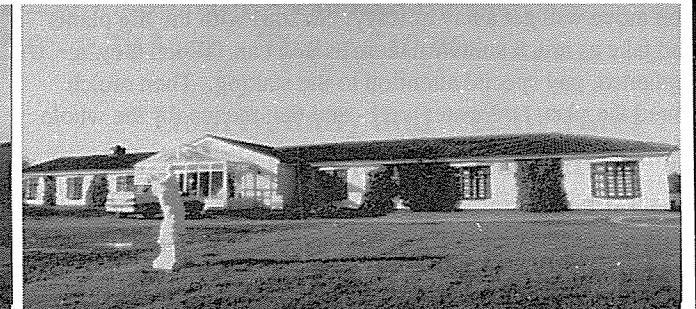
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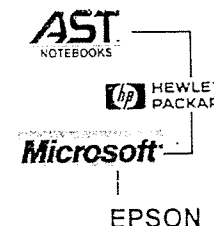
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Gardening Hints



Some Gardeners say that this is the end of the season, but really it should be looked upon as the beginning. There's no doubt that work done now will lay the foundations for a great garden next season.

Get the digging done, have a really good clean-up, order your seeds, finish new plantings where you can and, above all, go round the borders and correct your mistakes. We all make them and now's the time to put them right.

There's still all the summer's warmth in the soil, so plants that you move will get away quickly. So start with the big plants and take as much soil with them as you can. When they're replanted, pay special attention to the staking. Then mulch round the plant and water well - and that means for the whole of next season too.

General Tasks

Bird boxes should be cleaned of old nesting material which can harbour parasites. Wash them out with boiling water and repair them if necessary. Do this job well before late winter, when some birds will already be prospecting for nest sites.

Borders can be weeded and tidied at any time through the winter, so long as the soil is dry enough not to stick to your boots. Cut back the dead stems of perennials, chop them up and add them to the compost heap. Rake fallen leaves off plants, and either collect them to make leafmould or leave them on bare ground to rot down. Dig up and compost annual weeds, but burn or throw away the roots of perennial ones.

Protect delicate plants that can suffer in frosty weather, like cistus, fuchsias and penstemons, by tucking bracken or straw around their bases. Don't use peat or compost as these materials hold water and rot the plant.

Hedgehogs and toads often crawl into heaps of garden rubbish, particularly leaves, to hibernate for the winter, so check bonfires before setting fire to them. Hedgehogs tend to hibernate in compost heaps, so take a little care as you fork out the compost or turn it. When you're building a new heap, make a deluxe hedgehog home at the bottom: use an old washing-up bowl turned upside-down with a hole cut in the side and, leading from this, a piece of old drainpipe as an entrance tunnel.

BULBS

Nerines and other slightly tender, bulbous plants like *Agapanthus* that remain in the ground all winter benefit from a thick mulch of straw or bark in colder areas. Most spring-flowering bulbs should have been planted by now, though tulips can go in up to the end of the month. Late planting also has the advantage of generally avoiding the disease tulip fire.

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS AND ALPINES

Alpines with woolly or fleshy leaves dislike winter wet. Cover them with a small cloche or a pane of glass to keep off the worst of the rain. *Lewisia*s really benefit from protection as they detest water lying in their rosettes of leaves - planting them at an angle also helps to prevent waterlogging. Christmas rose (*Helleborus niger*) also benefits from protection.

SHRUBS

Hardwood cuttings taken last year should be carefully lifted and moved to a nursery bed or potted up. Grow them on for a further year before, planting them out into well-prepared soil.

Protect shrubs from winter damage. Stake or tie in evergreen shrubs if necessary to prevent them from wind-rocking. Check the ties on all plants are secure and in no danger of rubbing. Mulch rhododendrons with chipped bark or compost to protect their shallow roots from frost damage.

CHECKLIST

- Continue taking hardwood cuttings of shrubs and fruit bushes.
- Inspect potted bulbs regularly and water sparingly if necessary.
- Feed flowering pot plants weekly with a liquid fertilizer.
- Plant spring bedding and winter pansies by the end of the month.
- Lift and store dahlia tubers as soon as possible.
- Twist off dead indoor cyclamen leaves and flowers where they join the corm: remaining pieces of stem can cause it to rot.
- Pinch out the tips of autumn-sown sweet peas when they're about 10 cm (4 in) high.
- Check that tree ties are securely fitted and in no danger of rubbing.
- Put guards round young trees if there's any danger of rabbit or deer damage.
- Give wild-flower meadows a final cut so that the spring flowers can be seen at their best.
- Drain hosepipes, roll them up and store under cover.
- Lag outdoor pipes and taps to prevent them freezing, drain them if possible.
- Order seed catalogues.
- Clean pots and seedtrays with hot water and disinfectant, ready for next spring.
- Plant garlic by the end of the month.
- Force seakale either indoors or outdoors.
- Lift and force witloof chicory.
- Check stored fruit and vegetables; throw out any showing signs of rot.
- Net brussels and cabbage to protect them from birds.
- Prune bush apple and pear trees, and black currants.
- Stop feeding fish as they'll live off their reserves for the winter months.

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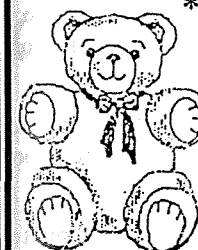
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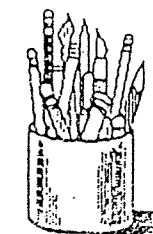


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3 onions, sliced
4 x 175g/6oz chicken breasts, cubed
1.5ml/¼ tsp of ground cloves
5 green cardamom pods, seeds ground
1.5ml/¼ tsp of hot chilli powder
5ml/1 tsp of ground cumin
5ml/1 tsp of ground coriander
2.5ml/½ tsp ground black pepper
3 garlic cloves chopped
5ml/1 tsp finely chopped fresh root ginger
juice of 1 lemon
4 tomatoes, sliced
30ml/2tbsp chopped fresh coriander
150ml/⅓ pint/⅔ cup natural yogurt
4-5 saffron strands soaked in
10ml 2tsp hot milk/45ml/3tbsp toasted flaked almonds

& fresh coriander sprigs to garnish
serve with natural yogurt

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190° C/375°F/Gas 5. Bring a large pan of water to the boil and add the rice, salt, whole cardamom pods, cloves and cinnamon stick. Boil for 2 minutes then drain, leaving the whole spices in the rice.
2. Heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions for 8 minutes, until browned and softened. Add the chicken, followed by all the ground spices, the garlic, ginger and lemon juice. Stir-fry for 5 minutes.
3. Transfer the chicken mixture to an ovenproof casserole and lay the tomatoes on top. Sprinkle on the fresh coriander, spoon over the yogurt and top with the drained rice.
4. Drizzle the saffron milk over the rice and pour over about 150ml/⅓ pint/⅔ cup of water.
5. Cover tightly and bake in the oven for 1 hour. Transfer to a warmed serving platter and remove the whole spices from the rice. Garnish with toasted almonds and fresh coriander sprigs and serve with natural yogurt.

Tomato and Pumpkin Soup

Serves 4 - 6

1 lb (500g) pumpkin, peeled and diced
8oz (250g) tomatoes, skinned and roughly chopped
2 leeks, trimmed and sliced
1 ½ pints (900ml) chicken or vegetable stock
4 tablespoons tomato puree
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Salt and ground black pepper
Grilled bacon bits, to garnish, optional

Put all the ingredients, except for the bacon bits, in a large pan. Bring to the boil, then half-cover and simmer for 30 minutes until the vegetables are soft. Purée in a food processor, but don't make soup too smooth. Spoon into soup bowls and garnish with bacon bits, if liked.

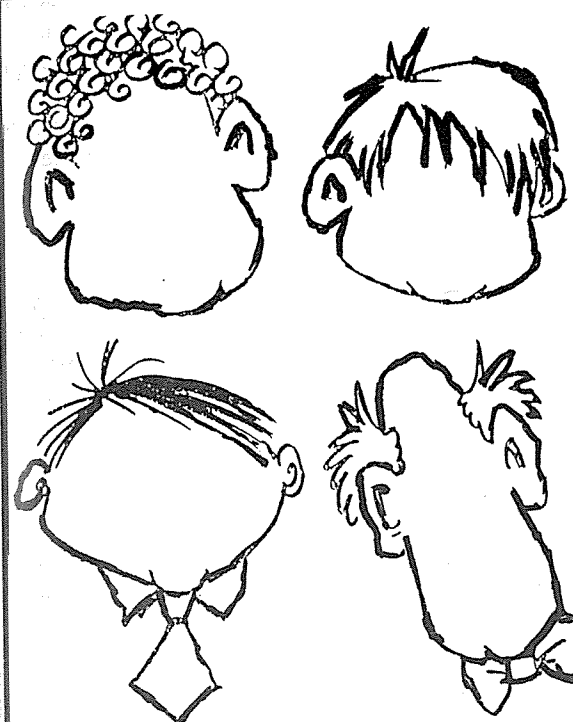
Orange Rice Pudding

Serves 4

50g/2oz/4tbsp short grain pudding rice
600ml/1 pint/2½ cups milk
30-45ml/2-3 tbsp clear honey
finely grated rind of ½ small orange
150ml/⅓ pint/⅔ cup double cream
15ml/1 tbsp chopped pistachios, toasted

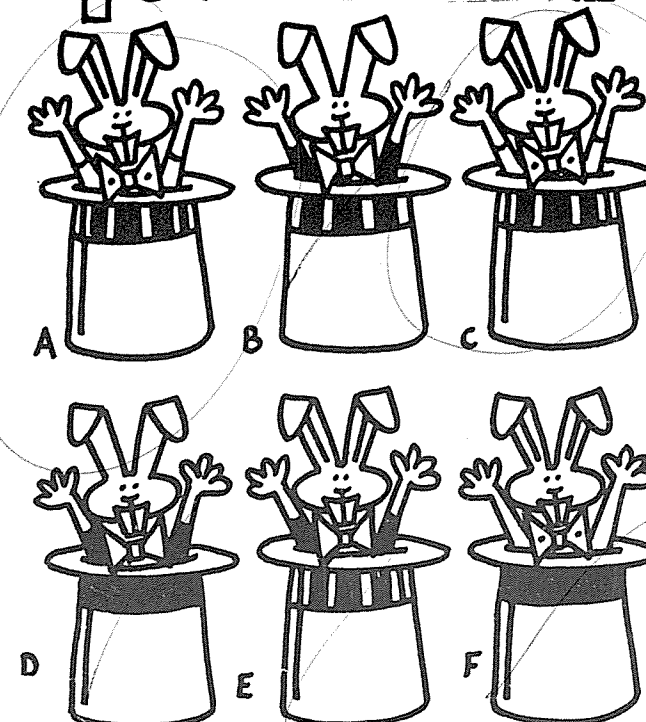
1. Mix the rice with the milk, honey and orange rind in a saucepan.
2. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat, cover and simmer very gently for about 1 ¼ hours, stirring regularly.
3. Remove the lid and continue cooking and stirring for about 15-20 minutes, until the rice is creamy.
4. Pour in the cream and simmer for 5-8 minutes longer. Serve the rice sprinkled with the pistachios in individual warmed bowls.

Children's Corner

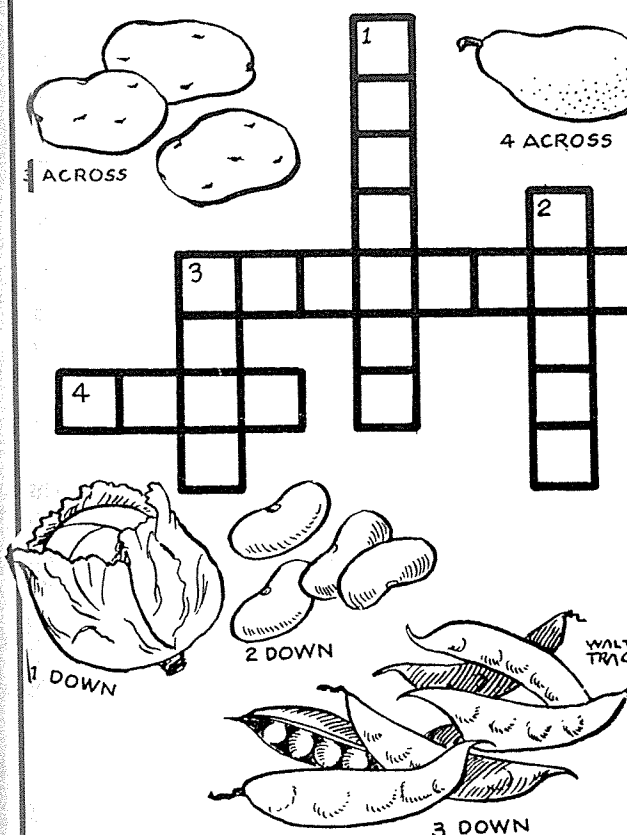


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FINE GAEL NOTES

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to use the mechanical sweeper to carry out regular sweeping of the approach roads to Maynooth, as well as the Main Street. This should be done at least once every three weeks.

Over the past number of months, Cllr. Senan Griffin has pursued KCC into allocating private sites for those people earning up to £14,000 per annum. The County Council has now agreed to allocate eight sites in Leixlip with the prospect of more coming on line in the future. It is the intention of Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin to work towards making similar sites available here in Maynooth, and in other towns throughout the county so that those in the £14,000 or less income bracket have an opportunity to build and own their own home. The local branch of Fine Gael wish to express their deep appreciation to all those who contributed to their recent collection. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to remove the mound of topsoil / subsoil which is placed along the roadside at the Boy's National School on the Kilcock Rd., and to replace it with a proper tarmac finish, so that adequate and safer car parking can be made available to those parents who have to drop off their school children at this juncture. Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin have also requested that KCC provide the flashing warning lights as previously agreed, so that the Moyglare Rd. is made safer for all school - going children.

Bond Bridge:

The problems of Bond Bridge are well documented. Both Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin are actively pursuing Kildare County Council to ensure that the funding required from the Dept. of the Environment is made available regardless, be it in the form of a loan to the Council or a direct subvention. This bridge is a life or death issue, and simply cannot be neglected any further.

Town Improvement:

It should be noted that the Town Improvement Scheme to the Main Street is due to commence during November. The undergrounding of services and improved footpaths will be most welcome, however it will undoubtedly cause major disruption to traffic along the Main Street.

Barrockstown Waste Facility:

It is the policy of Maynooth Branch Fine Gael to oppose this proposal on a number of grounds. Both Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin have lodged objections to Meath County Council and are delighted to learn that planning permission has been refused. It is vital that all residents of the area lodge an objection to any further proposals for this site.

Mast at the Garda Station:

The Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council agreed unanimously to recommend rejection of the proposal to erect a 100ft mast at the Garda Barracks in Maynooth. The main worry about this proposal is that An Bord Pleanála has been granting planning permission for such masts on a large scale throughout the country, and as a result of this, the Committee has asked the County Manager to take up the issue with the Minister for the Environment.

Silken Vale:

Cllr. Senan Griffin's following motion re Silken Vale was adopted by the Area Committee of Kildare County Council: "That Kildare County Council agreed to give favourable consideration to an application from the developer for the retention of Silken Vale estate as presently set out. This to exclude the provision of the proposed footbridge across the railway line and the proposed pedestrian access onto Greenfield Lane, subject to completing the estate and providing funds equal to the current cost of the footbridge, and that these funds would be available towards repairs to the existing footbridge across the canal."

County Development Plan

Kildare County Council has failed to gain an extension of time for the 1984 County Development Plan. The Minister for the Environment has rejected the current strategy and has requested that it be amended.

It is with concern that Cllr. Senan Griffin, the local Fine Gael Councillor read in the Labour Party Notes that he himself was involved in a "Con Job" in adopting the current strategy. In a statement to the local Fine Gael Branch, Cllr. Griffin outlined the exact position of his role. He also stated that he has always been upfront in all his actions about the Development Plan, which is in total contrast with those of the Labour Party. Cllr. Griffin also stated that Labour Party Councillors proposed a total of 225 acres of land for rezoning in Maynooth - this is a reality, despite the fact that the Labour Party stated during the last General Election that they, *and they alone*, were the sole voice against what they claim as excessive rezoning.

Re Carton Avenue:

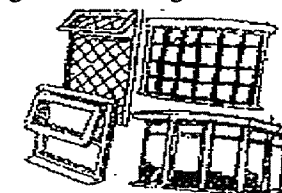
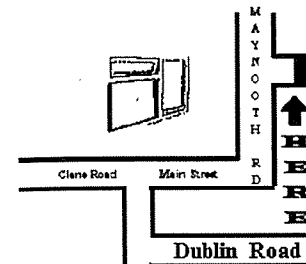
The people of Maynooth should look at the development at Pebble Hill and Lyreen Park at the edge of Carton Avenue. Both of these developments were proposed by the Labour Party, as was the development of Carton Demense. It seems as though zoning, when proposed by the Labour Party, is deemed permissible, but if any other person, or group of persons proposed any other zoning, they are then castigated by them as being "excessive rezoners" and called "Con - Men".

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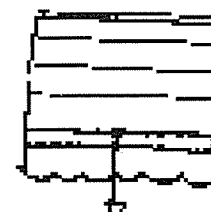
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THE LABOUR PARTY NOTES

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A special meeting of Kildare Co. Council is being held on the 23rd October to discuss what to do as a result of successive Ministers rejecting the proposals of the majority of Councillors on Kildare Co. Council.

Labour Councillors will propose that we start from scratch and that any rezoning is in line with good planning and reflects the view of the public.

BOND BRIDGE

The proposal that Kildare Co. Council takes out a loan to complete the new bridge is on the agenda for the Councils monthly meeting on the 20th October. It was included on the agenda for September's meeting but was not reached. There are two main reasons why Councillors from outside the area should have no problem supporting the motion:

1. It does not take away money from elsewhere in the County.
2. The County Manager has stated that the loan should be paid back from Special Development Levies over four years.

THORNTON PLANNING APPLICATION

An application for planning permission for a waste recycling facility at Barrockstown, has been lodged with Meath Co. Council by Mr. P. Thornton.

Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John Mc Ginley have lodged objections to the application on the following grounds.

1. It is inappropriate to locate such a facility in a rural area. There are adequate lands zoned for industrial use in Co. Meath which would be more appropriate for such a facility.
2. The facility will cause a noise nuisance which will seriously injure the amenities of the residents of the area.
3. There is a serious danger that leakage from the process will pollute the ground water in the area.
4. The extra traffic generated by such a development would cause a traffic hazard.

Essentially locating such a facility in this agricultural area would be madness.

LITTER LOUITS

North Kildare Auctioneers persist in putting up illegal 'houses for sale' signs despite being told not to do so by the Council. At the Celbridge Area Committee meeting on

October 9th, Cllr. John McGinley recommended that Kildare Co. Council follow the example of Dublin Local Authorities by taking down signs and charging the offending Auctioneers for holding them. The County Secretary promised positive action on this problem.

STRAFFAN ROAD LANDSCAPING

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has sought a full report and action plan on the extraordinary waste of tax payers money. He advised the County Secretary that of 63 staked trees planted on Straffan Way, 32 are dead. The success rate has been no better in all the other areas along the road with more weeds than trees or shrubs.

PUBLIC CAR PARK

Emmet Stagg T.D. has requested the Co. Engineer to put bollards in place at the exit onto Doctors Lane near the E.S.B. sub station. a number of cars have used this pedestrian way to exit and enter the Car Park thus causing a danger to pedestrians.

NEW PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS - STRAFFAN ROAD

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has requested the engineers to position the new pedestrian lights close to the exit from the railway station on the Old Greenfield side. The engineers had proposed to locate the lights at the Glenroyal Entrance. A definite location will be agreed at the next meeting of the Area Committee on the 31st October.

CLOSING OFF DOCTORS LANE

The County Secretary stated at the last meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee that he saw no reason why procedures should not be put in place for the closure of Doctors Lane to vehicular traffic at the Dublin Road end. A decision will be made at the next Area Committee meeting when the relevant engineer will present a report.

MAYNOOTH PARKING BYE LAWS

Cllr. John McGinley told the County Secretary at the last area meeting to put these Bye Laws on public display in the library immediately.

POUND LANE/DOUBLE LANE

Arising from complaints from residents of the area Emmet Stagg T.D. has requested the Gardai to pay particular attention to cars illegally entering the Lyreen Area from Convent Lane and Mill Street.

NO LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

There is no land in Maynooth for public housing and in order to rectify this matter Cllr. John Mc Ginley has tabled the following motion for consideration by the Area Committee.

'That land be purchased in Maynooth for housing as a matter of urgency'

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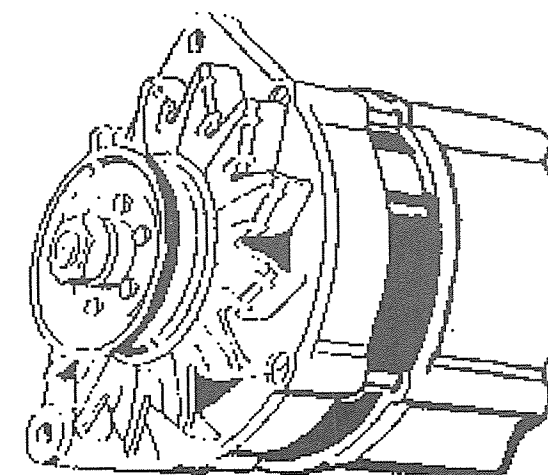
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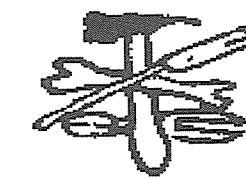
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MOYGLARE VILLAGE BOUNDARY

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion to the Celbridge Area Committee.

'That the developer having removed the original boundary illegally, be asked to provide a boundary wall between Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road in the interests of safety'

DUNBOYNE ROAD/CONVENT LANE

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion to the area committee.

'That a weight limit be imposed on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, as the "No Lorries" signs have not worked'.

PARKING LORRIES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND ESTATES

Up to the 1st October the Gardai had responsibility for enforcing the law in relation to the parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. There continues to be considerable problems for residents caused by such illegal parking. Kildare Co. Council now has responsibility for designating areas where commercial vehicles can not be parked. Cllr. John Mc Ginley has therefore submitted the following motion for consideration by the full Council.

'That the necessary steps be taken by this Council to enforce the law preventing the parking of commercial vehicles in housing estates'

MAYNOOTH SIGN ON LEIXLIP ROAD

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has asked the County Engineer to put this sign back in place. It was removed by the Council two years ago.

PARSON STREET

Telecom Eireann's contractors Rilmount have made a complete mess of Parson Street as a result of cable laying.

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has asked the County Engineer to ensure that proper reinstatement is carried out. He has also asked him to complete the traffic calming measures that were agreed for Parson Street over a year ago.

FAGAN'S LANE PUBLIC LIGHT

Emmet Stagg T.D. has requested Kildare Co. Council to provide additional public lights on Fagans Lane. At present there are no lights between Main Street and the Band Hall.



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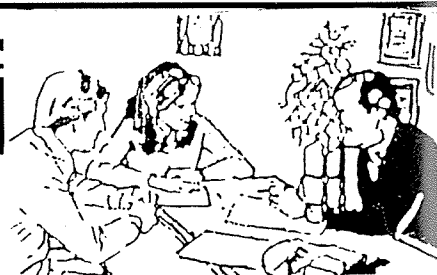
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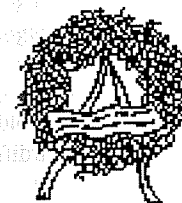
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The season continues to roll along at a nice pace with Senior Results being most encouraging. The Saturday team in particular are having a very impressive spell of late. Having lost their opening game in the league they have now remained unbeaten to date. The Sunday team remain unbeaten in the major division but a number of draws see them trail the leaders by a few points.

Recent Results

Maynooth Town 3 Cardiff F.C. 1

Maynooth went behind in the tenth minute but fought back to gain a comfortable win in the end. Eamonn Dunne helped Town to get level in the 15th minute when he hammered James Delargys cross towards goal which the keeper failed to hold and Federico Bros scored from the top in. Paul Byrne put Town in front in the 67th minute when racing through the Cardiff defence to score a super solo goal. Michael Murphy opened play for James Delargy and the latters cross was hammered home by Anthony Smith to clinch victory.

Best for Maynooth : Paul Byrne, Joey Dempsey, Dermot Myles and Eamonn Dunne.

Leinster Junior Shield 1st Round

National Irish Bank O Maynooth Town 5

It took Maynooth a long time to break the Banks secure fortress. The first half remained scoreless and it looked as if goals were going to be scarce but the second half saw an amazing turnaround. David Leavy opened the scoring ten minutes into the second half after good work by Mick Noone. Colm Carroll saw his shot saved but Stephen Hallinan hit home the rebound. Colm Carroll then crossed for Roger Isern to score from close range. Johnny Thompson scored from the spot in the 70th minute after Roger Isern was taken down. Stephen Hallinan closed the scoring in the final minute with his second goal of the game.

Best for Maynooth : Mick Nevin, Dave Faherty, Derek Dolan, David Leavy, Johnny Thompson.

Maynooth Town 1 St. James Utd. 1

This was the meeting of last years promoted sides from the premier Division and the clash ended all square after a close game. Only superb goal keeping by the St. James keeper prevented Maynooth from taking the lead indeed from building a healthier scoreline. James Delargy scored a superb goal in the 20th minute from one of his free kick specials. Town had a number of other good chances before "Saints" drew level with a penalty for handball which was hotly disputed. The game swung from end to end but both defences were in top form and neither strike force was able to make the vital breakthrough.

Best for Maynooth : Paul Byrne, James Delargy and Fergal Barton.

Aston Village Utd 1 Maynooth Town 2

Town were good value for this hard fought win at Malahide. A strong coastal wind was causing all sorts of problems for both sets of players and Maynooth should have reaped better reward after first half advantage. The only goal of the first half came in the 25th minute when Mick Nevin scored from Niall Cullitons cross. Midway through the second half Town broke quickly before releasing the ball to Mick Nevin who raced to the edge of "Utds" penalty before hammering home a superb goal. The home side grabbed a late consolation deep into injury time.

Best for Maynooth Mick Nevin, Mick Noone, Colm Carroll, Derek Dolan and Anthony Smith.

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UNDER 11's DIVISION A1 D.D.S.L. RESULTS

LARKVIEW BOYS 5

MAYNOOTH TOWN 4

Our first league match of the season and in the first minute we were a goal down and our keeper injured. Paddy Broughan received a nasty gash to his leg following a brave save, the referee allowed play to continue and Larkview scored. Shaun Doogan deputised between the sticks and Maynooth kept in touch until half-time. Following a re-shuffle at the break Shaun Doogan rejoined the attack and opened his scoring tally for the season with two fine goals. Also on target were Tadgh Moriarty and David Prendergast. With Larkview grasping the winner in the dying minutes Maynooth were unlucky not to come away with a point.

MAYNOOTH TOWN 0

BALLYOUSTER 2

Our first home match on the Dublin Rd. pitch threw up a local derby. In a pre-season friendly Ballyouster had come out 4:0 easy winners. The lads had shown the benefit of hard training and had enough chances to win the game on the day.

ST. COLUMBANS 1

MAYNOOTH TOWN 2

Our first win of the season against a very strong side and a tremendous display of fluent passing football saw the three points safely in the bag. Maynooth opened the scoring with Shaun Doogan showing his scoring talents again. St. Columbans levelled the score with a fine strike that gave Maynooth keeper Paddy Broughan no chance. The Town battled hard with some fine defending and quick counter attacking. The winner came from a superb move when John Fleming picked up the ball in the middle of the park. A quick one two cut the home defence in half and Fleming drove an eighteen yard rocket into the top corner to score a goal that would have graced Old Trafford or Anfield.

MAYNOOTH TOWN 2

TRANSPORT CLUB 1

Sweet revenge for a 3:0 defeat in the cup last season and the Town were never in doubt of the three points despite the closeness of the final score-line. A good all round performance with Cian Walsh, Declan Bambrick and Sean McAllister showing great defensive skills. Scorers for Maynooth were Shaun Doogan and David Baxter.

MAYNOOTH TOWN 2

SWORDS CELTIC 3

A game Maynooth should have won having taken an early lead through Tadgh Moriarty. Swords scored a good equaliser before Niall Doogan put the Town back in front. Maynooth were well on top through the first half but there must have been something in the water at half-time. A total collapse in the second half by the home side saw Swords score twice to steal the points. The Maynooth dressing room was not a good place to be after such a dire second half performance.

NOTE TO PARENTS

The under 11 squad has 22 players this season. Had the club known in advance that the numbers would be so large we could have entered a second team into the league. Despite our best efforts we were unable to gain a late entry. This will mean that some players will get less football than we would wish. We would ask all to be patient and encourage the lads to continue training with the team and fighting for their place in the side. If we can keep the full squad together for this season we will enter 2 sides next season and the situation will improve. Please remember that the people running all the schoolboys sides give up a lot of their spare time to look after the teams. They might not always appear to make the right choices but it's not an easy task to be right in everyone's eyes. There has never been a queue of parents to look after teams each year and the managers do their best. The club is working hard to improve the system but we cannot afford Alex Ferguson just yet.

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05/10/97	11, 13, 19	£750	Jack Farrell	Brian & James	Con Hayes	Pauline Larkin	Liz Dempsey
12/10/97	1, 13, 23	£775	Yvonne Tierney	B.McCullagh	Richard Hughes	Conor Saults	D. Smyth

Acknowledgements

FORTUNE: The son, daughter and family of the late Bridget (Brid) Fortune wish to thank, most sincerely, all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. Those who attended the removal, mass and funeral, sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. Supple P.P. Rev. Fr. Owen Tyne, Dr. Maurice Cowhey and colleagues and the many nurses for their support during mammy's illness. Sincere thanks to kind friends and neighbours. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

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Deepest Sympathy to the son, cousins, relatives and friends of Lorraine Lindsay (Nee O'Neill), Greenfield, Maynooth.

Deepest Sympathy to the sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Betty (Babs) McGarry, St. Mary's Road, Ballsbridge, formerly of Ladychapel.

Deepest Sympathy to the daughter, sisters, son-in-law, sister-in-law, grandsons, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of John (Jack) Dowling, Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes to Jamie Troy of Avondale, Leixlip who will be 17 on 31st October and to sister Stephanie who will be 10 on 17th November from all your family and friends.

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank all the residents of Cluain Aoibhinn who gave my wife and myself such a great surprise at the meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel recently. It is with great pleasure I accepted all the good wishes I received and the fantastic gift of travel vouchers and the bottle of Mountain Dew.

Maura and myself will be taking advantage of those in the near future and whilst I am lying in the sun I will be thinking of you all.

Again my thanks to everyone and I look forward to getting back to normal over the next few months.

Tom McMullon

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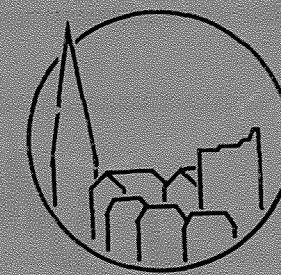
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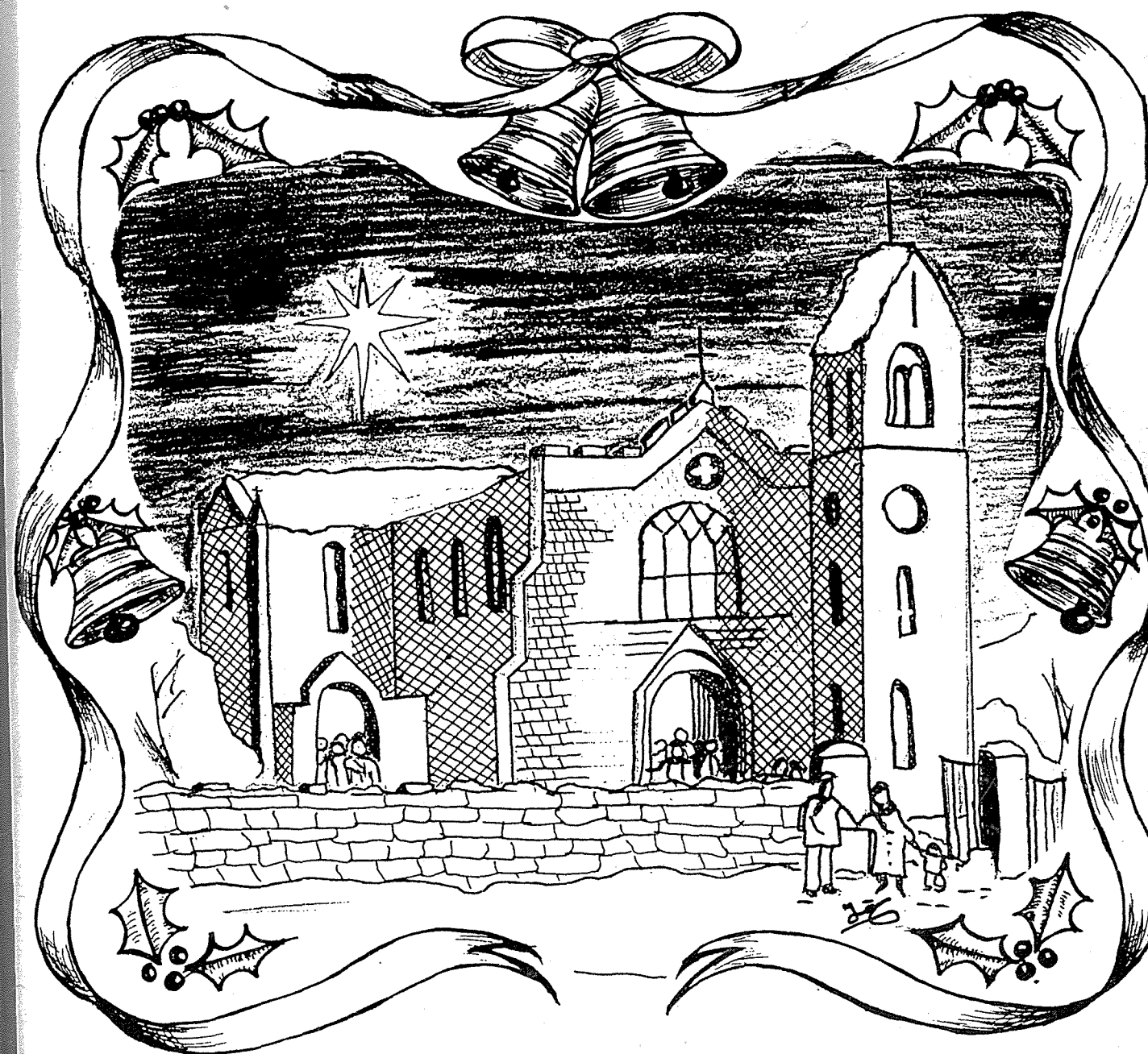
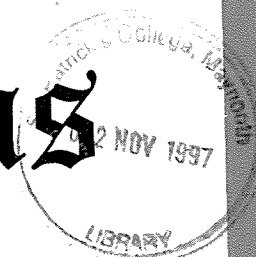
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DIARY DATES

Friday 28th November:

- Christmas Lights switched on — The Square — 6p.m.

Thursday 4th December:

- I.C.A. Meeting, I.C.A. Hall, Maynooth.

Saturday 6th December & Sunday 7th December

- Flower Festival - Christmas in an Irish Stately Home, Carton House, Maynooth.

Sunday 7th December:

- Woodlands Residents Association Race Night, Glenroyal Hotel.

Sunday 14th December:

- Maynooth Senior Citizens Christmas Party.
- Scoil Uí Riada Christmas Party & Mini Disco, North Kildare Club.

Tuesday 16th December:

- ICA Federation Christmas Party, Red House Hotel.
- Maynooth Senior Citizens, Special Evening For Christmas shopping in Super-Valu.

Saturday 20th December:

- Maynooth & Kilcock Lions Club Extravaganza, Glenroyal Hotel.

EDITORIAL

With the Christmas shopping spree well under way there are signs of prosperity all around the country, and Maynooth is no exception. Huge shopping centres like Blanchardstown and Tallaght obviously have their attractions and there are some items that just can't be bought in Maynooth but there is a lot to be said for shopping locally. The success of our local businesses secures employment in the town and means that money spent circulates in the town. Given the spending power of all ten thousand residents of Maynooth one might expect a much wider range of shops in the town but the reality is that Maynooth's traders are always going to have to compete with Dublin city centre shops as well as large suburban shopping centres. Of course local businesses must play their part in attracting shoppers to Maynooth and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Christmas lights are an attractive addition to Main St. at this time of the year. Many shops have also taken great care to present their shop fronts and the Main St., particularly when the improvement scheme is completed, will certainly be a pleasant shopping environment. Unfortunately there have been a few developments that are not quite so attractive and one must mention the neon signs at Romayos and the newly opened Mona Lisa's in this context.

Gaudy neon signs are inappropriate when other businesses and the local authority are doing their best to present Maynooth's historic town centre.

And finally, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year from the Newsletter to all our readers and thank you for your support in 1997.

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Community Council Notes

TOWN IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Community Council members at our November meeting were given details of the work being undertaken to improve the centre of Maynooth. The work which will cost £765,000 in total is being funded from the by-passed towns scheme.

Putting the utility services underground will cost £300,000 and the balance of the money will be spent on work which will include the paving of the footpaths and new street furniture.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW HOW IT DOES IT'S BUSINESS.

In a discussion at the November meeting the Community Council considered how to encourage more of the members to play an active part in the organisation. Members were invited to join the sub-committees, most of which are very active in the community.

Some helpful suggestions were made regarding the bi-monthly meetings which will be given further consideration. The possibility of reverting to monthly meetings was also raised together with the idea that the alternate meetings could include a discussion focusing on a particular issue.

Chairman, Mr. Tom McMullon invited members to bring issues that they would like to discuss at the Community Council meetings to the attention of the executive and these items would be included on the agenda for subsequent meetings.

TRIBUTES PAID TO FORMER MAYNOOTH GARDAI.

Sergeant Kearney informed the November meeting that Gardai, Martin Caine and Denis Bourke have both recently departed Maynooth Garda Station. Garda Bourke goes to Gorey, Co. Wexford as Sergeant and Garda Caine to Naas as Juvenile Liaison Officer for North Kildare.

Mr. Tom McMullon leading the tributes said that both men will be missed in the town and this was echoed by many tributes from members of the Community Council. Garda Caine was complemented on his work with the youth in the area particularly with the No Name Club.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CO-OPTIONS.

Mrs. Anne Birchall was co-opted to the Council as a member for Old Greenfield.

CHRISTMAS 1997

Many signs that we are in the season of goodwill are apparent around the town. On behalf of Maynooth Community Council may I wish you A Very Happy Christmas and everything you would wish for yourself in 1998.

Paul Croghan
PRO

LETTER TO THE EDITOR,

Dear Editor,

I could hardly contain my anger when I read the following in the November edition of the Newsletter under the Maynooth Planning alliance notes.

"In the Amended Maynooth Development Plan our Councillors proposed, against the advice of professional planners, to facilitate a further huge influx of population to double the 1996 population of this town".

The Planning Alliance are fully aware of my position which was very public and predated the alliance itself. I had issued leaflets and called public meetings on the issue. It is not the first time I have taken issue with comments by the Alliance who have no trouble seeking assistance from me which has always been forthcoming but never acknowledged in a public fashion.

I have taken the position I did on planning not just in Maynooth but County wide. I did so because I believe there must be order to development and it must be more than just houses but the facilities that are necessary must be simultaneously provided. I was particularly pleased with Minister Noel Dempsey's letter in that regard, and should this new County Strategy which is actively under discussion (but not once referred to by the Planning Alliance) be adopted we will be in a strong position to argue for resources from the Dept of the Environment.

I am not sure why they are reluctant to acknowledge my own position but the least I would expect is that they don't misrepresent it which they did by using the global term our Councillors.

Catherine Murphy
County Councillor (D.L.)

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

We thank the various Residents Associations and Businesses for their interest in our recent Best Estates, Best Shop Fronts competition sponsored by Coonan Auctioneers. We have contacted our adjudicators to obtain ideas to help estates and businesses who have not featured in the prizes to date.

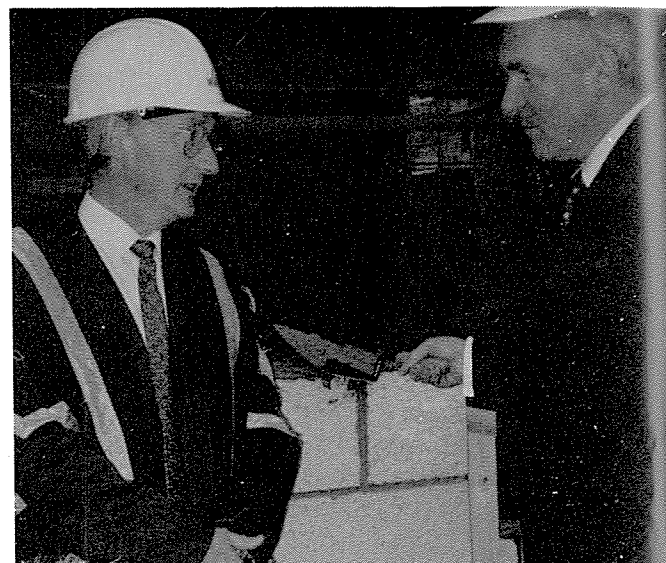
With Christmas fast approaching we again remind you to recycle bottles and cans in the recycling bins in the various Shopping Centres.

Finally, we wish all our Readers, County Council Officers, Staff and Sunday Morning Clean-up Team, Fás and Community Council workers a Very Happy Christmas. Thank you all for your support in 1997.

PS Sunday morning clean-up continuing 9am Geraldine Hall.

Richard Farrell
P.R.O.

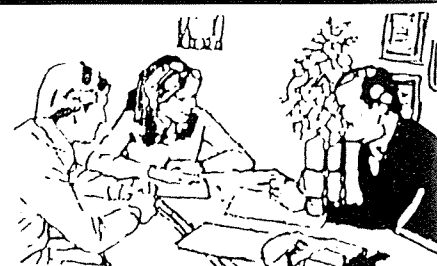
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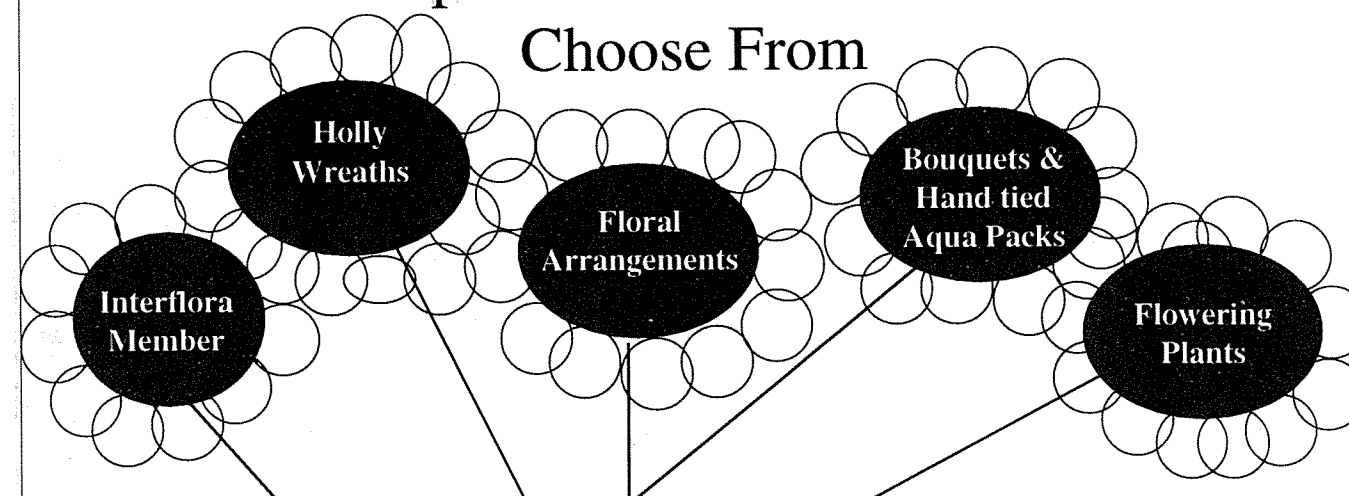


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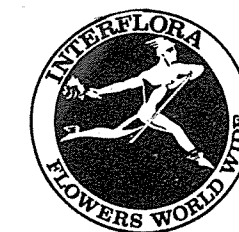
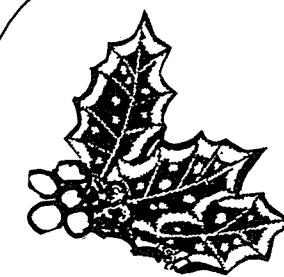
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SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

Múinteoir Nua

Tá áthas orainn fáilte mór a chur roimh múinteoir nua Mairéad Ní Thuama as Baile Bhúirne, Co. Chorcaí. Since graduating from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Mairéad has worked in Gaelscoil Thomáis Dhiabhís, Mallow and Gaelscoil Shéain Uí Eigearthaigh, Cobh, before coming to Scoil Uí Riada. Mairéad teaches Rang II and, in addition, is taking the beginners group in the Ranganna Gaeilge. *Fáilte is feiche romhat a Mhairéad.*

Comórtas Dathú - Maynooth Library Colouring Competition

Cógairdeachas to Dónal Mac Giolla, Rang I, and Emma Ní Bhraonín, Rang III, both of whom were runners up in the under seven and under twelve categories of this competition.

Oireachtas '97

Cógairdeachas to Thomás Ó Baille, Range V, who came second in the Scéalaíocht category of the Oireachtas in Belfast recently.

Slógadh '98

The first round of Slógadh '98 commences on the 6th and 7th of December. Scoil Uí Riada will be represented this year in the following categories:

Cór Aongutha	Rang I & II
Cór Dhá Pháirt	Rang III - VI
Péinteireacht	Rang II - IV
Dramaíocht	Rang III & IV
Agallamh Beirte	Rang II & V
Scéalaíocht	Rang V

The next few months should certainly prove to be busy for the múinteoirí and daltaí involved. *Go neirí go geal libh go léir.*

Cóisir na Nollag - Christmas Party

Folks, keep the 14th of December clear as the Cairde Committee have organised a Christmas Party and Mini Disco in the North Kildare Club. The word from the North Pole is that Daidí na Nollag will be arriving between 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. laden with presents and other goodies.

P.S. the Cairde Elves would appreciate some additional help to wrap presents and to organise this event. If you can offer some assistance please telephone the school at 01-6287906 or e-mail the school at Scoiluiriada@tinet.ie.

The Board of Management would like to wish the staff, parents and pupils a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nollaig faoi shona agus faoi mhaise díobh go léir.

Miriam Ahern, P.R.O.

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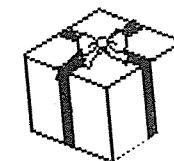
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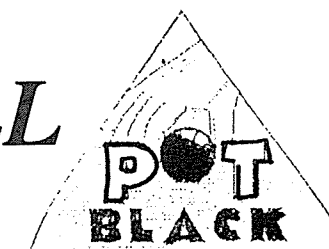
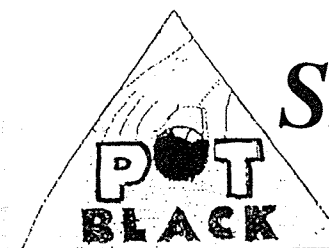
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

As I write these notes it is all systems go for our Committee. November is the most important month of the year, because it is "Annual Sale of Work" time. The fund raiser of the year for us Senior Citizens, and when you read these notes lots of people will be much better off having won some of our valuable prizes.

Now for some forthcoming events. Our Christmas Party takes place on Sunday, 14th of December in the Post Primary School commencing with Mass at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea party and usual entertainment. Mini bus collection as usual.

On Tuesday, 16th December, Super-Valu Supermarket is opening their doors to all our Senior Citizens for a special evening of Christmas shopping. This event proved very popular last Christmas, when the shopping was done we were entertained to tea and sandwiches and a Christmas drink or two!! Sending everyone home in a happy mood.

The Committee are very grateful to the Management for organising this event.

Ending on a sad note we would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Lizzy Bennett who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Betty Farrell.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents who sent in their voluntary subscription and a reminder that if any parent still wishes to do so it is not too late.

As you have probably heard by now the sponsored cycle was a great success raising over six thousand pounds. Congratulations to John Kelleher who won the bike.

This draw was held by the Board of management for all the boys who took part in the cycle.

We would also like to wish all the boys, staff and parents a very Happy Christmas.

Claire O'Rourke
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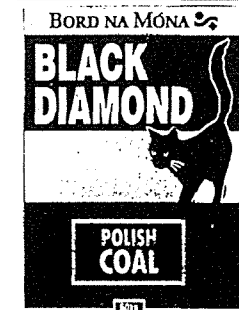


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I.C.A. NOTES

The November Guild Meeting of I.C.A. was held on Thursday 7th November in the I.C.A. Hall. Our President Marion welcomed all the ladies and gave a special welcome to our guest Ann Fleming who is the new C.D.A.

The Annual Service for deceased members was arranged by Eilish O'Malley, she was assisted by Guild members. We would like to say thanks to Eilish for all her work.

Our Guild activities continue:
Crafts continue on Monday nights at 8.00pm. The crafts class are making Xmas decorations at the moment. Jo. O'Connell, our crafts promoter has made some beautiful items herself so therefore the ladies can look forward to producing lovely things.

Sport - Badminton continues in the Parish Hall on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 10.30am.

The outing to An Grianan was on 29th October. Twenty six ladies went on the trip which was arranged by Kay Burns. The ladies attended talks on Colour-Me-Beautiful, Cookery and Floral Decorations for Christmas.

The Guild competition for November was 'Happy Halloween Apple.' This was won by Mary Halton. The December competition is for 'A Holly Branch' 12 inches long with the most berries.

Congratulations to Mary O'Gorman who came 2nd in the Federation Cake Icing Competition which was held in Kill on October 29th.

The next Federation Meeting is on November 27th in Ardclough G.A.A. Hall.

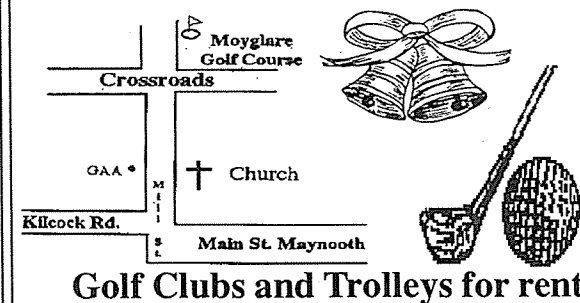
Members will attend the Federation Christmas Party in the Red House Hotel on December 16th.

The December Meeting will be held on the 4th December at 8.00 p.m.

I would like to wish all the ladies a very Happy Christmas.

*May Haren,
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The Scouts had a slumber party - I mean, overnight stay at the Den, last Saturday the 15th November during which the leaders brought them on a night hike - and they certainly kept in line with the ghost stories leader John Dowling told them!

Earlier on, after getting all ready the scouts learned some very valuable camping skills - including cooking - outdoors style; with great culinary results so I have been told - no food poisoning was experienced by any of the leaders. So, the next time one of the scouts is feeling peckish, they are well adept in the culinary profession.

Cub Scout News

The Cubs enjoyed a hike up the Sugarloaf Mountain last Sunday 16th November with Leixlip Cub Scouts.

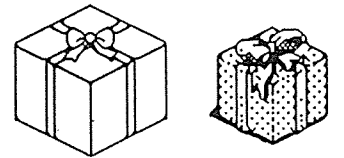
That's all for now - be back again in the next issue.

*Aileen Staunton
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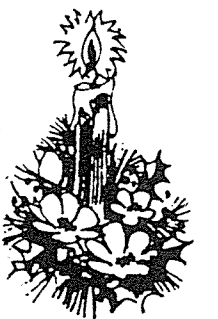
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The Community Employment Scheme

It is hard to believe that another year is about to pass. Work at our three locations at Maynooth, Kilcock and Confey continues unabated, despite weather conditions. Some worker members of the scheme moved into alternative employment during the year. There is now an extensive range of training skills available on community employment schemes. Our committee wish to express thanks and gratitude to the worker members and our supervisor, Tom Flatley, for an excellent job of work during 1997.

We also thank our many supporters in the Maynooth area, who always made themselves available at short notice for various events like 'Steam Train Sunday', and 'Miss Royal Canal'. We are currently compiling a report and submission based on the fact-finding mission to Ballinamore, with a view to trying to highlight Maynooth's excellent location as a starting and finishing stopover for Canal cruising.

Guide to the Royal Canal

The Department of Arts, Culture, Gaeltacht and Islands has reproduced an excellent book for £5.50, an ideal Christmas present.

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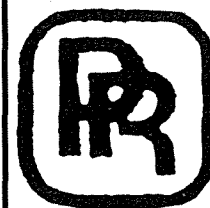
MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

We would like to wish all our boys and girls who took part in the Summer Project a very Happy Christmas.

We will be back again in full force next year.

Our A.G.M. will take place in January and we would invite as many parents as possible to attend and also anybody else who may be interested.

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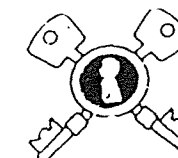
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Chairperson - Noleen O'Brien
Vice-Chairperson - Margaret Howe
Secretary - Sarah Angel
Assistant Secretary - Marie Kelly
Treasurer - Imelda Desmond
Assistant Treasurer - Mary Cleary
P.R.O. / A.O.I.F.E. Rep. - Moira Baxter
Sales Table - Felicity Satchwell, Mary Doyle
Charity Sales - Betty Farrell
Librarian - Toni Read
Raffle - Una Kiernan
Competition Secretary - Jo O'Connell
Hostess - Hilda Dunne, Carmel Owens.

There is a very exciting programme for the year ahead and look forward to meeting old and new members at our monthly meetings held every 3rd Tuesday in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. Our club are organising a major flower festival in the historic and beautiful Carton House on December 6th and 7th. The title of the festival is "Christmas in an Irish Stately Home". I am sure, when you visit and view the exhibits that Carton is the perfect setting for such an event.

Most of Ireland's best known and experienced floral artists, as well as our own club members, have been invited to exhibit at this festival and I can promise you a really spectacular show.

Do Come: on Saturday 6th from 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 11th from 11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Teas and refreshments served. Many Christmas decorations and arrangements will be on sale. Bric-a-brac stall, plants and bog oak for sale. Monster raffle.

This is a major effort to raise funds for the Kildare Hospice and Homecare Services. St. Brigid's Hospice is located at the Curragh and all monies raised at our Festival will be channelled into the Kildare Hospice Services, and who knows when any one of us may need such a service?

After all that excitement, on December 16th there will be a Christmas work night, to give everyone the opportunity to make their own Christmas arrangements. This will be held as usual in Loftus Hall.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Moira Baxter,
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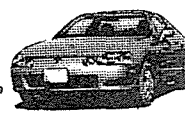
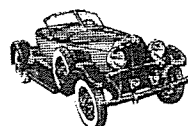
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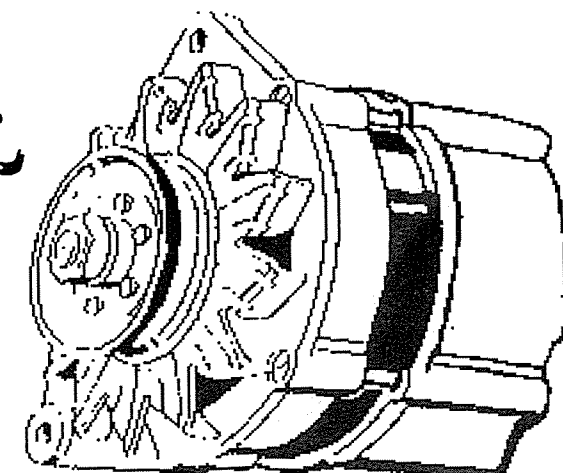
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D'faltaigh siad roimh Ri na Cruinne
A leinbh Iosa, a Aon-Mhic Dé,
Cómhnaigh linn go deire ár Ré.*

The above poem narrates of a cold night in Bethlehem, when the Saviour of the world was born to a fair maiden. The hosts of Angels welcomed the King of the Elements, the child Jesus, single son of God, and issue an invitation to come and live with us until the end of time.

The translation may not be a totally accurate one as it is difficult to translate all the nuances of the original version. It is an old verse written at a different time in our countries past. But I believe that the central message of Christmas is captured in the poem. It is a message of welcome, of children and of hope which transcends time. It is our second Christmas in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich and a time for reflection over the past events. Last Christmas we were hoping that the hard work and dedication of the parents, children and teachers of the Gaelscoil would be recognised by the Dept. Of Education and that official state recognition would be granted to the scoil. Due to the massive support by the people of Maynooth for a Gaelscoil in their town our objective was achieved in 1997. We would like to thank the people of Maynooth who supported the Gaelscoil, often in a quiet and unpublic fashion.

We welcome most of all our new group of children. It will be the great pleasure of the scoil to equip them with the tools to open the windows of wonder of their language and culture. Our objective is to instil a lifelong love for their language and for learning. The ethos and mission statement of the Gaelscoil, as compiled by the parents is one of respect. The Gaelscoil respects all traditions and individuals. We welcome our new set of Parents. They have been tutored by last years Parents in the ways of the Scoil. They have played an active role in the Gaelscoil events and we hope they will feel at ease and at home in the scoil.

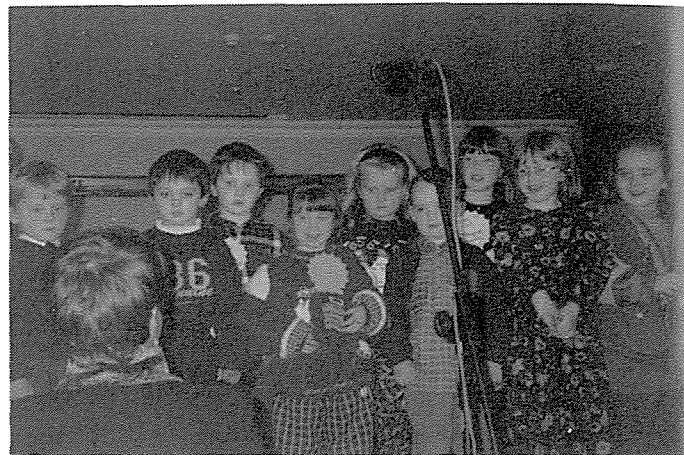
We again welcome our Priomhoide, Máirin Ní Cheilleachair. Máirin has worked above and beyond the call of duty for the children and we are most grateful. We secured a very kind and able teacher with Laura Ní Dhuibh and we appreciate her genuine affection for the children.

The year 1997 saw the financial burden of supporting the school lifted from the shoulders of Cairde Committee. While it would be impossible to thank everybody for the years hard work in raising funds for the Gaelscoil, the Cathaoirleach of the committee, Eileen Fitzpatrick deserves great praise and credit.

As we look to 1998 we can only hope that it will be as successful and as pleasant an experience for all concerned in our Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich.

Gúimis Nollaig Shona agus Ath Bhliain faoi mhaise ar mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad.

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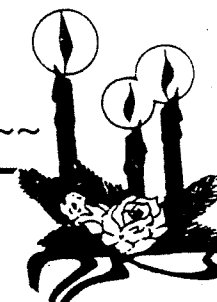
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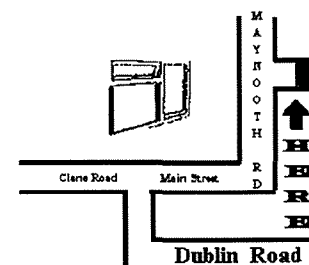
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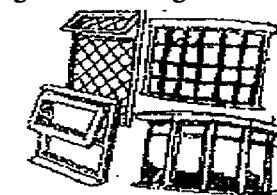
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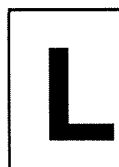
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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

The efforts of Maynooth Planning Alliance over the past year have been primarily focused on ensuring that Maynooth bears an equitable share of the future population growth of north Kildare, one that permits the town to grow at a pace which preserves its character and heritage and enables its diverse community to identify with, and be proud of, a town they can call home. To do this, a period of stability is required to enable new communities to knit together and not think of Maynooth as merely a commuter base. It was the alarming proposals contained in the amended Draft Development Plan to facilitate an increase in population from 9,000 to 21,000 over the next five years which galvanised people into forming the Maynooth Planning Alliance and initiated a co-ordinated campaign to highlight how damaging such proposals would be both for present and future inhabitants of Maynooth.

But while Maynooth was seeking to persuade its councillors of the folly of their rezoning plans, similar experiences were reported from neighbouring towns. In all, a provision for up to 50,000 extra people was being proposed for the north eastern towns of the county, equivalent to a city the size of Galway. Against the wishes of the professional planners, excessive rezoning of huge areas of agricultural land were being proposed with an enormous spectrum of potential impacts ranging from traffic paralysis to overloading of wastes on the River Liffey, to acute shortages of schools and other amenities. This realisation prompted the foundation of the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning. Maynooth Planning Alliance has been central in the activities of this body in bringing the issues to the highest possible political levels. Not unconnected to these activities it is worth noting that the passage of town development plans by Kildare County Council was suspended by Minister for the Environment Brendan Howlin in September 1996, and a further attempt to provide a strategic development plan by the Council was deemed defective by his successor Noel Dempsey in September of this year. A change in approach by councillors was obviously required.

It is with considerable pleasure therefore that now, at the end of 1997, a major measure of success can be reported in this area. Following a series of special meetings, Kildare County Councillors unanimously decided to adopt the strategic plan prepared for them by consultants which proposes an easing of pressures on towns like Maynooth and a diversion of growth towards the centre of the county. Councillors in voting to accept the strategy are now engaged in the detailed allocations of population required to implement it. The total additional population for the towns of this area is projected as 4,193 by 2001. Such a target increase will however require a revision of the Maynooth Development Plan to a much more modest level. The following table indicates that the already existing and unused residentially zoned lands can comfortably accommodate the target population. Undoubtedly it will take at least two Development Plan periods to undo the damage of the 1985 excessive rezonings.

Town	Population 1996	Land Available 1996 (acres)	Potential Additional Population @21/acre	Increase Target Population
Maynooth	8,528	106	2226	1,472
Celbridge	12,289	280	5880	1,211
Leixlip	13,541	145	3045	1,049
Kilcock	1,825	62	1302	675
Straffan	341	35	735	159

If the strategy adopted is adhered to, a sensible resolution to the planning problems of north east Kildare will result. But any attempts to fudge the figures will be strongly resisted by Maynooth Planning Alliance. The Minister is unlikely to look kindly on any attempts to present the strategy as accepted and then carry on as before. Maynooth Planning Alliance will be monitoring the following key areas:

The Plan is designed to encompass the period 1996-2001. Any growth occurring during the period before the acceptance of the Plan must be incorporated into the figures. Land availability in October 1997 cannot be used as the criteria for establishing population growth from the census in 1996. No redrawing of the goalposts to start in October 1997 is acceptable.

The overzoning factor whereby councillors allow an 'error margin' in land allocation cannot be used to substantially increase the provision in individual towns. Error margins of 10-20% can be considered legitimate to provide for uncertainty in achieving the final figures but 100% and upwards is not.

Finally it must be emphasised that only a small proportion of future growth in the population of the town's concerned will require any additional lands. In Maynooth, for example, many four and five bedroom houses are occupied by a newly married couple. Their future children will be accommodated in the present housing stock and will not require lands to be rezoned to accommodate them in the next two or three five year plans.

It is clear that much has been achieved in 1997. To their credit, councillors appear to have taken the first step to placing the future growth of Maynooth on a sustainable footing and Maynooth Planning Alliance welcomes the progress recently made. They must not now shrink from the decisions which are required to implement this sensible strategy.

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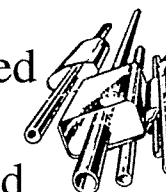
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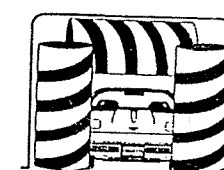
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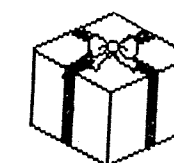
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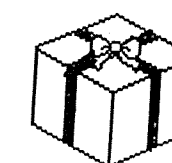


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A sincere thank you from the Board of Management to everyone who supported our recent sponsored cycle especially parents, neighbours, relatives and friends who sponsored the boys. The total raised was over £6,000 which will provide for new carpets in some rooms, security lights, the establishment of a computer room (partly) and other classroom equipment.

The School wishes to say a very special thanks to all local businesses who sponsored prizes, to everyone who provided stewarding on the day but especially to the two hundred boys themselves who took part.

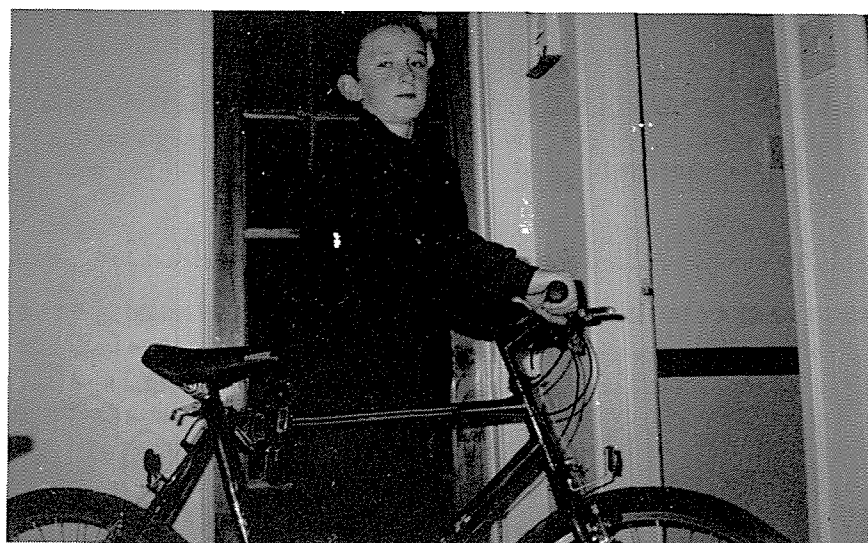
A draw was held based on returned sponsorship cards and the lucky prize winners were as follows:-

1st Prize:	Mountain Bike	John Kelleher	6th Class
2nd Prize:	£50	Denis O'Brien	Junior Infants
3rd Prize:	£10	John Egan	Special Class
	£10	Mark Cummins	6th Class
	£10	William Healy	3rd Class
	£10	Darragh O'Connell	Junior Infants

The photograph shows some of the young cyclists with presidential candidate Adi Roche, who started the cycle.

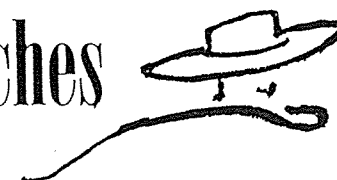


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John Kelleher with his new bike

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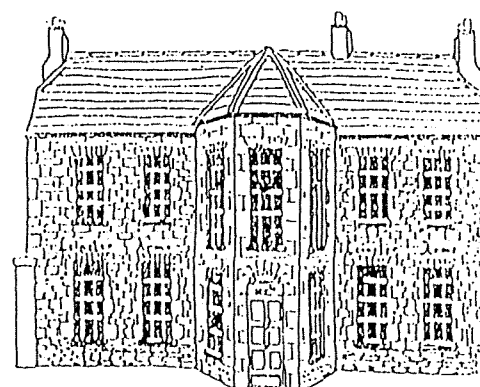


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BAND BULLETIN

It's hard to believe that another year has passed already but we are pleased to report that it has been one of our most successful years ever.

Recap on '97

We kick-started the year with the appointment of a new conductor Niall O'Connor, taken on board because, due to his work commitments, Cliff Murphy was unable to devote the time required to his conducting duties but happily he is still with us in other less time consuming capacities. Success came early for Niall when we won the National Junior Concert Band Competition in Dublin in April. This gave the Band the impetus needed to boost attendances at practices and consequently improve standards. The next major step was to accept an invitation to take part in the Kansas City, St. Patrick's Day Parade next year, the first time the Band has been outside the country and our entire energies have been devoted to this for the past 6 months.

America '98

The fund raising has been very successful to date and we are sincerely grateful to all who have supported us. Paddy Maher's Dublin City Marathon raised over £1000 (mainly through Paddy's own sponsorship). Our Halloween Ball was a great success and we hope the same will apply to our Race Night on 21st November in the GAA Club. Sincere thanks to all who placed advertisements in our programme and sponsored horses. We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mary Cowhey & Co., who have become one of the main sponsors of our American Visit. We are most appreciative of her support both now and in the past. Thank you.

Band Mass

On an entirely different note, our Annual Mass for deceased members on 2nd November was a moving occasion for us. We experimented a little this year by having the full Band playing down in the Church where we could be seen and heard and we were taken aback but completely overcome by the round of applause from the congregation at the end of the Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Engagements

Although it is almost the end of the year we are still as busy as ever. We were pleased to join with the Lions Club when we provided pre-dinner music for their Fund Raising Function for the Shane Broderick Fund in the Glenroyal Hotel on 14th November. We then joined the Chamber of Commerce on Friday 28th for the official switch on of the Christmas Lights in the town. December brings two Carol Services, one in St. Mary's Church - probably on Sunday 14th - and in the Church of Ireland on the following Sunday, both of which we are looking forward to. The St. Mary's Service is a first for all concerned and we are sure that the combination of Band Choir and Folk Group will be a wonderful occasion for all concerned and in particular the congregation.

Christmas Carols

For the first time ever we will not be visiting the various estates for a number of reasons, mainly our permit to collect does not allow us sufficient time to cover each estate and it would be unfair to single out any particular estates instead of others. We do however intend providing Carol recitals in Quinnsnorth, Glenroyal and Greenfield Shopping Centres and in the Square in the days leading up to Christmas so we hope you will bump into us at some stage before Christmas.

Christmas Morning

On Christmas Morning we turn out for our Traditional Parade after 11 o'clock Mass followed by some carols (weather permitting) in the Square. This is one of the longest traditions in the Band and for many people is just as important as their Christmas Turkey Dinner. We hope to carry this on for many years to come.

Christmas Wishes

Finally may we wish all our friends and supporters, particularly those who have supported us in our fundraising a Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



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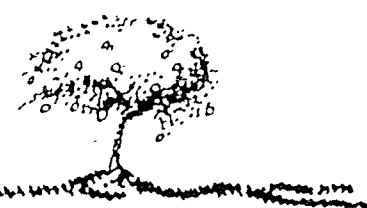
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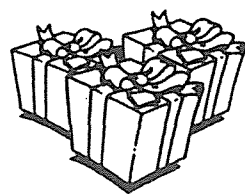


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We now have vacancies on our waiting list for children 5 years and over with or without experience. Our second term has now commenced, and will continue until 7th February, which is 11 weeks. Prices are as follows:

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We would like to wish all our members and their families a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Patricia Moynan

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The first meeting of Maynooth Post Primary School Parent/Teacher Association, following our A.G.M. in October, took place on Tuesday, 11th November, 1997 last.

The first item on the Agenda was the election of Officers for the forthcoming year and they are as follows:

Chairperson: Mary Byrne
Deputy Chairperson: Geraldine Tobin
Secretary: Margaret McLoughlin
Treasurer: Mercedes O'Rourke.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Sean Ashe on his recent appointment as Principal of the School.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9th December next.

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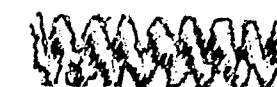
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Fancy Dress

Parklands Residents Association held our annual Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Party on November 1st at the Glenroyal.

It certainly was a night to remember. Aquarius Light and Sound from Leixlip set the scene with great music and lighting effects but for sheer entertainment you had only to sit and watch the party goers themselves.

The 69'ers, an American football team from Parklands Close were so diligent about their game that they felt compelled to practise at every opportunity, fortunately the surgical team from E.R. were on hand to deal with all emergencies and players were cheerfully removed from the dance floor to be resuscitated (at least I think that's what they were doing to them.)



Joan Brannigan (gym slip) &
Lauren Brannigan as Carmen Miranda

There were spectacular costumes. Lauren Brannigan as Carmen Miranda could have graced any stage. There were costumes that were startling, the long haired blue faced warriors braved the chilly night to dress authentically if scantily in plaids and engaged in endearing antics such as dancing while attached to a ball and chain.

Then there was the hilarious costumes, Joan Brannigan as a "Late Starter" in straw boater and navy gym-slip with her pony tails and freckles could have been any pupil from the Convent except that Joan is a senior citizen (just don't say I told you, you'd never guess it.)

There were ghouls and vampires and many historical periods recreated though I don't think the Spice Girls will be recreating "Scary Spice" anytime soon with his/her tight skirt and high heels, Scary Spice seemed mostly scared about parting company with his various accessories.

There were many witches, some naughty and some nice, but Mary Carter's green faced creation in party attire was a sight to behold we're told even her own sister didn't recognise her.

A really wonderful night was in progress from the minute the first guests arrived to the time the last note was played. We



Mary & Anthony Carter

would like to thank the doorman and staff of the Glenroyal for helping to provide a wonderful evening for the Residents of Parklands.

We would like to express our gratitude to the many local retailers who so generously sponsored our night out by donating prizes, we appreciate that you probably get many such requests and the kindness and generosity shown was very much appreciated by us.

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10. Quinnsworth
11. Centra, Main St., Maynooth
12. Jim Smyth's Butchers, Main St., Maynooth
13. The Tender Touch Beauty Salon, Centre Point Mall, Maynooth
14. APT Printing
15. Mill Wine Cellar, Mill St., Maynooth
16. Maxol, Straffan Road, Maynooth
17. Movie Master, Glenroyal Shopping Centre
18. Londis, Greenfield Shopping Centre
19. Mulcahy's Butchers, Greenfield Shopping Centre
20. Thank you to the Pottery Barn, Maynooth Square for the lovely gift and for purchasing two tickets by way of support.

This years social committee were, Chairperson: Mary Carter, Harry Montgomery, Paddy O'Connor, Liz Stoll

Room decoration was done with additional help from Mary Fitzgerald and Marie McGuinness. I would like to thank Mary Carter for bringing such tremendous enthusiasm to the social committee and whose creative approach to the event helped make it such a success. I would like to thank Mary Fitzgerald for all her help on the night.

The Parklands Residents Association would like to wish all of the Newsletter Readers a Happy Christmas.

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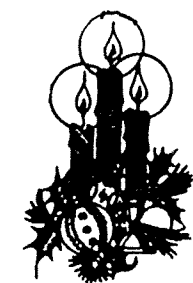
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WOODLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The association will be fully supporting the efforts of North Kildare South Meath Environment Protection Group to stop the establishment of a recycling dump at Barrockstown just north of Maynooth village. We will be sponsoring the Woodlands handicap at the Race night to be held in the Glenroyal on December 7th. We were happy to hear that as a short term solution K.C.C. is proposing to build a footbridge to accommodate pedestrians and cyclist using Bond Bridge. This needs to be done as soon as possible and in consultation with the local residents associations given the prospect of increased traffic from the new estates in Newtown and the reported accident between a car and a cyclist on the Parsons St. side of the bridge recently. We were delighted to receive an award in the best estates category in the Tidy Towns and are hoping next year to go one step further and come first in this competition. We would like to thank all the residents for all the work they have done during the year maintaining the estate, finally we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

Padraig ó Murchú

SEC. Woodlands Residents Association

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Final reminder, any outstanding Resident Association subscriptions can be left into 11 Greenfield Drive.

We wish to re-establish **Neighbourhood Watch** in our estate, anyone interested. Please contact our secretary Mary McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive.

We wish you all A Very Happy Christmas.

Richard Farrell

P.R.O.

Greenfield Estate Residents Association

BEAUFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held on Thursday, 12th November in Gaelscoil, Beaufield, the Beaufield Residents Association was re-launched. A well attended meeting extended their thanks to the previous Committee - namely Tom Ball, Chairman, Dave Hogan, Treasurer and Ken Prendergast, PRO, - for all their hard work in the past. A new Committee was then elected, as follows;

Joe Geraghty - Chairman

Colette Murphy - Secretary

Catherine Prendergast } Joint PRO

Bernie Doyle }

A Treasurer will be confirmed at a later date.

A number of Road Representatives were also elected who will liaise with the Residents and the Committee. The new Committee will be busy in the coming months, making arrangements for the future grass cutting, the removal of the Rubbish Bins, the tidying up of the Estate and working on ideas to improve the general appearance of the Estate.

A Social get-together has been arranged for Thursday 27th November in the GAA Club, Maynooth, to enable all Residents to get to know each other better. Hopefully, an enjoyable night will be had by one and all.

The new Committee look forward to working together with the Beaufield Residents, to make our Estate a better place for everyone.

We would like to thank Máirín Ní Cheileachair and the Committee of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich for providing the facilities for the General Meeting.

We wish all our members a very Happy Christmas.

Bernie Doyle } Joint

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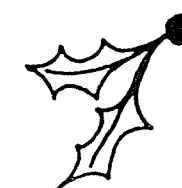
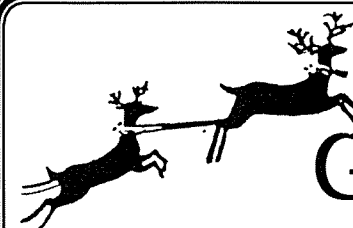
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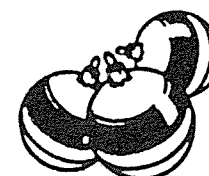
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WORLD YOUTH DAY REUNION

Prepare to go to Rome in the year 2000 for the great Jubilee when the next World Youth Day will be held:- that is what the young people who met up again in November, to renew friendships made at last Summer's Youth Day in Paris, were told. In the meantime there will be gatherings of Youth at Lough Derg, Glendalough and Iona.

Many traditions have grown up around St. Patrick's name. Among them is the penitential pilgrimage to Lough Derg in Co. Donegal.

This year is the 1400 anniversary of the death of St. Columba or Colmcille. He founded monasteries at Swords, Durrow and Kells. Doire Choilmcille still bears his name. In 563 Colmcille went to Iona island off the Scottish coast. There he began a monastery. That is where the famous Book of Kells was written. The book is to be seen in Trinity College Library.

St. Kevin founded the monastery in Glendalough. After Kevin's death in the sixth century the monastery became a centre of pilgrimage. The monastery is one of the principal ecclesiastical sites in the country. The earliest settlement seems to have been at the remoter end of the valley. The remains of a small church stands on a narrow ledge at the foot of a cliff by the shore of a small lake. Glendalough, with its monastic ruins, its high cross and round tower will once again become a centre of pilgrimage as we approach the year 2000.

Rome in the year 2000 will certainly be a memory to be passed down the generations. The Archbishop of Dublin attended the reunion in Clonliffe College of a large number of the Paris group. Many memories were relived. Thanks to Fiona Hoare and Andre Ennis for bringing us up to date.

This poem of an earlier period is still relevant today:-

My tidings for you: the stag bells,
Winter snows, Summer is gone
Wind high and cold, low the sun,
Short his course, sea running high.
Deep-red the bracken, its shape all gone
The wild goose has raised his wonted cry.
Cold has caught the wings of birds;
Season of ice - these are my tidings.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Lilly Murphy who celebrated her 60th birthday on 27th November. Thanks to all who attended the surprise party organised by her family on 23rd November in the Hitchin Post, Leixlip.

A EUROPEAN VISIT MY MAYNOOTH STUDENTS

On Friday 24th October seventy one fifth year students and seven teachers from Maynooth Post Primary started on their tour to Switzerland and Paris.

To begin their adventure they visited the Louvre in Paris. Then after enjoying a swim at Aqua Boulevard they then travelled by coach to Switzerland. They spent the next three days in Meringer where they enjoyed all the fun and excitement of the Swiss Alps. In the evening time they checked out the pool in the Sherlock Holmes Hotel and also joined in with the craic at the local Discos.

In no hurry to return home, never the less, they began their journey by coach to Paris before flying back to Dublin on Wednesday the 29th October.

The overall response from students and teachers alike was "A great time was had by all".

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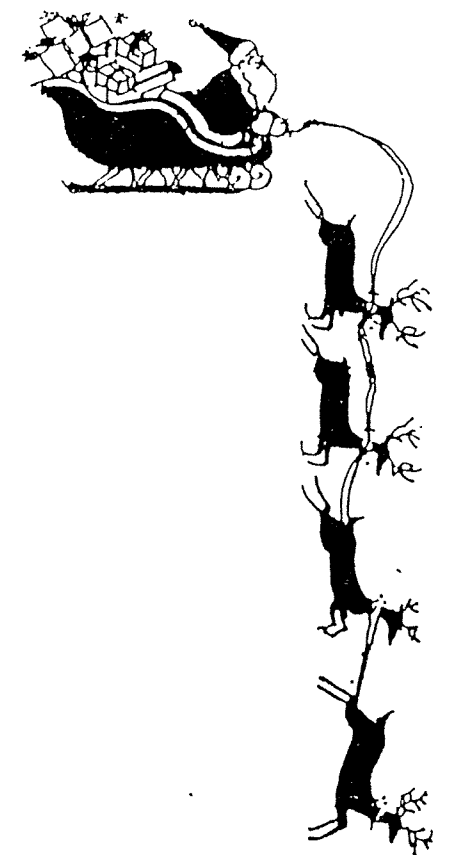
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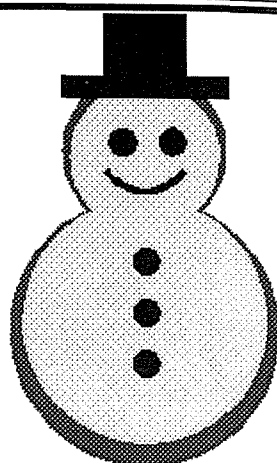
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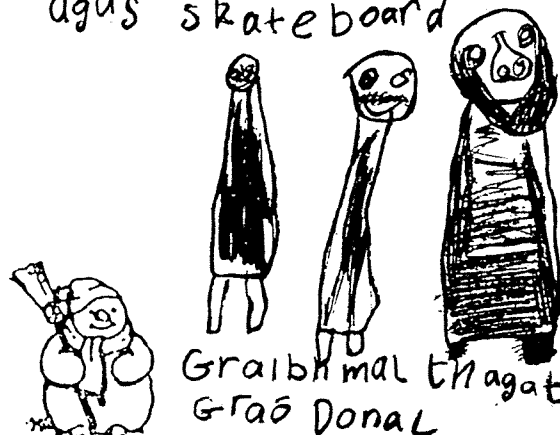
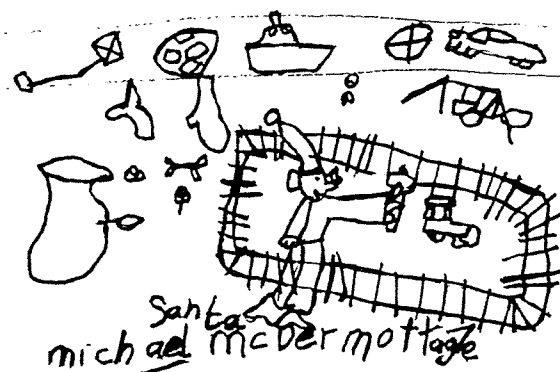


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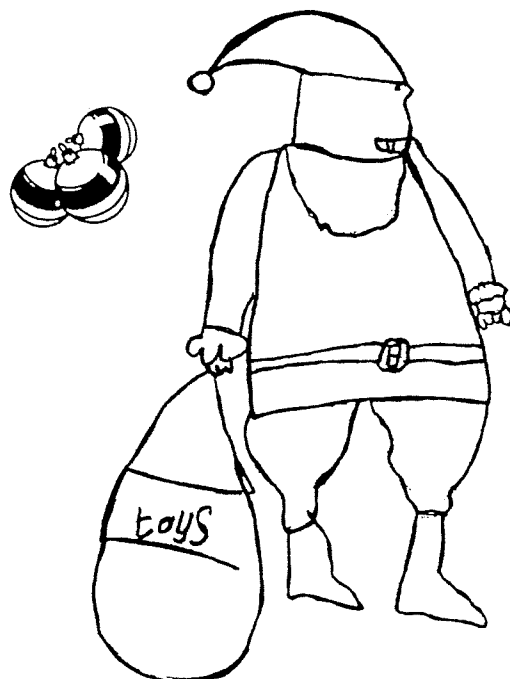


dear santa
Between new and christmas
i will be doing things for you
I love you Santa don't forget to tell
the elves to give us toys
dear santa

Daidir na nollag i gcarr
 Dónal is a ainm do domhan
 b bhánaid doois
 bhnt me anmhaitn
 sabhaile agus ar scoil
 barnaill om roller blades
 agus skateboard



David na Nollag
Nicole is ainn dom
Bhí mé go han-mháith
Ba mhálthiom buggy
le haghaidh Baby Born.
Tabhair Póg do Rudolf



grá ó Nicole

Dear Santa
between now and
Christmas I am
going to try to be a very
good boy to help my
Mammy and Daddy and I hop
it isn't cold over ther
and I won't say any bad
language and no fighting
and I hop Mrs Clause
is making your geting
your suit ready for you
and I hop you bring
toys for me love from
Daryl O Gorman



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We might be getting our
chimney cleaned we
will leave syming
out for you to
eat I will also tidy
up my room in time
and be a very good in
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Dear Santa

My name is Aisling. I am 8
I would like some clothes for
Baby Born doodle bear and
a surprise. I have a cat
called Christmas. Visit my
brother Thomas, and my big
sisters Margaret and Anna
marie. Thankyou Love
Aisling xxxxxx ♡ ♡ ♡
Thanks Santa

Dear Santa
Between now and christmas I am going to try to be
a very very good boy. And please get the elves
making toys. I will have no bad baggage. At 62891129.
I will be good at home and in school.
Love from Leo Kavanagh. 17-11-97. I will have chimney
cleaned. First class Mairn North BUS. age 7.



The End.

Dear Santa

I would like a bike size 24

And I would like Baby Doc

Thank you for last years present

Mammy would like a 3d jigsaw

And Daddy would like a surprise

Thank you

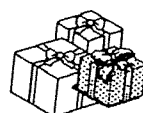
Sarah Hegarty

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Brendan -

Dear Santa and Mrs
Clause! You are very nice
to us children. Between
now and Christmas eve I will
be a good boy. I will
use no bad language.
I hope that it isn't too
cold where you live. I will
be very good in school. Love
From Brendan.



Good News!



We might be getting our

chimney cleaned. We will



leave something out for you

to eat. I will also

tidy up my room in time and
be a very good boy. age 7

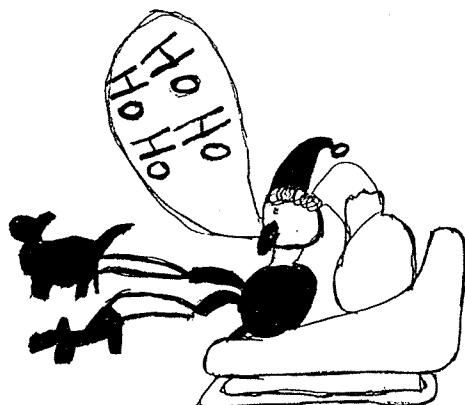
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Dear Santa
Between now and
Christmas I am going
to try to be a very
good boy. I'm going to
clean my chimney
and I hope Mrs
Clause is getting your
suit ready. I will share
my toys to Daryl. I will
not be fighting anymore.
Lots of love From Killian
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Dear Santa
Between now
and Christmas I am going
to try to be a very good boy
I would like to share Christmas
with everyone in the school no
bad language and no fighting.
I will help my Mammy and Daddy.
Thank you Santa for all my toys
Love from MATTHEW de BARRN
First Class Maynooth BNS
Age 7 the End.

Features

Dear Santa

I hope you have a safe
journey.
I hope it isn't cold for
you. How are you?
I would like a video.
I hope you do not fall
off the sleigh.
I hope you can give the poor people a present
you will like our Christmas
tree.

Love Sara Robinson

Dear Santa

How are you? I hope it is not
too cold where you are. Please bring
me a puppy in my pocket for
Christmas. I will leave something
out for you. You will like our Christmas
Tree. I can't wait till Christmas
morning. You will be very busy then
from Siobhan Albrecht

Dear Santa

You didn't have to wash
the glass after you last
year. Can I have: Baby-
expressions, Mouse trap
and a Buggy. Thank-you
Santa.

Love from
Aimée Naughton.



Dear Santa

I hope you are well.
Could I have chicken-
Limbo for Christmas.
I hope it does not snow
too much. I hardly can
not sleep on the night
before Christmas morning.
Love Róisín Hoban.
Xo Xo Xo Xo

Dear Santa

I have been as good as
good as I can all year.
I help when I am asked.
Thank you for all the
lovely and exciting
presents you gave me
last year. I would like
one of these and a
surprise Jumbo jet
Electronic chess or Flix
From Edwina

Dear Santa

I hope you are well.
Thank you for the things
you gave me. I hope you
don't have a cold?
I hope you are getting on
well with your Dears.
Love From ALISON Ó RARKE

Features

MAYNOOTH TASK FORCE REPORT

Over the past month the Maynooth Task Force group have had a number of meetings outlining their work to date and suggesting a broad strategy for the future development of the town. So far the group has had a very positive response from Kildare Co. Council, St. Patrick's College, NUI Maynooth and a number of other bodies which we hope will become partners in the strategy. Last month the Task Force presented an outline of its proposals to a special meeting of the Community Council where there was also a positive reaction and the group received some valuable feedback. From our discussions with a number of these groups it is becoming apparent that the next couple of years will be crucial in shaping the future of the town. Kildare Co. Council is already committed to investing very significant funds to the Town Improvements Scheme and appears to appreciate the unique character of Maynooth as both a university and historic town. It is important that the town itself is positioned to exploit this fact. Similarly, as the new University finds its feet and reaches out into the community it is important that working relationships should be established between the two. Below is an outline of the draft proposals which have been presented to a number of meetings in the last month. Any groups or individuals are more than welcome to respond to the strategy. Responses should be addressed to Dr. John Cullen, Main St.

Character

- * Use the old village to establish the character. Extend the main street development to include Carton Avenue and the lanes to define the village and link the elements.
- * Preserve the historic or landlord town image of Maynooth by regulating for shop fronts, signage and the nature of commercial development. Encourage the retention of traditional shop fronts, stripped stone exteriors and the use of 'old' street furniture..
- * Ensure a main street residential element is maintained and consider limited development in the immediate side streets to give the town width.
- * Use the streets development to link with, and emphasise the importance of the college and canal.
- * Ensure that the village remains a living and working space within the character framework.

Employment

- * Develop a science / business park to provide a range of employment opportunities. Target medium sized companies with minimum impact on the town's facilities. Negotiate with the IDA to pre-build standard units with a residential character in

keeping with the area.

- * Reserve and subsidise a portion of the park to facilitate the growth of the existing and future campus or university industry. Use as breeder units for a set number of years and provide a Mentor service from a combination of Community and University resources.
- * Given the current National skills shortage, use the projected graduate profile over the next number of years to attract relevant industry. Use the University research facilities as a further incentive, this could be operated to the mutual benefit of the Commercial and University interests.
- * Work with Tourism interests to develop employment opportunities. In addition to seasonal employment this will also create off-season work in terms of research, maintenance etc.
- * Work with the existing retail and service sectors to ensure that, within the context of the strategy, their potential is optimised.

University

- * Establish formal liaison structures with both the University and St. Patrick's College in recognition of their role and relevance in the town in both economic and character terms.
- * Establish how the range of services offered in the town can better reflect its status as a university town.
- * Provide for the ongoing representation of the University and College in the implementation of the strategy.
- * Explore areas of common interest in order to establish the greatest mutual benefit. This will include

Employment


Attracting and facilitating industry and providing employment opportunities for graduates and the wider community.

Town Character

Establish how the character of the town can more directly incorporate and reflect the College and University Campus

Promotion of Town

Agree how a combined approach can be used to promote the town in the most efficient way. Consider how the economic potential of tourism can be maximised through co-operation.




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Facilities and Amenities

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- * Develop a three way approach to student issues involving the community, university and the students union and encourage the opening up of university cultural and other activities to participation by local residents.

Infrastructure

- * In order to establish and maintain the proper balance in the town, set a number of guiding principles to monitor growth and development. These should include

Regional Equity

Ensure that Maynooth experiences its fair share of growth in the Eastern region. Identify an optimal growth scenario for Maynooth based on projected and potential increases in population.

Protection of Town's Character

Ensure that the future development of Maynooth is consistent with the character of the town, that its tourism potential is not hindered and that the position of the village as its heart is not undermined.

Resource / Amenity Balance

Ensure that the population / resource balance is defined and maintained. This should be done on a pre-need basis in order to secure the quality of life for the community.

- * In keeping with the town's character, and to develop the personality and atmosphere of the village, control through traffic and ensure parking restrictions are observed.
- * Establish groundrules for future commercial development in both the village and the wider town. Ensure that the development reinforces and promotes the character.
- * Take a view on natural boundaries so that the optimum or preferred size and shape of the town is determined and controlled.

Tourism / Heritage

- * Secure heritage status to underpin funding and promotional benefit. The heritage company could also be used as a central control in terms of tourism

generally.

- * Develop a brand image based on the town's character. This should be structured to illustrate the 'Landlord Town' origin and the depth of history and tradition in the combination of college, castle, canal and the town itself.

- * Develop the reputation and identity of the town by establishing theme events or festivals which evoke the past. Involve local theatre groups and the commercial sector and link in with the development of the castle.

- * Set standards for cleanliness and tidiness. This a requirement for heritage status and is essential to any tourism drive.

- * Establish a tourism office in the town.

Sports / Leisure / Amenity

- * Carry out a feasibility study on the provision of a multi-purpose sports and leisure facility. This should cater for both majority and minority sports and should incorporate a three screen cinema complex. One of the cinema sections should be capable use as a theatre to encourage local dramatic activity.

- * Identify and develop areas of passive amenity. These should be structured so that they are attractive to both the community and visitors.

- * Exploit the potential of the canal in terms of its recreational and sporting usage.

- * Develop restaurant and other leisure and entertainment facilities to reinforce the status of the village as a focal point for both residents and tourists.

- * Identify and provide leisure and amenity requirements for the young and the elderly.

- * Complete contact with the remaining bodies and interests in the town to ensure all points of view are incorporated.

Administration

- * Agree the broad thrust of the strategy with the participating partners to establish the scale of the project.
- * Agree the most effective method of informing the Community and securing their support.
- * Phase and cost the strategy and identify primary funding sources and conditions.
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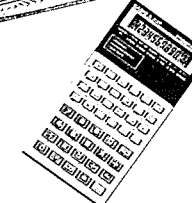
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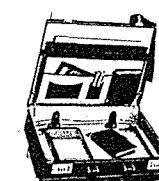
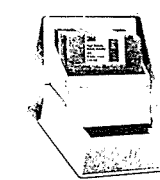
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The Planning My Future programme will give support, guidance and information on these and other issues relating to your epilepsy.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries, or if you need any assistance, contact: The Irish Epilepsy Association: Phone: 4557500 Fax: 4557013 or Planning My Future, Pre-employment Training for Young Adults with Epilepsy, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 4730039

GARDA TALK

Gardai Martin Caine & Denis Bourke have departed Maynooth Garda Station - Martin to Naas Station as Juvenile Liaison Officer and Denis on promotion to Sergeant to Gorey, Co. Wexford. We wish them well in their new positions and thank them for their high level of commitment in serving this community.

At this time of the year we highlight the dangers involved in drink driving, especially so because many people attend parties and office functions. While the enforcement of drink driving legislation is not confined to the Christmas period extra checkpoints will be operated. The message is simple, if you intend to take an alcoholic drink don't take your car. The loss of a driving licence through disqualification, a substantial fine and / or imprisonment together with the high risk of involvement in a traffic accident are real issues affecting motorists who wish to take a chance - is it worth it?

Operation Lifesaver which has been widely covered in the National Press is targeting excessive speeding on our roads among other road traffic offences. A number of speed checks will be carried out on all approach roads to Maynooth during the next few months and motorists are asked to obey the speeding regulations as they apply to particular roads.

A number of people travel home during the Christmas holiday period and if you are thinking of doing this, kindly advise your local Garda Station of the duration your house

will be vacant for. Seek the assistance of a good neighbour who will look after your house while you are away.

Finally, sincere thank you to the many people in Maynooth who have assisted the Garda Siochana during 1997. We wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and throughout 1998.

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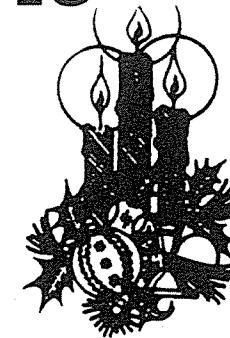
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THE MAYNOOTH KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB



No Name Club Awards Night

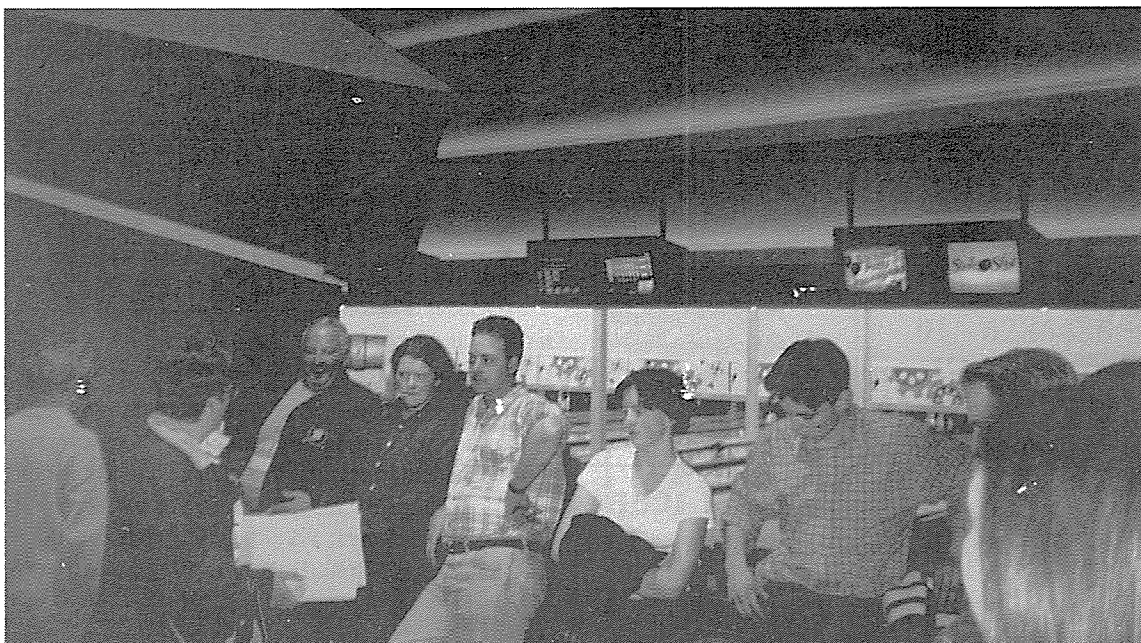
The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club is now in its fifth year and going from strength to strength. The age limit for patrons has now been lowered to fourteen years of age with great success as we are now targeting that age group.

There is also a strict code for membership, all teenagers attending must have their membership card with them if they have not they might get disappointed as they might not be allowed in. The criteria for the membership card is the sample form with a photograph to be completed by the

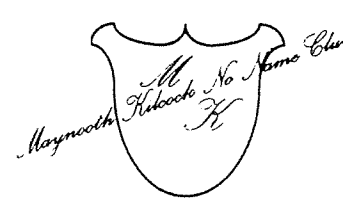
holder and signed by the school that they are attending or if not attending school a committee member will sign same. Do not get disappointed, get one.

On Tuesday 22nd October 1997 we took our host and hostesses to Blanchardstown Bowling Centre where they were all presented with their Certificates and Prizes.

We are now training some new host and hostesses, anybody interested contact some of current hosts and hostesses.



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Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of School: _____ Year: 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th ☐ 6th ☐

Please sign your ordinary signature in the spaces indicated below

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SECTION B - Certificate of Identity

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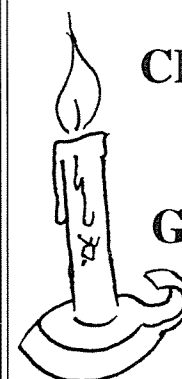
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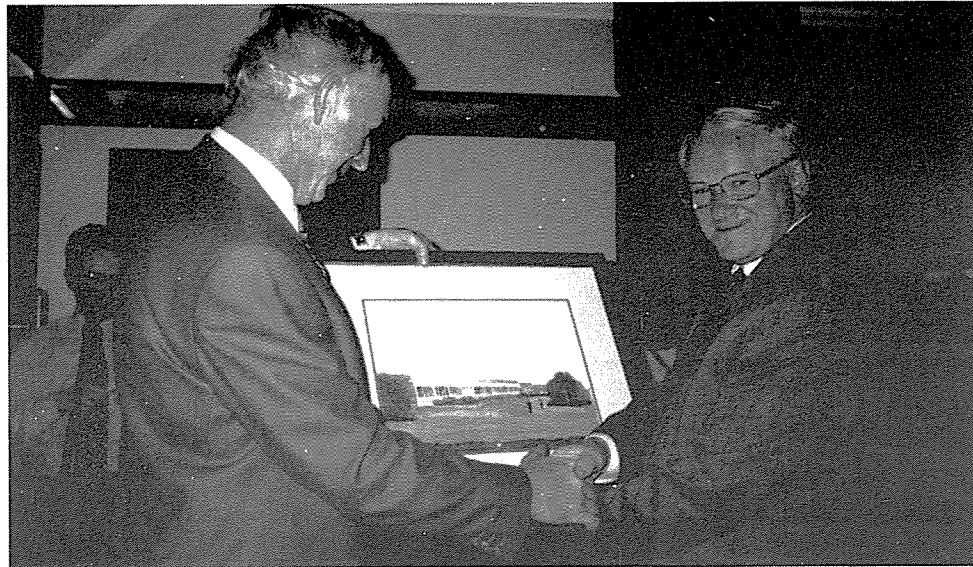
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Presentation of painting by Michael Dillane to Tom on behalf of the people of Maynooth

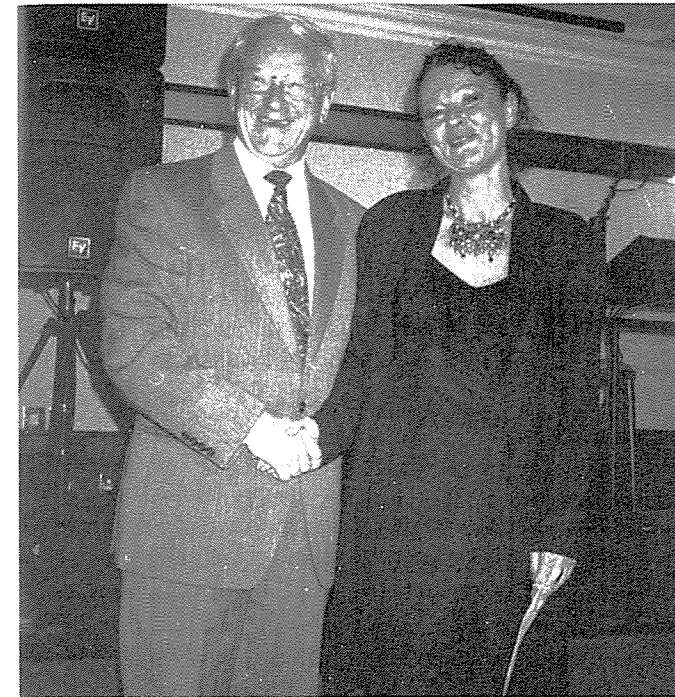


Pat Litch - Josie Moore making a presentation to Tom Ashe on behalf of Senior Citizens Committee

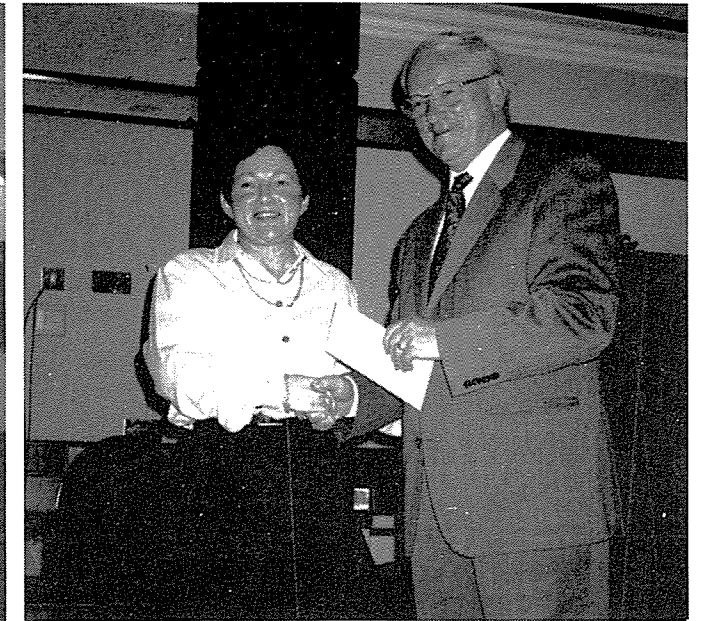


Presentation to Statia Ashe from Mercedes O'Rourke on behalf of Parent Teacher Association

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Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin with presentation from Maynooth Community Council



Presentation by Margaret McLoughlin on behalf of Parent Teacher Association



John Bean making presentation to Tom on behalf of Past Pupils Union



Lila Flynn presenting voucher to Tom



Dermot Nangle making presentation of Waterford Crystal lamp to Tom



Tom making his speech to the audience

Features

PRINTERS MADE EASY

Probably the second item most people buy after a computer is a printer of some sort. Over the last two years the printer market has expanded, increasing the complexity of the choices facing the prospective buyer. Traditionally, the choice was strictly between cheap dot-matrix printers and expensive laser printers. Generally the home user and small business bought dot matrix printers and larger businesses bought laser printers.

In recent times, the arrival of inkjet, micro-dry process, thermal wax, dye sublimation and colour laser has complicated the choice. In this article we try to clear up what the choices are and how to choose a suitable printer.

Dot Matrix Printers

These printers are also known as impact printers and work by having small pins hit an inked ribbon onto the sheet of paper being printed. They are extremely noisy, very cheap to run and the printed output is of very low quality. The big advantage with impact printers is their ability to print duplicates on carbonised paper.

Inkjet Printers

Inkjet printers, also known as bubble jet printers, are relatively new on the market and offer low cost near laser quality printing in both black and colour. They are most suited to low volume printing and occasional colour. The major drawback is that replacement ink cartridges are expensive.

Laser Printers

Laser printers have been around for some time. The principle of operation of laser printers is similar to photocopiers. Laser printers produce excellent quality output at a reasonable cost per page. In the last year or so, the cost of laser printers has fallen dramatically. A key issue with laser printers is the amount of memory. Unlike other printers, the laser has to build a complete picture of the page to be printed in memory before output. At least 2MB is recommended for printing from windows applications.

Micro-Dry Printers

A company called Alps has recently introduced micro-dry printers to the market. They are similar in operation and cost to inkjet printers except that the "ink" is actually a wax-like substance that is rolled onto the paper. These printers are primarily designed for high quality graphics printing. They are capable of producing a high quality waterproof image that will not smudge.

Running Costs

It is extremely hard to predict exact running costs for any type of printer. The costs below are based on manufacturers rated specifications.

Printer	Ink Cost	Cost Per Page
Dot Matrix	£6.00	0.05 pence
Inkjet Printers	£25.00	5 pence
Laser Printers	£70.00	1.4 pence

GOING AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

1. HEAT
2. LIGHT
3. WATER
4. ALARM/LOCK UP

Some years, we hear of people who come back from their Christmas and New Year holidays to find a stream of cold water meeting them as soon as they turn the key in the hall door. Not a welcome sight - indeed the stuff of which nightmares are made. A little thought would have avoided that.

What we need to do is to prevent the water pipes bursting when the pipes freeze. In the event of a burst we need to minimise the amount of water that can flow in the house. If you are going away on holiday even for just one night it is best to leave the heating on even if at a slightly lower temperature than usual. The heat could be set around 15 degrees between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. and again in the evening for another 2 hour period. Check your oil level to make sure there is enough oil for the holiday season. You should also open the loft trapdoor so warm air from the rest of the house circulates in the attic to prevent the pipes from freezing.

Check that the mains stopcock works. It can usually be found in the press under the sink. Turn off the water where it enters the house. If you turn off the water be sure to turn it back on again before you light a back boiler fire. It might be as well to leave a note on the hall table to remind you to do so. If you have a patio porch get a friend to collect the post for you. Make sure the windows are locked and don't forget the back door, the garage door and the gate. It might be a good idea to invest in one of those timers that can turn the light and the radio on and off at random. If you have an alarm remember it only works when it is switched on.

So here again is your checklist:

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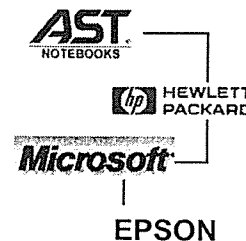




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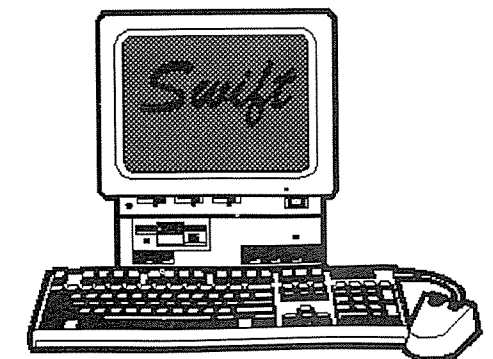


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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

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Never heard of any Church bells chime
Never felt any Christmas cheer
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In desperation there they wait
Without a happy heart to greet
Death and starvation is their fate

Blessed people I say to you
Your world so much of pain
Your world is so very true
And you don't even share a name
Be grateful all children out there
Be thankful for all your lot
You all have Christmas bliss to share
While some nothing they have got

No santa holly or decorated room
No turkey cake or pudding to eat
In their world all is doom
In a barren land of defeat
Some so little and some so much
It is a mystery to us all
But their souls are as such
In waiting of our Gods call

So at least say a prayer
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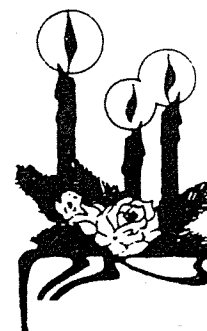
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NEW PRINCIPAL FOR MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

Sean Ashe the previous Vice-Principal of Maynooth Post Primary has now been appointed Principal after 5 years in his former position. Sean Ashe is from Straffan and has been acting as Principal since Tom Ashes' retirement in September. Sean comes from a long line of teachers with many of his relatives being teachers in the past.

Sean graduated from Maynooth College with a science degree and then went on to teach in 1973 and has held a position as a teacher in Maynooth since 1976.

Mr. Ashe has taken on a very big responsibility in taking this position, not only is he becoming the Principal of a very large Secondary School but of a School of Excellence as Maynooth is one of only 10 second level schools in Ireland who have been awarded this distinction.

Sean has stayed this long in Maynooth because he feels the "School is excellent to work in" and there are "an excellent team of teachers and a very supportive parents association" in Maynooth as well.

PROPOSED EXHUMATIONS AT MAYNOOTH CONVENT

Since the last issue of Maynooth Newsletter, Sr. Frances Crowe, Presentation Convent, Athlone issued a press release basically saying a new entrance to the Convent Graveyard would be made, making access and maintenance more convenient, and so leaving the 48 nuns to rest in peace and preserving another part of Maynooth's rich heritage.

My sincere thanks and that of the relatives of the nuns with whom I am in contact, to the eleven hundred people who signed the petition against the proposed exhumations. It is heartening in times when the Church is having a lot of problems that not one person in the area had a negative response to the issue, memories of the Convent and the late nuns shine like a beacon in so many peoples minds. Sincere thanks also to my committee members especially Bridie O'Brien and Ita McTernan and to Maynooth Community Council especially Norah McDermott for the unfailing support given to the issue.

Go raibh míle maith agat go léir.

Hilda Mooney

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

"Christmas comes but once a year but when it comes it brings good cheer" and that will be the case for this year's festivities with the Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club Christmas Extravaganza. Being mindful of the extra demands that surface in the run up to Christmas the Lions Club decided that this year their annual Christmas party which up to now, has been a private affair for the members and their wives, should be broadened out to encompass the community and friends. An opportunity to put together a fund raiser, the benefit of which will go this year to the residents of Dunfirth House, a charity supported by the Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club over a long number of years.

In doing so they have put in place a wonderful evening of entertainment, a dinner of fine fare, music and dance. A cabaret of international acclaim headed up by comedian extraordinaire Frank "its the way I tell 'em" Carson, the Mellow Cords and finally dancing with Gerry and the Planters into the small hours.

A night to remember your good deed for the year, so please support us and make your bookings now for a wonderful evening.

Tickets are available from Cecil H. Lyons, Clancool, Donadea, Naas, Co. Kildare. Tel. 4750220 and Helen Courtney at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Tel. 6290909. Tickets: £35.00 each.

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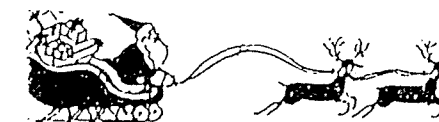


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FAITH FRIENDS IN MAYNOOTH

For many years now, the Faith Friend programme has been a feature of Confirmation preparation in many parishes in Ireland. This year, the Parish of Maynooth and Ladychapel is offering the programme to the boys and girls who will be confirmed next March.

The programme is parish based. Very simply, it is a programme where adult members of the parish community share faith, in small groups, with Confirmation candidates. The role of the Faith Friend is not to teach the children about faith, but rather to give witness to their faith, to share with the children how their faith effects their own daily living. So, over a series of meetings, the Faith Friend shares with six or seven Confirmation children on topics like: "When did I feel close to God?" "How do I pray", "Belonging to the Church" etc.

The purpose of the Faith Friends Programme is to provide a Community dimension to the preparation the children are already receiving at home (from their parents) and in the school (from the teachers). In so doing, it offers the children a concrete experience of the interested and welcoming Community that they are being initiated into - the Parish Community of Maynooth.

Indeed we can trace the roots of Faith Friends back to the Celtic Church. In early times, Christian communities appointed "ordinary" people of faith to help those preparing for Baptism, and those returning to the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These Christians were called "Anamchara" or soul-friend. They shared their faith and gave example through prayer and Christian living to the candidates for the Sacraments.

Twenty-two people from Maynooth Parish are at present undergoing training as Faith Friends. In February they will meet with the candidates. The parish is proud to have such people who are willing to commit their time and energy to help our young people in their Confirmation preparation.

The Faith Friends will be commissioned at a Sunday Mass during Advent, and an Information Night for the parents of the Confirmation boys and girls will be held after Christmas.

The Organising Core Group would like to extend a special word of thanks to our Parish Priest, Fr. Brendan Supple, for his support and encouragement, and to Mr. Sean Ashe, Principal of the Post-Primary School for his generosity and help with venue etc. Further information can be obtained from any member of the Core-Group: Fr. John Sinnott, Maeve Moloney, Jennifer Quigley, Joe Harkness, Joan Lennon, Peter McNamara and Noelle Topley

Contact person:

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ARE YOU UP THERE, SANTA?

When Mother said "Santa will be ruined coming down that chimney". Father knew it was time to go out to the barn and get the chimney brushes down from the loft. Before the cleaning took place the big black iron kettles and pots that hung from the crane had to be taken down. The crane was pulled out. Father with his oldest trousers tied around the ankles and a cap pulled well down on his head went into action. He looked up the chimney and smiling said "You're right, Santa would never get down there with all that soot".

One long handled brush after another were screwed on until he said "Can anyone see it coming out the top". Several voices said "I can see it". The brushes were doing a good job guided by my father's hands. Soot was dislodged and showered down. We were delighted because we knew if Santa was going to take the state of our chimney as an indication of whether or not we expected him well we were ready.

I can see my mother at the Singer sewing machine in the kitchen. She hummed softly to herself. The yards of tartan were turned into pleated kilts. She had already knitted the blue and red festive looking jumpers for each of us. The shoes and stockings were newly heeled and polished. The baking was done. The goose was nearing the end of the fattening season. The hams of our own pig were being smoked in the chimney corner.

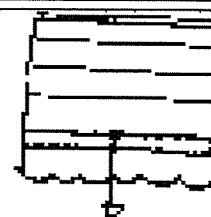
With the light of flashlamps we would cycle through the countryside to visit old friends. They really would be expecting us and they enjoyed our music, song and dance. Such hospitality and welcome we received. We would return home with bags bulging with apples, pears and a currant cake. By the light of the silvery moon we would see the smoke rising from our chimney, and get the smell of the peat and coal fires.

Our neighbour Artie, who was a regular visitor to our home, would meet us at the door. In a few minutes, to the sound of my father playing a jig or a hornpipe, Artie would step it out on the kitchen floor and soon a hooley would be in full swing. We loved visiting our neighbour Teresa. She lived in an old thatched, ivy-clad cottage. Her only company was her dog Rags. She would dance and sing with us. She played the harmonium in nearby Kilbride church. We sang in the choir to her playing. At home she would turn up the gramophone and dance a jig on her stone flagged floor. She'd have a table laden with all kinds of everything in the parlour.

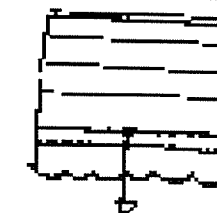
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VIDEO REVIEW

The People v's Larry Flint (18's)

Woody Harrelson puts in a very good performance as Larry Flynt, a pornography publisher, in this biographical film. It charts his life story, from his humble beginnings making and selling moonshine as a young boy, to running a chain of nightclubs when he's only twenty-five or so. When the clubs', dare I say it, Newsletter, becomes popular, he sees an opening in the smut market and 'Hustler' is born. He's finally hauled before the American Supreme Court for publishing obscene literature and for his alleged involvement in organised crime. So begins a long legal battle, with Harrelson taking the high moral ground of the right of the individual to free speech. In the middle of all this, an assassination attempt is made on his life, which leaves him semi-paralysed, and he's converted to Christianity. This is a hugely entertaining movie that's sure to be a big hit. Courtney Love gives a good performance as Flynt's not-so-respectable girlfriend (you wouldn't be too anxious to bring her home to meet your mother) and direction by Milos Forman is, as ever, first rate.

Verdict: Highly engrossing and very enjoyable

Donnie Brasco (18's)

Johnny Depp is Donnie Brasco, an FBI agent who goes under cover to infiltrate the mob. His target is Al Pacino, a sleazy, ageing mobster who the cops want off the street. He takes Depp under his wing and treats him like the son he never had, and the film is basically about the bond that develops between the two protagonists, and the ultimate choice that Depp must make between his duty and his friendship with Pacino. This is not a 'nice' film. It's not a big, bold, beautiful movie like 'The Godfather'. It is a film that shows the seamy side of second rate Mafia hoods in the New York of the seventies, with all their small-time wheeling and dealing on the far side of the law.

The performances from Pacino and Depp are excellent, particularly in the case of Al Pacino who, as usual, is absolutely brilliant.

Verdict: Not nice but very good

Liar Liar (12's)

This is a story about a lawyer who can't tell a lie in court (an extinct breed).

Jim Carrey plays Fletcher Reede, an ambitious lawyer with his sights set on a partnership in his company. He's divorced, and when he fails to turn up for his son's birthday party, the lad is naturally miffed. When he's blowing out the candles and making a wish, he wishes his father is unable to lie for twenty-four hours. Meanwhile, dad is in the middle of a very important case, in which the whole basis of the defence is that Carrey must lie through his teeth! As he bungles his way through witness after witness, he can see his prospects of a partnership sinking slowly in the west. There seems to be several different schools of thought on the talent (or lack of it) of Jim Carrey. However even those who can't stand him will enjoy this movie. It's a genuinely funny

film, full of 'sit-coms' and little twists and turns. If you want a good laugh, you could do a lot worse.

Verdict: A clever comedy

TEN FOR CHRISTMAS

Independence Day (12's)

Brilliant sci-fi blockbuster about aliens invading earth. Great storyline and fabulous special effects. Bill Pullman and Will Smith star. Superb!

Romeo and Juliet (12's)

Modern re-telling of Shakespeare's tragic love story. Leonardo Di Caprio and Claire Danes are the star-crossed lovers in California. A lavish and beautiful classic.

The Saint (12's)

Val Kilmer stars as Simon Templar, a cross between James Bond and The Man with No Name. Good story with plenty of red herrings. Great fun!

Jerry Maguire (15's)

Tom Cruise plays Jerry Maguire, the sports agent who discovers love and religion after a career of idolising the almighty dollar. Suprisingly good.

Goldeneye (12's)

Pierce Brosnan's first outing as 007, the famous secret agent licenced to kill. Full of the usual gadgetry and special effects, and a reasonable plot. For guys who never grew up!

Star Trek - First Contact (12's)

On the eve of the first warp drive test, the indomitable crew of the Enterprise travel back in time to stop the Borg taking over Earth. Fans of Picard, Warf, Data, etc. will love it.

FOR THE KIDS

101 Dalmatians

The animated version is a classic, and the more recent non-cartoon version is equally a gem of a film. Glenn Close hams it up beautifully as Cruella de Ville. Superb.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Plenty to keep the youngsters enthralled here in Disney's cartoon version of Victor Hugo's classic tale of unrequited love. Great characters, great songs and great fun!

Space Jam

Michael Jordan teams up with Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and all the Looney Tunes gang to save Toontown by playing basketball! Surprisingly entertaining stuff.

Star Wars Trilogy - Remastered

The ultimate futuristic fairy tale by George Lucas looks as good, if not better, today as it did first time around. Luke Skywalker has to save the princess from the evil Darth Vader with the help of R2D2, C3PO, Hans Solo, etc. An absolute cracker!

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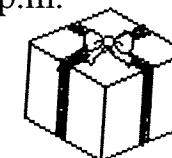
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Standing at the edge of town.
The red sunset lingers low
Giving her cheeks a billowy glow.
The stars sparkle in her eyes
At cold of eve she does arise.
And in her palace of the moon,
Her love is cold but deep and wooing.

This is the lingering hour, ageless,
Written in the ancient pages
The hour earth and heaven merge,
When all human dreams converge.
The chimney rumbles to rebel,
That Christmas has lost its magic spell.
The fire throws a shadow dance
And leaping flames defy the storms advance.
The Ice Queen breathes shrill and low,
As Frost on the window sparkles in the glow.

Rich in diamonds spreads her reign,
Up the wall and window Payne.
In former Christmas' she did behold
Greater riches in the family fold.
Around the fire the folks all sat
With scent of cooking goose and friendly chat.
A bottle of stout brought wittier sayings
With well wishes and extravagant blessings.
Upon the floor the children played,
All their antics were with joy relayed.
The boy played with his wooden cart.
As the girl held her rag-doll to her heart
Lighted candles and sprigs of holly on the wall,
The Sacred Heart looked down on all.

Earlier on the radio was Christmas poetry
And a rendering from the Seanachai,
T'was not the toy but the spirit of imagination
That made this night of adoration.

Modern houses do not, the Ice Queen, please,
For weatherglass windows are hard to freeze.
Repelled and spurned she makes the claim,
That modern Christmas' are not the same,
Too much TV and other distractions
Have reduced family interactions
Children are so used to getting things
They're not always impressed with what Santa brings
"But if only the story of Christmas was told
they'd know that it was me who made Bethlehem so cold"

The Ice Queen stands in shimmering beams;
White kingdom of unfathomed dreams.
Let's follow her radiant hue
Into that magic world new.
The music of frost beneath our feet,

The mystery of life in our heartbeat.
She will renew our imagination,
Make us into a glowing transformation.
Let's wrap our hearts in her starry mantle,
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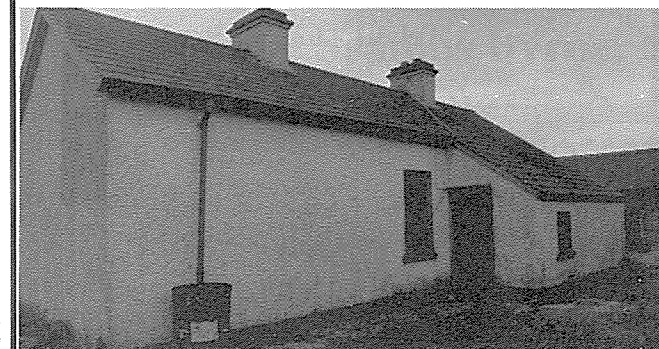
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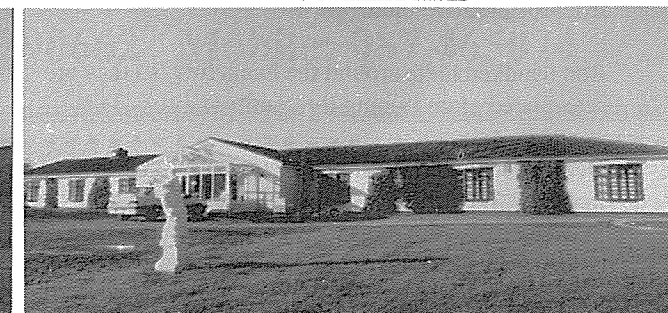
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Church Services for December

Sun. 7th	Family Service	10.00 a.m.
Sun. 14th	Morning Prayer	10.00 a.m.
Sun. 21st	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
Sun. 21st	Ecumenical Carol Service	7.00 p.m.
Thurs. 25th, Christmas Day	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
Fri. 26th, St. Stephen's Day	Holy Communion	10.30 a.m.
Sun. 28th	Morning Prayer	10.00 a.m.

In recent months, the first Sunday of the month has become a family service of Holy Communion with the children being very involved. This pattern continues in December when we will have as a special preacher, the Rev. Robert McMullan who is General Director of Scripture Union in Ireland. Prior to ordination and serving in a parish in Lisburn he was a secondary school teacher in Dublin. A gifted worker with children and young people, he will no doubt have something to say, which is worth hearing.

At the Carol service on Sunday, 21st we look forward to the usual ecumenical involvement. All are very welcome to attend this service which focuses our thoughts on preparing for Christmas and welcoming our Saviour into the world. As usual refreshments will be provided afterwards.

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

Papa Panov

Leo Tolstoy adapted this story by Ruben Saillens which tells of an old cobbler who dreams, on Christmas Eve, that Jesus tells him he will come to visit him the next day. On Christmas Day, he eagerly awaits his visitor. First he sees a sweeper, blue with cold, and invites him in for a hot drink. Next a poor mother and her baby are taken in and fed by the kind old man. He gives the baby a tiny pair of shoes he once made for the child he was destined never to have. As the day wears on, a number of beggars are fed and warmed at Papa Panov's fire. But there is no sign of his expected visitor. At last he falls asleep and before him passes a procession of all the people he has helped that day, all saying, 'Did you recognize me?' Then he heard again the voice of Jesus: 'I was a stranger and you took me in...'

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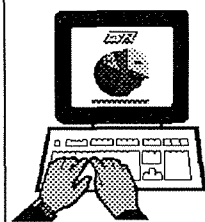
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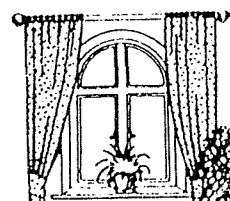


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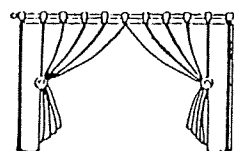


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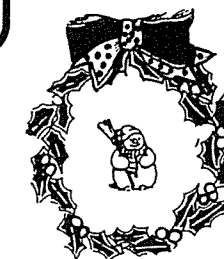
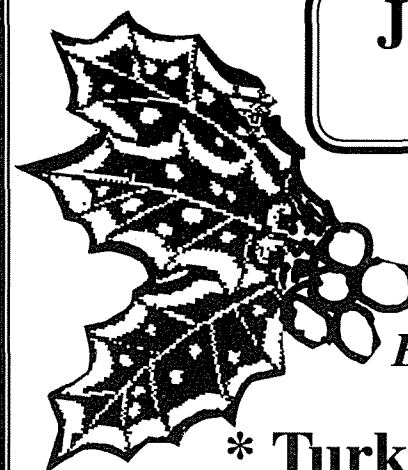
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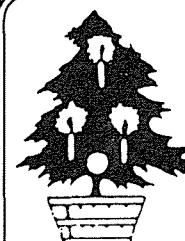
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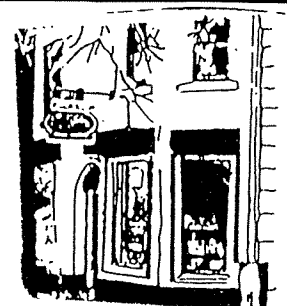
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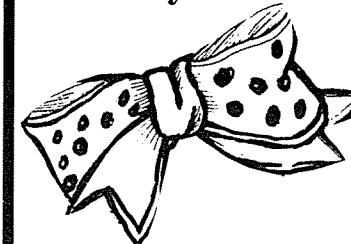
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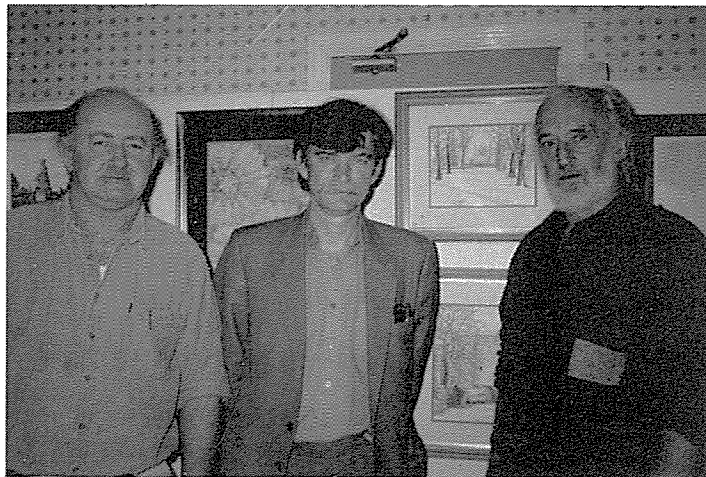


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Anna Liffey Artists Annual Exhibition - November 1997

The Anna Liffey Artists which has been in existence for approximately 20 years held their Annual Exhibition in the Spa Hotel Lucan from Friday 14th November to Sunday 16th November. This Exhibition takes place on a yearly basis in Leixlip and at various other venues during the year.

There was a great turnout on the opening night with 200



L-R Ciaran O'Brien - Davy Dunne & Liam Keely
at the Exhibition

people turning up for this event. Approximately 27% of the pictures exhibited were sold on the opening night indicating a popular interest in this exhibition.

There were 85 paintings ranging from landscape to figure work and cartoons, also a number of silk pictures. The various mediums used were Oils, Acrylics, Water Colours, Silk Painting and Pen and Ink.

Twelve Artists exhibited their work which included Rosemarie Ledwith from Maynooth. Rosemarie's work consisted of: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth College Chapel, "On a Clear Day..." (Maynooth) Shelter, Leenane, Lakeshore and Old Tackle Shed.

Rosemarie Ledwith, Maynooth:- "There is a distinctive looseness and sureness of touch about Rosemarie's work that never fails to appeal. She has developed an exceptional grasp of watercolour techniques, a truly individual talent".



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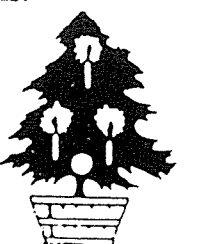
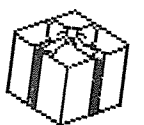
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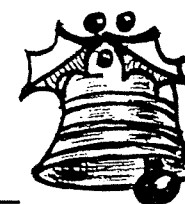
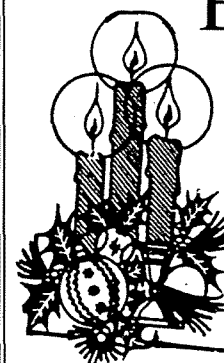
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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Lighting Up Kildare

The County Manager has proposed, in the Book of Estimates for 1998, that all mercury public lights (the white lights) in the county should be replaced by sodium lights (orange). This arises as a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion to the Council about a year ago. It is to the credit of all the other Councillors that they are supporting this very positive proposal. The effect of it will be that about 4,100 lights will be replaced and about 550 will get higher output bulbs or will be additional, that is, infill. The cost of the project is close to £1m. And with the work starting in January, it is hoped to have completed within the year.

Development Plan

Councillors agreed a strategy for the County on 28th October. That strategy caters for a shift of some of the population increase from the north east of the County to the centre. The growth to be catered for the five years from 1996 - 2001 is 12,000, and of that 4,000 would be accommodated in the Celbridge Rural District (Celbridge, Maynooth, Leixlip, Kilcock, Straffan).

This strategy will require major changes to the Development Plans for Maynooth, Kilcock and Celbridge, that is, less land will need to be rezoned. In the case of Maynooth, the Manager has suggested a population of 10,000 by 2001. In the 1996 census our population was 8528. Instead of the present proposals to rezone 270 acres to residential, the Senior Planner has recommended 50 to 80 acres.

The Planning Department is, at present, carrying out a survey of all residential zoned lands which are undeveloped to establish exact figures. This will take until December. The Councillors will have to agree on the amount of land to be rezoned, if any, in each town and then the Area committees will decide on the location of the rezonings.

Maynooth Main Street

As you read this work should have started on the footpaths on Main Street. Excavation will begin first to allow the overhead wires to be undergrounded. Paving slabs will then be put on the paths. There will be new public lighting standards, street furniture, cycle lane and decorative bollards to prevent parking on the footpaths. In addition traffic lights will be installed at the west end of the town in order to alleviate the chronic congestion there and make it easier for traffic from Newtown to get onto Main Street. The pedestrian lights at the Leinster Arms will be removed as there will be a pedestrian phase on the new lights. The cost of the project is £765,000, and it will take about five months to complete. This very welcome town improvement works arises as a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion which was agreed by the Celbridge Area Committee some three years ago. Because of the high cost of the project it has taken longer than expected to get it off the ground. It is important to remember that this is only the first phase of the project. Cllr. McGinley has asked that funding be sought for Convent Lane / Carton Avenue / Doctor's Lane entrance phase as a matter of urgency. It is hoped that this will follow on in the

second half of next year. In addition, Cllr. McGinley has also asked that funding be sought for all the lanes off Main Street.

Amenity Grants

Kildare County Council now has £200,000 set aside to facilitate amenity developments. Cllr. McGinley is of the view that a significant grant could be made available from this fund for development of the Harbour Field. This would be particularly true if the G.A.A., soccer and Athletic clubs can come up with a joint proposal.

The Proposed ESAT Mast

Deputy Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister for Public Enterprise to introduce regulations which will compel telecommunications companies such as ESAT and Eircell to share their facilities and property in relation to masts and other telecommunication infrastructure.

Deputy Stagg stated that the present situation where two separate telecommunications infrastructures are being developed is unacceptable in view of the adverse environmental impact of such masts. The numerous planning applications for masts at Garda Stations in North Kildare could be avoided if regulations under E.U. Directive 97/33/EC are implemented.

The Directive provides for co-location or facility sharing.

Rogue Builders on the Run

A Bill which will enable the County Council to refuse planning permission to any developer or builder who has not fully completed any previous development has been introduced by the Labour Party Senators in Seanad Eireann. The Bill was not opposed by the Government and it will be taken in Private Members time on November 19th. Deputy Emmet Stagg has warmly welcomed the Bill, stating that unfinished housing estates are the single greatest source of complaint from Residents' Associations. Over ninety estates in Co. Kildare have been left unfinished. Builders / Developers have up to now been able to move onto new sites with no real sanctions against them. Deputy Stagg said he strongly supports the Bill and hopes that the Government will support it as it proceeds through the Oireachtas.

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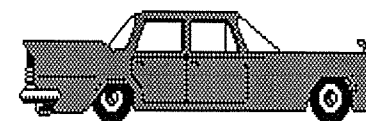
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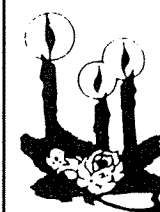


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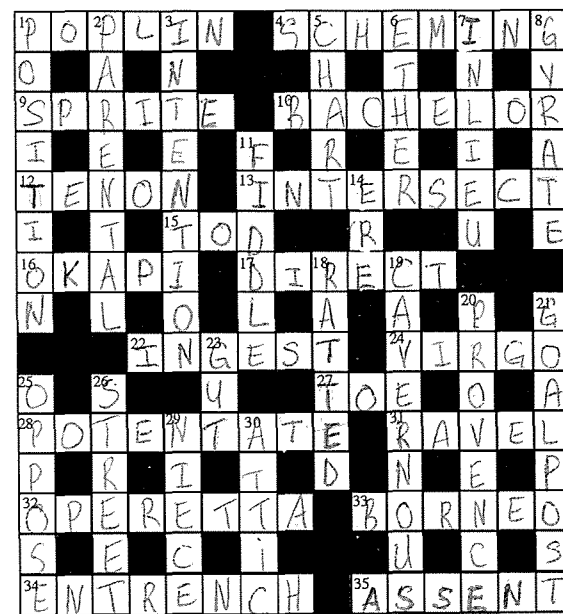


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Crossword No. 121



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Across:

1. Fabric (6)
4. Plotting (8)
9. Fairy (6)
10. Single chap (8)
12. Mortice joint (5)
13. Divide (9)
15. On this you're alone (3)
16. Antelope (5)
17. Steer (6)
22. Eat (6)
24. Zodiac sign (5)
27. Digit (3)
28. Ruler (9)
31. French composer (5)
32. Musical (8)
33. Asian country (6)
34. Establish securely (8)
35. Sanction (6)

Down:

1. Employment (8)
2. Like mum or dad! (8)
3. Object (9)
5. Graph (5)
6. Anaesthetic (5)

7. Instead (2,4)
8. Spin (6)
11. Instrument for fraud? (6)
14. Before (3)
18. Betrayed (6)
19. Hollow-sounding (9)
20. Area in France (8)
21. Part of football pitch (8)
23. Intestine (3)
25. Resist (6)
26. Thoroughfare (6)
29. Female relative (5)
30. Upper room (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 120.

Across: 1.Spleen ; 4.Jurassic ; 9.Invade ; 10. Liberate ; 12.Rotor ; 13. Pinstripe ; 15.Asp ; 16. Apron ; 17.Arcade ; 22. Census ; 24.Relax ; 27.Hoe ; 28. Intestine ; 31.Caste ; 32. Contract ; 33.Minion ; 34.Password ; 35. Bengal.

Down: 1.Sliproad ; 2. Lavatory ; 3. Endurance ; 5. Union ; 6.Avert ; 7.Static ; 8.Clever ; 11.Appals ; 14.Sea ; 18.Cashew ; 19.Directive ; 20. Blessing ; 21. External ; 23.Nit ; 25. Hiccup ; 26.Stints ; 29.Straw ; 30.Incur.
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1x418g (14.75 oz) can pink or red Alaska salmon
2 aubergines, sliced
1 tbsp salt
1 large onion, peeled and chopped
3 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp hot chilli sauce
1 x 396g (14oz) can of tomatoes, crushed
10 basil leaves
75g (3oz) Mozzarella cheese, grated
75g (3oz) Cheddar cheese, grated
4 tbsp fromage fraise

Method:

Put the aubergines into a bowl and sprinkle with salt. Mix well, then stand for 1 hour. Drain the aubergines well and rinse very thoroughly. Pat dry and use to line a shallow serving dish, laying them over the base in a double thickness of slices.

Drain the can of salmon. Flake the fish and spread the flakes over the aubergines.

Fry the onion in the oil until soft. Stir in the chilli sauce, tomatoes and basil leaves. Simmer until the sauce is thick. Spread this carefully over the salmon flakes. Mix together the remaining ingredients and carefully spread over and into the tomato sauce. Bake in a pre-heated oven, 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4 for 45 minutes, or until the aubergines are soft and the cheese is golden brown. Allow to stand for 10 minutes before serving with crusty bread and salad.

Serves 6

ORANGE AND ALMOND CHRISTMAS PUDDING

75g/3oz shredded suet (beef or vegetarian)
50g/2oz self-raising flour
75g/3oz fresh white breadcrumbs
50g/2oz ground almonds
1 tsp ground mixed spice
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
225g/8oz dark muscovado sugar
175g/6oz sultanas

75g/3oz raisins
75g/3oz currants
75g/3oz no-need-to-soak dried apricots, chopped
25g/1oz chopped mixed candied peel
50g/2oz flaked almonds, chopped
1 small apple, peeled, cored and grated
grated rind of 1 large orange
2 eggs, size 2
100ml/4fl oz stout
3 tbsp orange liqueur or brandy

Method:

Place the suet, flour, breadcrumbs, ground almonds, spices and sugar in a bowl and

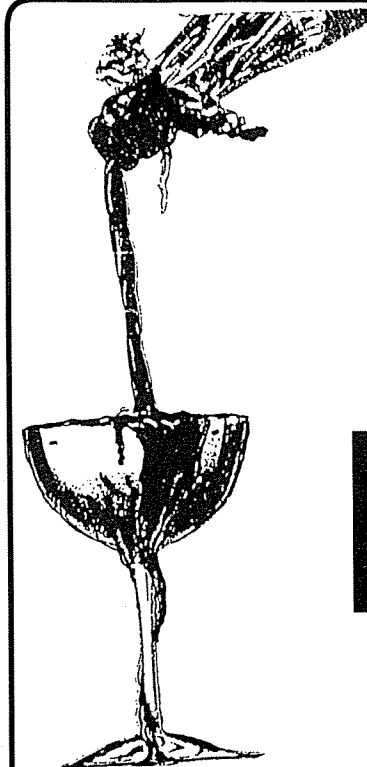
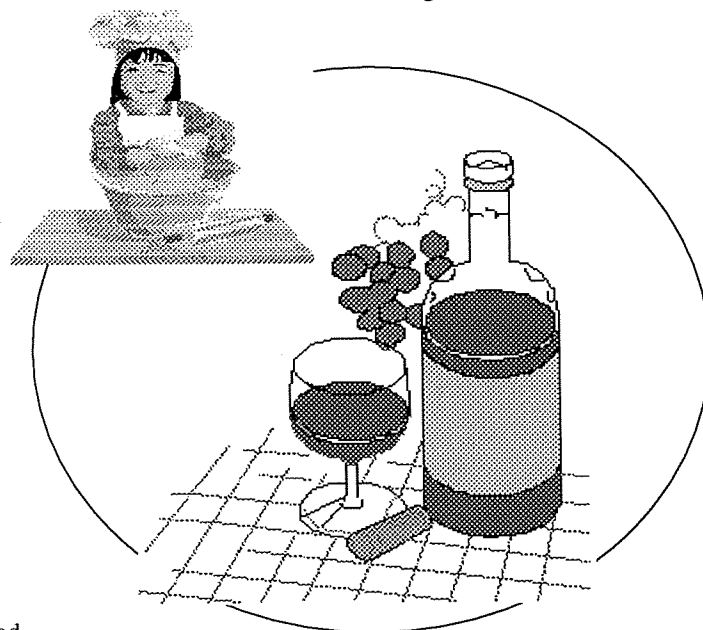
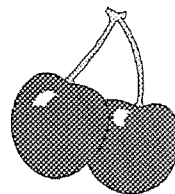
mix well. Stir in the dried fruit, peel, nuts, apple and orange rind. In a separate bowl, beat together the eggs, stout and orange liqueur or brandy. Stir into the dry ingredients, mix well and cover. Leave in fridge or a cool place overnight.

Lightly grease a 1.1 litre/2pt pudding basin and line the base with baking parchment. Spoon fruit mixture into the basin and level the surface. Cover with greased, pleated greaseproof paper or baking parchment and secure with string. Cover tightly with pleated foil.

Steam in a steaming attachment over a pan of gently simmering water for 7-8 hours. To test whether pudding is cooked, insert skewer into the centre - if it comes out clean, the pudding is ready. To store, cool completely; re-cover with clean greaseproof paper, secured with a string, and foil. Leave in a cool, dark, dry place.

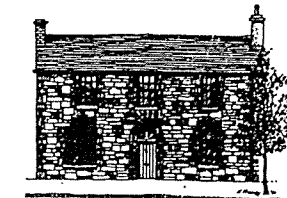
To reheat, steam for 2 1/2 hours or microwave for 5-6 minutes on High (100%). Leave pudding to stand for 5 minutes before serving.

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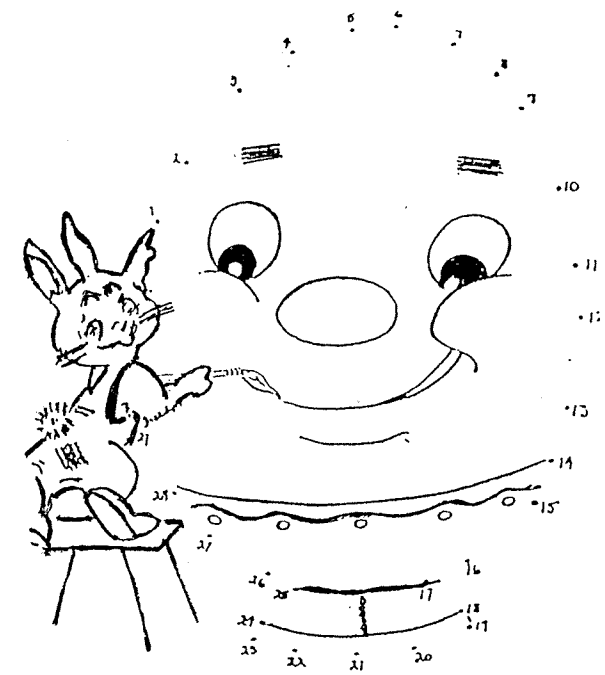
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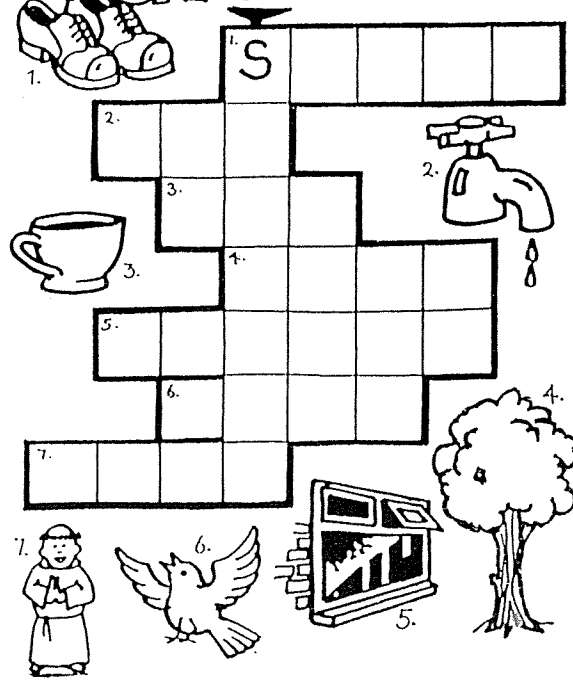
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This Christmas Don't Forget the Wildlife (Garden style!)

Whilst there may not appear to be much happening in the garden, life still goes on. It is well not to forget wildlife as well. Feeding birds has benefits both ways. It can mean the difference between life and death in cold weather, and in return they'll eat many garden pests. They're also fascinating to watch and their daily antics will soon have you hooked.

There is much talk nowadays about the decreasing numbers of garden birds and this can be attributed to many factors, natural predators, pesticides and lack of food. Do remember that if you do feed the birds they'll come to depend on the food you put out and could starve to death without it, so you must continue to feed them daily until spring. Peanuts are a sure-fire favourite, but don't buy damp or mouldy ones as they could contain a poisonous fungus called aflatoxin. Fruit, seeds and meat scraps are all welcome. Make kitchen scraps into bird cake by mixing them with melted lard. Harmful foods to avoid at all costs are salty or spicy foods, and dessicated coconut which swells up in the birds' stomach. Too much dry bread has the same effect, so soak it in water first. A regular supply of water is also vital during freezing weather for drinking and bathing. A shallow dish or even an upturned dustbin is ideal.

Prevention is Better than Cure!

Frost and wind can lift and loosen new plants which allows ice to form around the stem. Check them every couple of weeks and refirm them if necessary. Ensure that tree ties are secure and that they're not rubbing the trunk. If you need emergency ties, old nylon tights are an excellent temporary measure as they're strong, flexible and won't rub the bark.

Try and protect frost-vulnerable plants such as Forest Flame - try covering them with bubble-wrap or an old light blanket if a heavy frost is forecast. Another alternative is to plant such shrubs in a planter and bring them inside when frost threatens.

Stored bulbs, fruit, vegetables and tubers should all be checked every few weeks.

Throw out any showing signs of rot, which can quickly spread. Make sure that the compost around dahlias and other tubers isn't allowed to dry out completely.

The Garden Indoors

Christmas is a very popular time for giving and receiving house plants. Unfortunately it is also a time when house plants tend to be forgotten about or left in unsuitable temperatures and conditions. There are a few golden rules that are well worth remembering:

- * Follow the instructions that came with the plant with regard to temperature, light, watering etc.
- * Do not place plants in draughts, or near radiators or in direct sunlight.
- * If a plant is on a windowsill, remove it from the sill when you draw the curtains otherwise the cold conditions behind the curtains will damage it.
- * In some cases, it is advised to water sparingly or use tepid water - watch out for this.



Making a Christmas Wreath



Christmas can be an expensive time, but you can save money, and have an original decoration into the bargain by using material from your garden to make a handsome wreath for your front door.

You'll need:

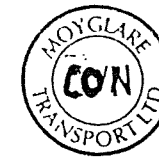
A frame of strong wire to make a circle 30-38 cm (12-15in) across. Special frames can be bought from florists, or make your own with galvanised wire or even a coathanger. Moss to clothe the frame. Green garden twine. Thin garden wire or florist's wire. The plant material can be varied according to what's available. Use evergreen foliage like Leyland cypress, holly (both green and variegated), bunches of berries or hips for colour, and fir cones or beech mast for decoration.

First make the wire into a hoop. Tie the end of the twine on to the wire and cover the frame with damp moss, securing it by wrapping the string round and round the moss. Cut a piece of thin wire, tie a few sprigs of green foliage together with it and secure them to the frame by threading the wire through the moss. Continue to tie on bunches of foliage until the whole frame is covered.

Then add the decorative material like bunches of berries, variegated foliage and fir cones, securing them in the same way. The fruit or berries could come from crab apples, cotoneasters, shrub roses or gladwyn iris. Spray the clusters of fruits with hair lacquer or clear varnish so that they'll be less likely to drop. A wide bow of red ribbon can be added to the bottom of the wreath as a final decorative and seasonal touch. Happy Christmas!!



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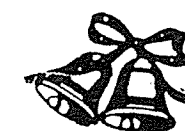
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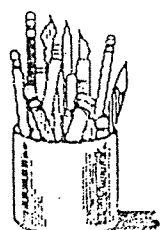


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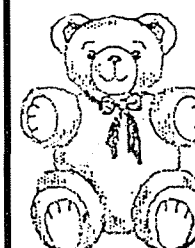
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Youth's Section:

The local youth's team, comprised of Ml. Gleeson, P. Kinsella, Jonathan Gallagher, Rodney Hopkins, Stephen O'Sullivan, Jose Lorenzo, Barry Doyle and Sean Bennett, put up a gallant performance against a strong Durrow Team from Co. Offaly. They did Maynooth proud by their efforts. Coach: John Gallagher.

The Mens 'Open':

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The other pulls provided good entertainment to the gathering including the efforts of the local Maynooth Team comprised of; George Frank Hand, Liam Fitzharris, Sean Bennett, Danny Bennett, Willie Healy, Ml. Dennihy and Leo Hynes of the Midlands team who gave his services to the local cause.

Winners:

The winners were: Vikings 12 pts
Midlands 11 pts
Ballymahon 3rd place
Durrow 4th place
Maynooth 5th place

The Midlands team comprised of: Sean Hyland, Val Dowd, Ml. McCreadam, Dan Reid, Ml. McDonnald, Kieran Clavin,

Tim Lynch, and J.P. Keville. Coached by Jack Keegan.

Local Confined Section:

The local confined section was won by the Brady's team composed of: Sean Hyland, George Gallagher, John Gallagher, Frank Hand, Willie Healy, Liam Fitzharris, Sean Bennett, Danny Bennett, and Leo Hynes. Maynooth's coach was the commanding Nicholas Donovan.

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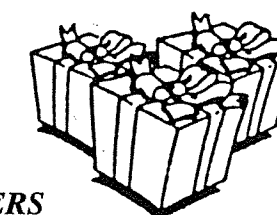
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. HURLING RESULTS

Minor Hurling 'B' Championship Final
Maynooth 4-6 Confey 3-7 18/10/97

Post Primary Junior Hurling 'C' Championship
Maynooth 2-9 Clonkeen College 1-0 22/10/97

Senior Hurling League Div.II Semi-Final
Clane 2-8 Maynooth 0-9 27/10/97

North Kildare League Under 11
Maynooth 1-9 Sarsfield 1-6 1/11/97

North Kildare League Under 13
Maynooth 8-7 Sarsfield 0-0 1/11/97
Maynooth 4-3 Leixlip 4-1 15/11/97

Minor Hurling League
Maynooth 2-7 Confey 1-3 25/10/97

Match Analysis

Maynooth captured the Minor Hurling 'B' Championship with a hard earned victory over rivals Confey. Confey were the first team to settle into their stride and were two points up inside the first 6 minutes. Following good work by Conor Diggins, John O'Shea took advantage of hesitancy in the Confey full back line to crash the sliotar to the net. Minutes later a Mikey Gleeson free dropped short and Seamus Cummins delightfully doubled on the sliotar for a fine point. Confey responded with a point for Eric Quinn a minute later. Corner forward Chris Arthurs got in on the scoring act a few minutes later when the sliotar broke free on the fringe of the Confey square and he forced the ball over the line for Maynooth's second goal. Man of the Match Lorcan O'Brien added a long range point for Maynooth midway through the first half. However, Confey are nothing if a battling side and took advantage of limited possession to reduce the deficit at half time to one point with a goal and point from Ciaran Divilly.

Whatever Maynooth manager Pat Nevin said to his players at half time seemed to have the desired effect when they scored two goals inside the first five minutes of the second half through Seamus Cummins and John O'Shea which was a fine individual effort. Despite a point from Confey's Eric Quinn, Maynooth kept the pressure on with the half back line and midfield duo particularly dominating and this was reflected on the scoreboard with a point from Lorcan O'Brien and two pointed frees from the skilful Mikey Gleeson. Confey looked dead and buried at this stage but were infected with a new lease of life when substitute Mark Lundy struck for a badly needed goal after 22 minutes. Two minutes later Sean Lennon who came on for Chris Arthurs got his name on the scoresheet with a point. Ciaran Divilly pointed a free before Confey reduced the deficit further with a goal for Joey Fitzpatrick. Confey needed a goal to win the match but a 30 metre free from Ciaran Divilly soared over the bar and immediately the referee blew the final whistle.

Overall this was a very entertaining game and despite the fact that only two points separated the sides at the final whistle, Maynooth were deserving of their victory.

Best for Maynooth were: Matt Callaghan, Ruairi Kelly, Eoin Nevin, Lorcan O'Brien, Mikey Gleeson, Conor Diggins and Seamus Cummins.

Team and Scores:

Karl Ennis, Mark McCarron, Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Tom Mullarkey, Eoin Nevin, Ruairi Kelly, Lorcan O'Brien (0-2), Alan Nugent, Mikey Gleeson (0-2), Ken Dooley, Conor Diggins, John O'Shea (2-0), Seamus Cummins (1-1), Chris Arthurs (1-0). Sub. Sean Lennon (0-1) for Chris Arthurs.

Maynooth 2-7 Confey 1-3

Maynooth booked their passage to the final of the Minor Hurling League with an impressive victory over Confey at Kilcock. The long grass made ground hurling very difficult but both teams served up a cracking match. Lorcan O'Brien opened the scoring for Maynooth with a long range point. Full forward Seamus Cummins added a further two points for Maynooth before Confey levelled matters against the run of play, with a goal from Gareth Daly. Lorcan O'Brien restored Maynooth's lead with his second point from play. Ciaran Divilly and Seamus Cummins exchanged points before Divilly levelled matters for a free. Just on the half time whistle Ken Dooley who had switched positions with Seamus Cummins goaled for Maynooth following a poor clearance by the Confey defence, leaving the score Maynooth 1-5 Confey 1-2. Both defences dominated for the first ten minutes of the second half and scores were hard to come by. However, Maynooth got the chance they needed after 12 minutes when Chris Arthurs got behind the Confey defence to score a goal. Two further points from Lorcan O'Brien and Conor Diggins put the issue beyond doubt and Confey were only able to get their first and only score of the second half with a point from substitute Bernard Quinn two minutes from time.

Best for Maynooth were Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Eoin Nevin, Lorcan O'Brien, Alan Nugent, John O'Shea, Seamus Cummins and Chris Arthurs.

Team and Scores:

Karl Ennis, Mark McCarron, Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Conor Minogue, Eoin Nevin, Ruairi Kelly, Lorcan O'Brien (0-3), Alan Nugent, John O'Shea, Ken Dooley, (1-0), Conor Diggins (0-1), Chris Arthurs (1-0), Seamus Cummins (0-3), Sean Lennon. Sub. Gearoid Higgins for Sean Lennon, Robert Hayes for Conor Minogue.

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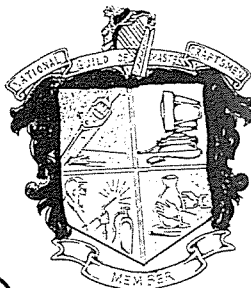
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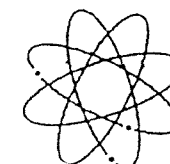
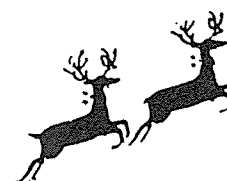


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Sports

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. HURLING RESULTS Cont.

Maynooth 4-3 Leixlip 4-1

This was a tough outing for the U-13 hurlers of Maynooth, in the North Kildare League. After an easy win against Sarsfields two weeks ago, this was a much tighter affair, with Maynooth snatching victory in the dying moments.

Maynooth played with a strong breeze in the first half and took full advantage with goals from Kevin Gannon and Sean Kennedy. David Comerford, Mark Cummins and D.J. Canning added further points. Leixlip came right back into the game, and put two goals on the scoreboard before the half was out.

Leixlip were now on top and equalised with a goal. Maynooth seemed in disarray after the three goal blitz from Leixlip, but somehow managed to get the ball into the Leixlip half. The ball eventually found its way to D.J. Canning and he finished the ball to the back of the net with a cracker of a shot. Maynooth now in command, looked like cruising to victory but once again Leixlip came back up the field to grab another equalising goal.

Although playing into a strong breeze, the Maynooth lads fought desperately to find a winning score. The Leixlip defence was holding out well and Maynooth were becoming frustrated, but Maynooth showed great determination and kept plugging away. Eventually they broke through the Leixlip cover and Mark Cummins crossed the ball to James Mullarkey who subsequently crashed an unstoppable shot to the back of the net. Leixlip tried desperately to get an equalising score, but could only manage a point leaving the Final Score: Maynooth 4-3 Leixlip 4-1.

Best for Maynooth: Fergus Devereaux, Kevin Gannon, Brendan Coffey, David Comerford, D.J. Canning and James Mullarkey.

Maynooth team and scorers:

F. Devereaux, J. Hoare (1-0), E. Diggins, B. O'Malley, K. Gannon, B. Coffey, C. Walsh, D. Comerford (0-1), F. Molloy, K. Comerford, D.J. Canning (1-1), M. Cummins (0-1), G. McCarthy, J. Mullarkey (1-0), S. Kennedy (1-0).

Tom Coffey

Maynooth Hurling Committee

Goals sink Maynooth's league title ambitions

Clane.....2-8
Maynooth.....0-9

Two goals at Celbridge last Sunday week, killed off Maynooth's chances of reaching the Kildare Senior Hurling League (Div 2) final, writes Tom Coffey.

Clane qualified for an encounter with Confey in the final. Clane and Maynooth were level on four occasions in the first half after the all-whites opened the scoring with a third minute '70.

Stephen Brennan was fouled and extracted an equalising point from the free shortly after this.

Mick Bennett conceded a free 60 yards out from his own goal and Clane added their second point. Scores were level midway through the first half when Stephen Brennan scored a point from play.

Clane's advantage was restored with a point from play before John O'Brien

neatly dispossessed his marker and scored a point from play. Fergal Scully put Maynooth into the lead from the first time with a long range free but Clane had the final score of the half when Mick Barry lost possession in the middle of the field. Three minutes into the second half, Maynooth fell three points into arrears when a move involving four Clane players led in an unstoppable shot that gave Maynooth goalkeeper Matt Carroll no chance.

A further point from a free by Clane was cancelled out with a similar score by Stephen Brennan.

The writing was on the wall for Maynooth in the 12th minute when the Clane full forward got a flick to the sliotar and it appeared to be going wide but crept into the net.

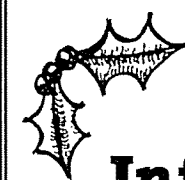
Hugh Nevin responded with a point for Maynooth following a pass from Mick Bennett. Maynooth began to dominate at midfield and the half-back line at this stage and were rewarded with three points.

One of these was from Ciaran McGuinness and two from frees by Fergal Scully leaving just two points between the sides with 10 minutes remaining.

However, the dismissal of Hugh Nevin for what seemed an innocuous challenge on his opponent seemed to give Clane the edge again and they used the extra man to good effect.

Best for Maynooth were Stephen Noonan, Ronan Murphy, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully, Tom Farrell, Mick Bennett, Stephen Brennan and Hugh Nevin.

Maynooth: Matt Carroll, Sean Cushen, Stephen Noonan, Ronan Murphy, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully (0-3), Brian Nevin, Tom Farrell, John Lee, Mick Bennett, Mick Barry, Stephen Brennan (0-3), John O'Brien (0-1), Ciarán McGuinness (0-1), Hugh Nevin (0-1). Subs Killian Fagan for Ciaran McGuinness, Pádraic Ward for John O'Brien, Ciarán McGuinness for Mick Barry.



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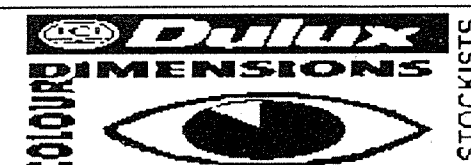
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MAYNOOTH HURLING RESULTS Cont.

Maynooth U-13s have it easy but opposition is weak

Maynooth 8-7 Sarsfields 0-0

Maynooth U-13s were quite clearly unlucky for visiting Sarsfields last Saturday 1/11/97. The Maynooth hurlers were dominant throughout and had many stars who it must be said shone against weak opposition. Perhaps Sarsfields erred in competing in this division and it only served to illustrate the hard work required in order to develop their hurling ambitions. Maynooth's best were Alan Sweeney, Ciaran Walsh, Brendan Coffey, Fergal Molloy, David Comerford, Kevin Gallon and James Mullarkey. MAYNOOTH: D.J. Canning (1-1), Jamie O'Neill, Alan Sweeney, Brian O'Malley, Ciaran Walsh, Brendan Coffey (1-0), Kevin Comerford, Pierre Ennis (2-2), Mark Cummins (0-1), David Comerford (2-2), Kevin Gallon (0-1), Gerard McCarthy (1-0), James Hoare, James Mullarkey (1-0).

Exciting elevens battle for Maynooth

Maynooth 1-9 Sarsfield 1-6

Maynooth's U-11 hurlers scored a fine win over Sarsfields in the North Kildare League last Saturday, (1/11/97) with both sides playing skillfully to a high standard. Maynooth always appeared to have the upper hand but Sarsfields never gave up the hope of winning. Best for Maynooth were Brian O'Malley, Sean Kennedy, Mikey Gilbert, Mark Cummins, Ronan O'Carroll, Kevin Comerford & Andrew Higgins.

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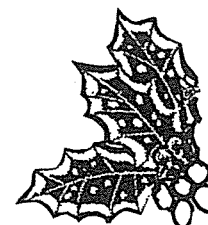
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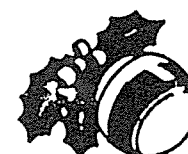


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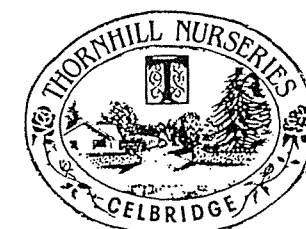
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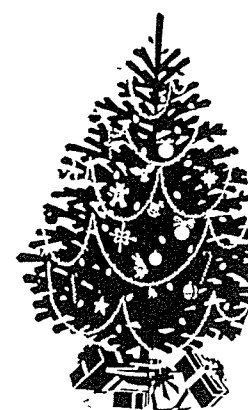
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Dowling: The family of the late Madge Dowling, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss, those who attended removal, funeral mass, sent mass cards, floral tributes, letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to all the doctors and nursing staff of both Blanchardstown and Peamount Hospitals. To Fr. Brendan Supple and all the priests from Batchelor's Walk, Dublin, also St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The local Gardaí, the Catering Staff, Maynooth College, John and Eithne Carey, all our very good neighbours and friends for all their help. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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Belated Birthday Wishes to Cindy Ankers who will be 21 and a bit on the 26th November from the staff in the Community Council.

LITTLE LOST DOG

After 13 years as part of a family. "Spot" is now lost. His family are very upset as you can imagine and desperately want to see him returned safe and as soon as possible. So if anyone knows anything about "Spot" please contact the owners at 355 Greenfield.

Details about "Spot"

He is a smooth haired Fox Terrier. He is white with light brown markings on his back. They miss him terribly. Please help!

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

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elaine Flood, O'Neill Park, Maynooth, who graduated in Pharmaceutical and Health Care at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham on Friday 4th November 1997, from all your family and friends.

Congratulations to Dr. Aisling Barton-Twomey, formerly of "San Feliu", Maynooth, who will graduate with a PhD in Immunology from the University of Birmingham, on 11th December, 1997 from all her family & friends. Aisling is at present working at Birmingham University as a Post-Doctoral Researcher.



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