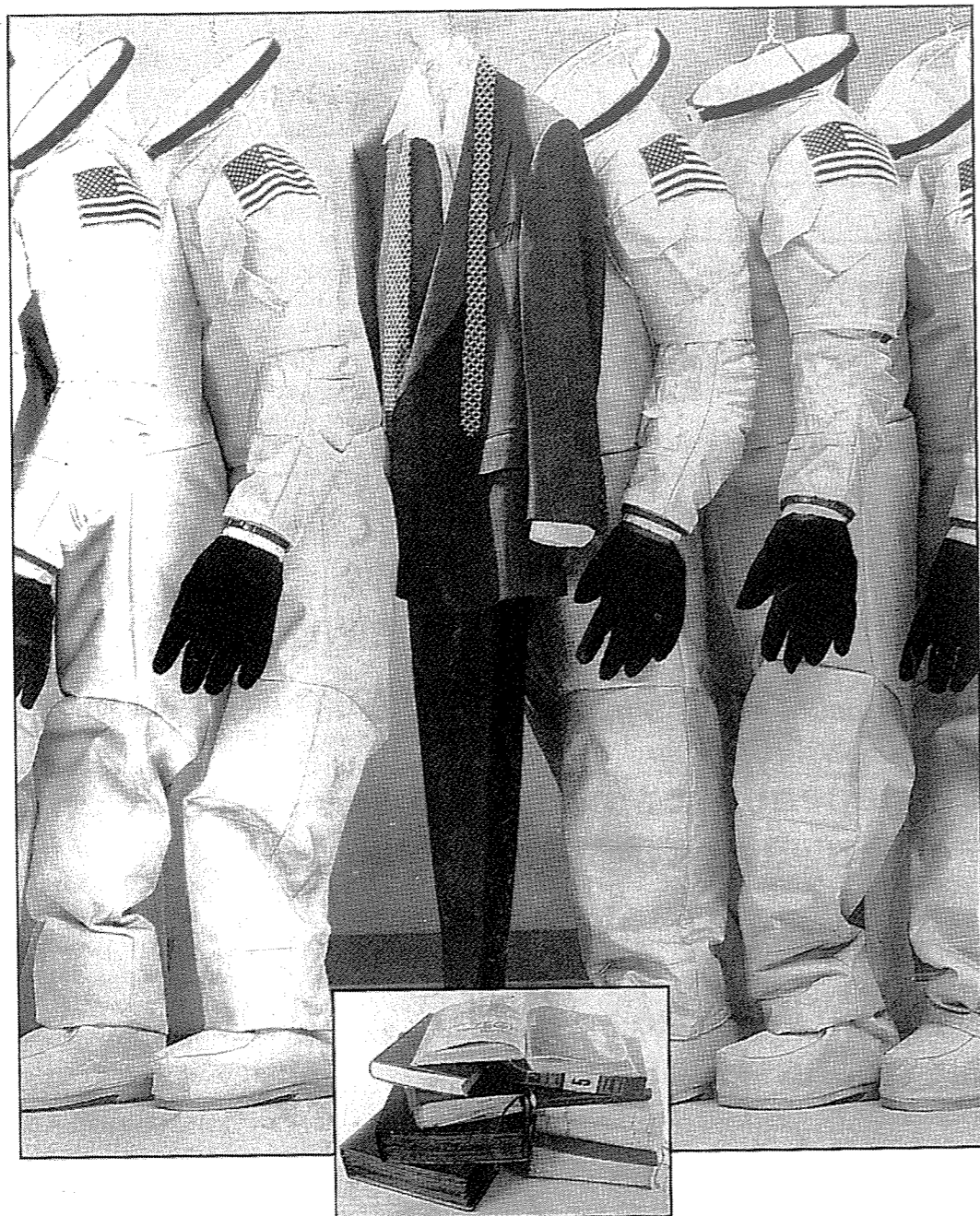


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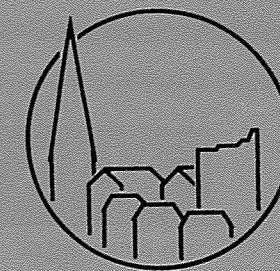
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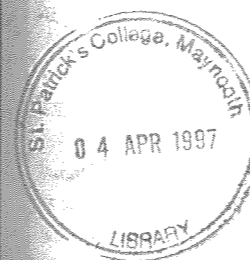
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DIARY DATES

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
Chairman
Maynooth Planning & Development Committee

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ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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
- All the Business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows

The Shop Window Prize winners are:

- 1 Ua Bhuachalla
- 2 Katies Flowers
- 3 The Barbers

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- Fred's Fashions
- Maynooth Office Supplies
- Maynooth Photo Centre

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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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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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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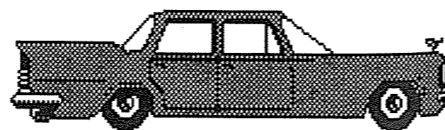
The Art and Modelling was held in the Boys' School on the 26th March at 3 p.m. County Finals of the Art will be held in Confey on the 19th and 20th April.

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.

Please return last year's Trophies to the Community Council office or to: Marie Gleeson, 5 Straffan Way, Maynooth, as soon as possible.

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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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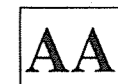
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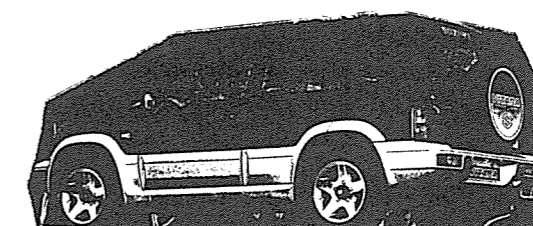
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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 Quinnsworth 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.

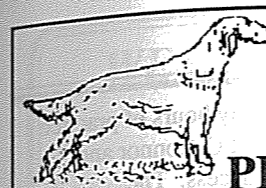
Class 12: Three tulips, same or mixed.

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
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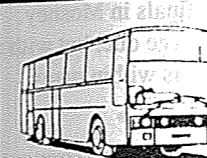
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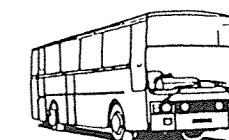
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BAND BULLETIN

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. Patricks 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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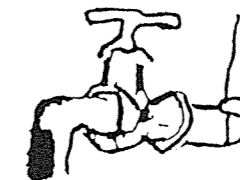
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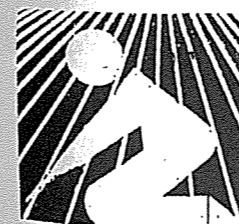


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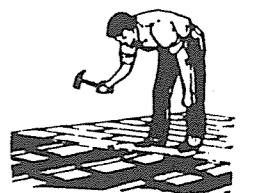
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Lord Mayor Owen Byrne doing a spot of Pitch & Putt



Tom Bean testing out the Pitch & Putt Course on the float



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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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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

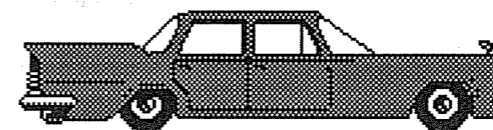


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PLANNING ALLIANCE

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.

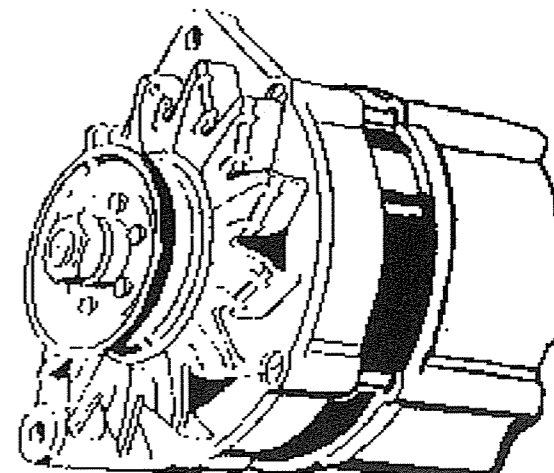
A flood of contacts from elsewhere in the country shows that the problems of North Kildare are not unique. Last month they were presented by the Alliance to the National Economic and Social Council in a special briefing at Dublin Castle. But ultimately it is your unshaking support which is essential 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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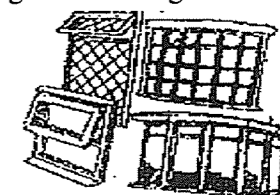
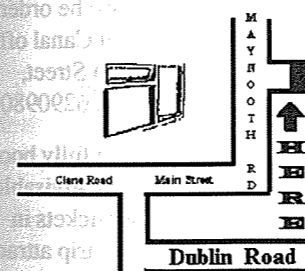
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CELBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

Mark Wins Gold in Europe

Goirle: Holland: Date: 15 February, 1997

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.

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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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June: Leinster

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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!

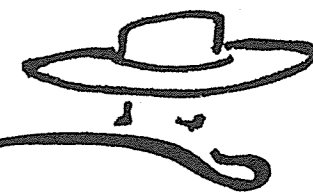
Collection of the £10 annual subscription for the Association is ongoing and we would hope to have all money collected by mid April. Your continuing support is welcomed.

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.

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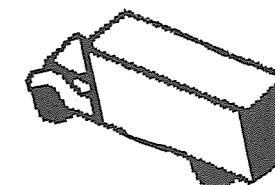
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With the MMX version of the Pentium Intel have enhancements.

- 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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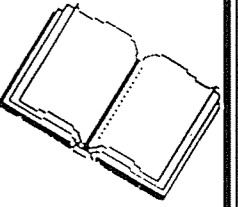
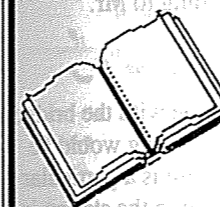
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Discussions on Straffan Road Plans

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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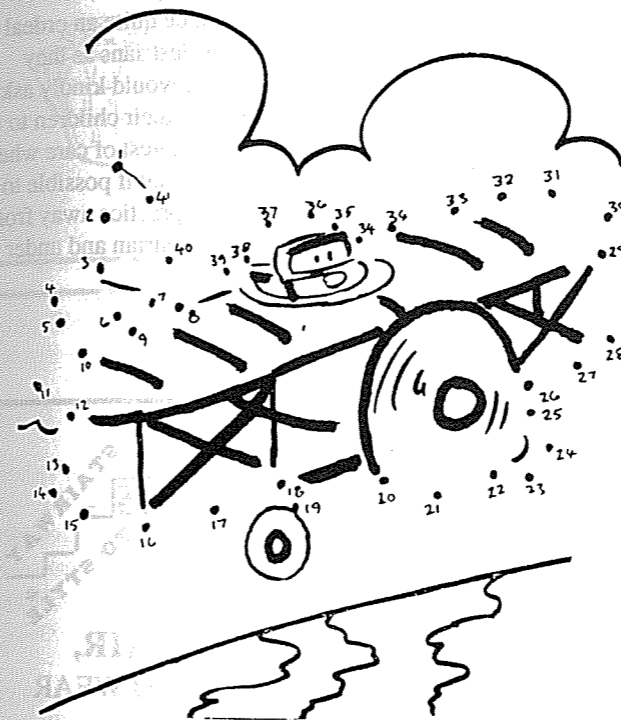
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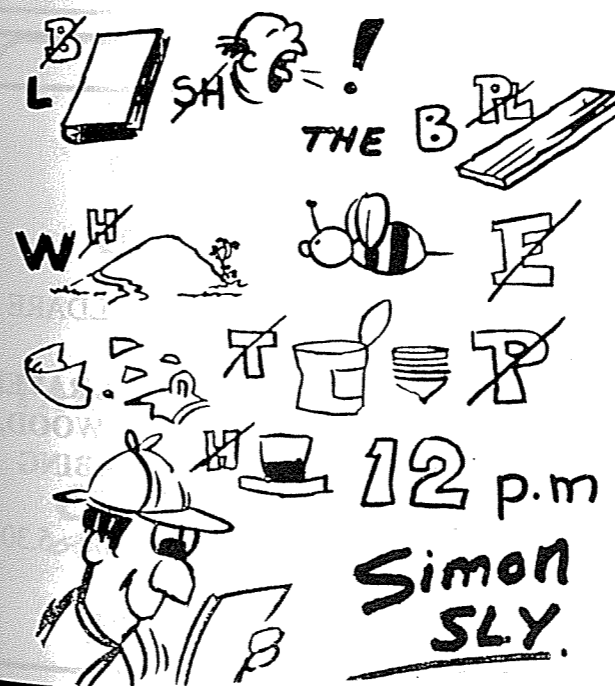
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GARDA TALK

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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"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

While Clints' sisters head off to Killarney, Clint will stay behind to face a strict diet as he is hoping to win Slimmer of the year for dogs, run by Hills the Pet Nutrition People.

STORM PUPPIES

Five loveable puppies were named the storm puppies because they were born on the night of a very bad storm. These lucky puppies were saved from being drowned by a concerned neighbour who brought them to P.A.W.S. The P.A.W.S. members had to bottle feed the tiny pups 5 times each night until they could lap properly. Then they were sent to 5 new homes.

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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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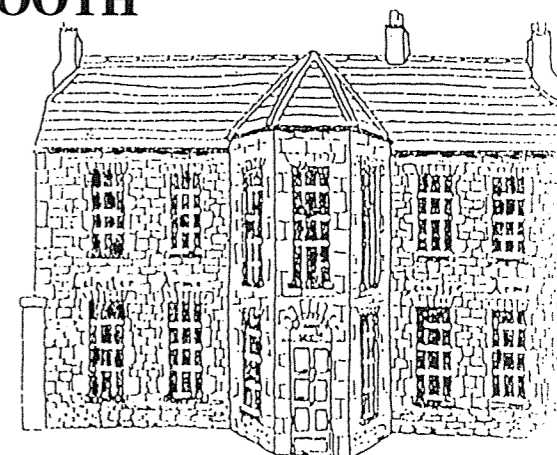
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A pillar of archaic decency
You absorbed life's pageant in a witty way.

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
By your traversing grace unlit.
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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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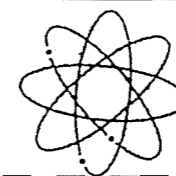
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Crowd scenes during the Parade



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

Features

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.

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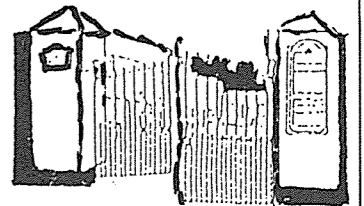
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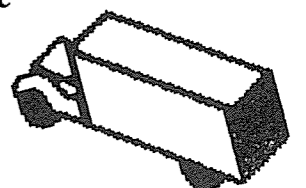
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PROFILE OF DOMINIC NYLAND

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.

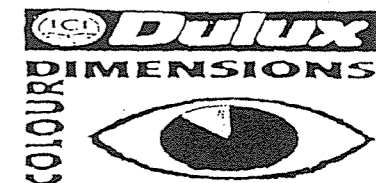
Question: What are your hopes for Maynooth in the future?

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.

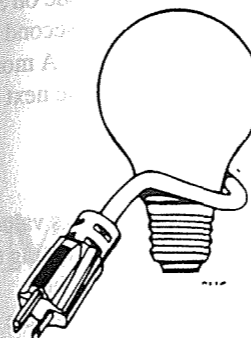
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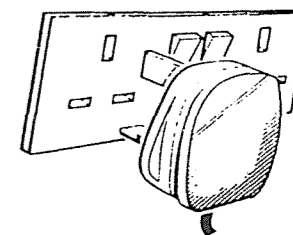


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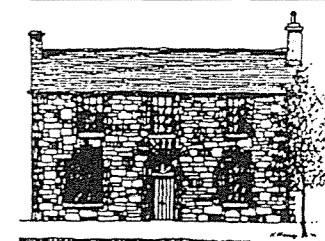


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SCOIL UI RIADA NEWS

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.

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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.

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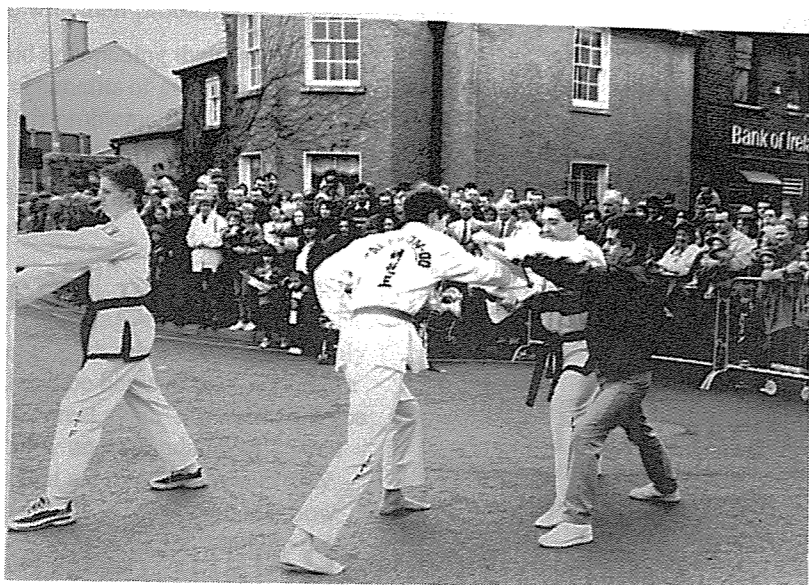
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GAELSCOIL UI FHIAICH

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.

Beir bua agus beannacht.

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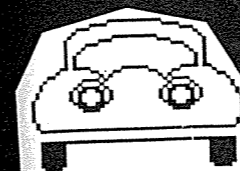
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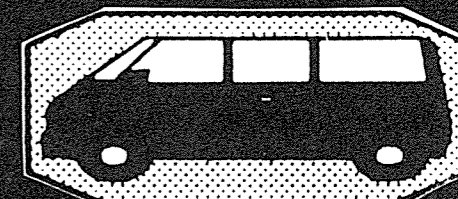


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MAYNOOTH WOMEN'S FORUM

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.

All those who attended previous meetings are urged to attend and newcomers are most welcome.

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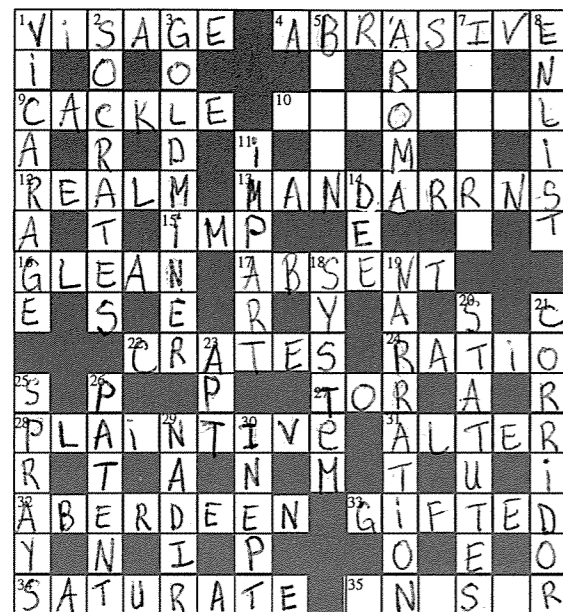
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Entries before 5 p.m. Friday, April, 18th 1997

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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

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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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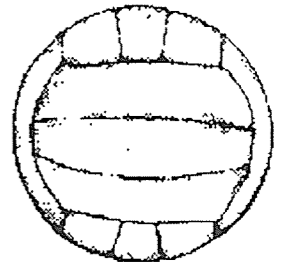
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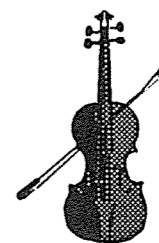
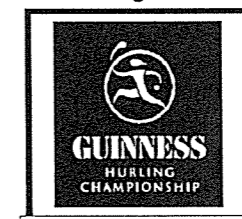
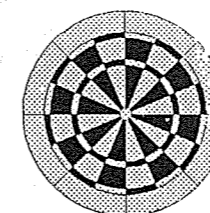


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