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DIARY DATES

Friday 28th November:

Christmas Lights switched on — The Square — 6p.m.

Thursday 4th December: • I.C.A. Meeting, I.C.A. Hall, Maynooth.

Saturday 6th December & Sunday 7th December

• Flower Festival - Christmas in an Irish Stately Home, Carton House, Maynooth.

Sunday 7th December:

• Woodlands Residents Association Race Night, Glenroyal Hotel.

Sunday 14th December:

- Maynooth Senior Citizens Christmas Party.
 Scoil Uí Riada Christmas Party & Mini Disco, North Kildare Club.
- Tuesday 16th December:
- ICA Federation Christmas Party, Red House Hotel.
- Maynooth Senior Citizens, Special Evening For Christmas shopping in Super-Valu.

Saturday 20th December:

• Maynooth & Kilcock Lions Club Extravaganza, Glenroyal Hotel.

EDITORIAL

With the Christmas shopping spree well under way there are signs of prosperity all around the country, and Maynooth is no exception. Huge shopping centres like Blanchardstown and Tallaght obviously have their attractions and there are some items that just can't be bought in Maynooth but there is a lot to be said for shopping locally. The success of our local businesses secures employment in the town and means that money spent circulates in the town. Given the spending power of all ten thousand residents of Maynooth one might expect a much wider range of shops in the town but the reality is that Maynooth's traders are always going to have to compete with Dublin city centre shops as well as large suburban shopping centres. Of course local businesses must play their part in attracting shoppers to Maynooth and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Christmas lights are an attractive addition to Main St. at this time of the year. Many shops have also taken great care to present their shop fronts and the Main St., particularly when the improvement scheme is completed, will certainly be a pleasant shopping environment. Unfortunately there have been a few developments that are not quite so attractive and one must mention the neon signs at Romayos and the newly opened Mona Lisa's in this context.

Gaudy neon signs are inappropriate when other businesses and the local authority are doing their best to present Maynooth's historic town centre.

And finally, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year from the Newsletter to all our readers and thank you for your support in 1997.

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Community Council Notes

TOWN IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Community Council members at our November meeting were given details of the work being undertaken to improve the centre of Maynooth. The work which will cost £765,000 in total is being funded from the by-passed towns scheme.

Putting the utility services underground will cost £300,000 and the balance of the money will be spent on work which will include the paving of the footpaths and new street furniture.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW HOW IT DOES IT'S BUSINESS.

In a discussion at the November meeting the Community Council considered how to encourage more of the members to play an active part in the organisation. Members were invited to join the sub-committees, most of which are very active in the community.

Some helpful suggestions were made regarding the bimonthly meetings which will be given further consideration. The possibility of reverting to monthly meetings was also raised together with the idea that the alternate meetings could include a discussion focusing on a particular issue.

Chairman, Mr. Tom McMullon invited members to bring issues that they would like to discuss at the Community Council meetings to the attention of the executive and these items would be included on the agenda for subsequent meetings.

TRIBUTES PAID TO FORMER MAYNOOTH GARDAI.

Sergeant Kearney informed the November meeting that Gardai, Martin Caine and Denis Bourke have both recently departed Maynooth Garda Station. Garda Bourke goes to Gorey, Co. Wexford as Sergeant and Garda Caine to Naas as Juvenile Liason Officer for North Kildare.

Mr. Tom McMullon leading the tributes said that both men will be missed in the town and this was echoed by many tributes from members of the Community Council. Garda Caine was complemented on his work with the youth in the area paricularly with the No Name Club.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CO-OPTIONS. Mrs. Anne Birchall was co-opted to the Council as a member for Old Greenfield.

CHRISTMAS 1997

Many signs that we are in the season of goodwill are apparent around the town. On behalf of Maynooth Community Council may I wish you A Very Happy Christmas and everything you would wish for yourself in 1998.

Paul Croghan PRO

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor.

I could hardly contain my anger when I read the following in the November edition of the Newsletter under the Maynooth Planning alliance notes.

"In the Amended Maynooth Development Plan our Councillors proposed, against the advice of professional planners, to facilitate a further huge influx of population to double the 1996 population of this town".

The Planning Alliance are fully aware of my position which was very public and predated the alliance itself. I had issued leaflets and called public meetings on the issue. It is not the first time I have taken issue with comments by the Alliance who have no trouble seeking assistance from me which has always been forthcoming but never acknowledged in a public fashion.

I have taken the position I did on planning not just in Maynooth but County wide. I did so because I believe there must be order to development and it must be more than just houses but the facilities that are necessary must be simultaneously provided. I was particularly pleased with Minister Noel Dempsey's letter in that regard, and should this new County Strategy which is actively under discussion (but not once referred to by the Planning Alliance) be adopted we will be in a strong position to argue for resources from the Dept of the Environment.

I am not sure why they are reluctant to acknowledge my own position but the least I would expect is that they don't misrepresent it which they did by using the global term our Councillors.

Catherine Murphy County Councillor (D.L.)

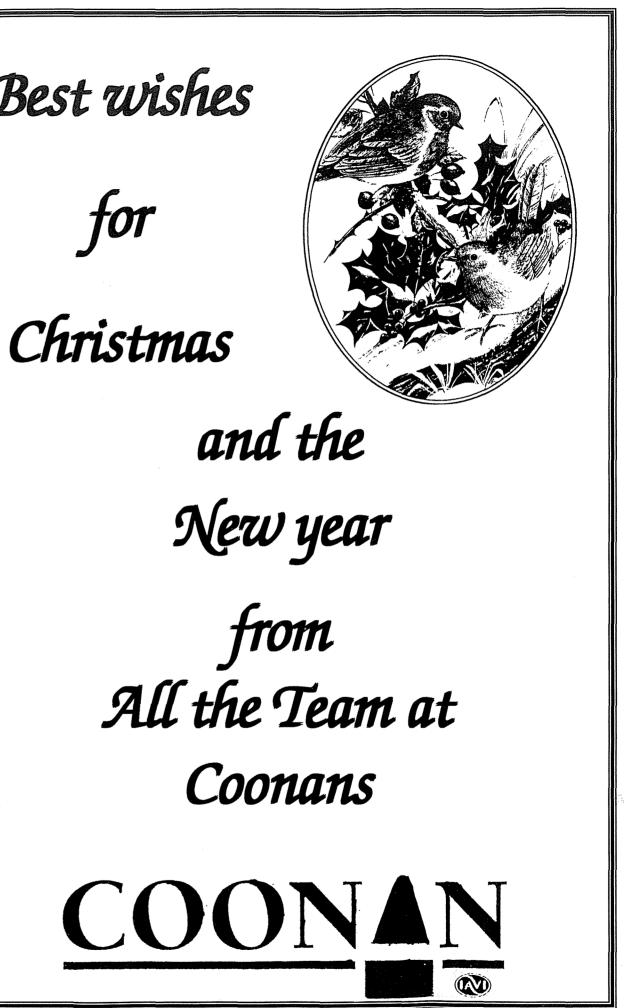


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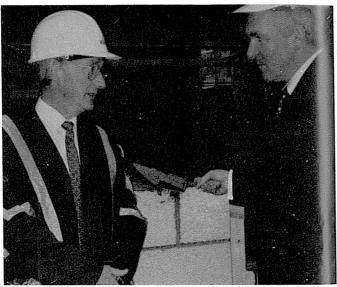
We thank the various Residents Associations and Businesses for their interest in our recent Best Estates, Best Shop Fronts competition sponsored by Coonan Auctioneers. We have contacted our adjudicators to obtain ideas to help estates and businesses who have not featured in the prizes to date.

With Christmas fast approaching we again remind you to recycle bottles and cans in the recycling bins in the various Shopping Centres.

Finally, we wish all our Readers, County Council Officers, Staff and Sunday Morning Clean-up Team, Fás and Community Council workers a Very Happy Christmas. Thank you all for your support in 1997.

PS Sunday morning clean-up continuing 9am GeraldineHall.

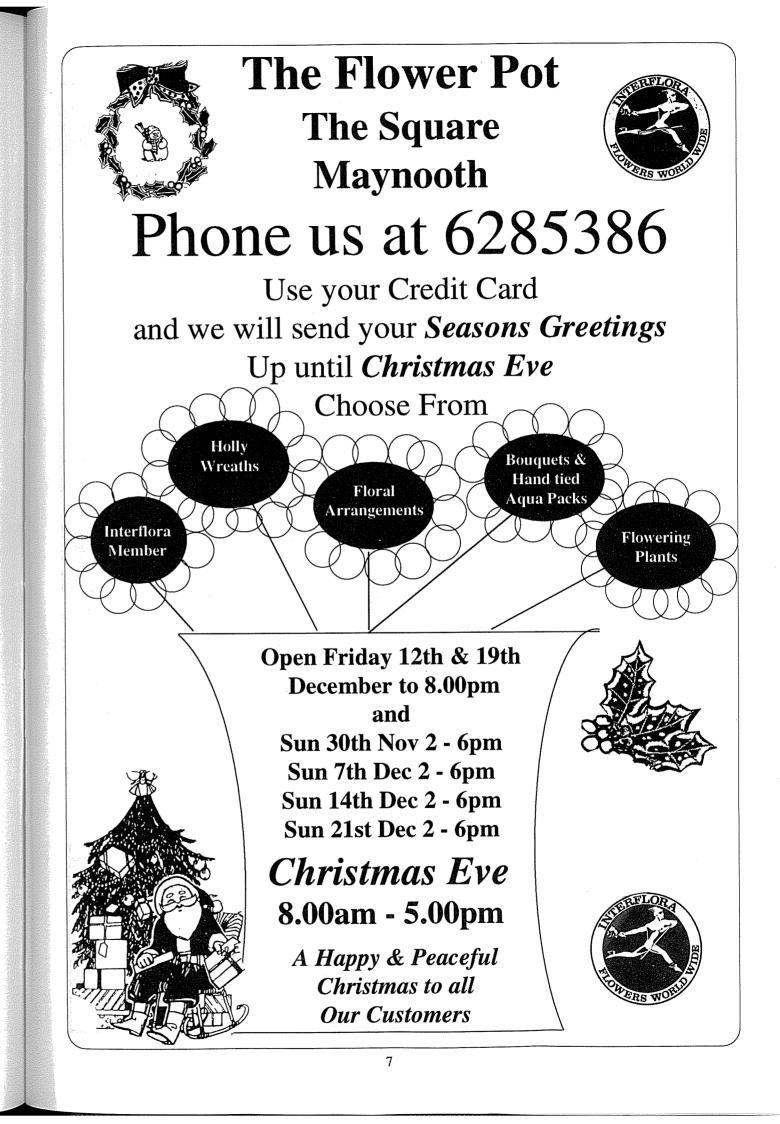
Richard Farrell P.R.O. Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee



Caption: "All this bridge building is tiring me out!" Winner: Carol Barton, San Feliu, Maynooth.



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SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

Múinteoir Nua

Tá áthas orainn fáilte mór a chur roimh múinteoir nua Mairéad Ní Thuama as Baile Bhúirne, Co. Chorcaí. Since graduating from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Mairéad has worked in Gaelscoil Thomáis Dhiabhís, Mallow and Gaelscoil Shéain Uí Eigeartaigh, Cobh. before coming to Scoil Uí Riada. Mairéad teaches Rang II and, in addition, is taking the beginners group in the Ranganna Gaeilge. Fáilte is feiche romhat a Mhairéad.

Comórtas Dathú - Mavnooth Library Colouring Competition

Cógairdeachas to Dónal Mac Giolla, Rang I, and Emma Ní Bhraonín, Rang III, both of whom were runners up in the under seven and under twelve categories of this competition.

Oireachtas '97

Cógairdeachas to Thomás Ó Baille, Range V, who came second in the Scéalaíocht category of the Oireachtas in Belfast recently.

Slógadh '98

The first round of Slógadh '98 commences on the 6th and 7th of December. Scoil Uí Riada will be represented this year in the following categories:

- Cór Aongutha Cór Dhá Pháirt Péinteireacht Dramaíocht Agallamh Beirte Scéalaíocht
- Rang I & II Rang III - VI Rang II - IV Rang III & IV Rang II & V Rang V

The next few months should certainly prove to be busy for the múinteoirí and daltaí involved. Go neirí go geal libh go léir.

Cóisír na Nollag - Christmas Party

Folks, keep the 14th of December clear as the Cairde Committee have organised a Christmas Party and Mini Disco in the North Kildare Club. The word from the North Pole is that Daidí na Nollag will be arriving between 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. laden with presents and other goodies.

P.S. the Cairde Elves would appreciate some additional help to wrap presents and to organise this event. If you can offer some assistance please telephone the school at 01-6287906 or e-mail the school at Scoiluiriada@tinet.i.e.

The Board of Management would like to wish the staff, parents and pupils a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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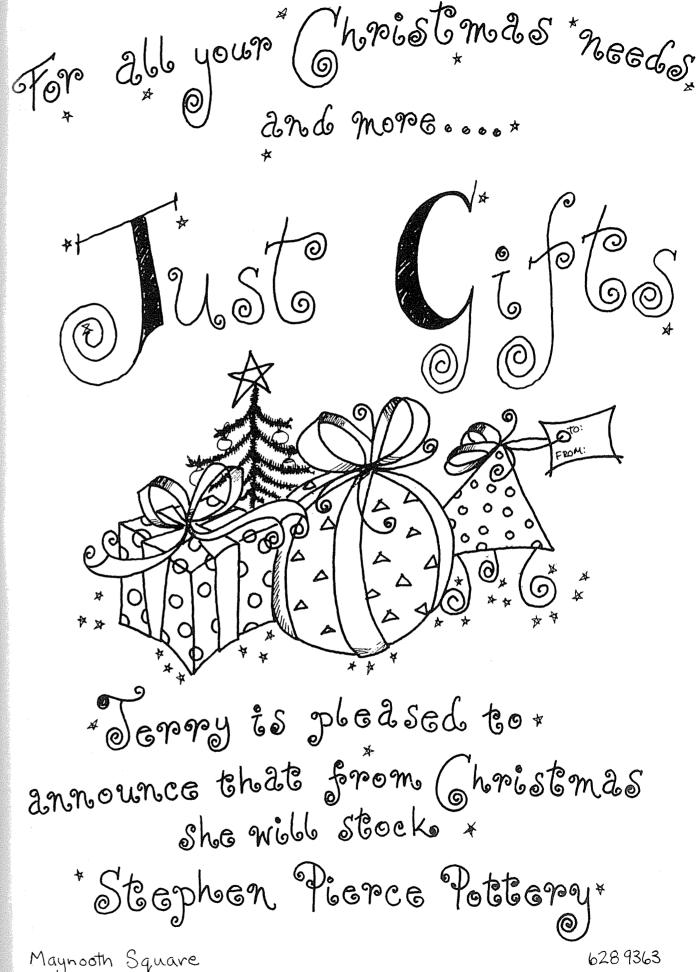
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS **COMMITTEE**

As I write these notes it is all systems go for our Committee. November is the most important month of the year, because it is "Annual Sale of Work" time. The fund raiser of the year for us Senior Citizens, and when you read these notes lots of people will be much better off having won some of our valuable prizes.

Now for some forthcoming events. Our Christmas Party takes place on Sunday, 14th of December in the Post Primary School commencing with Mass at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea party and usual entertainment. Mini bus collection as usual.

On Tuesday, 16th December, Super-Valu Supermarket is opening their doors to all our Senior Citizens for a special evening of Christmas shopping. This event proved very popular last Christmas, when the shopping was done we were entertained to tea and sandwiches and a Christmas drink or two!! Sending everyone home in a happy mood.

The Committee are very grateful to the Management for organising this event.

Ending on a sad note we would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Lizzy Bennett who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Betty Farrell.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL

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Thank you to all the parents who sent in their voluntary subscription and a reminder that if any parent still wishes to do so it is not too late.

As you have probably heard by now the sponsored cycle was a great success raising over six thousand pounds. Congratulations to John Kelleher who won the bike.

This draw was held by the Board of management for all the boys who took part in the cycle.

We would also like to wish all the boys, staff and parents a very Happy Christmas.

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

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I.C.A. NOTES

The November Guild Meeting of I.C.A. was held on Thursday 7th November in the I.C.A. Hall. Our President Marion welcomed all the ladies and gave a special welcome to our guest Ann Fleming who is the new C.D.A.

The Annual Service for deceased members was arranged by Eilish O'Malley, she was assisted by Guild members. We would like to say thanks to Eilish for all her work.

Our Guild activities continue:

Crafts continue on Monday nights at 8.00pm. The crafts class are making Xmas decorations at the moment. Jo. O'Connell, our crafts promoter has made some beautiful items herself so therefore the ladies can look forward to producing lovely things.

Sport - Badminton continues in the Parish Hall on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 10.30am.

The outing to An Grianan was on 29th October. Twenty six ladies went on the trip which was arranged by Kay Burns. The ladies attended talks on Colour-Me-Beautiful, Cookery and Floral Decorations for Christmas.

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8th KILDARE MAYNOOTH **RYEVALLEY REGION SCOUT NEWS**

The Scouts had a slumber party - I mean, overnight stay at the Den, last Saturday the 15th November during which the leaders brought them on a night hike - and they certainly kept in line with the ghost stories leader John Dowling told them!

Earlier on, after getting all ready the scouts learned some very valuable camping skills - including cooking - outdoors style; with great culinary results so I have been told - no food poisoning was experienced by any of the leaders. So, the next time one of the scouts is feeling peckish, they are well adept in the culinary profession.

Cub Scout News

The Cubs enjoyed a hike up the Sugarloaf Mountain last Sunday 16th November with Leixlip Cub Scouts.

That's all for now - be back again in the next issue.

Aileen Staunton *P.R.O.*

The Guild competition for November was 'Happy Halloween Apple.' This was won by Mary Halton. The December competition is for 'A Holly Branch' 12 inches long with the most berries.

Congratulations to Mary O'Gorman who came 2nd in the Federation Cake Icing Competition which was held in Kill on October 29th.

The next Federation Meeting is on November 27th in Ardclough G.A.A. Hall.

Members will attend the Federation Christmas Party in the Red House Hotel on December 16th.

The December Meeting will be held on the 4th December at 8.00 p.m.

I would like to wish all the ladies a very Happy Christmas.

May Haren, *P.R.O.*



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The Community Employment Scheme

It is hard to believe that another year is about to pass. Work at our three locations at Maynooth, Kilcock and Confey continues unabated, despite weather conditions. Some worker members of the scheme moved into alternative employment during the year. There is now an extensive range of training skills available on community employment schemes. Our committee wish to express thanks and gratitude to the worker members and our supervisor, Tom Flatley, for an excellent job of work during 1997.

We also thank our many supporters in the Maynooth area, who always made themselves available at short notice for various events like "Steam Train Sunday', and 'Miss Royal Canal'. We are currently compiling a report and submission based on the fact-finding mission to Ballinamore, with a view to trying to highlight Maynooth's excellent location as a starting and finishing stopover for Canal cruising.

Guide to the Royal Canal

The Department of Arts, Culture, Gaeltacht and Islands has reproduced an excellent book for £5.50, an ideal Christmas present.

Nollag Shona Dhíbh Go Léir agus Slán go Fóill.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

We would like to wish all our boys and girls who took part in the Summer Project a very Happy Christmas.

We will be back again in full force next year.

Our A.G.M. will take place in January and we would invite as many parents as possible to attend and also anybody else who may be interested.

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

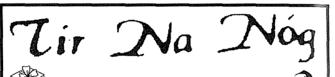


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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

At our A.G.M. on October 21st the following members were elected on the Committee and nominated to the following positions for 1998:

Chairperson - Noeleen O'Brien Vice-Chairperson - Margaret Howe Secretary - Sarah Angel Assistant Secretary - Marie Kelly Treasurer - Imelda Desmond Assistant Treasurer - Mary Cleary P.R.O. / A.O.I.F.E. Rep. - Moira Baxter Sales Table - Felicity Satchwell, Mary Doyle Charity Sales - Betty Farrell Librarian - Toni Read Raffle - Una Kiernan Competition Secretary - Jo O'Connell Hostess - Hilda Dunne, Carmel Owens.

There is a very exciting programme for the year ahead and look forward to meeting old and new members at our monthly meetings held every 3rd Tuesday in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. Our club are organising a major flower festival in the historic and beautiful Carton House on December 6th and 7th. The title of the festival is "Christmas in an Irish Stately Home". I am sure, when you visit and view the exhibits that Carton is the perfect setting for such an event.

Most of Ireland's best known and experienced floral artists, as well as our own club members, have been invited to exhibit at this festival and I can promise you a really spectacular show.

Do Come: on Saturday 6th from 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 11th from 11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Teas and refreshments served. Many Christmas decorations and arrangements will be on sale. Bric-a-brac stall, plants and bog oak for sale. Monster raffle.

This is a major effort to raise funds for the Kildare Hospice and Homecare Services. St.Brigid's Hospice is located at the Curragh and all monies raised at our Festival will be channelled into the Kildare Hospice Services, and who knows when any one of us may need such a service?

After all that excitement, on December 16th there will be a Christmas work night, to give everyone the opportunity to make their own Christmas arrangements. This will be held as usual in Loftus Hall.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Peaceful and Happy Christmas.

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Moira Baxter, zP.R.O.





GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

Oíche fhuar I mBeithil Bháin Rugadh Slánaitheoir don Bhruinnill Na sluaite aingeal le hamhráin D'faltuigh siad roimh Ri na Cruinne A leinbh Iosa, a Aon-Mhic Dé, Cómhnaigh linn go deire ár Ré.

The above poem narrates of a cold night in Bethlehem, when the Saviour of the world was born to a fair maiden. The hosts of Angels welcomed the King of the Elements, the child Jesus, single son of God, and issue an invitation to come and live with us until the end of time. The translation may not be a totally accurate one as it is difficult to translate all the nuances of the original version. It is an old verse written at a different time in our countries past. But I believe that the central message of Christmas is captured in the poem. It is a message of welcome, of children and of hope which transcends time. It is our second Christmas in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich and a time for reflection over the past events. Last Christmas we were hoping that the hard work and dedication of the parents, children and teachers of the Gaelscoil would be recognised by the Dept. Of Education and that official state recognition would be granted to the scoil. Due to the massive support by the people of Maynooth for a Gaelscoil in their town our objective was achieved in 1997. We would like to thank the people of Maynooth who supported the Gaelscoil, often in a quiet and unpublic fashion.

We welcome most of all our new group of children. It will be the great pleasure of the scoil to equip them with the tools to open the windows of wonder of their language and culture. Our objective is to instil a lifelong love for their language and for learning. The ethos and mission statement of the Gaelscoil, as compiled by the parents is one of respect. The Gaelscoil respects all traditions and individuals.

We welcome our new set of Parents. They have been tutored by last years Parents in the ways of the Scoil. They have played an active role in the Gaelscoil events and we hope they will feel at ease and at home in the scoil.

We again welcome our Priomhoide, Máirin Ní Cheilleachair. Máirin has worked above and beyond the call of duty for the children and we are most grateful. We secured a very kind and able teacher with Laura Ní Dhuibh and we appreciate her genuine affection for the children.

The year 1997 saw the financial burden of supporting the school lifted from the shoulders of Cairde Committee. While it would be impossible to thank everybody for the years hard work in raising funds for the Gaelscoil, the Cathaoirleach of the committee, Eileen Fitzpatrick deserves great praise and credit.

As we look to 1998 we can only hope that it will be as successful and as pleasant an experience for all concerned in our Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich.

Gúimís Nollaig Shona agus Ath Bhliain faoi mhaise ar mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad.

Colm Ó Cearúil.



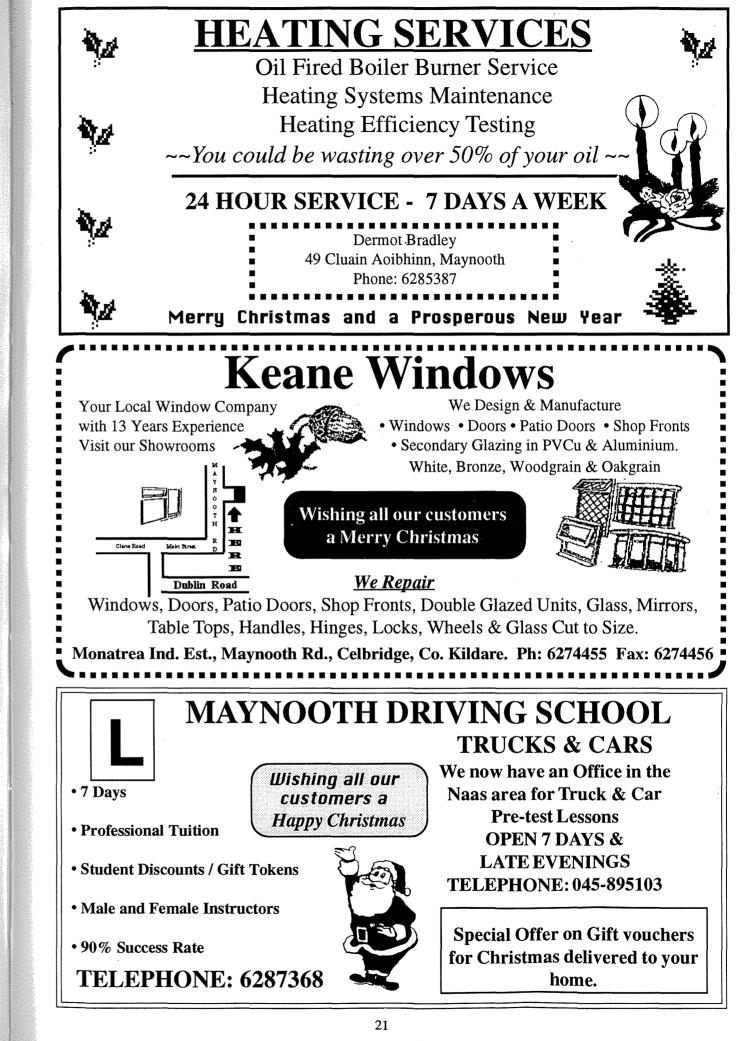
Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich pupils enjoying the Fashion Show



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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

The efforts of Maynooth Planning Alliance over the past year have been primarily focused on ensuring that Maynooth bears an equitable share of the future population growth of north Kildare, one that permits the town to grow at a pace which preserves its character and heritage and enables its diverse community to identify with, and be proud of, a town they can call home. To do this, a period of stability is required to enable new communities to knit together and not think of Maynooth as merely a commuter base. It was the alarming proposals contained in the amended Draft Development Plan to facilitate an increase in population from 9,000 to 21,000 over the next five years which galvanised people into forming the Maynooth Planning Alliance and initiated a coordinated campaign to highlight how damaging such proposals would be both for present and future inhabitants of Maynooth.

But while Maynooth was seeking to persuade its councillors of the folly of their rezoning plans, similar experiences were reported from neighbouring towns. In all, a provision for up to 50,000 extra people was being proposed for the north eastern towns of the county, equivalent to a city the size of Galway. Against the wishes of the professional planners, excessive rezoning of huge areas of agricultural land were being proposed with an enormous spectrum of potential impacts ranging from traffic paralysis to overloading of wastes on the River Liffey, to acute shortages of schools and other amenities. This realisation prompted the foundation of the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning. Maynooth Planning Alliance has been central in the activities of this body in bringing the issues to the highest possible political levels. Not unconnected to these activities it is worth noting that the passage of town development plans by Kildare County Council was suspended by Minister for the Environment Brendan Howlin in September 1996, and a further attempt to provide a strategic development plan by the Council was deemed defective by his successor Noel Dempsey in September of this year. A change in approach by councillors was obviously required.

It is with considerable pleasure therefore that now, at the end of 1997, a major measure of success can be reported in this area. Following a series of special meetings, Kildare County Councillors unanimously decided to adopt the strategic plan prepared for them by consultants which proposes an easing of pressures on towns like Maynooth and a diversion of growth towards the centre of the county. Councillors in voting to accept the strategy are now engaged in the detailed allocations of population required to implement it. The total additional population for the towns of this area is projected as 4,193 by 2001. Such a target increase will however require a revision of the Maynooth Development Plan to a much more modest level. The following table indicates that the already existing and unused residentially zoned lands can comfortably accommodate the target population. Undoubtedly it will take at least two Development Plan periods to undo the damage of the 1985 excessive rezonings.

Town	Population 1996	Land Available 1996 (acres)	Potential Additional Population @21/acre	Increase Target Population
Maynooth	8,528	106 280	2226 5880	1,472 1,211
Celbridge Leixlip	12,289 13,541	280 145	3045	1,049
Kilcock	1,825	62	1302	675
Straffan	341	35	735	159

If the strategy adopted is adhered to, a sensible resolution to the planning problems of north east Kildare will result. But any attempts to fudge the figures will be strongly resisted by Maynooth Planning Alliance. The Minister is unlikely to look kindly on any attempts to present the strategy as accepted and then carry on as before. Maynooth Planning Alliance will be monitoring the following key areas:

The Plan is designed to encompass the period 1996-2001. Any growth occurring during the period before the acceptance of the Plan must be incorporated into the figures. Land availability in October 1997 cannot be used as the criteria for establishing population growth from the census in 1996. No redrawing of the goalposts to start in October 1997 is acceptable.

The overzoning factor whereby councillors allow an 'error margin' in land allocation cannot be used to substantially increase the provision in individual towns. Error margins of 10-20% can be considered legitimate to provide for uncertainty in achieving the final figures but 100% and upwards is not.

Finally it must be emphasised that only a small proportion of future growth in the population of the town's concerned will require any additional lands. In Maynooth, for example, many four and five bedroom houses are occupied by a newly married couple. Their future children will be accommodated in the present housing stock and will not require lands to be rezoned to accommodate them in the next two or three five year plans.

It is clear that much has been achieved in 1997. To their credit, councillors appear to have taken the first step to placing the future growth of Maynooth on a sustainable footing and Maynooth Planning Alliance welcomes the progress recently made. They must not now shrink from the decisions which are required to implement this sensible strategy.

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ST. MARY'S BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

A sincere thank you from the Board of Management to everyone who supported our recent sponsored cycle especially parents, neighbours, relatives and friends who sponsored the boys. The total raised was over £6,000 which will provide for new carpets in some rooms, security lights, the establishment of a computer room (partly) and other classroom equipment.

The School wishes to say a very special thanks to all local businesses who sponsored prizes, to everyone who provided stewarding on the day but especially to the two hundred boys themselves who took part.

A draw was held based on returned sponsorship cards and the lucky prize winners were as follows:-

1st Prize:	Mountain Bike	John Kelleher	6th Class
2nd Prize:	£50	Denis O'Brien	Junior Infants
3rd Prize:	£10	John Egan	Special Class
	£10	Mark Cummins	6th Class
	£10	William Healy	3rd Class
	£10	Darragh O'Connell	Junior Infants

The photograph shows some of the young cyclists with presidential candidate Adi Roche, who started the cycle.

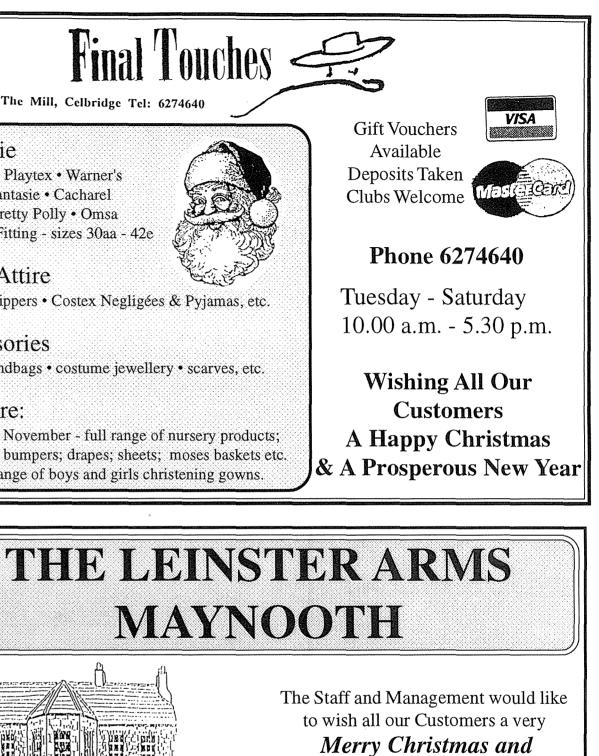


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John Kelleher with his new bike

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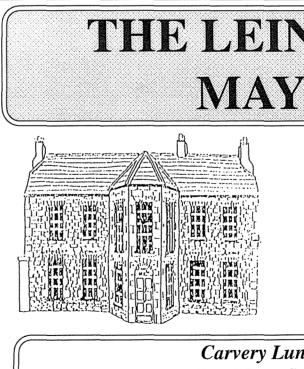
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BAND BULLETIN

It's hard to believe that another year has passed already but we are pleased to report that it has been one of our most successful years ever.

Recap on '97

We kick-started the year with the appointment of a new conductor Niall O'Connor, taken on board because, due to his work commitments, Cliff Murphy was unable to devote the time required to his conducting duties but happily he is still with us in other less time consuming capacities. Success came early for Niall when we won the National Junior Concert Band Competition in Dublin in April. This gave the Band the impetus needed to boost attendances at practices and consequently improve standards. The next major step was to accept an invitation to take part in the Kansas City, St. Patrick's Day Parade next year, the first time the Band has been outside the country and our entire energies have been devoted to this for the past 6 months.

America '98

The fund raising has been very successful to date and we are sincerely grateful to all who have supported us. Paddy Maher's Dublin City Marathon raised over £1000 (mainly through Paddy's own sponsorship). Our Halloween Ball was a great success and we hope the same will apply to our Race Night on 21st November in the GAA Club. Sincere thanks to all who placed advertisements in our programme and sponsored horses. We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mary Cowhey & Co., who have become one of the main sponsors of our American Visit. We are most appreciative of her support both now and in the past. Thank you.

Band Mass

On an entirely different note, our Annual Mass for deceased members on 2nd November was a moving occasion for us. We experimented a little this year by having the full Band playing down in the Church where we could be seen and heard and we were taken aback but completely overcome by the round of applause from the congregation at the end of the Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Engagements

Although it is almost the end of the year we are still as busy as ever. We were pleased to join with the Lions Club when we provided pre-dinner music for their Fund Raising Function for the Shane Broderick Fund in the Glenroyal Hotel on 14th November. We then joined the Chamber of Commerce on Friday 28th for the official switch on of the Christmas Lights in the town. December brings two Carol Services, one in St. Mary's Church - probably on Sunday 14th - and in the Church of Ireland on the following Sunday, both of which we are looking forward to. The St. Mary's Service is a first for all concerned and we are sure that the combination of Band Choir and Folk Group will be a wonderful occasion for all concerned and in particular the congregation.

Christmas Carols

For the first time ever we will not be visiting the various estates for a number of reasons, mainly our permit to collect does not allow us sufficient time to cover each estate and it would be unfair to single out any particular estates instead of others. We do however intend providing Carol recitals in **Ouinnsworth**, Glenroval and Greenfield Shopping Centres and in the Square in the days leading up to Christmas so we hope you will bump into us at some stage before Christmas.

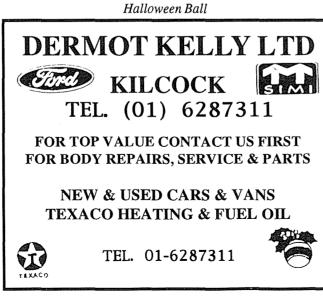
Christmas Morning

On Christmas Morning we turn out for our Traditional Parade after 11 o'clock Mass followed by some carols (weather permitting) in the Square. This is one of the longest traditions in the Band and for many people is just as important as their Christmas Turkey Dinner. We hope to carry this on for many years to come.

Christmas Wishes

Finally may we wish all our friends and supporters, particularly those who have supported us in our fundraising a Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.











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We now have vacancies on our waiting list for children 5 vears and over with or without experience. Our second term has now commenced, and will continue until 7th February. which is 11 weeks. Prices are as follows:

1 child 2 children 3 children

£35.00 £64.00 £91.00

For more information you can contact: Lorraine Rush: 6289893 Secretary Mary Hoban: 6285920 1st bus co-ordinator Patricia Moynan: 6286865 PRO Geraldine Feehan: 6285873 Treasurer

We would like to wish all our members and their families a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Patricia Moynan

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY **SCHOOL**

The first meeting of Maynooth Post Primary School Parent/ Teacher Association, following our A.G.M. in October, took place on Tuesday, 11th November, 1997 last.

The first item on the Agenda was the election of Officers for the forthcoming year and they are as follows:

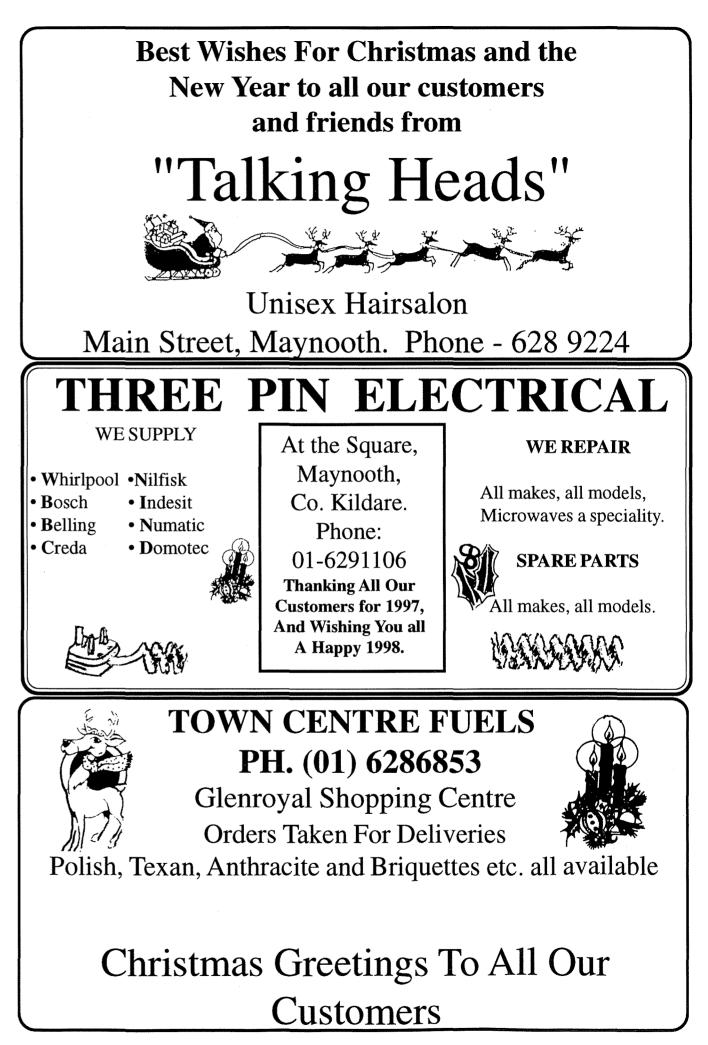
Chairperson: Mary Byrne Deputy Chairperson: Geraldine Tobin Secretary: Margaret McLoughlin Treasurer: Mercedes O'Rourke.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Sean Ashe on his recent appointment as Principal of the School.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9th December next.

Mary Oliver, *P.R.O.*





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Residents Association

PARKLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Fancy Dress

Parklands Residents Association held our annual Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Party on November 1st at the Glenroyal.

It certainly was a night to remember. Aquarius Light and Sound from Leixlip set the scene with great music and lighting effects but for sheer entertainment you had only to sit and watch the party goers themselves.

The 69'ers, an American football team from Parklands Close were so diligent about their game that they felt compelled to practise at every opportunity, fortunately the surgical team from E.R. were on hand to deal with all emergencies and players were cheerfully removed from the dance floor to be resuscitated (at least I think that's what they were doing to them.)



Joan Brannigan (gymslip) & Lauren Brannigan as Carmen Miranda

There were spectacular costumes. Lauren Brannigan as Carmen Miranda could have graced any stage. There were costumes that were startling, the long haired blue faced warriors braved the chilly night to dress authentically if scantily in plaids and engaged in endearing antics such as dancing while attached to a ball and chain.

Then there was the hilarious costumes, Joan Brannigan as a "Late Starter" in straw boater and navy gym-slip with her pony tails and freckles could have been any pupil from the Convent except that Joan is a senior citizen (just don't say I told you, you'd never guess it.)

There were ghouls and vampires and many historical periods recreated though I don't think the Spice Girls will be recreating "Scary Spice" anytime soon with his/her tight skirt and high heels, Scary Spicy seemed mostly scared about parting company with his various accessories.

There were many witches, some naughty and some nice, but Mary Carter's green faced creation in party attire was a sight to behold we're told even her own sister didn't recognise her.

A really wonderful night was in progress from the minute the first guests arrived to the time the last note was played. We



Mary & Anthony Carter

would like to thank the doorman and staff of the Glenroval for helping to provide a wonderful evening for the Residents of Parklands.

We would like to express our gratitude to the many local retailers who so generously sponsored our night out by donating prizes, we appreciate that you probably get many such requests and the kindness and generosity shown was very much appreciated by us.

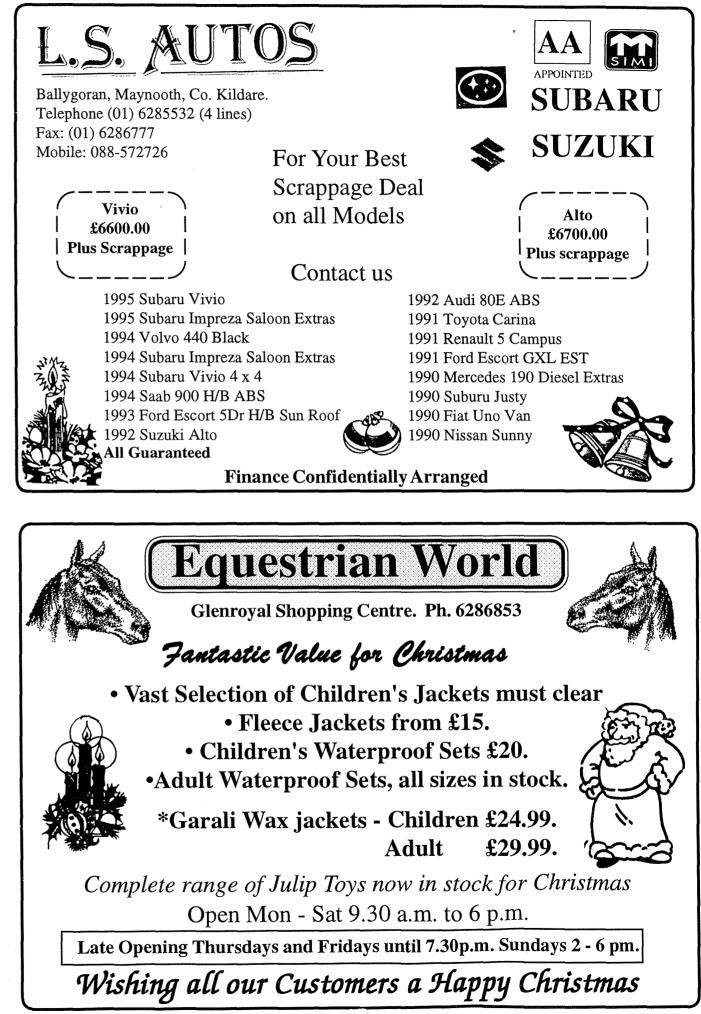
Our thanks for their generous sponsorship to:

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- 10. Quinnsworth
- 11. Centra, Main St., Maynooth
- 12. Jim Smyth's Butchers, Main St., Maynooth
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- 15. Mill Wine Cellar, Mill St., Maynooth
- 16. Maxol, Straffan Road, Maynooth
- 17. Movie Master, Glenroyal Shopping Centre
- 18. Londis, Greenfield Shopping Centre
- 19. Mulcahy's Butchers, Greenfield Shopping Centre
- 20. Thank you to the Pottery Barn, Maynooth Square for the lovely gift and for purchasing two tickets by way of support.

This years social committee were, Chairperson: Mary Carter, Harry Montgomery, Paddy O'Connor, Liz Stoll

Room decoration was done with additional help from Mary Fitzgerald and Marie McGuinness. I would like to thank Mary Carter for bringing such tremendous enthusiasm to the social committee and whose creative approach to the event helped make it such a success. I would like to thank Mary Fizgerald for all her help on the night.

The Parklands Residents Association would like to wish all of the Newsletter Readers a Happy Christmas.



Residents Association

WOODLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The association will be fully supporting the efforts of North Kildare South Meath Environment Protection Group to stop the establishment of a recycling dump at Barrockstown just north of Maynooth village. We will be sponsoring the Woodlands handicap at the Race night to be held in the Glenroyal on December 7th. We were happy to hear that as a short term solution K.C.C. is proposing to build a footbridge to accommodate pedestrians and cyclist using Bond Bridge. This needs to be done as soon as possible and in consultation with the local residents associations given the prospect of increased traffic from the new estates in Newtown and the reported accident between a car and a cyclist on the Parsons St. side of the bridge recently. We were delighted to receive an award in the best estates category in the Tidy Towns and are hoping next year to go one step further and come first in this competition. We would like to thank all the residents for all the work they have done during the year maintaining the estate, finally we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

Padraig ó Murchú

SEC. Woodlands Residents Associaltion

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Final reminder, any outstanding Resident Association subscriptions can be left into 11 Greenfield Drive.

We wish to re-establish Neighbourhood Watch in our estate, anyone interested. Please contact our secretary Mary McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive.

We wish you all A Very Happy Christmas.

Richard Farrell *P.R.O.* Greenfield Estate Residents Association

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BEAUFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held on Thursday, 12th November in Gaelscoil. Beaufield, the Beaufield Residents Association was relaunched. A well attended meeting extended their thanks to the previous Committee - namely Tom Ball, Chairman, Dave Hogan, Treasurer and Ken Prendergast, PRO, - for all their hard work in the past. A new Committee was then elected, as follows;

Joe Geraghty - Chairman Colette Murphy - Secretary Catherine Prendergast } Joint PRO Bernie Dovle A Treasurer will be confirmed at a later date.

A number of Road Representatives were also elected who will liaise with the Residents and the Committee. The new Committee will be busy in the coming months, making arrangements for the future grass cutting, the removal of the Rubbish Bins, the tidying up of the Estate and working on ideas to improve the general appearance of the Estate.

A Social get-together has been arranged for Thursday 27th November in the GAA Club, Maynooth, to enable all Residents to get to know each other better. Hopefully, an enjoyable night will be had by one and all.

The new Committee look forward to working together with the Beaufield Residents, to make our Estate a better place for everyone.

We would like to thank Máirín Ní Cheileachair and the Committee of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich for providing the facilities for the General Meeting.

We wish all our members a very Happy Christmas.

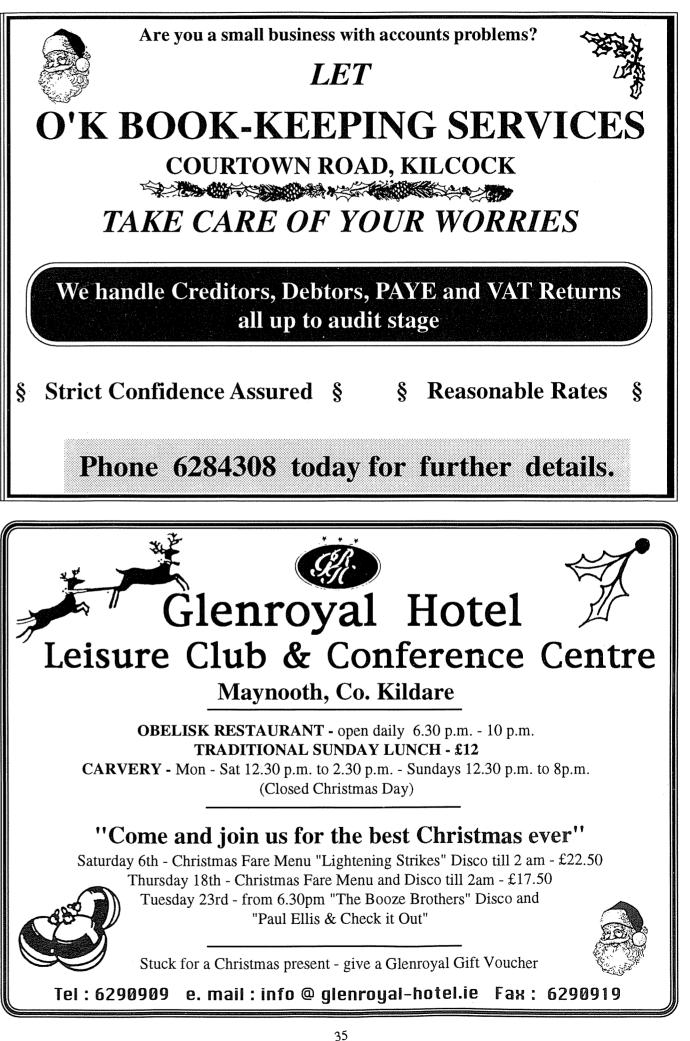
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WORLD YOUTH DAY REUNION

Prepare to go to Rome in the year 2000 for the great Jubilee when the next World Youth Day will be held:- that is what the young people who met up again in November, to renew friendships made at last Summer's Youth Day in Paris, were told. In the meantime there will be gatherings of Youth at Lough Derg, Glendalough and Iona.

Many traditions have grown up around St. Patrick's name. Among them is the penitential pilgrimage to Lough Derg in Co. Donegal.

This year is the 1400 anniversary of the death of St. Columba or Colmcille. He founded monasteries at Swords, Durrow and Kells. Doire Choilmcille still bears his name. In 563 Colmcille went to Iona island off the Scottish coast. There he began a monastery. That is where the famous Book of Kells was written. The book is to be seen in Trinity College Library.

St. Kevin founded the monastery in Glendalough. After Kevin's death in the sixth century the monastery became a centre of pilgrimage. The monastery is one of the principal ecclesiastical sites in the country. The earliest settlement seems to have been at the remoter end of the valley. The remains of a small church stands on a narrow ledge at the foot of a cliff by the shore of a small lake. Glendalough, with its monastic ruins, its high cross and round tower will once again become a centre of pilgrimage as we approach the year 2000.

Rome in the year 2000 will certainly be a memory to be passed down the generations. The Archbishop of Dublin attended the reunion in Clonliffe College of a large number of the Paris group. Many memories were relived. Thanks to Fiona Hoare and Andre Ennis for bringing us up to date.

This poem of an earlier period is still relevant today:-

My tidings for you: the stag bells, Winter snows, Summer is gone Wind high and cold, low the sun, Short his course, sea running high. Deep-red the bracken, its shape all gone The wild goose has raised his wonted cry. Cold has caught the wings of birds; Season of ice - these are my tidings.

CONGRATULATIONS

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Congratulations and best wishes to Lilly Murphy who celebrated her 60th birthday on 27th Nobvember. Thanks to all who attended the surprise party organised by her family on 23rd November in the Hitchin Post, Leixlip.

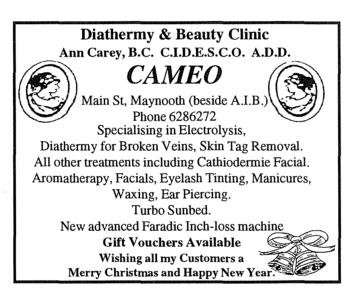
A EUROPEAN VISIT MY MAYNOOTH STUDENTS

On Friday 24th October seventy one fifth year students and seven teachers from Maynooth Post Primary started on their tour to Switzerland and Paris.

To begin their adventure they visited the Louvre in Paris. Then after enjoying a swim at Aqua Boulevard they then travelled by coach to Switzerland. They spent the next three days in Meringer where they enjoyed all the fun and excitement of the Swiss Alps. In the evening time they checked out the pool in the Sherlock Holmes Hotel and also joined in with the craic at the local Discos.

In no hurry to return home, never the less, they began their journey by coach to Paris before flying back to Dublin on Wednesday the 29th October.

The overall responce from students and teachers alike was "A great time was had by all".





Lilly Murphy



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Brendan -Dear Santa and Mrs Clause! You are very nice children Between and chrismas eve 1 will T be a good by I will use no bad language hope that 16 isant to cold where you live will be Very good in School. Love From Brendan Good News 1 We might be getting our chimny clashed. We will Leave someting out for you to eat Will also " tidy up my room in time and de a very good - day. ager First class. Maymooth Ph 62 Pop 58 Bns

Dear Santa Between now and Christmas I am going good boy. I'm going to and) my chimney and) hope Mrs Clause is getting your suit ready. I will share my Eoys to Daryf. I will not be fighting any more Lots of love From Killion 0'esonnan Age 7PH628556L 59 College green Maynooth Co kilDare Ireland. 1st Class Maynooth BNS Pear Santa Between now and Christmas 1 am going to try to be a very good boy I would Like to share Christmas with everyone in the school no bad language and no fighting. Livil help my Mammy and Daddy. Thank you santa for all my tays ove from MATTHEW de Barron First Class Maynooth BAS Age 7 the Ecd.

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Dear Santa Those you are Well. ould i have chicken-Limbo for Christmas I hope it does not snow to much I hardly can Not Sleep on the Night. before Christmas Morning. Ove Roisin Hoban Xo Xo Xo Xo Dear Janta have been as good as good as | can all year. help when I am asked hank you for all the Lovely and exciting presents you gave me. bast year. I would like one of these and a surpirse Junko jet Electronic chess or Flix From Edwina Dear Santa I hope you are well. Thank you for the things you gave melhope you don't have a cold! I hope you are geting on well with your Dears. Love From ALISON Ó Rourke:

MAYNOOTH TASK FORCE REPORT

Over the past month the Maynooth Task Force group have had a number of meetings outlining their work to date and suggesting a broad strategy for the future development of the town. So far the group has had a very positive response from Kildare Co. Council, St. Patrick's College, NUI Maynooth and a number of other bodies which we hope will become partners in the strategy. Last month the Task Force presented an outline of its proposals to a special meeting of the Community Council where there was also a positive reaction and the group received some valuable feedback. From our discussions with a number of these groups it is becoming apparent that the next couple of years will be crucial in shaping the future of the town. Kildare Co. Council is already committed to investing very significant funds to the Town Improvements Scheme and appears to appreciate the unique character of Maynooth as both a university and historic town. It is important that the town itself is positioned to exploit this fact. Similarly, as the new University finds its feet and reaches out into the community it is important that working relationships should be established between the two. Below is an outline of the draft proposals which have been presented to a number of meetings in the last month. Any groups or individuals are more than welcome to respond to the strategy. Responses should be addressed to Dr. John Cullen, Main St.

Character

- * Use the old village to establish the character. Extend the main street development to include Carton Avenue and the lanes to define the village and link the elements.
- Preserve the historic or landlord town image of Maynooth by regulating for shop fronts, signage and the nature of commercial development.
 Encourage the retention of traditional shop fronts, stripped stone exteriors and the use of 'old' street furniture..
- * Ensure a main street residential element is maintained and consider limited development in the immediate side streets to give the town width.
- * Use the streets development to link with, and emphasise the importance of the college and canal.
- * Ensure that the village remains a living and working space within the character framework.

Employment

* Develop a science / business park to provide a range of employment opportunities. Target medium sized companies with minimum impact on the town's facilities. Negotiate with the IDA to prebuild standard units with a residential character in keeping with the area.

- Reserve and subsidise a portion of the park to facilitate the growth of the existing and future campus or university industry. Use as breeder units for a set number of years and provide a Mentor service from a combination of Community and University resources.
- Given the current National skills shortage, use the projected graduate profile over the next number of years to attract relevant industry. Use the University research facilities as a further incentive, this could be operated to the mutual benefit of the Commercial and University interests.
- Work with Tourism interests to develop employment opportunities. In addition to seasonal employment this will also create off-season work in terms of research, maintenance etc.
- Work with the existing retail and service sectors to ensure that, within the context of the strategy, their potential is optimised.

University

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- * Establish formal liaison structures with both the University and St. Patrick's College in recognition of their role and relevance in the town in both economic and character terms.
- Establish how the range of services offered in the town can better reflect its status as a university town.
- Provide for the ongoing representation of the University and College in the implementation of the strategy.
- Explore areas of common interest in order to establish the greatest mutual benefit. This will include

Employment

Attracting and facilitating industry and providing employment opportunities for graduates and the wider community.

Town Character

Establish how the character of the town can more directly incorporate and reflect the College and University Campus

Promotion of Town

Agree how a combined approach can be used to promote the town in the most efficient way. Consider how the economic potential of tourism can be maximised through co-operation.



Facilities and Amenities

Minimise waste by establishing how the facilities, skills and equipment separately available can be used jointly.

* Develop a three way approach to student issues involving the community, university and the students union and encourage the opening up of university cultural and other activities to participation by local residents.

Infrastructure

In order to establish and maintain the proper balance in the town, set a number of guiding principles to monitor growth and development. These should include

Regional Equity

Ensure that Maynooth experiences its fair share of growth in the Eastern region. Identify an optimal growth scenario for Maynooth based on projected and potential increases in population.

Protection of Town's Character

Ensure that the future development of Maynooth is consistent with the character of the town, that its tourism potential is not hindered and that the position of the village as its heart is not undermined.

Resource / Amenity Balance

Ensure that the population / resource balance is defined and maintained. This should be done on a pre-need basis in order to secure the quality of life for the community.

- * In keeping with the town's character, and to develop the personality and atmosphere of the village, control through traffic and ensure parking restrictions are observed.
- * Establish groundrules for future commercial development in both the village and the wider town. Ensure that the development reinforces and promotes the character.
- * Take a view on natural boundaries so that the optimum or preferred size and shape of the town is determined and controlled.

Tourism / Heritage

 Secure heritage status to underpin funding and promotional benefit. The heritage company could also be used as a central control in terms of tourism

generally

- Develop a brand image based on the town's character. This should be structured to illustrate the 'Landlord Town' origin and the depth of history and tradition in the combination of college, castle, canal and the town itself.
- Develop the reputation and identity of the town by establishing theme events or festivals which evoke the past. Involve local theatre groups and the commercial sector and link in with the development of the castle.
- * Set standards for cleanliness and tidiness. This a requirement for heritage status and is essential to any tourism drive.
- * Establish a tourism office in the town.

Sports / Leisure / Amenity

- Carry out a feasibility study on the provision of a multi-purpose sports and leisure facility. This should cater for both majority and minority sports and should incorporate a three screen cinema complex. One of the cinema sections should be capable use as a theatre to encourage local dramatic activity.
- Identify and develop areas of passive amenity. These should be structured so that they are attractive to both the community and visitors.
- * Exploit the potential of the canal in terms of its recreational and sporting usage.
- ⁶ Develop restaurant and other leisure and entertainment facilities to reinforce the status of the village as a focal point for both residents and tourists.
- Identify and provide leisure and amenity requirements for the young and the elderly.
- * Complete contact with the remaining bodies and interests in the town to ensure all points of view are incorporated.

Administration

- * Agree the broad thrust of the strategy with the participating partners to establish the scale of the project.
- Agree the most effective method of informing the Community and securing their support.
- * Phase and cost the strategy and identify primary funding sources and conditions.
- Create a management company to implement, manage and fund the project.



BRAINWAVE

Brainwave - The Irish Epilepsy Association is currently offering places on its pre-employment training course based at Griffith College, Dublin. This programme, called "Planning My Future," has been specially developed to meet the specific needs of young adults with epilepsy.

The programmed includes the following:

Career Planning

- Word Processing and Computing
- Study of employment options
- Interview Techniques
- Epilepsy Awareness
- Social Skills in the workplace
- Ouality work experience
- Drama & Communications
- Health and Fitness
- Art
- Media Studies
- First Aid
- Guest Speakers
- · Visits to places of work, Education and Training
- Regular Social Outings

Gardai Martin Caine & Denis Bourke have departed Maynooth Garda Station - Martin to Naas Station as Juvenile Liaison Officer and Denis on promotion to Sergeant to Gorey, Co. Wexford. We wish them well in their new positions and thank them for their high level of commitment in serving this community.

At this time of the year we highlight the dangers involved in drink driving, especially so because many people attend parties and office functions. While the enforcement of drink driving legislation is not confined to the Christmas period extra checkpoints will be operated. The message is simple, if you intend to take an alcoholic drink don't take your car. The loss of a driving licence through disqualification, a substantial fine and / or imprisonment together with the high risk of involvement in a traffic accident are real issues affecting motorists who wish to take a chance - is it worth it?

Operation Lifesaver which has been widely covered in the National Press is targeting excessive speeding on our roads among other road traffic offences. A number of speed checks will be carried out on all approach roads to Maynooth during the next few months and motorists are asked to obey the speeding regulations as they apply to particular roads.

A number of people travel home during the Christmas holiday period and if you are thinking of doing this, kindly advise your local Garda Station of the duration your house The next course begins in early January, and will run for six months. It is necessary for each of the fifteen participants to be registered with the NRB. The National Rehabilitation Board. There are no fees and no hidden costs. A bus pass is provided and a training allowance is paid.

In the experience of The Irish Epilepsy Association, there are many problems which can be addressed by a programme such as this. "Planning My Future" has an excellent record in helping trainees to set about reaching their full potential to take meaningful steps in the world of work, education and further training.

The Planning My Future programme will give support, guidance and information on these and other issues relating to your epilepsy.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries, or if you need any assistance, contact: The Irish Epilepsy Association: Phone: 4557500 Fax: 4557013 or Planning My Future, Preemployment Training for Young Adults with Epilepsy, Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 4730039

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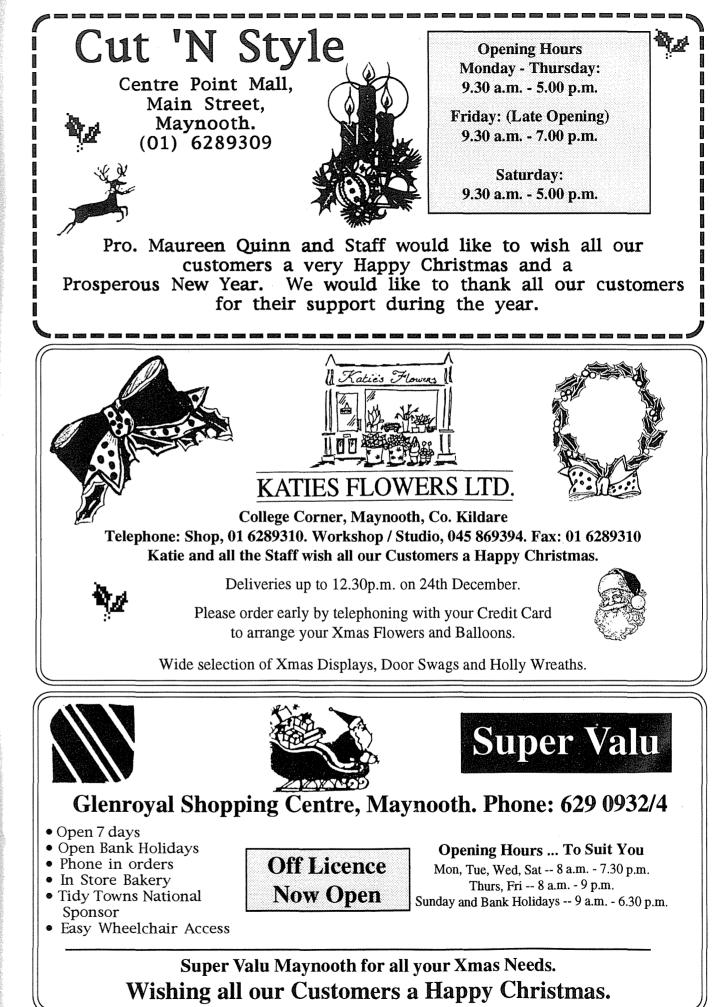
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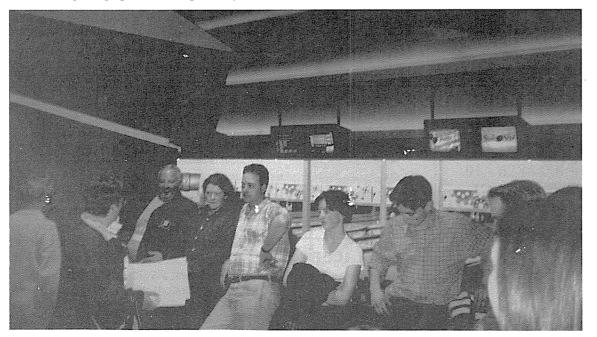
The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club is now in its fifth year and going from strength to strength. The age limit for patrons has now been lowered to fourteen years of age with great success as we are now targeting that age group.

There is also a strict code for membership, all teenagers attending must have their membership card with them if they have not they might get disappointed as they might not be allowed in. The criteria for the membership card is the sample form with a photograph to be completed by the

holder and signed by the school that they are attending or if not attending school a committee member will sign same. Do not get disappointed, get one.

On Tuesday 22nd October 1997 we took our host and hostesses to Blanchardstown Bowling Centre where they were all presented with their Certificates and Prizes.

We are now training some new host and hostesses, anybody interested contact some of current hosts and hostesses.



No Name Club Awards Night

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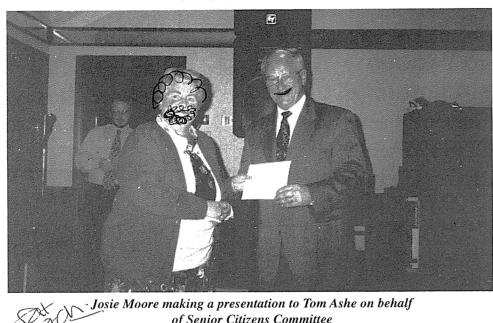
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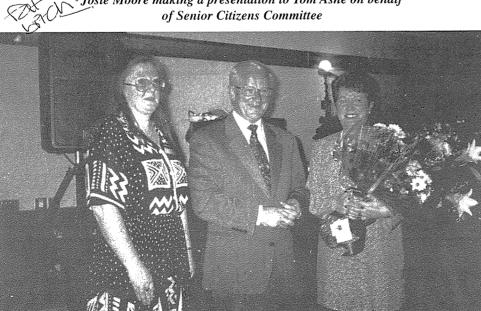


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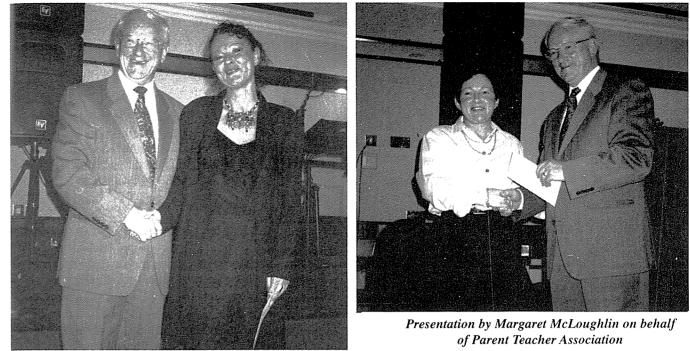
Presentation of painting by Michael Dillane to Tom on behalf of the people of Maynooth



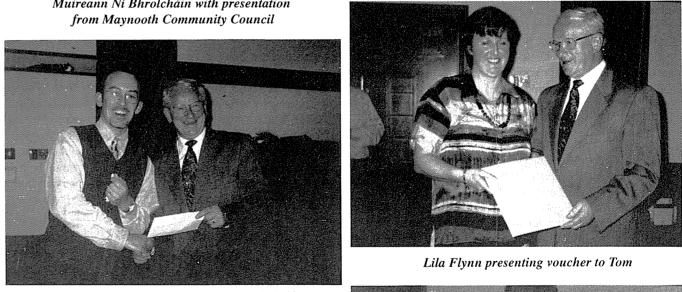


Presentation to Statia Ashe from Mercedes O'Rourke on behalf of Parent Teacher Association

MAYNOOTH'S TRIBUTE TO TOM ASHE



Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin with presentation



John Bean making presentation to Tom on behalf of Past Pupils Union



Dermot Nangle making presentation of Waterford Crystal lamp to Tom



Tom making his speech to the audience

PRINTERS MADE EASY

Probably the second item most people buy after a computer is a printer of some sort. Over the last two years the printer market has expanded, increasing the complexity of the choices facing the prospective buyer. Traditionally, the choice was strictly between cheap dot-matrix printers and expensive laser printers. Generally the home user and small business bought dot matrix printers and larger businesses bought laser printers.

In recent times, the arrival of inkjet, micro-dry process, thermal wax, dye sublimation and colour laser has complicated the choice. In this article we try to clear up what the choices are and how to choose a suitable printer.

Dot Matrix Printers

These printers are also known as impact printers and work by having small pins hit an inked ribbon onto the sheet of paper being printed. They are extremely noisy, very cheap to run and the printed output is of very low quality. The big advantage with impact printers is their ability to print duplicates on carbonised paper.

Inkjet Printers

Inkjet printers, also known as bubble jet printers, are relatively new on the market and offer low cost near laser quality printing in both black and colour. They are most suited to low volume printing and occasional colour. The major drawback is that replacement ink cartridges are expensive.

Laser Printers

Laser printers have been around for some time. The principle of operation of laser printers is similar to photocopiers. Laser printers produce excellent quality output at a reasonable cost per page. In the last year or so, the cost of laser printers has fallen dramatically. A key issue with laser printers is the amount of memory. Unlike other printers, the laser has to build a complete picture of the page to be printed in memory before output. At least 2MB is recommended for printing from windows applications.

Micro-Dry Printers

A company called Alps has recently introduced micro-dry printers to the market. They are similar in operation and cost to inkjet printers except that the "ink" is actually a wax-like substance that is rolled onto the paper. These printers are primarily designed for high quality graphics printing. They are capable of producing a high quality waterproof image that will not smudge.

Running Costs

It is extremely hard to predict exact running costs for any type of printer. The costs below are based on manufacturers rated specifications.

Printer	Ink Cost	Cost Per Page
Dot Matrix	£6.00	0.05 pence
Inkject Printers	£25.00	5 pence
Laser Printers	£70.00	1.4 pence

GOING AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

- HEAT 1.
- LIGHT 2.
- WATER 3.
- ALARM/LOCK UP 4.

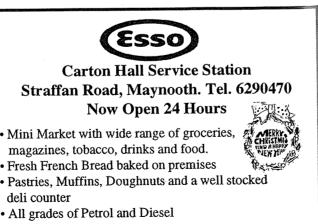
Some years, we hear of people who come back from their Christmas and New Year holidays to find a stream of cold water meeting them as soon as they turn the key in the hall door. Not a welcome sight - indeed the stuff of which nightmares are made. A little thought would have avoided that.

What we need to do is to prevent the water pipes bursting when the pipes freeze. In the event of a burst we need to minimise the amount of water that can flow in the house. If you are going away on holiday even for just one night it is best to leave the heating on even if at a slightly lower temperature than usual. The heat could be set around 15 degrees between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. and again in the evening for another 2 hour period. Check your oil level to make sure there is enough oil for the holiday season. You should also open the loft trapdoor so warm air from the rest of the house circulates in the attic to prevent the pipes from freezing.

Check that the mains stopcock works. It can usually be found in the press under the sink. Turn off the water where it enters the house. If you turn off the water be sure to turn it back on again before you light a back boiler fire. It might be as well to leave a note on the hall table to remind you to do so. If you have a patio porch get a friend to collect the post for you. Make sure the windows are locked and don't forget the back door, the garage door and the gate. It might be a good idea to invest in one of those timers that can turn the light and the radio on and off at random. If you have an alarm remember it only works when it is switched on.

So here again is your checklist:

- 1. HEAT
- LIGHT 2.
- 3. WATER
- ALARM/LOCK UP 4.



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Blessed people I say to you Your world so much of pain Your world is so very true And you don't even share a name Be grateful all children out there Be thankful for all your lot You all have Christmas bliss to share While some nothing they have got

No santa holly or decorated room No turkey cake or pudding to eat In their world all is doom In a barren land of defeat Some so little and some so much It is a mystery to us all But their souls are as such In waiting of our Gods call

So at least say a prayer Or give someone a helping hand Show that you sincerely care With good will in a prosperous land Christmas is about giving love And a welcoming of warm hearts A season of good will is of With good tidings that never part

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Once again, I have the honour of thanking the people of Maynooth for their very kind and generous support of my annual collection for the above named charity. The collection realised a sum of £740. Once again, this was a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to Margaret McCarron, Sharon Conway and Lark Development who were prize winners in the corresponding draw.

Till next year,

Tommy Daly

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NEW PRINCIPAL FOR **MAYNOOTH POST** PRIMARY

Sean Ashe the previous Vice-Principal of Maynooth Post Primary has now been appointed Principal after 5 years in his former position. Sean Ashe is from Straffan and has been acting as Principal since Tom Ashes' retirement in September. Sean comes from a long line of teachers with many of his relatives being teachers in the past.

Sean graduated from Maynooth College with a science degree and then went on to teach in 1973 and has held a position as a teacher in Maynooth since 1976.

Mr. Ashe has taken on a very big responsibility in taking this position, not only is he becoming the Principal of a very large Secondary School but of a School of Excellence as Maynooth is one of only 10 second level schools in Ireland who have been awarded this distinction.

Sean has stayed this long in Maynooth because he feels the "School is excellent to work in" and there are "an excellent team of teachers and a very supportive parents association" in Maynooth as well.

PROPOSED EXHUMATIONS AT MAYNOOTH CONVENT

Since the last issue of Maynooth Newsletter, Sr. Frances Crowe, Presentation Convent, Athlone issued a press release basically saying a new entrance to the Convent Graveyard would be made, making access and maintenance more convenient, and so leaving the 48 nuns to rest in peace and preserving another part of Maynooth's rich heritage.

My sincere thanks and that of the relatives of the nuns with whom I am in contact, to the eleven hundred people who signed the petition against the proposed exhumations. It is heartening in times when the Church is having a lot of problems that not one person in the area had a negative response to the issue, memories of the Convent and the late nuns shine like a beacon in so many peoples minds. Sincere thanks also to my committee members especially Bridie O'Brien and Ita McTernan and to Maynooth Community Council especially Norah McDermott for the unfailing support given to the issue.

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Go raibh míle maith agat go léir.

Hilda Mooney

LIONS CLUB **INTERNATIONAL**

"Christmas comes but once a year but when it comes it brings good cheer" and that will be the case for this year's festivities with the Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club Christmas Extravaganza. Being mindful of the extra demands that surface in the run up to Christmas the Lions Club decided that this year their annual Christmas party which up to now, has been a private affair for the members and their wives, should be broadened out to encompass the community and friends. An opportunity to put together a fund raiser, the benefit of which will go this year to the residents of Dunfirth House, a charity supported by the Maynooth Kilcock Lions Club over a long number of years.

In doing so they have put in place a wonderful evening of entertainment, a dinner of fine fare, music and dance. A cabaret of international acclaim headed up by comedian extraordinaire Frank "its the way I tell 'em" Carson, the Mellow Cords and finally dancing with Gerry and the Planters into the small hours.

A night to remember your good deed for the year, so please support us and make your bookings now for a wonderful evening.

Tickets are available from Cecil H. Lyons, Clancool, Donadea, Naas, Co. Kildare. Tel. 4750220 and Helen Courtney at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Tel. 6290909. Tickets: £35.00 each. Date: Saturday 20th December. Time: Dinner 8pm.

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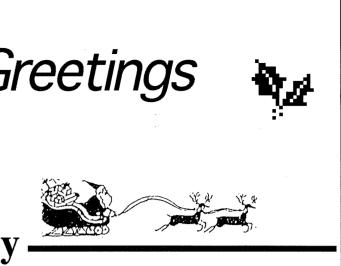
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FAITH FRIENDS IN MAYNOOTH

For many years now, the Faith Friend programme has been a feature of Confirmation preparation in many parishes in Ireland. This year, the Parish of Maynooth and Ladychapel is offering the programme to the boys and girls who will be confirmed next March.

The programme is parish based. Very simply, it is a programme where adult members of the parish community share faith, in small groups, with Confirmation candidates. The role of the Faith Friend is not to teach the children about faith, but rather to give witness to their faith, to share with the children how their faith effects their own daily living. So, over a series of meetings, the Faith Friend shares with six or seven Confirmation children on topics like: "When did I feel close to God?" "How do I pray", "Belonging to the Church" etc.

The purpose of the Faith Friends Programme is to provide a Community dimension to the preparation the children are already receiving at home (from their parents) and in the school (from the teachers). In so doing, it offers the children a concrete experience of the interested and welcoming Community that they are being initiated into - the Parish Community of Maynooth.

Indeed we can trace the roots of Faith Friends back to the Celtic Church. In early times, Christian communities appointed "ordinary" people of faith to help those preparing for Baptism, and those returning to the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These Christians were called "Anamchara" or soul-friend. They shared their faith and gave example through prayer and Christian living to the candidates for the Sacraments.

Twenty-two people from Maynooth Parish are at present undergoing training as Faith Friends. In February they will meet with the candidates. The parish is proud to have such people who are willing to commit their time and energy to help our young people in their Confirmation preparation.

The Faith Friends will be commissioned at a Sunday Mass during Advent, and an Information Night for the parents of the Confirmation boys and girls will be held after Christmas.

The Organising Core Group would like to extend a special word of thanks to our Parish Priest, Fr. Brendan Supple, for his support and encouragement, and to Mr. Sean Ashe, Principal of the Post-Primary School for his generosity and help with venue etc. Further information can be obtained from any member of the Core-Group: Fr. John Sinnott, Maeve Moloney, Jennifer Ouigley, Joe Harkness, Joan Lennon, Peter McNamara and Noelle Topley

Contact person:

Noelle Topley, 14 Carton Court Maynooth, Tel: 6285888

ARE YOU UP THERE, SANTA?

When Mother said "Santa will be ruined coming down that chimney". Father knew it was time to go out to the barn and get the chimney brushes down from the loft. Before the cleaning took place the big black iron kettles and pots that hung from the crane had to be taken down. The crane was pulled out. Father with his oldest trousers tied around the ankles and a cap pulled well down on his head went into action. He looked up the chimney and smiling said "You're right, Santa would never get down there with all that soot".

One long handled brush after another were screwed on until he said "Can anyone see it coming out the top". Several voices said "I can see it". The brushes were doing a good job guided by my father's hands. Soot was dislodged and showered down. We were delighted because we knew if Santa was going to take the state of our chimney as an indication of whether or not we expected him well we were ready.

I can see my mother at the Singer sewing machine in the kitchen. She hummed softly to herself. The yards of tartan were turned into pleated kilts. She had already knitted the blue and red festive looking jumpers for each of us. The shoes and stockings were newly heeled and polished. The baking was done. The goose was nearing the end of the fattening season. The hams of our own pig were being smoked in the chimney corner.

With the light of flashlamps we would cycle through the countryside to visit old friends. They really would be expecting us and they enjoyed our music, song and dance. Such hospitality and welcome we received. We would return home with bags bulging with apples, pears and a currant cake. By the light of the silvery moon we would see the smoke rising from our chimney, and get the smell of the peat and coal fires.

Our neighbour Artie, who was a regular visitor to our home, would meet us at the door. In a few minutes, to the sound of my father playing a jig or a hornpipe, Artie would step it out on the kitchen floor and soon a hooley would be in full swing. We loved visiting our neighbour Teresa. She lived in an old thatched, ivy clad cottage. Her only company was her dog Rags. She would dance and sing with us. She played the harmonium in nearby Kilbride church. We sang in the choir to her playing. At home she would turn up the gramophone and dance a jig on her stone flagged floor. She'd have a table laden with all kinds of everything in the parlour.

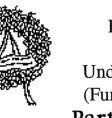
Such are my memories of my childhood Christmas.

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VIDEO REVIEW

The People v's Larry Flint (18's)

Woody Harrelson puts in a very good performance as Larry Flynt, a pornography publisher, in this biographical film. It charts his life story, from his humble beginnings making and selling moonshine as a young boy, to running a chain of nightclubs when he's only twenty-five or so. When the clubs', dare I say it, Newsletter, becomes popular, he sees an opening in the smut market and 'Hustler' is born. He's finally hauled before the American Supreme Court for publishing obscene literature and for his alleged involvement in organised crime. So begins a long legal battle, with Harrelson taking the high moral ground of the right of the individual to free speech. In the middle of all this, an assassination attempt is made on his life, which leaves him semi-paralysed, and he's converted to Christianity. This is a hugely entertaining movie that's sure to be a big hit Courtney Love gives a good performance as Flynt's not-sorespectable girlfriend (you wouldn't be too anxious to bring her home to meet your mother) and direction by Milos Forman is, as ever, first rate.

Highly engrossing and very enjoyable Verdict:

(18's)**Donnie Brasco**

Johnny Depp is Donnie Brasco, an FBI agent who goes under cover to infiltrate the mob. His target is Al Pacino, a sleazy, ageing mobster who the cops want off the street. He takes Depp under his wing and treats him like the son he never had, and the film is basically about the bond that develops between the two protagonists, and the ultimate choice that Depp must make between his duty and his friendship with Pacino.

This is not a 'nice' film. It's not a big, bold, beautiful movie like 'The Godfather'. It is a film that shows the seamy side of second rate Mafia hoods in the New York of the seventies, with all their small-time wheeling and dealing on the far side of the law.

The performances from Pacino and Depp are excellent, particularly in the case of Al Pacino who, as usual, is absolutely brilliant.

Not nice but very good Verdict:

(12's)<u>Liar Liar</u>

This is a story about a lawyer who can't tell a lie in court (an extinct breed).

Jim Carrey plays Fletcher Reede, an ambitious lawyer with his sights set on a partnership in his company. He's divorced, and when he fails to turn up for his son's birthday party, the lad is naturally miffed. When he's blowing out the candles and making a wish, he wishes his father is unable to lie for twenty-four hours. Meanwhile, dad is in the middle of a very important case, in which the whole basis of the defence is that Carrey must lie through his teeth! As he bungles his way through witness after witness, he can see his prospects of a partnership sinking slowly in the west. There seems to be several different schools of thought on the talent (or lack of it) of Jim Carrey. However even those who can't stand him will enjoy this movie. It's a genuinely funny

film, full of 'sit-coms' and little twists and turns. If you want a good laugh, you could do a lot worse. A clever comedy Verdict:

TEN FOR CHRISTMAS

Independence Day (12's)

Brilliant sci-fi blockbuster about aliens invading earth. Great storyline and fabulous special effects. Bill Pullman and Will Smith star. Superb!

Romeo and Juliet (12's)

Modern re-telling of Shakespeare's tragic love story. Leonardo Di Caprio and Claire Danes are the star-crossed lovers in California. A lavish and beautiful classic.

The Saint (12's)

Val Kilmer stars as Simon Templer, a cross between James Bond and The Man with No Name. Good story with plenty of red herrings. Great fun!

Jerry Maguire (15's)

Tom Cruise plays Jerry Maguire, the sports agent who discovers love and religion after a career of idolising the almighty dollar. Suprisingly good.

Goldeneye (12's)

Pierce Brosnan's first outing as 007, the famous secret agent licenced to kill. Full of the usual gadgetry and special effects, and a reasonable plot. For guys who never grew up!

Star Trek - First Contact (12's)

On the eve of the first warp drive test, the indomitable crew of the Enterprise travel back in time to stop the Borg taking over Earth. Fans of Picard, Warf, Data, etc. will love it.

FOR THE KIDS

101 Dalmatians

The animated version is a classic, and the more recent noncartoon version is equally a gem of a film. Glenn Close hams it up beautifully as Cruella de Ville. Superb.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Plenty to keep the youngsters enthralled here in Disney's cartoon version of Victor Hugo's classic tale of unrequited love. Great characters, great songs and great fun!

Space Jam

Michael Jordan teams up with Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and all the Looney Tunes gang to save Toontown by playing basketball! Surprisingly entertaining stuff.

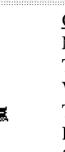
Star Wars Trilogy - Remastered

The ultimate futuristic fairy tale by George Lucas looks as good, if not better, today as it did first time around. Luke Skywalker has to save the princess from the evil Darth Vadar with the help of R2D2, C3PO, Hans Solo, etc. An absolute cracker!

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THE ICE QUEEN

We will not panic, never known, By nature and by spirit shown, The Ice Oueen wears her glistening gown Standing at the edge of town. The red sunset lingers low Giving her cheeks a billowy glow. The stars sparkle in her eyes At cold of eve she does arise. And in her palace of the moon, Her love is cold but deep and wooing.

This is the lingering hour, ageless, Written in the ancient pages The hour earth and heaven merge, When all human dreams converge. The chimney rumbles to rebel, That Christmas has lost its magic spell. The fire throws a shadow dance And leaping flames defy the storms advance. The Ice Oueen breathes shrill and low, As Frost on the window sparkles in the glow.

Rich in diamonds spreads her reign, Up the wall and window payne. In former Christmas' she did behold Greater riches in the family fold. Around the fire the folks all sat With scent of cooking goose and friendly chat. A bottle of stout brought wittier sayings With well wishes and extravagant blessings. Upon the floor the children played, All their antics were with joy relayed. The boy played with his wooden cart. As the girl held her rag-doll to her heart Lighted candles and sprigs of holly on the wall, The Sacred Heart looked down on all.

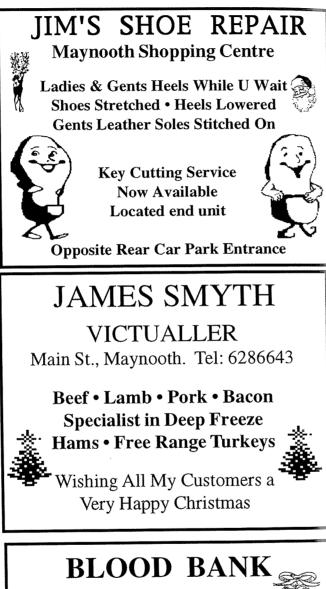
Earlier on the radio was Christmas poetry And a rendering from the Seanachaí, T' was not the toy but the spirit of imagination That made this night of adoration.

Modern houses do not, the Ice Queen, please, For weatherglaze windows are hard to freeze. Repelled and spurned she makes the claim, That modern Christmas' are not the same, Too much TV and other distractions Have reduced family interactions Children are so used to getting things They're not always impressed with what Santa brings "But if only the story of Christmas was told they'd know that it was me who made Bethlehem so cold"

> The Ice Queen stands in shimmering beams; White kingdom of unfathomed dreams. Let's follow her radiant hue Into that magic world new. The music of frost beneath our feet,

The mystery of life in our heartbeat. She will renew our imagination, Make us into a glowing transformation. Let's wrap our hearts in her starry mantle, The glory of stars, the love of candle. So much we have to gain And she will freeze our window payne.

Willie Healy



Pelican House are again appealing for donations in Maynooth. They will be in the Glenroval Hotel on the 9th of December.

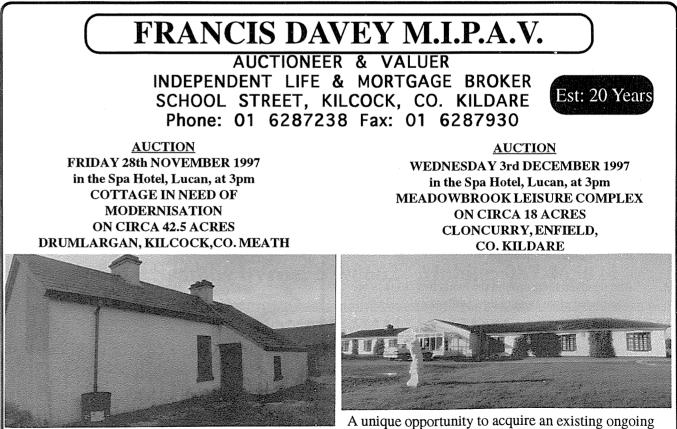
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

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Church Services for December

- Sun. 7th Sun. 14th Sun. 21st Sun. 21st Thurs. 25th, Christmas Day Fri. 26th, St. Stephen's Day Sun. 28th
- Family Service Morning Praver Holy Communion Ecumenical Carol Service Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer
- 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

In recent months, the first Sunday of the month has become a family service of Holy Communion with the children being very involved. This pattern continues in December when we will have as a special preacher, the Rev. Robert McMullan who is General Director of Scripture Union in Ireland. Prior to ordination and serving in a parish in Lisburn he was a secondary school teacher in Dublin. A gifted worker with children and young people, he will no doubt have something to say, which is worth hearing.

At the Carol service on Sunday, 21st we look forward to the usual ecumenical involvement. All are very welcome to attend this service which focuses our thoughts on preparing for Christmas and welcoming our Saviour into the world. As usual refreshments will be provided afterwards.

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

Papa Panov

Leo Tolstoy adapted this story by Ruben Saillens which tells of an old cobbler who dreams, on Christmas Eve, that Jesus tells him he will come to visit him the next day. On Christmas Day, he eagerly awaits his visitor. First he sees a sweeper, blue with cold, and invites him in for a hot drink. Next a poor mother and her baby are taken in and fed by the kind old man. He gives the baby a tiny pair of shoes he once made for the child he was destined never to have. As the day wears on, a number of beggars are fed and warmed at Papa Panov's fire. But there is no sign of his expected visitor. At last he falls asleep and before him passes a procession of all the people he has helped that day, all saying, 'Did you recognize me?' Then he heard again the voice of Jesus: 'I was a stranger and you took me in...'

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- Deep-dyed materials should be tested for colour 4. fastness. Wet a corner of the fabric and then iron between two scrap pieces of white cloth. If any colour comes out, the fabric should be washed on its own.
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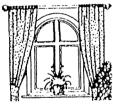
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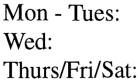


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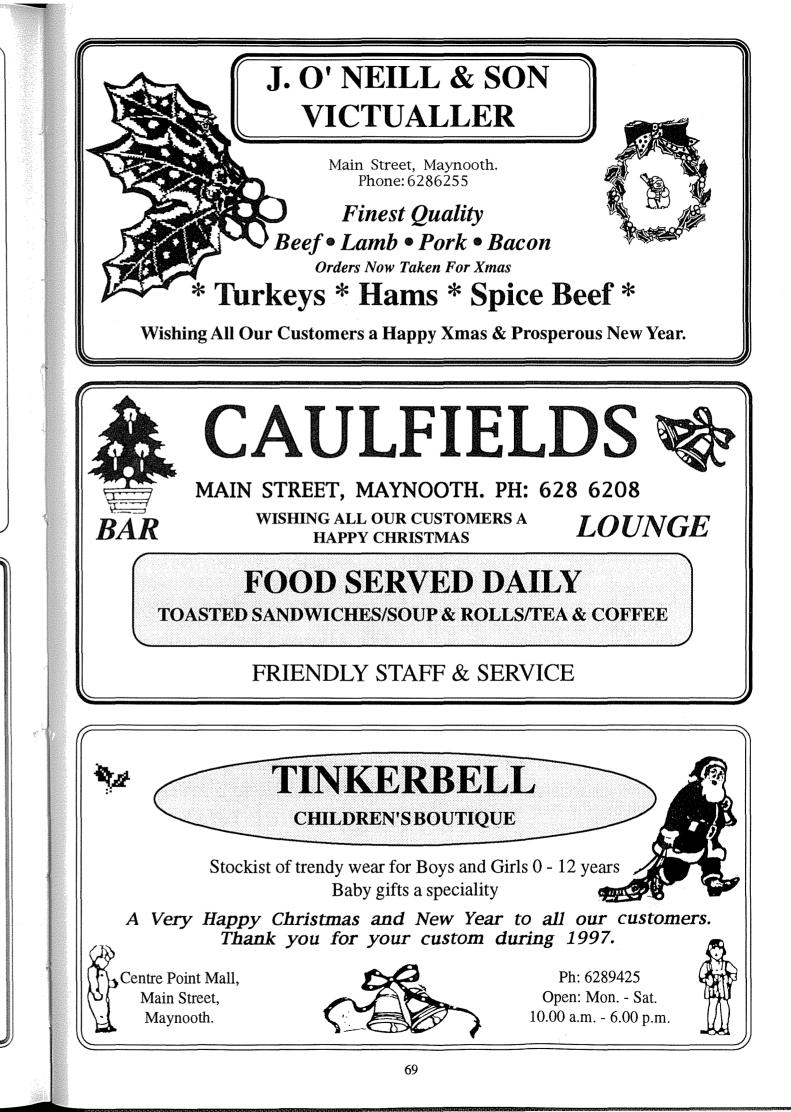






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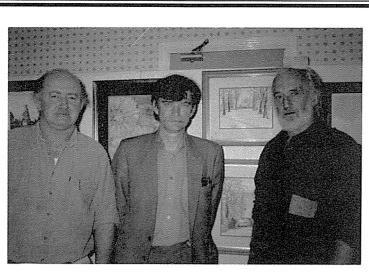


Features

Anna Liffey Artists Annual Exhibition -November 1997

The Anna Liffey Artists which has been in existence for approximately 20 years held their Annual Exhibition in the Spa Hotel Lucan from Friday 14th November to Sunday 16th November. This Exhibition takes place on a yearly basis in Leixlip and at various other venues during the year.

There was a great turnout on the opening night with 200



L-R Ciaran O'Brien - Davy Dunne & Liam Keely at the Exhibition

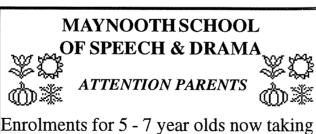


Margaret Flood & her daughter Elaine at her graduation. Elaine graduated in Phaemaceutical & Health Care at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.

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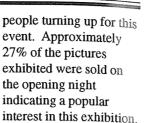
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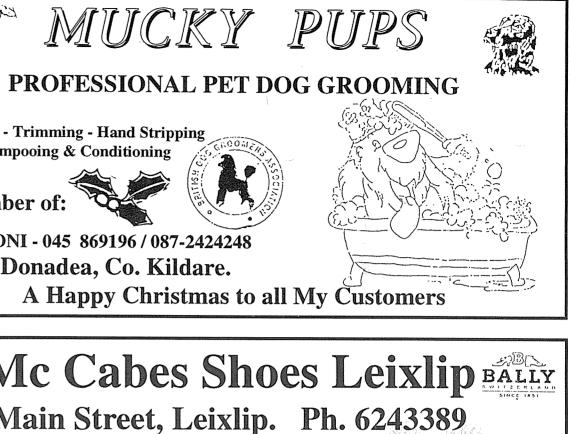


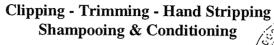
There were 85 paintings ranging from landscape to figure work and cartoons, also a number of silk pictures. The various mediums used were Oils, Acrylics, Water Colours, Silk Painting and Pen and Ink.

Twelve Artists exhibited their work which included Rosemarie Ledwith from Maynooth, Rosemarie's work consisted of: Maynooth Castle, Maynooth College Chapel, "On a Clear Day..." (Maynooth) Shelter. Leenane, Lakeshore and Old Tackle Shed.

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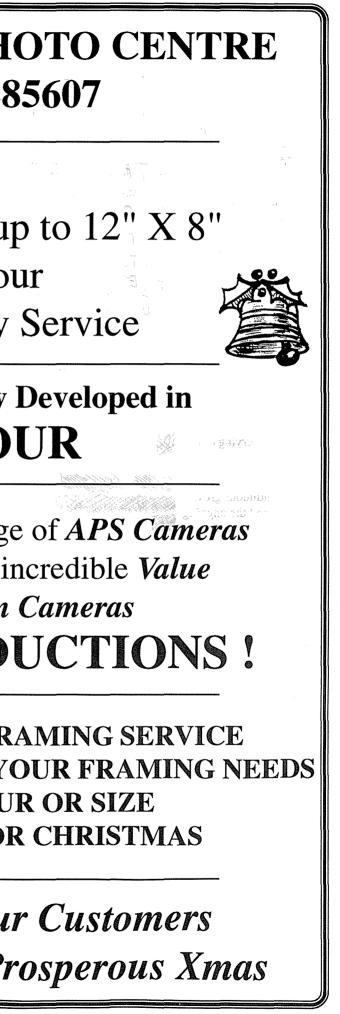
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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Lighting Up Kildare

The County Manager has proposed, in the Book of Estimates for 1998, that all mercury public lights (the white lights) in the county should be replaced by sodium lights (orange). This arises as a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion to the Council about a year ago. It is to the credit of all the other Councillors that they are supporting this very positive proposal. The effect of it will be that about 4,100 lights will be replaced and about 550 will get higher output bulbs or will be additional, that is, infill. The cost of the project is close to £1m. And with the work starting in January, it is hoped to have completed within the year.

Development Plan

Councillors agreed a strategy for the County on 28th October. That strategy caters for a shift of some of the population increase from the north east of the County to the centre. The growth to be catered for the five years from 1996 - 2001 is 12,000, and of that 4,000 would be accommodated in the Celbridge Rural District (Celbridge, Maynooth, Leixlip, Kilcock, Straffan).

This strategy will require major changes to the Development Plans for Maynooth, Kilcock and Celbridge, that is, less land will need to be rezoned. In the case of Maynooth, the Manager has suggested a population of 10,000 by 2001. In the 1996 census our population was 8528. Instead of the present proposals to rezone 270 acres to residential, the Senior Planner has recommended 50 to 80 acres.

The Planning Department is, at present, carrying out a survey of all residential zoned lands which are undeveloped to establish exact figures. This will take until December. The Councillors will have to agree on the amount of land to be rezoned, if any, in each town and then the Area committees will decide on the location of the rezonings.

Maynooth Main Street

As you read this work should have started on the footpaths on Main Street. Excavation will begin first to allow the overhead wires to be undergrounded. Paving slabs will then be put on the paths. There will be new public lighting standards, street furniture, cycle lane and decorative bollards to prevent parking on the footpaths. In addition traffic lights will be installed at the west end of the town in order to alleviate the chronic congestion there and make it easier for traffic from Newtown to get onto Main Street. The pedestrian lights at the Leinster Arms will be removed as there will be a pedestrian phase on the new lights. The cost of the project is £765,000, and it will take about five months to complete. This very welcome town improvement works arises as a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion which was agreed by the Celbridge Area Committee some three years ago. Because of the high cost of the project it has taken longer than expected to get it off the ground. It is important to remember that this is only the first phase of the project. Cllr. McGinley has asked that funding be sought for Convent Lane / Carton Avenue / Doctor's Lane entrance phase as a matter of urgency. It is hoped that this will follow on in the

second half of next year. In addition, Cllr. McGinley has also asked that funding be sought for all the lanes off Main Street.

Amenity Grants

Kildare County Council now has £200,000 set aside to facilitate amenity developments. Cllr. McGinley is of the view that a significant grant could be made available from this fund for development of the Harbour Field. This would be particularly true if the G.A.A., soccer and Athletic clubs can come up with a joint proposal.

The Proposed ESAT Mast

Deputy Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister for Public Enterprise to introduce regulations which will compel telecommunications companies such as ESAT and Eircell to share their facilities and property in relation to masts and other telecommunication infrastructure.

Deputy Stagg stated that the present situation where two separate telecommunications infrastructures are being developed is unacceptable in view of the adverse environmental impact of such masts. The numerous planning applications for masts at Garda Stations in North Kildare could be avoided if regulations under E.U. Directive 97/33/EC are implemented.

The Directive provides for co-location or facility sharing.

Rogue Builders on the Run

A Bill which will enable the County Council to refuse planning permission to any developer or builder who has not fully completed any previous development has been introduced by the Labour Party Senators in Seanad Eireann. The Bill was not opposed by the Government and it will be taken in Private Members time on November 19th. Deputy Emmet Stagg has warmly welcomed the Bill, stating that unfinished housing estates are the single greatest source of complaint from Residents' Associations. Over ninety estates in Co. Kildare have been left unfinished. Builders / Developers have up to now been able to move onto new sites with no real sanctions against them. Deputy Stagg said he strongly supports the Bill and hopes that the Government will support it as it proceeds through the Oireachtas.

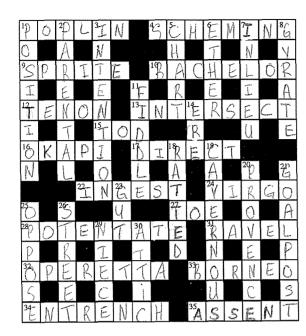
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Crossword No. 121



Entries before Monday 8th December

Plans for Maynooth, Kilcock and Celbridge, unat is, icos in will need to be rezoned. In the case of Maynooth, the Manager has suggested a population of 10,000 by 2001. If the 1996 census our population was 8528. Instead of the present proposals to rezone 270 acres to residential, the Senior Planner has recommended 50 to 80 acres.

The Planning Department is, at present, carrying out a survey of all residential zoned lands which are undevelop

Across:

- 1. Fabric (6)
- 4. Plotting (8)
- 9. Fairy (6)
- 10. Single chap (8)
- 12. Mortice joint (5)
- 13. Divide (9)
- 15. On this you're alone (3)
- 16. Antelope (5)
- 17. Steer (6)
- 22. Eat (6)
- 24. Zodiac sign (5)
- 27. Digit (3)
- 28. Ruler (9)
- 31. French composer (5)
- 32. Musical (8)
- 33. Asian country (6)
- 34. Establish securely (8)
- 35. Sanction (6)

Down:

- 1. Employment (8)
- 2. Like mum or dad! (8)
- 3. Object (9)
- 5. Graph (5)
- 6. Anaesthetic (5)

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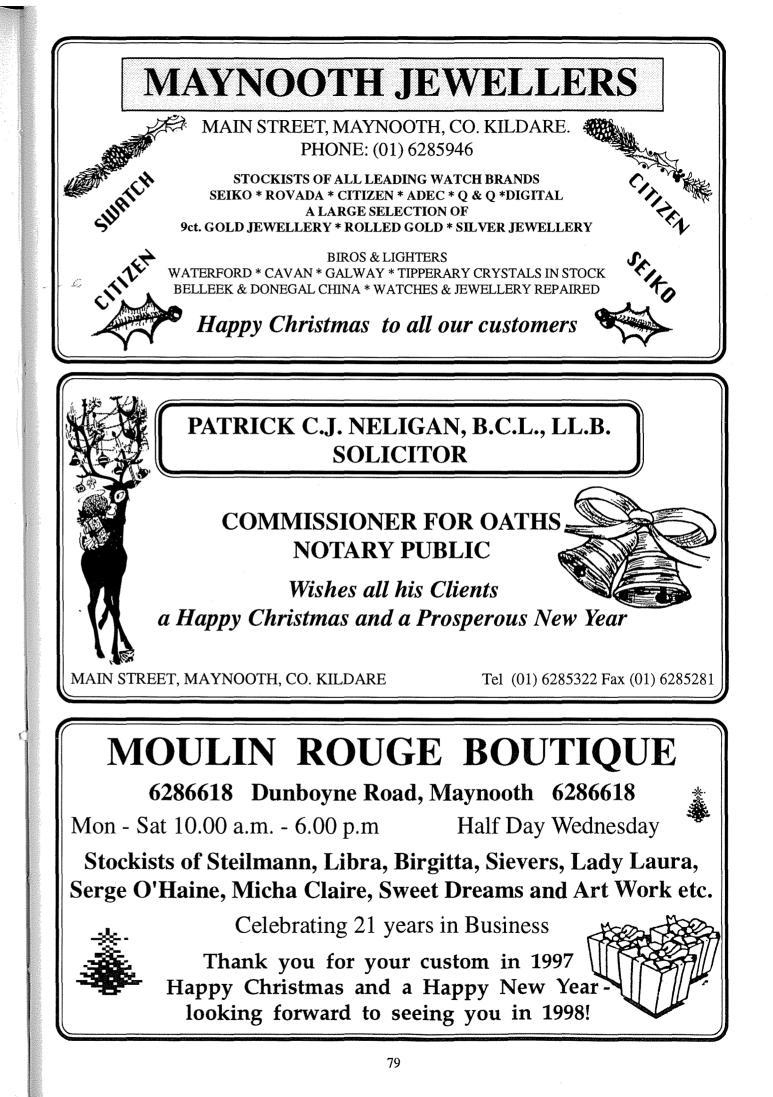
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- Instead (2,4)
- 8. Spin (6)
- 11. Instrument for fraud? (6)
- 14. Before (3)
- 18. Betrayed (6)
- 19. Hollow-sounding (9)
- 20. Area in France (8)
- 21. Part of football pitch (8)
- 23. Intestine (3)
- 25. Resist (6)
- 26. Thoroughfare (6)
- 29. Female relative (5)
- 30. Upper room (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 120.

Across: 1.Spleen; 4.Jurassic; 9.Invade; 10. Liberate; 12.Rotor; 13. Pinstripe; 15.Asp; 16. Apron; 17.Arcade; 22. Census; 24.Relax; 27.Hoe; 28. Intestine; 31.Caste; 32. Contract; 33.Minion; 34.Password; 35. Bengal.

Down: 1.Sliproad; 2. Lavatory; 3. Endurance; 5. Union; 6.Avert; 7.Static; 8.Clever; 11.Appals; 14.Sea; 18.Cashew; 19.Directive; 20. Blessing; 21. External; 23.Nit; 25. Hiccup; 26.Stints; 29.Straw; 30.Incur. Winner of Crossword No. 120: Jacqueline O'Donoghue, 171 Kingsbry, Maynooth.



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Method:

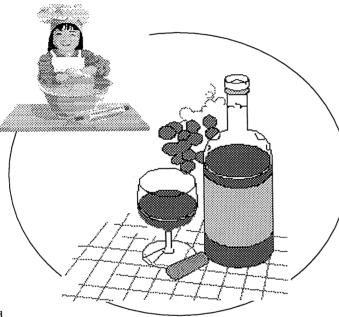
Put the aubergines into a bowl and sprinkle with salt. Mix well, then stand for 1 hour. Drain the aubergines well and rinse very thoroughly. Pat dry and use to line a shallow serving dish, laying them over the base in a double thickness of slices.

Drain the can of salmon. Flake the fish and spread the flakes over the aubergines.

Fry the onion in the oil until soft. Stir in the chilli sauce, tomatoes and basil leaves. Simmer until the sauce is thick. Spread this carefully over the salmon flakes. Mix together the remaining ingredients and carefully spread over and into the tomato sauce. Bake in a pre-heated oven, 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4 for 45 minutes, or until the aubergines are soft and the cheese is golden brown Allow to stand for 10 minutes before serving with crusty bread and salad. Serves 6

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75g/3oz raisins 75g/3oz currants 75g/3oz no-need-to-soak dried apricots, chopped 25g/loz chopped mixed candied peel 50g/2oz flaked almonds, chopped 1 small apple, peeled, cored and grated grated rind of 1 large orange 2 eggs, size 2 100ml/4fl oz stout 3 tbsp orange liqueur or brandy

Method:

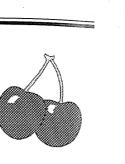
Place the suet, flour, breadcrumbs, ground almonds, spices and sugar in a bowl and

mix well. Stir in the dried fruit, peel, nuts, apple and orange rind. In a separate bowl, beat together the eggs, stout and orange liqueur or brandy. Stir into the dry ingredients, mix well and cover. Leave in fridge or a cool place overnight.

Lightly grease a 1.1 litre/2pt pudding basin and line the base with baking parchment. Spoon fruit mixture into the basin and level the surface. Cover with greased, pleated greaseproof paper or baking parchment and secure with string. Cover tightly with pleated foil.

Steam in a steaming attachment over a pan of gently simmering water for 7-8 hours. To test whether pudding is cooked, insert skewer into the centre - if it somes out clean, the pudding is ready. To store, cool completely; re-cover with clean greaseproof paper, secured with a string, and foil. Leave in a cool, dark, dry place.

To reheat, steam for 2^{1} , hours or microwave for 5-6 minutes on High (100%). Leave pudding to stand for 5 minutes before serving. Serves 8





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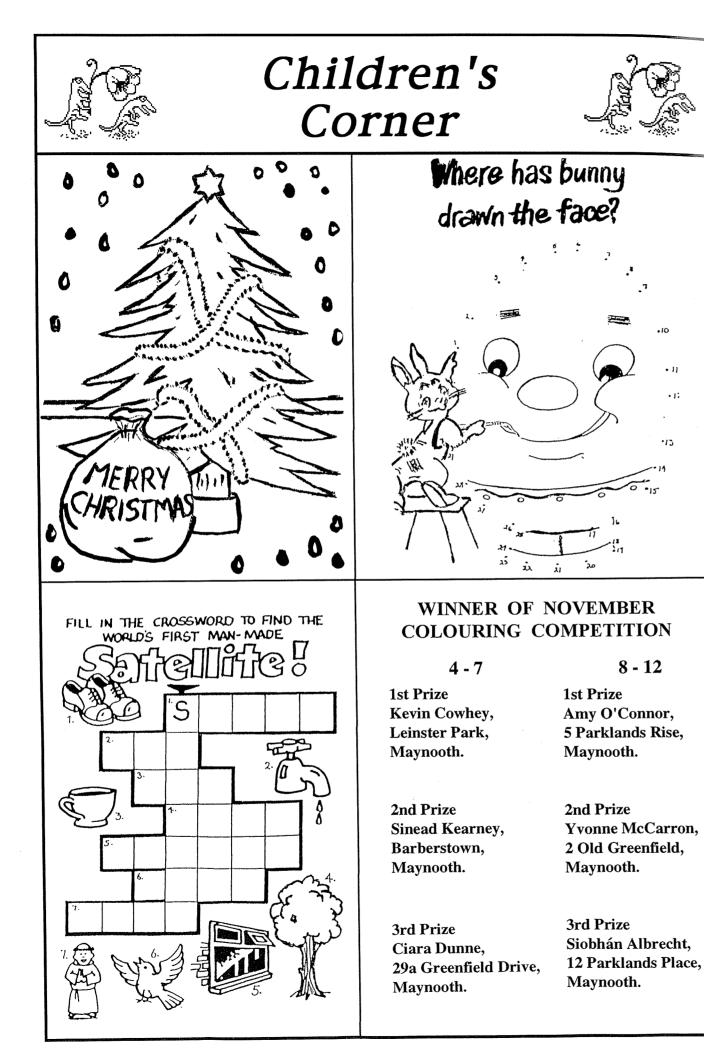
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This Christmas Don't Forget the Wildlife (Garden style!)

hilst there may not appear to be much happening in the garden, life still goes on. It is well not to forget wildlife as well. Feeding birds has benefits both ways. It can mean the difference between life and death in cold weather, and in return they'll eat many garden pests. They're also fascinating to watch and their daily antics will soon have you hooked.

There is much talk nowadays about the decreasing numbers of garden birds and this can be attributed to many factors, natural predators, pesticides and lack of food. Do remember that if you do feed the birds they'll come to depend on the food you put out and could starve to death without it, so you must continue to feed them daily until spring. Peanuts are a sure-fire favourite, but don't buy damp or mouldy ones as they could contain a poisonous fungus called aflatoxin. Fruit, seeds and meat scraps are all welcome. Make kitchen scraps into bird cake by mixing them with melted lard. Harmful foods to avoid at all costs are salty or spicy foods, and dessicated coconut which swells up in the birds' stomach. Too much dry bread has the same effect, so soak it in water first. A regular supply of water is also vital during freezing weather for drinking and

bathing. A shallow dish or even an upturned dustbin is ideal.

Prevention is Better than Cure!

Frost and wind can lift and loosen new plants which allows ice to form around the stem. Check them every couple of weeks and refirm them if necessary. Ensure that tree ties are secure and that they're not rubbing the trunk. If you need emergency ties, old nylon tights are an excellant temporary measure as they're strong, flexible and won't rub the bark.

Try and protect frost-vulnerable plants such as Forest Flame - try covering them with bubble-wrap or an old light blanket if a heavy frost is forecast. Another alternative is to plant such shrubs in a planter and bring them inside when frost threatens.

Stored bulbs, fruit, vegetables and tubers should all be checked every few weeks.

Throw out any showing signs of rot, which can quickly spread. Make sure that the compost around dahlias and other tubers isn't allowed to dry out completely.

The Garden Indoors

Christmas is a very popular time for giving and receiving house plants. Unfortunately it is also a time when house plants tend to be forgotten about or left in unsuitable temperatures and conditions. There are a few golden rules that are well worth remembering:

- Follow the instructions that came with the plant with regard to temperature, light, watering etc.
- * Do not place plants in draughts, or near radiators or in direct sunlight.
- * If a plant is on a windowsill, remove it from the sill when you draw the curtains otherwise the cold conditions behind the curtains will damage it.
- In some cases, it is advised to water sparingly or use tepid water - watch out for this.



Making a **Christmas** Wreath

Christmas can be an expensive time, but you can save money, and have an original decoration into the bargain by using material from you garden to make a handsome wreath for your front door.

You'll need:

A frame of strong wire to make a circle 30-38 cm (12-15in) across. Special frames can be bought from florists, or make your own with galvanised wire or even a coathanger. Moss to clothe the frame. Green garden twine. Thin garden wire or florist's wire. The plant material can be varied according to what's available. Use evergreen foliage like Leyland cypress, holly (both green and variegated), bunches of berries or hips for colour, and fir cones or beech mast for decoration.

First make the wire into a hoop. Tie the end of the twine on to the wire and cover the frame with damp moss, securing it by wrapping the string round and round the moss. Cut a piece of thin wire, tie a few sprigs of green foliage together with it and secure them to the frame by threading the wire through the moss. Continue to tie on bunches of foliage until the whole frame is covered. Then add the decorative material like bunches of berries, variegated foliage and fir cones, securing them in the same way. The fruit or berries could come from crab apples, cotoneasters, shrub roses or gladwyn iris. Spray the clusters of fruits with hair lacquer or clear varnish so that they'll be less likely to drop. A wide bow of red ribbon can be added to the bottom of the wreath as a final decorative and seasonal touch. Happy Christmas!!



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Sport

TUG-O-REPORT

The Tournament of the decade: Sunday 9th November at the GAA grounds, Maynooth was the scene of the biggest open tournament held in Maynooth for over a decade. It was the occasion of honouring the late P.J. Bennett who was closely involved in the sport over many years. In brilliant sunshine the event was well supported especially by teams from down the country. The counties of Leitrim, Longford, Roscommon and Offaly were well represented on the day. The chief organiser of the event was Sean Hyland assisted by Willie Healy.

Youth's Section:

The local youth's team, comprised of Ml. Gleeson, P. Kinsella, Jonathan Gallagher, Rodney Hopkins, Stephen O'Sullivan, Jose Lorenzo, Barry Doyle and Sean Bennett, put up a gallant performance against a strong Durrow Team from Co. Offaly. They did Maynooth proud by their efforts. Coach: John Gallagher.

The Mens 'Open':

In this well contested event, five teams contributed to what was a great display of tug-o-war. The best pull of the day was between the Midlands team and the Vikings team from Mohill. The two teams engaged in a very tight struggle which went all the way to the third pull. The Midlands team, of which Sean Hyland is a member were only inches from the line when they were unfortunate to be 'blown-out' by the stringent refereeing of Tom McGuire.

The other pulls provided good entertainment to the gathering including the efforts of the local Maynooth Team comprised of; George Frank Hand, Liam Fitzharris, Sean Bennett, Danny Bennett, Willie Healy, Ml. Dennihy and Leo Hynes of the Midlands team who gave his services to the local cause.

Winners:

The winners were: Vikings 12 pts Midlands 11 pts Ballymahon 3rd place 4th place Durrow Maynooth 5th place

The Midlands team comprised of : Sean Hyland, Val Dowd, Ml. McCreadam, Dan Reid, Ml. McDonnald, Kieran Clavin,

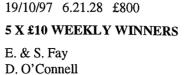
Tim Lynch, and J.P. Keville. Coached by Jack Keegan.

Local Confined Section:

The local confined section was won by the Brady's team composed of : Sean Hyland, George Gallagher, John Gallagher, Frank Hand, Willie Healy, Liam Fitzharris, Sean Bennett, Danny Bennett, and Leo Hynes. Maynooth's coach was the commanding Nicholás Donovan.

Sponsorship:

This great occasion was made possible by the generous sponsorship of the G A A Club, The Roost, Brady's, The Clock House, The Leinster Arms and Caulfields Bar and Lounge. Also thanks to Nuala Hyland, Eileen Healy, Marie Hynes and the Bennett family for assistance on the day. Well done you did Maynooth proud.



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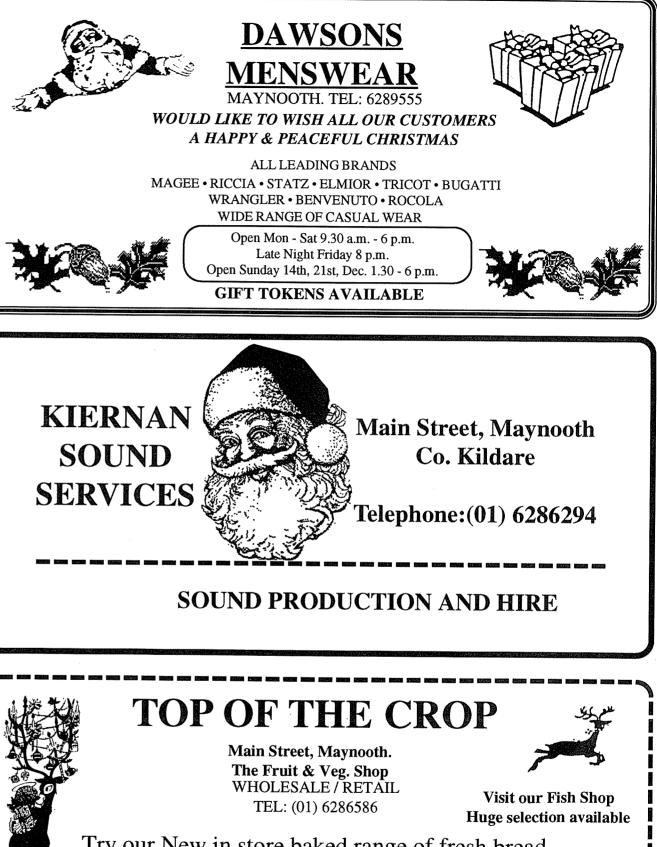
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Sports

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. HURLING RESULTS

Minor Hurling 'B' Championship FinalMaynooth 4-6Confey 3-718/10/97

Post Primary Junior Hurling 'C' Championship Maynooth 2-9 Clonkeen College 1-0 22/10/97

Senior Hurling League Div.II Semi-Final Clane 2-8 Maynooth 0-9 27/10/97

North Kildare League Under 11 Maynooth 1-9 Sarsfield 1-6 1/11/97

North Kildare League Under 13 Maynooth 8-7 Sarsfield 0-0 1/11/97 Maynooth 4-3 Leixlip 4-1 15/11/97

Minor Hurling League Maynooth 2-7 Confey 1-3 25/10/97

Match Analysis

Maynooth captured the Minor Hurling 'B' Championship with a hard earned victory over rivals Confey. Confey were the first team to settle into their stride and were two points up inside the first 6 minutes. Following good work by Conor Diggins, John O'Shea took advantage of hesitancy in the Confey full back line to crash the sliotar to the net. Minutes later a Mikey Gleeson free dropped short and Seamus Cummins delightfully doubled on the sliotar for a fine point. Confey responded with a point for Eric Quinn a minute later. Corner forward Chris Arthurs got in on the scoring act a few minutes later when the sliotar broke free on the fringe of the Confey square and he forced the ball over the line for Maynooth's second goal. Man of the Match Lorcan O'Brien added a long range point for Maynooth midway through the first half. However, Confey are nothing if a battling side and took advantage of limited possession to reduce the deficit at half time to one point with a goal and point from Ciaran Divilly.

Whatever Maynooth manager Pat Nevin said to his players at half time seemed to have the desired effect when they scored two goals inside the first five minutes of the second half through Seamus Cummins and John O'Shea which was a fine individual effort. Despite a point from Confey's Eric Quinn, Maynooth kept the pressure on with the half back line and midfield duo particularly dominating and this was reflected on the scoreboard with a point from Lorcan O'Brien and two pointed frees from the skilful Mikey Gleeson. Confey looked dead and buried at this stage but were infected with a new lease of life when substitute Mark Lundy struck for a badly needed goal after 22 minutes. Two minutes later Sean Lennon who came on for Chris Arthurs got his name on the scoresheet with a point. Ciaran Divilly pointed a free before Confey reduced the deficit further with a goal for Joey Fitzpatrick. Confey needed a goal to win the match but a 30 metre free from Ciaran Divilly soared over the bar and immediately the referee blew the final whistle.

Overall this was a very entertaining game and despite the fact that only two points separated the sides at the final whistle, Maynooth were deserving of their victory.

Best for Maynooth were: Matt Callaghan, Ruairi Kelly, Eoin Nevin, Lorcan O'Brien, Mikey Gleeson, Conor Diggins and Seamus Cummins.

Team and Scores:

Karl Ennis, Mark McCarron, Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Tom Mullarkey, Eoin Nevin, Ruairi Kelly, Lorcan O'Brien (0-2), Alan Nugent, Mikey Gleeson (0-2), Ken Dooley, Conor Diggins, John O'Shea (2-0), Seamus Cummins (1-1), Chris Arthurs (1-0). Sub. Sean Lennon (0-1) for Chris Arthurs.

Maynooth 2-7 Confey 1-3

Maynooth booked their passage to the final of the Minor Hurling League with an impressive victory over Confev at Kilcock. The long grass made ground hurling very difficult but both teams served up a cracking match. Lorcan O'Brien opened the scoring for Maynooth with a long range point. Full forward Seamus Cummins added a further two points for Maynooth before Confey levelled matters against the run of play, with a goal from Gareth Daly. Lorcan O'Brien restored Maynooth's lead with his second point from play. Ciaran Divilly and Seamus Cummins exchanged points before Divilly levelled matters for a free. Just on the half time whistle Ken Dooley who had switched positions with Seamus Cummins goaled for Maynooth following a poor clearance by the Confey defence, leaving the score Maynooth 1-5 Confey 1-2. Both defences dominated for the first ten minutes of the second half and scores were hard to come by. However, Maynooth got the chance they needed after 12 minutes when Chris Arthurs got behind the Confey defence to score a goal. Two further points from Lorcan O'Brien and Conor Diggins put the issue beyond doubt and Confey were only able to get their first and only score of the second half with a point from substitute Bernard Quinn two minutes from time.

Best for Maynooth were Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Eoin Nevin, Lorcan O'Brien, Alan Nugent, John O'Shea, Seamus Cummins and Chris Arthurs.

Team and Scores:

Karl Ennis, Mark McCarron, Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Conor Minogue, Eoin Nevin, Ruairi Kelly, Lorcan O'Brien (0-3), Alan Nugent, John O'Shea, Ken Dooley, (1-0), Conor Diggins (0-1), Chris Arthurs (1-0), Seamus Cummins (0-3), Sean Lennon. Sub. Gearoid Higgins for Sean Lennon, Robert Hayes for Conor Minogue.

Tom Coffey Maynooth Hurling Committee





Sports

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. HURLING RESULTS Cont.

Maynooth 4-3 Leixlip 4-1

This was a tough outing for the U-13 hurlers of Maynooth, in the North Kildare League. After an easy win against Sarsfields two weeks ago, this was a much tighter affair, with Maynooth snatching victory in the dying moments.

Maynooth played with a strong breeze in the first half and took full advantage with goals from Kevin Gannon and Sean Kennedy. David Comerford, Mark Cummins and D.J. Canning added further points. Leixlip came right back into the game, and put two goals on the scoreboard before the half was out.

Leixlip were now on top and equalised with a goal. Maynooth seemed in disarray after the three goal blitz from Leixlip, but somehow managed to get the ball into the Leixlip half. The ball eventually found its way to D.J. Canning and he finished the ball to the back of the net with a cracker of a shot. Maynooth now in command, looked like cruising to victory but once again Leixlip came back up the field to grab another equalising goal.

Although playing into a strong breeze, the Maynooth lads fought desperately to find a winning score. The Leixlip defence was holding out well and Maynooth were becoming frustrated, but Maynooth showed great determination and kept plugging away. Eventually they broke through the Leixlip cover and Mark Cummins crossed the ball to James Mullarkey who subsequently crashed an unstoppable shot to the back of the net. Leixlip tried desperately to get an equalising score, but could only manage a point leaving the Final Score: Maynooth 4-3 Leixlip 4-1. Best for Maynooth: Fergus Devereaux, Kevin Gannon, Brendan Coffey, David Comerford, D.J. Canning and James Mullarkey.

Maynooth team and scorers:

F. Devereaux, J. Hoare (1-0), E. Diggins, B. O'Malley, K. Gannon, B. Coffey, C. Walsh, D. Comerford (0-1), F. Molloy, K. Comerford, D.J. Canning (1-1), M. Cummins (0-1), G. McCarthy, J. Mullarkey (1-0), S. Kennedy (1-0).

Tom Coffey Maynooth Hurling Committee

Goals sink Maynooth's league title ambitions

Clane.....2-8 Maynooth.....0-9

Two goals at Celbridge last Sunday week, killed off Maynooth's chances of reaching the Kildare Senior Hurling League (Div 2) final, writes Tom Coffey.

Clane qualified for an encounter with Confey in the final. Clane and Maynooth were level on four occasions in the first half after the all-whites opened the scoring with a third minute '70.

Stephen Brennan was fouled and extracted an equalising point from the free shortly after this.

Mick Bennett conceded a free 60 yards out from his own goal and Clane added their second point.

Scores were level midway through the first half when Stephen Brennan scored a point from play.

Clane's advantage was restored with a point from play before John O'Brien

neatly dispossessed his marker and scored a point from play. Fergal Scully put Maynooth into the lead from the first time with a long range free but Clane had the final score of the half when Mick Barry lost possession in the middle of the field. Three minutes into the second half, Maynooth fell three points into arrears when a move involving four Clane players led in an unstoppable shot that gave Maynooth goalkeeper Matt Carroll no chance.

A further point from a free by Clane was cancelled out with a similar score by Stephen Brennan.

The writing was on the wall for Maynooth in the 12th minute when the Clane full forward got a flick to the sliotar and it appeared to be going wide but crept into the net.

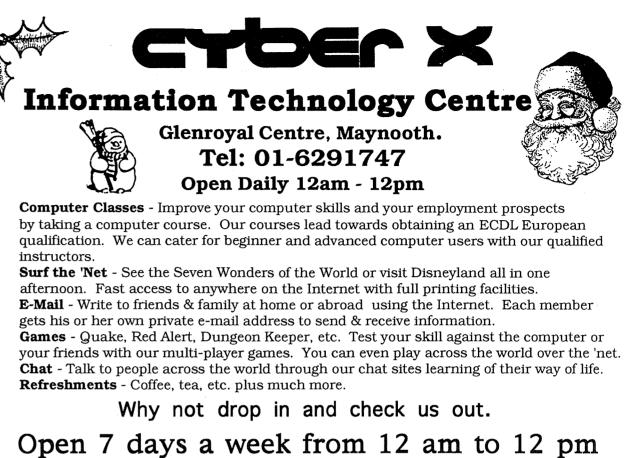
Hugh Nevin responded with a point for Maynooth following a pass from Mick Bennett, Maynooth began to dominate at midfield and the half-back line at this stage and were rewarded with three points.

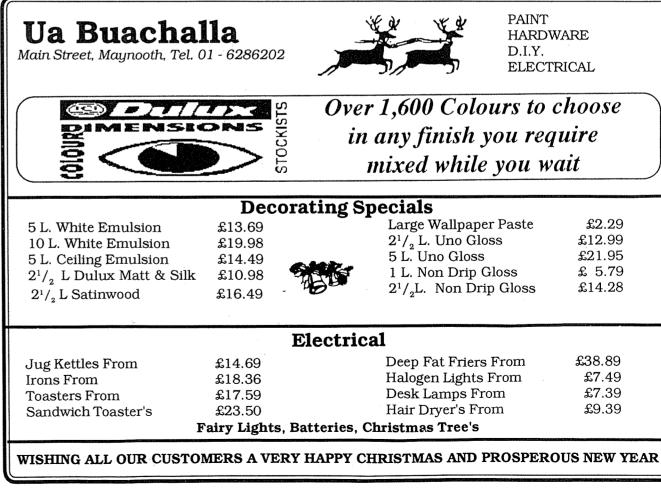
One of these was from Ciaran McGuinness and two from frees by Fergal Scully leaving just two points between the sides with 10 minutes remaining.

However, the dismissal of Hugh Nevin for what seemed an innocuous challenge on his opponent seemed to give Clane the edge again and they used the extra man to good effect.

Best for Maynooth were Stephen Noonan, Ronan Murphy, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully, Tom Farrell, Mick Bennett, Stephen Brennan and Hugh Nevin.

Maynooth: Matt Carroll, Sean Cushen, Stephen Noonan, Ronan Murphy, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully (0-3), Brian Nevin, Tom Farrell, John Lee, Mick Bennett, Mick Barry, Stephen Brennan (0-3), John O'Brien (0-1), Ciarán McGuiness (0-1), Hugh Nevin (0-1). Subs Killian Fagan for Ciaran McGuinness, Padraic Ward for John O'Brien, Ciarán McGuinness for Mick Barry.





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MAYNOOTH HURLING RESULTS Cont.

Maynooth U-13s have it easy but opposition is weak

Maynooth 8-7 Sarsfields 0-0

Maynooth U-13s were quite clearly unlucky for visiting Sarsfields last Saturday 1/11/97.

The Maynooth hurlers were dominant throughout and had many stars who it must be said shone against weak opposition.

Perhaps Sarsfields erred in competing in this division and it only served to illustrate the hard work required in order to develop their hurling ambitions.

Maynooth's best were Alan Sweeney, Ciaran Walsh, Brendan Coffey, Fergal Molloy, David Comerford, Kevin Gallon and James Mullarkey.

MAYNOOTH: D.J. Canning (1-1), Jamie O'Neill, Alan Sweeney, Brian O'Malley, Ciaran Walsh, Brendan Coffey (1-0), Kevin Comerford, Pierre Ennis (2-2), Mark Cummins (0-1), David Comerford (2-2), Kevin Gallon (0-1), Gerard McCarthy (1-0), James Hoare, James Mullarkey (1-0).

Exciting elevens battle for Maynooth

Maynooth 1-9 Sarsfield 1-6

Maynooth's U-11 hurlers scored a fine win over Sarsfields in the North Kildare League last Saturday, (1/11/97) with both sides playing skillfully to a high standard. Maynooth always appeared to have the upper hand but Sarsfields never gave up the hope of winning. Best for Maynooth were Brian O'Malley, Sean Kennedy, Mikey Gilbert, Mark Cummins, Ronan O'Carroll, Kevin Comerford & Andrew Higgins.

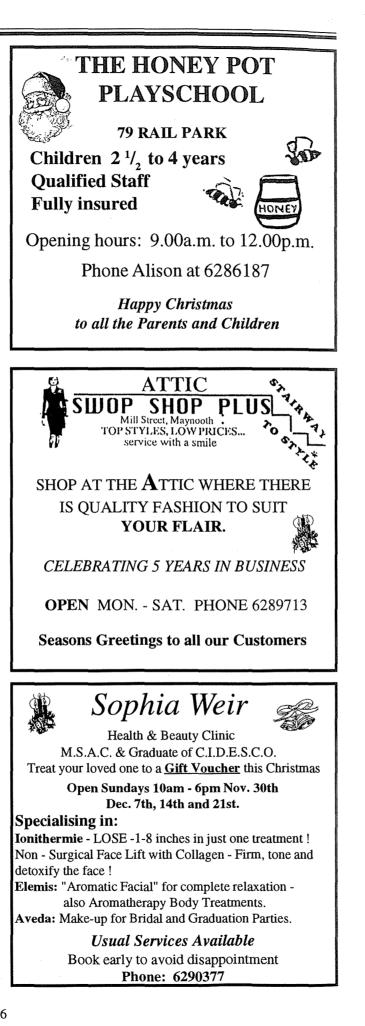
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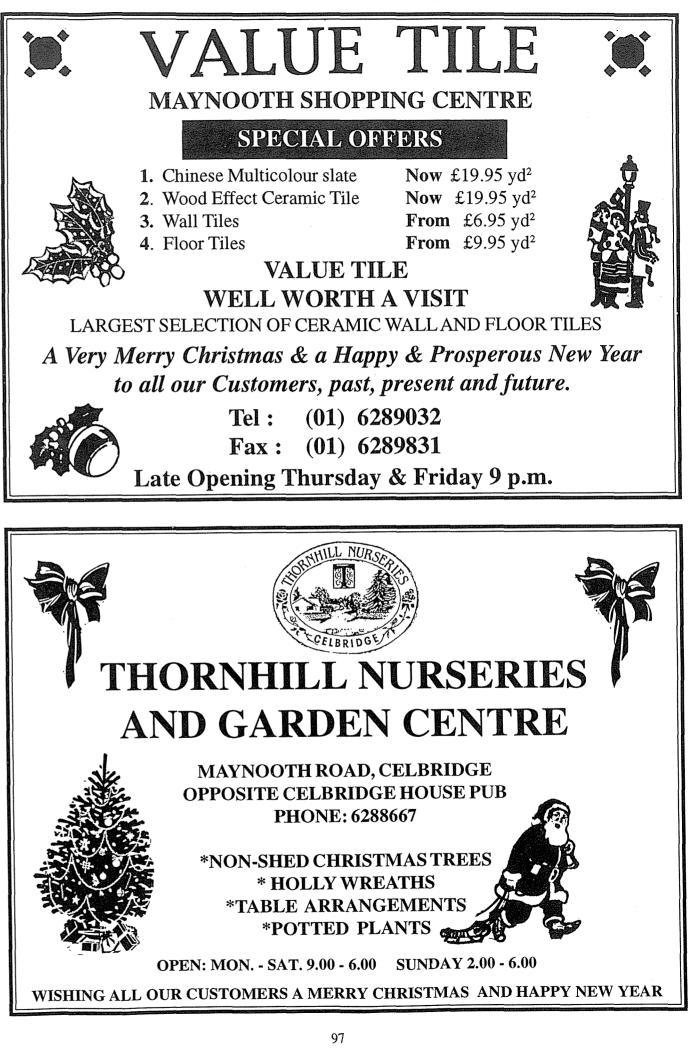
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SYMPATHIES

With Deepest Sympathy to the daughter, brother, sister, sonin-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Elizabeth Bennett (nee Dixon), Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

With Deepest Sympathy to Sheila Fleming and family, Maynooth Park, on the sudden death of her sister Teresa O'Neill, Whiterock, Longford.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dowling: The family of the late Madge Dowling, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss, those who attended removal, funeral mass, sent mass cards, floral tributes, letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to all the doctors and nursing staff of both Blanchardstown and Peamount Hospitals. To Fr. Brendan Supple and all the priests from Batchelor's Walk, Dublin, also St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The local Gardaí, the Catering Staff, Maynooth College, John and Eithne Carey, all our very good neighbours and friends for all their help. Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Lyndsey: The Son, Nicholas Donovan and the Donovan Family would like to thank all their friends and relatives who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. Those who attended the Mass and funeral, to all who sent Mass cards and wreaths. A special thanks to Father Supple, the staff of Blanchardstown Hospital, Dr. Cowhey, The Brady Family for supplying the tea and sandwiches, the funeral parlour and Norah McDermott from the Newsletter. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope this acknowledgement will be accepted by all in grateful appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Clare McTernan, Curraville, Greenfield, Maynooth, December 12th from Daddy, Mammie, brother Gerard, Grannies, Grandad and all your friends in Maynooth and elsewhere.

Belated Birthday Wishes to Declan Kavanagh who was 11 on the 4th of November, from Mam and family.

Birthday Wishes to Elaine Flood who will be celebrating her birthday on the 21st December and Belated Birthday wishes to Declan from Mammy, Daddy and all the family.

Belated Birthday Wishes to Cindy Ankers who will be 21 and a bit on the 26th November from the staff in the Community Council.

LITTLE LOST DOG

After 13 years as part of a family. "Spot" is now lost. His family are very upset as you can imagine and desperately want to see him returned safe and as soon as possible. So if anyone knows anything about "Spot" please contact the owners at 355 Greenfield.

Details about "Spot"

He is a smooth haired Fox Terrier. He is white with light brown markings on his back.

They miss him terribly. Please help!

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elaine Flood, O'Neill Park, Maynooth, who graduated in Pharmaceutical and Health Care at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham on Friday 4th November 1997, from all your family and friends.

Congratulations to Dr. Aisling Barton-Twomey, formerly of "San Feliu", Maynooth, who will graduate with a PhD in Immunology from the University of Birmingham, on 11th December, 1997 from all her family & friends. Aisling is at present working at Birmingham University as a Post-Doctoral Researcher.



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