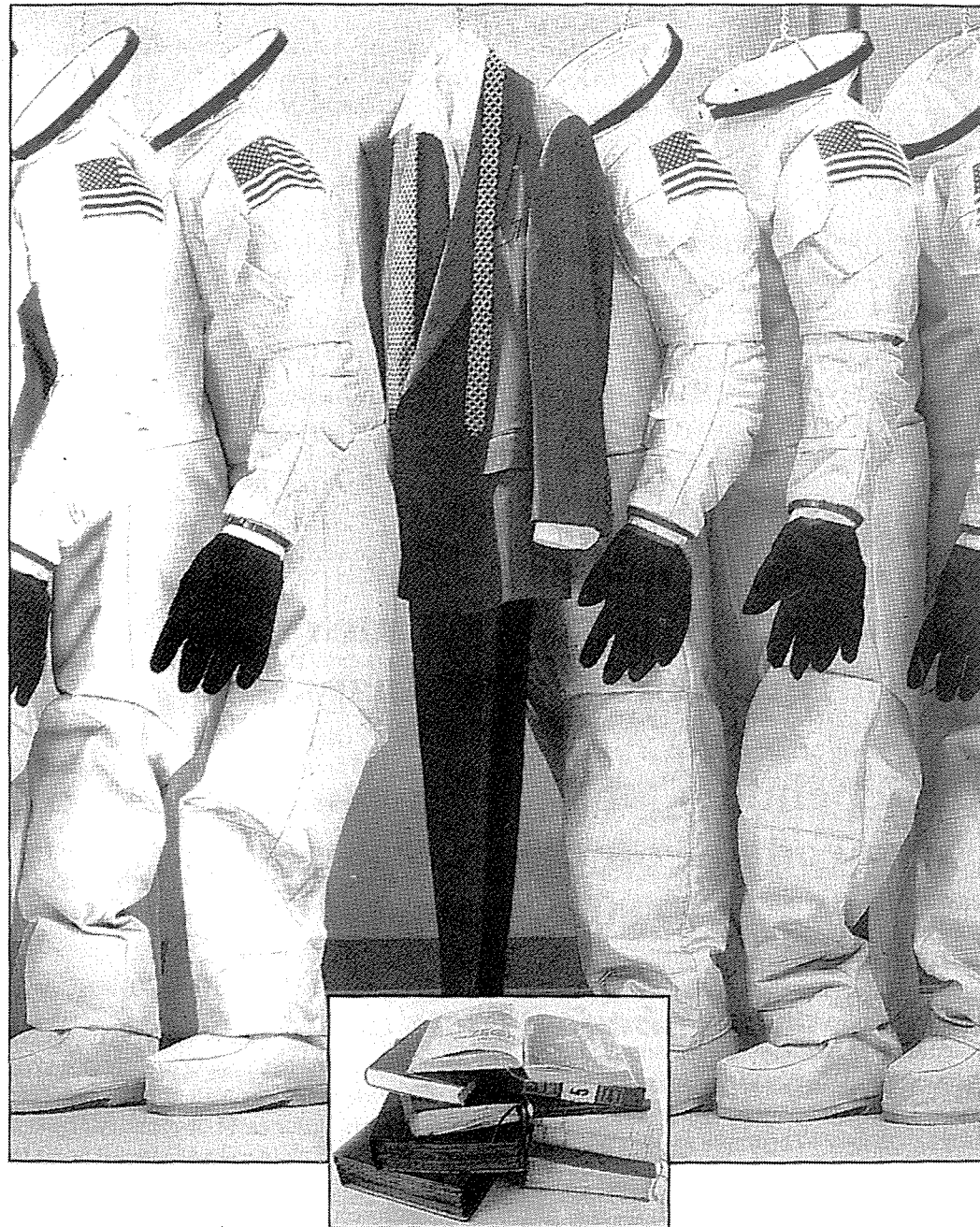
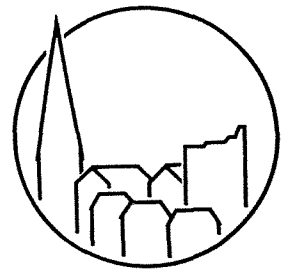


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Saturday and Sunday 1st & 2nd February:
Scoil Uí Riada Slogadh: Regional Finals in Scoil Cairtriona Ballymun.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDITORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

New Members

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

Silken Vale: Aileen O'Connor and Patricia Masterson.

College Green: John Raleigh

Cable T.V. Reception

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

Maynooth Community Festival

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



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

Norah McDermott - A decade of service

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

*Paul Croghan
PRO*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Heritage Project

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

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

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

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

*Paul Croghan
Chairman
Planning & Development Committee*

Traffic Bye-Laws

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

Development Plan

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

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

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

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

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*Claire O'Rourke
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CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE

Know Your Rights

Source: New One Parent Family Payment

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

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

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

Means Test:

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

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

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

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

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

C.I.C. Opening Hours:

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Monday: 2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (Celbridge Library)
Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Maynooth College)
Tuesday: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Maynooth Library)
Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Dunboyne Community Centre)
Thursday: 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (Leixlip Library)

Now open Tuesday: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (above Kehoe's)

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



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



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

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MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES

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

Michael Quinn
Chairperson
13 Lawrence Avenue

R.C.A.G NOTES

Chomhairle Aisnteachta an Chánail
Ríoga Cumann Maigh Nuadh.

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

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

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

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

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

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

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

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

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

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

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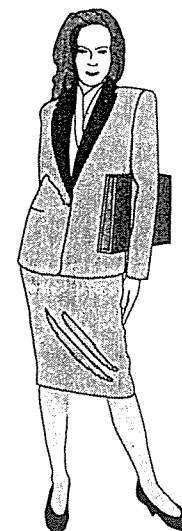
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MAYNOOTH
PLANNING ALLIANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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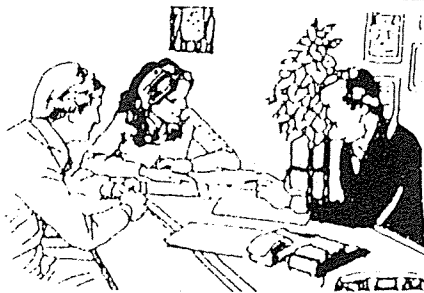
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MAYNOOTH GYMNASTIC CLUB

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

A special mention to the trophy winners:

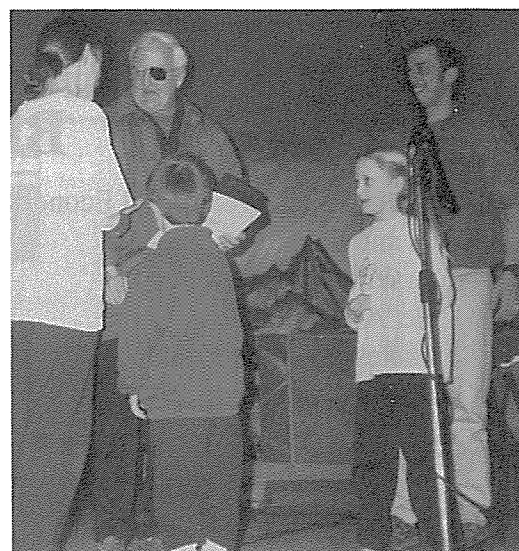
Robert Moore 1st, Nevan Buckley 2nd, Sean Foxe and Conor Bean (Joint 3rd) Rían Glynn 4th in the boys under 8. Aisling O'Rourke 2nd Girls Under 6. William Donovan 1st Boys Under 6. Lee Walsh 2nd Boys Under 10. Lauren Eddery 1st Girls Under 10. Aisling Bean 2nd Girls Under 12. Emma Higgins 1st Under 14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

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

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

PRESENTATION TO FORMER COACH

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



SHAW BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

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

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

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

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ST. MARY'S BOY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH. PARENTS ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

Claire O'Rourke.
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Josephine Moore



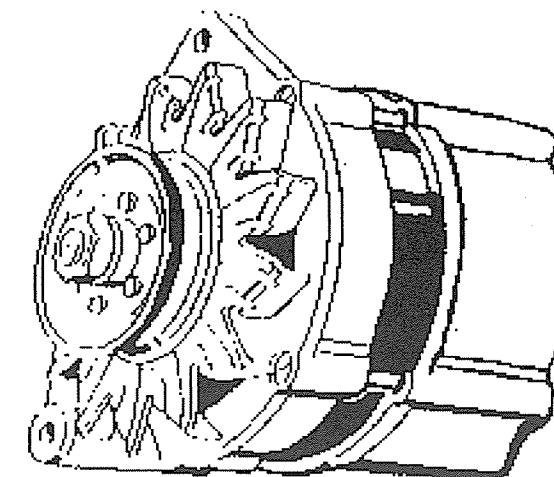
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MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Rays Long Wait Is Over

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

Lysters overcame Maynooth Golfing Society in the annual challenge.

Castle Barna (Daingan) Christmas Outing:

Overall:

R. Delemere (12) 40 pts

Class 1:

1st - B. Desmond (12) 38 pts
2nd - L. Farrelly (10) 35 -
3rd - J. Moore (10) 34 -

Class 2:

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

Class 3:

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

Front 9:

S. Tracey 18pts

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M. Foy 18-pts

Vistor: Breen Cassidy 35 pts

Nearest The Pin: Pat Conway

2's Club: Pat Conway, R. Delemere

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

Senior G.O.Y.: Owen Byrne

Team Winners: Ray Delemere - Seamus Grant - Owen Byrne

Recent Lotto Winners: P. Doyle - P. Brazil - B. Condrion - S. Grant

A.G.M. will take place in February.
Members will be notified.

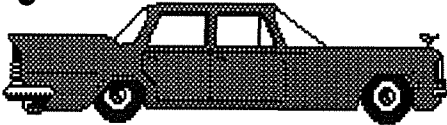
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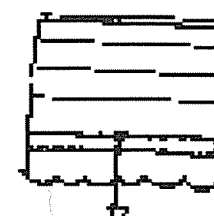
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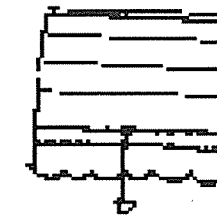
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LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

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

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

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

Mary Molloy
P.R.O.



MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

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

Chairman: Gearoid Mac Teignáin
Secretary: P. Nolan



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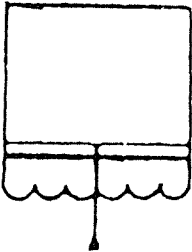
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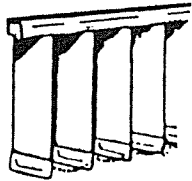
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

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

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

Activities

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

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

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

received over Christmas, said Jo, our Craft Promoter.

Counselling Service

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

Bake-A-Cake

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

New Rector

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

Spot Prizes

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

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

Guild Competition

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

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

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

Irene Matthews
P.R.O.

BAND BULLETIN

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

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

Committee:

Cliff Murphy Michael Murphy
Mark McCarron John Curran Helena Healy

The Year Ahead

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

New Members

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

Hope to have news of some successes in our March bulletin.

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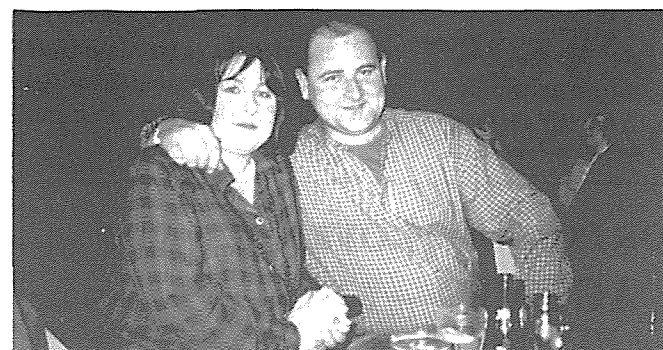
SILKEN VALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 1996 - 1997

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

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

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

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



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



Veil Dancers: Silken Steps at the GAA Club.



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

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

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

MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Moyglare News

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

Residents Meeting

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

*Paul Croghan
Chairman*

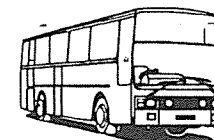
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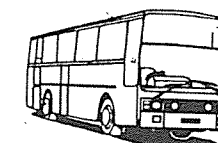
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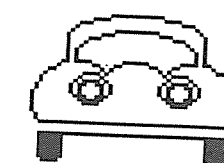
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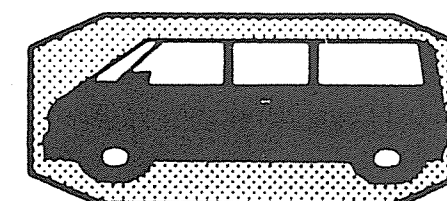
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Due to the weather conditions over the past month the service was stopped occasionally keeping in mind your safety. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Features

SHOP LOCAL IN '97.

Christmas is over once again and many including myself are only too glad. The hassle of shopping, traffic, queues and crowds is enough to bring on a panic attack just thinking about it. So why do we do this to ourselves when we could all shop locally, resulting in drastically reduced stress levels and healthier pockets.

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

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

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

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Yours sincerely,

JOHN MCGINLEY, (Secretary, St Patrick's Day
Parade Committee)

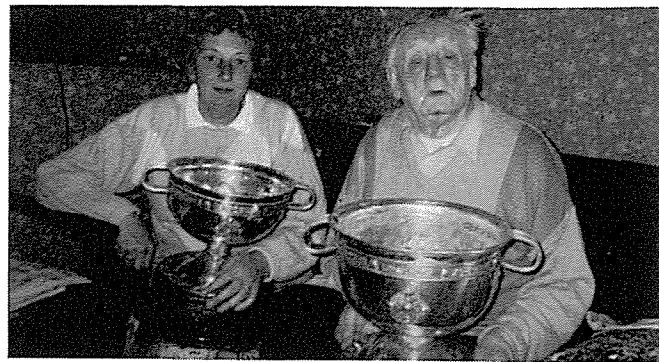
Features

Local Hero

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

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

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



Dinny with his daughter Madeline Stynes.

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

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

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

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

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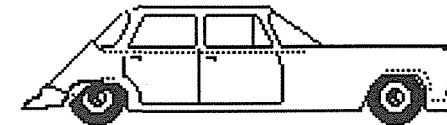
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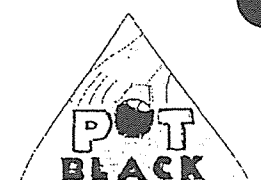


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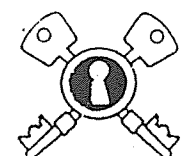
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**‘Anois teacht an Earraigh
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Is ea thógfad mo sheol.’**

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

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

Aifreann in Gaeilge

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

Cuairt Daidí na Nollag

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

1997 Calendar

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

Enrolments for 1997 and subsequent years.

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

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

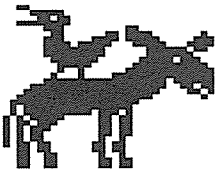
Ranganna Gaeilge do thosnaitheoirí / Beginners classes in Irish

These classes will commence on **Monday 2 February to Easter**
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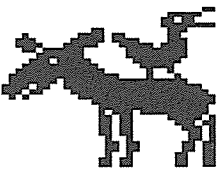


*Daidí na Nollag telling Daniel, Stephanie and Marco Marcello
that he will see them on Oiche Nollag*

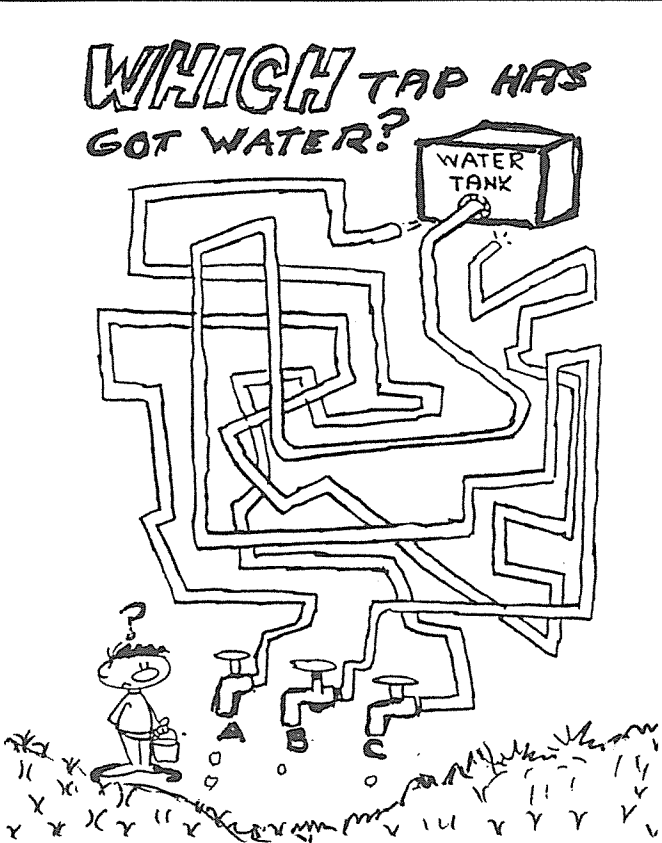
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This seven week course is designed for those with little or no Irish. It is based on the communicative method with total emphasis on speaking the language. At the end of the course participants will be able to conduct a basic conversation in Irish.

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

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

Coming Events

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

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

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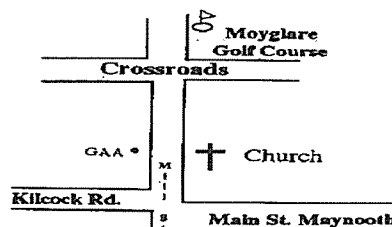
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THE STRANGER AND THE POOKA by Patrick Devaney, Mentor Press.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael O'Donnell.

AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES IN 1996

LAND PRICES HIT £3,900 PER ACRE.

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

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

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

These sales took place in the counties Kildare, Meath, Dublin, Westmeath, Offaly, Laois, Kilkenny and Longford, with the majority being in the first two counties.

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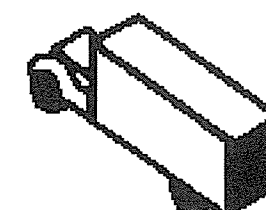
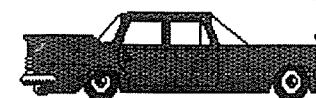
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"I come not to praise Caesar, but to bury him".
"But having found him not dead, I'll begin praising right now".

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

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

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

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


Handball Bounces Back

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

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



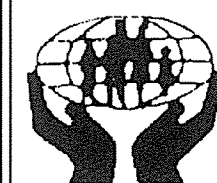
Justin O'Connell, left, and Padraig Brady, right



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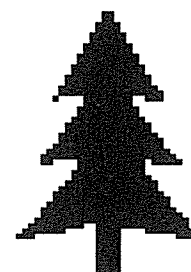
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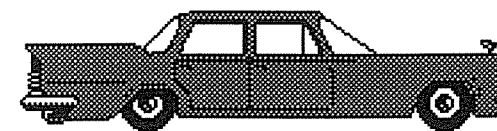


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MORNING IN COURT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

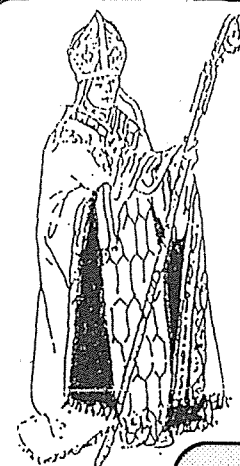
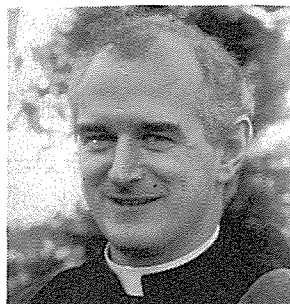
COLLEGE NEWS

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

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

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

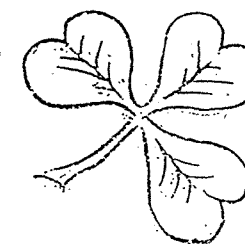
On receiving news of his appointment Dr Farrell confessed to being somewhat daunted by the task in hand but affirmed his commitment to providing leadership to the National Seminary at a crucial time in its history. He also expressed the view that in the light of new legislation for the universities there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



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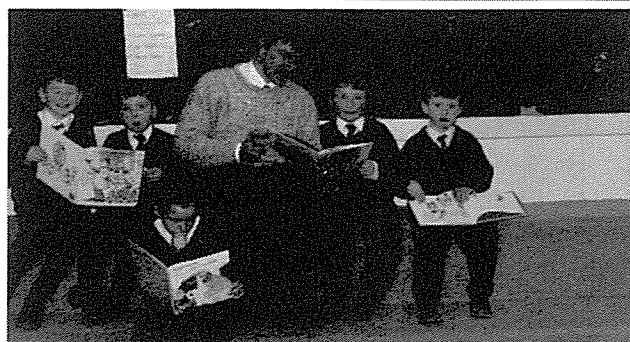
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Features

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

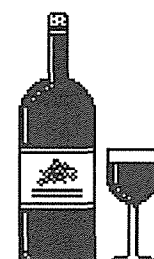
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Down in Cavan they'd say
He should be locked away
Yes, down there he'd do time
For this treacherous crime.

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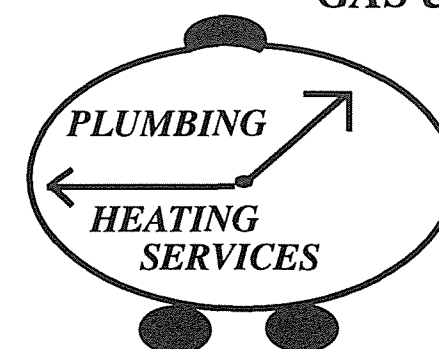
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UNDERAGE VANDALISM IN COLLEGE GREEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Perhaps the answer is to start to complain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

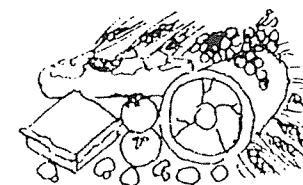
The question must be asked who is to blame and who will take responsibility and put an end to this ridiculous carrying on. We would like to point out that on talking to the Gardai, their opinion was that "these estates are no worse than any other," but surely that's no excuse for allowing it to continue.

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MAYNOOTH IN FEBRUARY 1987

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

What happened to the class of 1980?

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

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

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

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

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

Maynooth By-Pass

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

Harbour Field

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

Riot at Connolly Station

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

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

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

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

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

Top Ten Singles

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

Top Five Albums

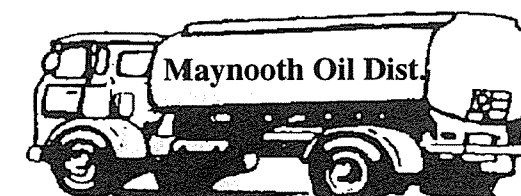
1. Graceland - Paul Simon
2. Revenge - Eurythmics
3. Kate Bush - Greatest Hits
4. Sheer Live Magic - Queen
5. Communards - The Communards

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

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VIDEO REVIEW

The Rock (15's)

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

Verdict.....Worth seeing

Last Man Standing (18's)

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

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

Verdict.....Hugely Entertaining

Mission Impossible (12's)

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

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

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

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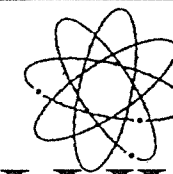
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PROFILE OF PAUL CROGHAN, PRO, MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Question: When did you come to live in Maynooth?

I came to live in Maynooth eight years ago.

Question: Why did you choose to live in Maynooth?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question: How do you see your role as PRO?

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

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

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

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

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

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



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SCOIL UI RIADA

Ceolchoirm na Nollag

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Slogadh 1997

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

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

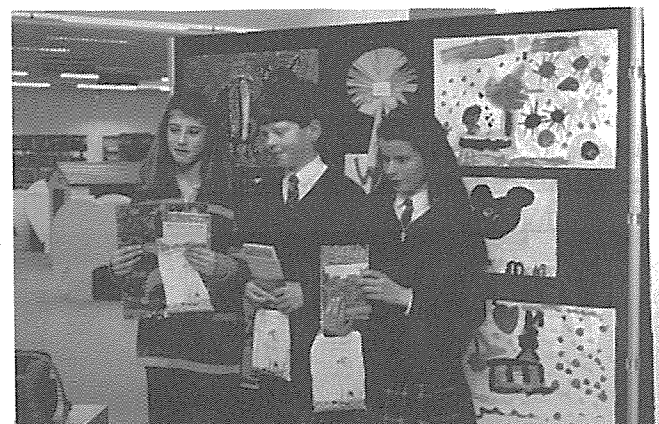
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Miriam Ahern

PRO Committee

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



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

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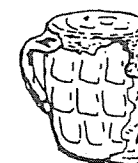
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PREDICTIONS FOR 1997

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

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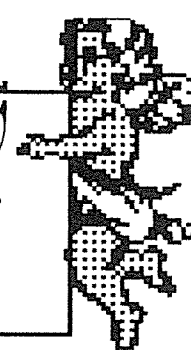
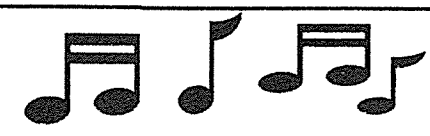
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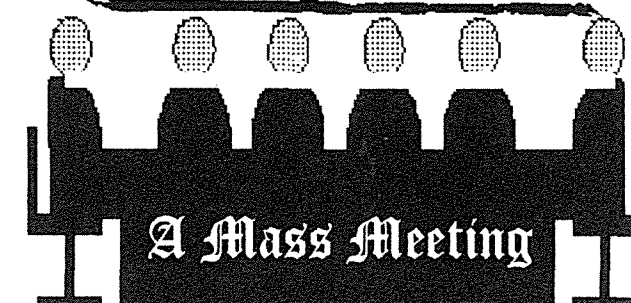
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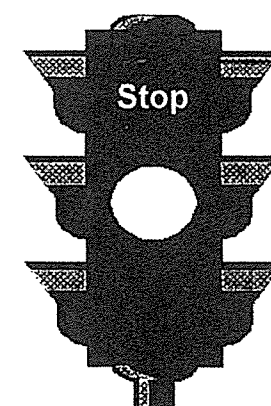


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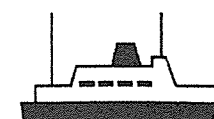
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JUNE

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER- DECEMBER

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

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TEARS FLOW FOR DEPARTING FRIENDS

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

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

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

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



L - R Betty Brilly & Sheila McKenna



Derek Lowry & Martin Davis (seated)



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



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

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

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

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

TART LEMON TART Serves 8

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

For the filling:

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

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

CHICKEN WITH BURGHUL

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

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

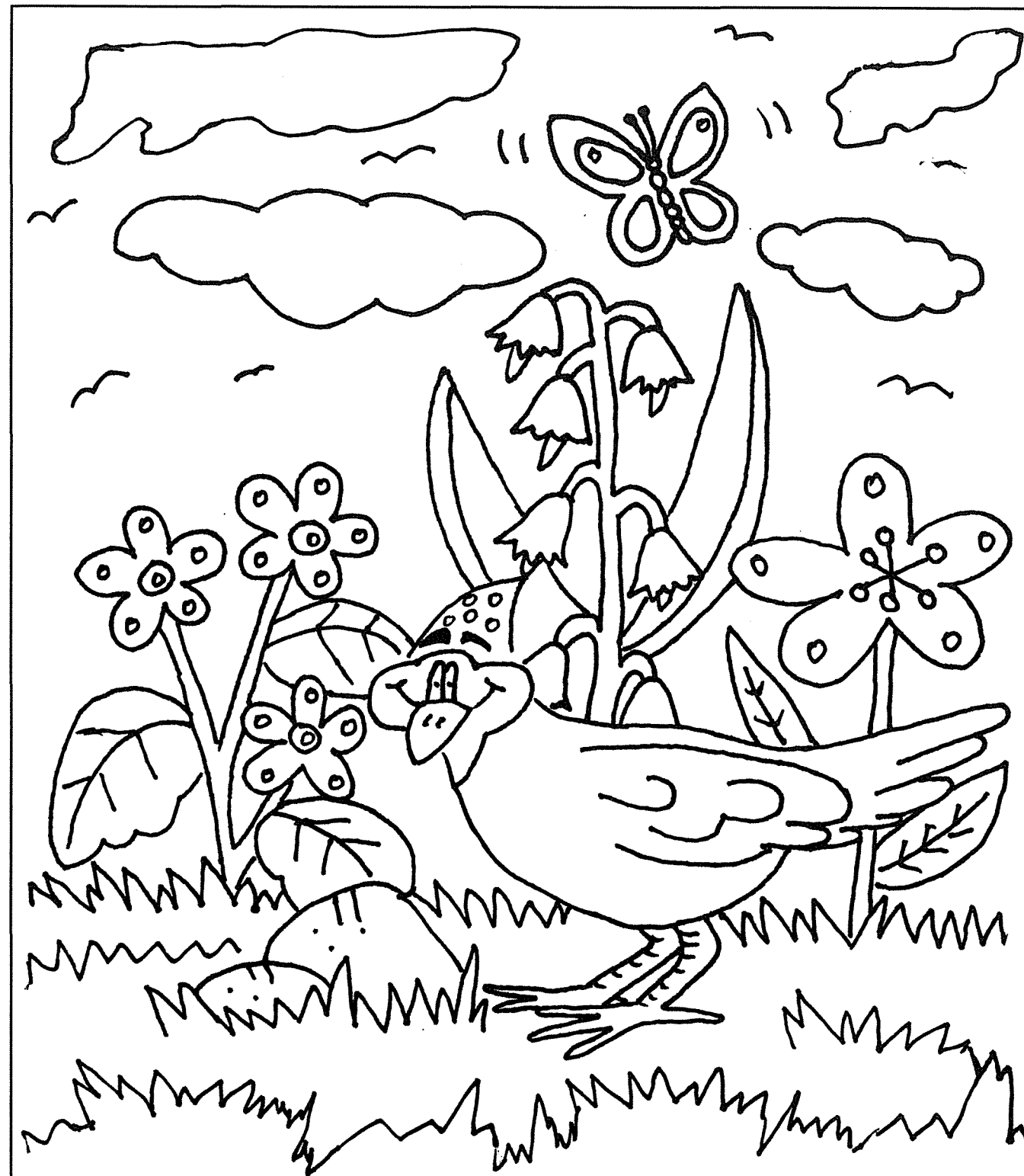
SHORTBREAD

Enough for 24 fingers

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



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



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GARDENING HINTS

GENERAL TASKS

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

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

LAWNS

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

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

BULBS

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

SHRUBS

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

VEGETABLES

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

POT PLANTS

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

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

TAKING ROOT CUTTINGS

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

TIPS

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

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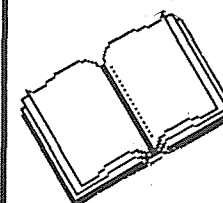
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County Strategy Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pound Park.

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

Bus Turning Points.

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

Parking Bye-Laws

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

Fás Workers for Cemeteries.

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

Bond Bridge Update.

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

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

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

Cul De Sac signs - Greenfields Lane.

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

Extension of Speed limit -

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



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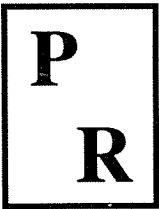
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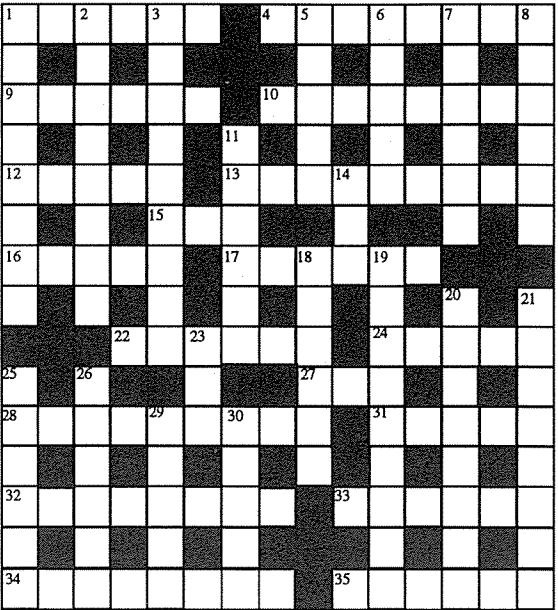
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- 4. Salty. (8)
- 9. Nook. (6)
- 10. Military rank. (8)
- 12. Conductor. (5)
- 13. Unfeeling. (9)
- 15. Lie. (3)
- 16. Dialect. (5)
- 17. Agreement. (6)
- 22. Smear. (6)
- 24. Perfect. (5)
- 27. Vigour. (3)
- 28. Cleric's residence. (9)
- 31. Whine. (5)
- 32. Scented. (8)
- 33. Fold. (6)
- 34. Vikings. (8)
- 35. Lower oneself. (6)

Down:

- 1. Geometric figure. (8)
- 2. Cigarette by-product. (8)
- 3. Lie. (9)
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- 14. Self. (3)
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- 19. Repay. (9)
- 20. Drainage. (8)
- 21. Slovenly woman. (8)
- 23. Vessel. (3)
- 25. Joint injury. (6)
- 26. Zeal. (6)
- 29. Speak. (5)
- 30. In flames. (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 110.

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

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

Winner of Crossword No. 110:

Sheila Fleming, 63 Maynooth Park, Maynooth.

Party Political

DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Water Charges turned off.

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

Bond Bridge Action Group

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

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

Drinking Water Quality

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

Telephones in Beafield

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

Public Lighting In Silken Vale

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

Party Political

FINE GAEL NOTES

Joan Slade River:

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

Traffic Island - Straffan Road:

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

Maynooth - Draft Parking Bye - Laws:

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

Bond Bridge

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

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

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

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

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Sport

G.A.A. NOTES

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

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

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

Vice Presidents: Ollie Reilly, Tim Twomey, Phil Burke, Eddie Dunne, Jimmy McLoughlin.

Chairman: Roddy Molloy, Vice Chairman Brendan Farrell. Secretary: Noel Farrelly, Asst. Secretary: Theresa Hession. Treasurer: Mick Gleeson, Asst. Treasurer: Jim McLoughlin. P.R.O.: Mick Gillick, Registrar, Madeline Stynes. Committee: Stephen Brennan, Mark Nugent, Tommy Fay, Pat Nevin.

Chairpersons of the Sub-Committees:
Hurling: Kieran Diggins, Football: Kevin Connolly, Finance: Matt Doran.
Grounds & Development: Dominic Nugent, Handball: Seán Donovan, Bar & Social: Fergus Devereux., County Board delegate: Michael Gillick.

Handball

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

Membership: Membership is due for renewal between now and 1st April.

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Set Dancing:

Set Dancing classes every Tuesday night at 9 p.m.

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

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

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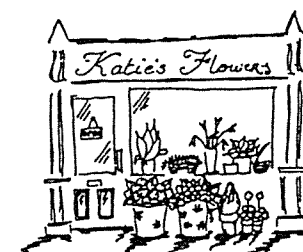


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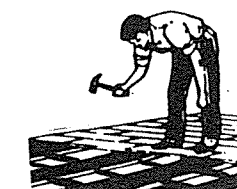
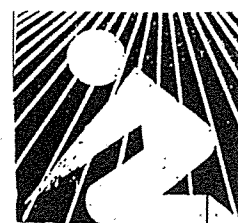


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Sport

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

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

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

Maynooth Team

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

Ballyna Team

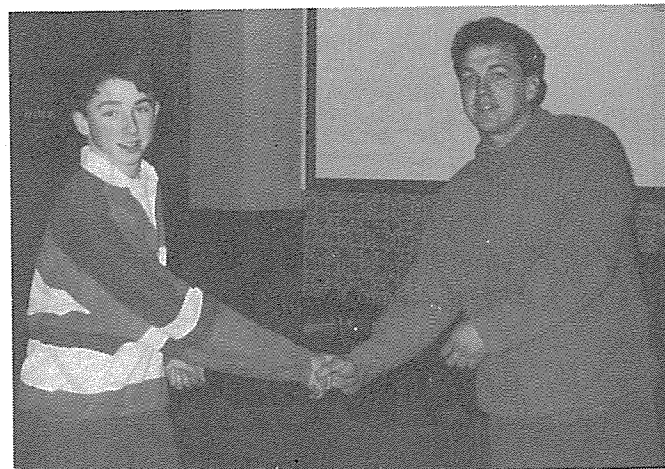
Brendan Farrell, Johnny Sally, Paul Dixon, Sean McEvoy, Angus Gannon (1-0), Eoin McCabe, Damien Nolan, Padraig Hurley (0-4), Tommy O'Connor, Johnny Knowles (0-1), Paddy Farrell, Richie Mullen, Paddy O'Connor, Eoin Robertson (0-1), Colm McNally.

JUVENILE CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

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

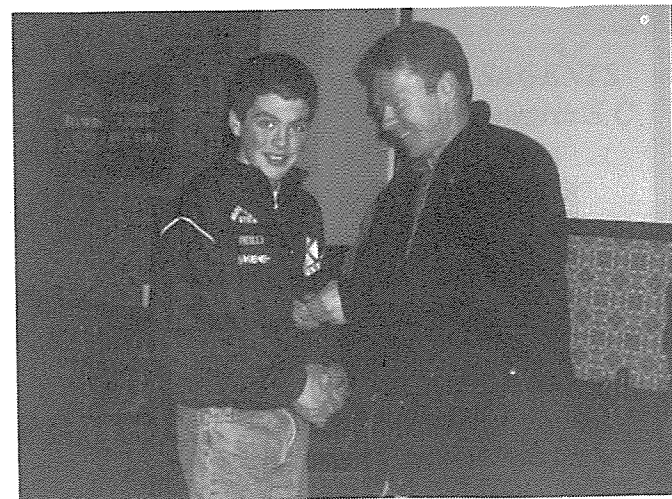
When the minerals, crisps, sandwiches and marsh mallows were finished the players watched a video. Our thanks to Ben Mee for opening the Club House early and to everyone who helped organise the party.



Patrick O'Rourke receives his football medal from Brendan Reilly



Dermot Canning receives his hurling medal from Enda McManus

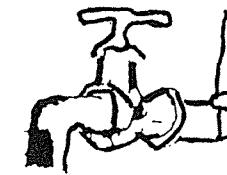


Peter Sheehan receives his hurling medal from Enda McManus

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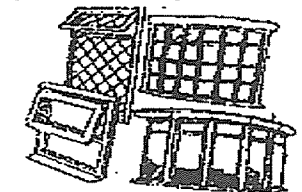
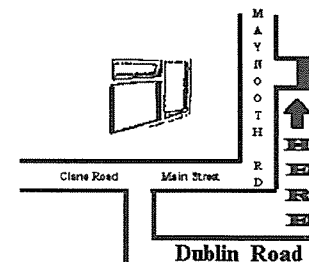
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