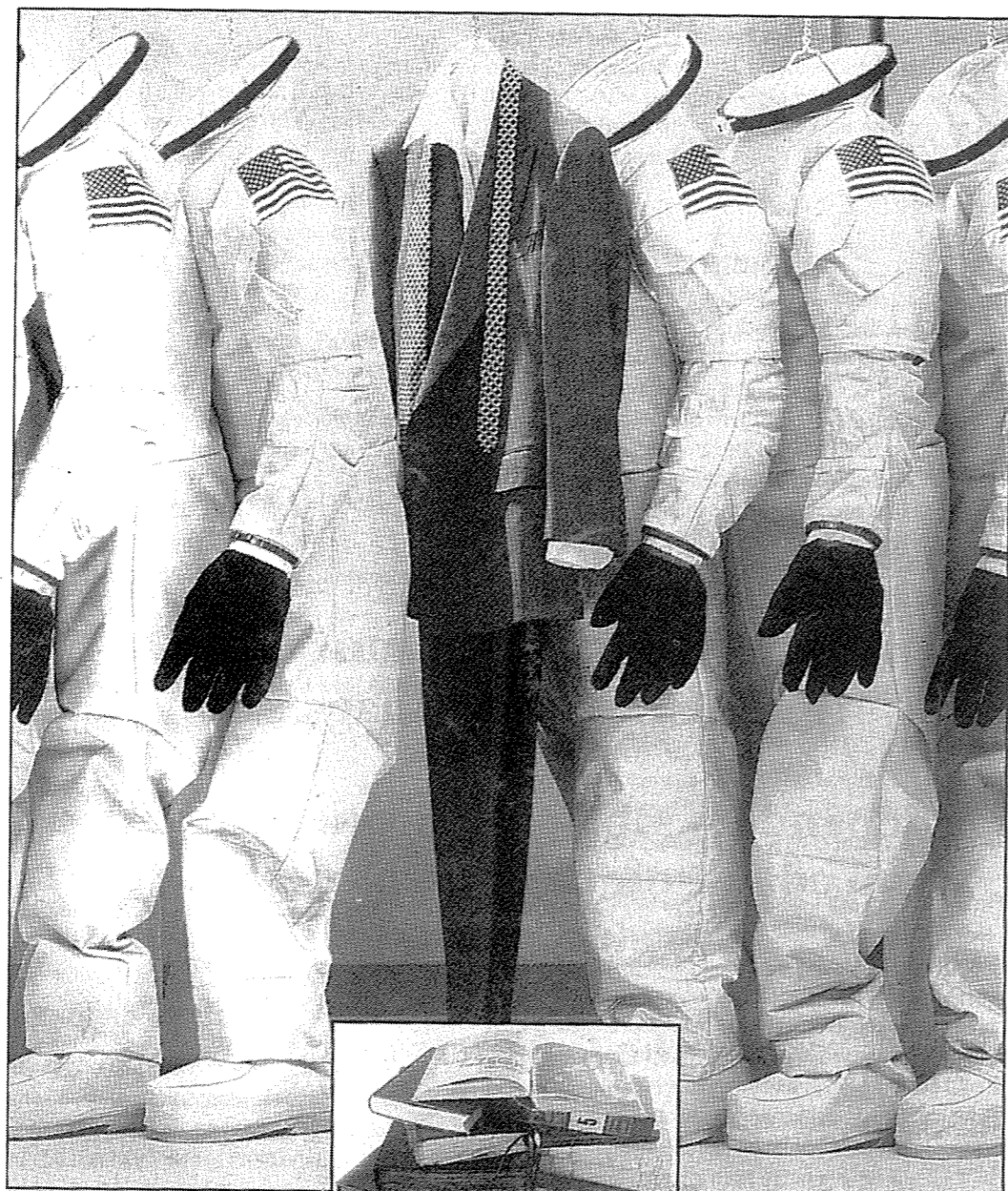


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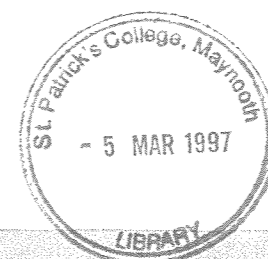
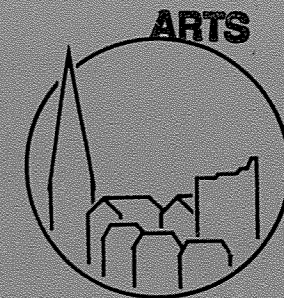
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Diary Dates

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

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

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

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

Friday March 14th: Newsletter Copydate

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

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

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

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

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

EDITORIAL

Pub Licencing Laws

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

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

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

Paddy Desmond

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

Apology

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

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

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

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

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

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Community Council Notes

LETTER TO EDITOR

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

*Yours sincerely,
Richard Wills.*

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

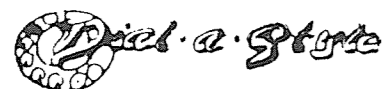
The Maynooth Development Plan

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

Heritage Project

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

*Paul Croghan
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MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

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

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

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

Hoping to see a big crowd again this year.

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



MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

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

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

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

Richard Farrell P.R.O.

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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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

Nurse Nora Campbell was welcomed and thanked for attending.

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

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

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

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

Results as follows-

Chairperson - Josie Moore

Vice chairperson - Imelda Delaney

Hon. Secretary - Patsy Rafferty

Minutes Secretary - Joan Lennon

Treasurer - Catherine Mulready

Ass. Treasurer - Patricia Cusker

P.R.O. - Betty Farrell

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Betty Farrell
P.R.O.

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

BAND BULLETIN

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

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

St. Patrick's Day.

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

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

Band Championships

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

Vandalism

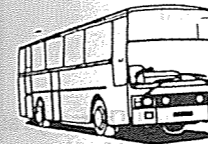
For the first time in many years we have been the victims of hooligans who smashed one of our windows with a large rock. Was it the result of a drinking session in the Green or a group holding a drinking session actually in the passage way outside the Band Hall. On several occasions we have found broken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

More here next month.

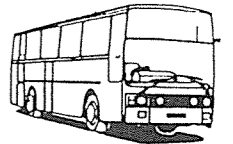
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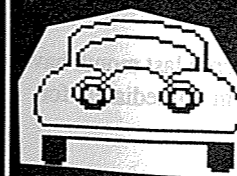


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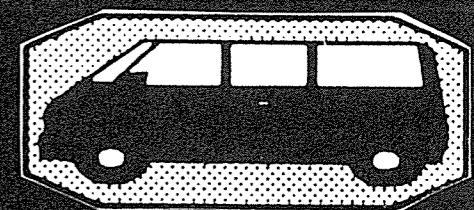
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

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

Guild personality of the year

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

New Rector

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

St. Vincent De Paul

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

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

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

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

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

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

Produce Promoter

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

Guild Competition

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

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

Raffle

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

Guild Activities

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

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

IRENE MATTHEWS
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

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

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

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

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

All fees are now due.

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

Mary Molloy P.R.O

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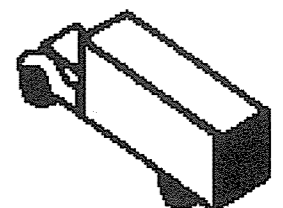
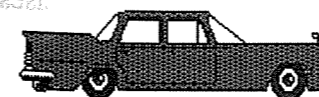
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Wednesday 5th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
	Evening Prayer	8.00 p.m.
Sunday 9th	Family Service	10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 12th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 16th	Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
Monday 17th		
St. Patrick's Day (Note Time)	Eucharist	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 19th	Eucharist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

Rector:

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

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

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



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

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

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

Tuesday March 4th

Table Quiz 8.30 in aid of Parish Funds. Upstairs Kelly's Lounge, Dunboyne. All Welcome.

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By the time this issue has gone to print our annual fund raiser will have taken place. We hope you all enjoyed it and our thanks to all the businesses in town who were so generous in their sponsorship and also to the GAA Club who made their premises available to us. Further details of sponsorship will be available in the next issue.

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

Claire O'Rourke,
PRO.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

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

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

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

Claire O'Rourke,
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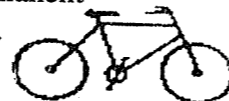
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Residents Associations

OLD GREENFIELD

RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION NOTES

AGM

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

Correspondence

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

Treasurer's Report

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

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

The Committee

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

Chairman: Manus Mc Carron

Vice-Chairman: Leo Mc Glynn

Secretary: Margaret Mc Carron

Treasurer: Kevin Mc Govern

Assistant Treasurer: Doreen Mc Court

The chairman paid tribute to outgoing secretary Anne Birchall.

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

Topics Discussed at AGM and Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

Work Planned or In Progress

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

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SILKEN VALE

RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

Residents vs. Developers

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

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

*Anthony McLoughlin,
Secretary.*

MOYGLARE

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Moyglare News

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

Moyglare Residents to meet...

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

Concern over possibility of recycling facility.

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

More information in Moyglare News.

*Paul Croghan
Chairman*

Moyglare Residents Association

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

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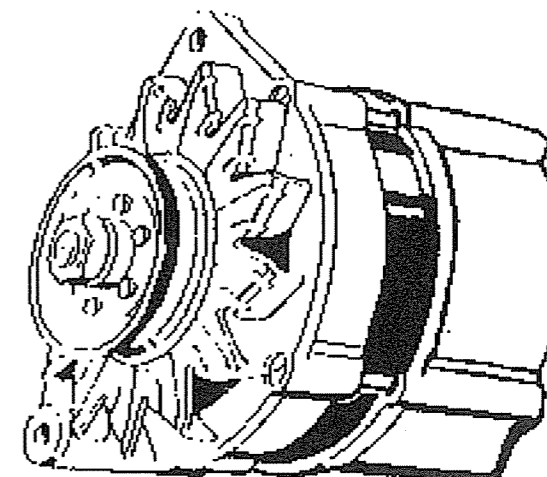
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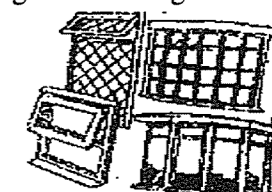
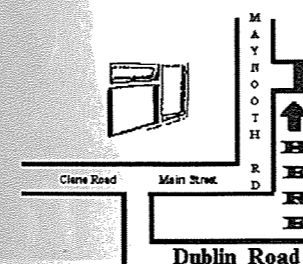
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E COLI AWARENESS

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

Where did the name come from?

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

What is an E Coli?

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

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

E Coli 0157:H7 is a member of the EHEC Enterohaemorrhagic E Coli group.

Enterohaemorrhagic means intestinally-related. This organism causes haemorrhaging and therefore loss of blood.

It is very easy to pick up this bacteria as it is everywhere in the environment. Everything you eat, drink or have touched that has been a part of an animal or near an animal can infect you. This is a reason for washing hands!

How does an E Coli affect us?

E Coli strain, 0157:H7 contains a gene that can cause a toxin to be produced, called Shiga-like toxin (SLT), or sometimes called Vero toxin.

The toxin is a protein which causes severe damage to the intestinal epithelial cells (the cells that line the wall of the intestine).

The damage is so severe that if we acquire this bacterial strain, not only do we lose water and salts, blood vessels are damaged, and bleeding occurs - lots of bleeding - haemorrhaging.

This condition can be particularly dangerous to small children and it can even be lethal.

Children are far too small to tolerate much blood and fluid loss.

This is why small children should not be allowed to become dehydrated, even in mild cases of diarrhoea. In some cases another syndrome is involved which is called haemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), which is characterized by kidney failure and loss of red blood cells. Approximately 5% to 10% of children progress to this stage of disease - which is very dangerous for them.

In severe cases, the disease can cause permanent kidney disease. It is also very dangerous for the old or infirm.

There can be a combination of HUS and some other things which involve the blood system, which can be lethal to the elderly in 50% of cases.

Where is E Coli in our hamburgers?

Unless there is a cut in the meat, the meat below the surface is normally sterile. Outside surfaces of all meat will have bacteria present, so if the meat is infected with E Coli strain, 0157:H7, it will be on the surface of the meat and not down inside the fibres of the meat.

However, as soon as the meat is cut with a knife or punctured with a fork, it will carry the bacteria down into the cut.

When meat is ground for hamburgers, the bacteria cells get distributed throughout all of the meat. This is why meat should be well cooked.

Vegetables can also be infected if handled by a contaminated person. Water can also be contaminated as can non-pasteurised apple juice.

When should I get worried?

It can take hours or days for symptoms to appear but if there is any blood in the stool or if fever, vomiting, etc. are present, take heed and inform a doctor.

How can I reduce the risk from E Coli?

- (1) Always clean any surface that has come in contact with raw meat, before any other item is placed on that surface.
- (2) Always thoroughly wash your hands after handling raw meat, and before you handle any other utensils or other food items.
- (3) Never use the same plate, tray or utensils for the cooked meat that you use for the raw meat - unless you thoroughly wash the plate, tray or utensils in between.
- (4) Always cook meat, especially ground meat, until the juices run absolutely clear, pink is not good enough.
- (5) In day-care centres, schools, etc., any small children with diarrhoea should be carefully handled, and kept separate from all well children. All nappies, and any soiled clothing should be kept separate from all well children. The day-care worker, teacher, and health-care personnel should practice strict hygiene at all times, regardless of the health of the children.

The above information was taken from a Microbiology report by John C. Brown, and is available on the Internet at: (What the heck?/"Bugs"/My Homepage/XU Microbiology)

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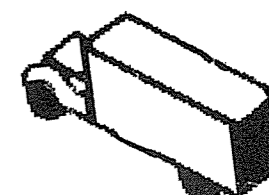
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JUST WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

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The Internet grew out of a need for Universities in the USA to collaborate on some US Department of Defence research projects. The list of Universities involved grew and both commercial and non-profit organisations became involved. Today it is a complex network of millions of computers of all sizes and types spanning the Globe.

To most people the Internet provides a number of basic services with which they interact. These are:

***World Wide Web.** This is the graphical end of the Internet that is most people's first view of the Internet. The World Wide Web can present information in pictures, text, sound and video. The World Wide Web has built in search facilities to help you find that elusive bit of information.

***Usenet News.** (News groups) - News groups are a huge list of informal discussion groups on almost every topic under the sun. These range from adoption, origami, architecture, computers to basketball, aliens, startrek, football and survivalism.

***E-mail** - This is the facility to send messages to other people with e-mail addresses. You do need to know the e-mail address of the intended recipient of the message. Messages can be as long as required.

***File transfer protocol (FTP)** - There is a wealth of free software available on the Internet as well as documents, and other material. FTP is the means to copy these to your own PC.

***Internet Relay Chat (IRC)** - This allows two people to have a "conversation" using the keyboard via the Internet.

WHAT YOU NEED?

So what do you need to connect and use the Internet? The first and most basic requirement is that you own your own computer of some sort. Aside from this you need the following:

***A telephone line**

***A computer modem**

***An "account" with one of the Internet service providers**

***Internet Software** - a World Wide Web Browser, E-mail software, News group software, File transfer software (optional). Typically, the Internet software is provided by the Internet service provider or your modem supplier for a nominal fee.

The most important points to bear in mind are:

- Make sure that the service provider has local number access in your area. The access number is the telephone number you dial to connect to the Internet.
- Buy the fastest modem you can afford. The faster the modem, the less time you need to spend connected. The fastest modem on the market today is rated at 33600BPS.

AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

There is information on almost any subject you care to mention on the Internet. Some examples are:

- Newgrange in County Meath, with pictures and explanations and details on the significance of the construction.
- The History and origin of the Cork Examiner.
- Very detailed information and pictures from all the UK premier league football clubs with special pages for fan clubs etc.

- Help and support from all the major computer software manufacturers.
- There is a 30 page area dedicated to Dublin's Temple Bar area.
- All major new films have Internet sites details information and photographs from the film in question.

COSTS

One of the two most common questions asked about the Internet relate to its cost. (The other question is discussed in the next section...). There is considerable confusion about costs and how they are incurred.

The first cost involved is purchasing a modem and subscribing to one of the Internet service providers. Typically these costs including VAT are: Modem £150, Internet Software £30, Annual Subscription £121.

None of the major Internet service providers in Ireland charge connect time so the only on-going costs are the annual subscription and the telephone call costs. Connecting to the Internet is the same as making a telephone call.

PORNOGRAPHY...

The other common concern expressed about the Internet is the availability of pornography. Yes, pornography is available - just as it's available in book form and on video. For parents this means that similar levels of control need to be imposed as for videos or magazines. Software is available on the Internet to block access to Internet sites containing pornography.

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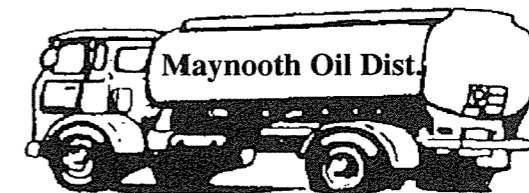
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LAUNCH OF TREO 2000

Launch of TREO by Michael D. Higgins, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

The report of the Commission to examine the role of voluntary Irish language organisations was launched on 28th January 1997 by the Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht in his Department. The members of the Commission were: Fionbarr Bradley, Caoilfhionn Nic Pháidin, Margaret Mac Curtain, Eoghan Ó Cadháin and Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin (Chairperson). Loretta Ní Mhaoldhomhnaigh from the Department acted as Secretary. Over a 12 month period, they examined the role, structures, efficiency of 15 Irish language voluntary organisations such as Conradh na Gaeilge, Gaelscoileanna, Glór na nGael etc. and made recommendations for the future. The statutory Bord na Gaeilge was included at a later date at their request.

The large gathering heard the Minister thank the members of the Commission and the Chairperson in particular for their voluntary, unpaid work. He welcomed their recommendations as radical and revolutionary. He said that he was giving the organisations three months to consider the findings and respond to the report. He would then make the necessary decisions. The Chairperson also thanked the members, highlighting the service given to them by the Secretary, Loretta Ní Mhaoldhomhnaigh. She stressed that this was the beginning of a process which would bring the Irish language into the third millenium and that the Government and the State should build on the goodwill and interest of the public in bilingualism in particular.

The report of 120 pages was published in Irish and English so that it would reach a wider audience. It discusses the various aspects in which the voluntary sector is involved such as family, education, enterprise, community and culture and selections from submissions received from the public are scattered throughout the document. The report was widely praised and

its recommendations welcomed as radical and visionary by most organisations with the exception of Bord na Gaeilge who have publicly criticised the findings. The newspapers however, have praised their courage and boldness. Dúradh in eagarfhocal Foinse ar an 2 Feabhra:

Ta an Coimisiún.... le moladh go mór siocáir go raibh se de dhánacht agus de mhisneach acu moltaí réabhlóideacha a chur chon tosaigh ina dtuarascáil.

Bhí an-fhearg ar Bhord na Gaeilge le moltaí an Choimisiúin go gcuirfí eagrais dár teideal An Chomhairle Ghaeilge ar bun. Caitheadh ina leith nár cuireadh dóthain agallaimh ar an mBord agus nár tuigeadh a gcás í gceart. Leanfaidh an cur agus an cúiteamh ar an ábhar seo go ceann tamaill fada eile. Tá 3 mhí tugtha ag an Aire dona heagrais moltaí agus aighneachtaí a sheoladh ag an Roinn Ealaíon, Cultuir agus Gaeltachta. Tá geallúintí, poiblí tugtha aige go ndéanfar cinneadh sar mholtaí an Choimisiúin ansin.

The major recommendations of the Commission were:

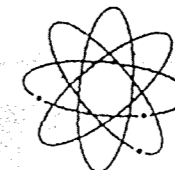
1. An Chomhairle Ghaeilge be established which would be responsible for all aspects of the language.
 2. An Chomhairle Ghaeilge should develop a planned language strategy and examine the need for a Language Equality Bill.
 3. All voluntary language organisations should be funded by projects with careful costings and ongoing monitoring.
 4. Fás and EU funding projects should be used widely.
 5. Fás should lay more emphasis on Irish language courses to provide work opportunities for people to work in this area.
 6. A national network of quality Irish language classes should be provided with recognised certification.
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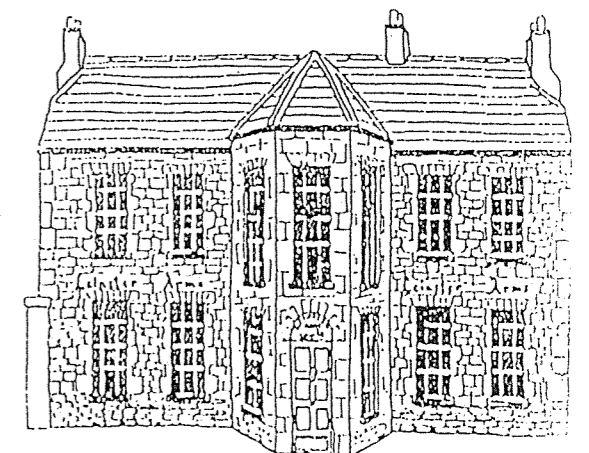
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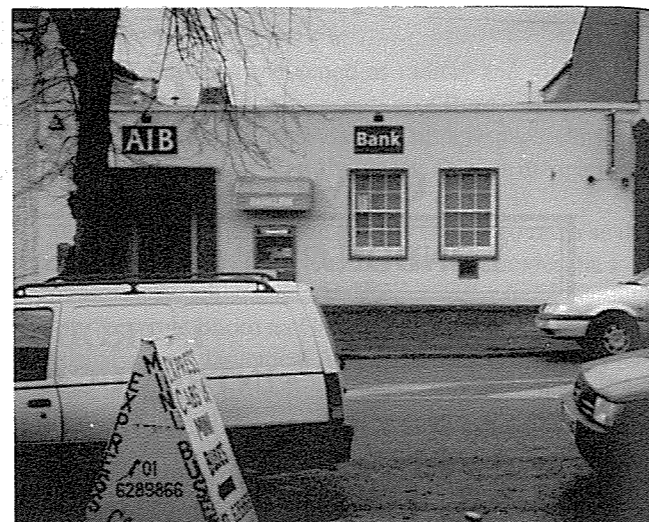
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"Time flies when you're having fun", this definitely seems the case with the restoration plans for the A.I.B. streetscape. With A.I.B. earning in excess of £300 million annually one would wonder, is it that they are enjoying themselves so much counting their millions that they have forgotten the promise they made to Maynooth residents a mere 7 years ago.

As far back as 1990 residents were told a second storey would be added to the already existing building in an effort to restore the Maynooth streetscape. So far all that has been produced are empty promises of no material benefit.

The community widely supports AIB - perhaps AIB should start to support the community.



Topless AIB building.

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I wish to thank the people of Maynooth for their generous response to our appeal for Donations on Monday 10th February 1997 in the Glenroyal Hotel. You have helped someone.

Alan Stafford
Local Organiser 088-2748321

RESIDENTIAL SALES REVIEW 1996

Messrs Coonan Auctioneers Maynooth report an excellent demand for all types of residential properties in year just completed and are very positive about the prospects for the coming season.

The market in general increased by 15-20% during the course of the year for all types of houses and Maynooth itself was particularly buoyant.

The 3 bedroom semi-detached houses finished averaging £65,000 - £70,000 each, with the 4 bedroom semi-detached up to £85,000 with Rockfield and Parklands much higher.

The market for houses in the country was particularly good with up to £220,000 being achieved for a residence on 3 acres and several similar type properties being sold from £175,000 upwards.

The Agents mentioned that with the commencement of operations at Hewlett Packard and the extension in Intel coming on stream together with the recent opening of the M50 ringroad to the airport and other developments in the North Kildare area, prices are likely to increase further during the coming year.

It would appear that interest rates are going to be steady and accordingly the Agents are very optimistic about prospects in the coming year.



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STREET TALKING

MAYNOOTH'S NEW TILE SHOP

Wednesday the 12th of February marked the opening date for Maynooth's newest business "Value Tile".

"Value Tile" is the new tile shop situated in the Quinnsworth Shopping Mall.

This shop is part of the Value Tile Franchise group which has 20 shops around the country, all of which are individually owned but collectively run by a head office.

Rob Meharg, is the proud owner of this fine store. Rob, who is originally from Belfast, has been living in Maynooth for the past 3 years.

He said that "having realised the potential for the ceramic tile market in Maynooth and the surrounding area was growing all the time, he decided to open the first tile store in Maynooth to service this market".

He hopes to provide Maynooth with a wide variety of all floor and wall ceramic tiling.

Rob has 20 years experience to his credit in the ceramic tile industry. The impressive showroom that he has designed stands as a testament to his apt ability in his trade.



INTERNET HITS MAYNOOTH

Maynooth may have been by-passed by the M50, but now it is firmly linked to the information Super Highway with the opening of Cyber-X, an Internet café in the Glenroyal shopping Centre. This café, the first of its kind outside a major city in Ireland, is the brainchild of Padraig McGough and local man Aiden Doran from Kingsbry. Boasting state of the art technology in a space age environment, they aim to provide Maynooth with a link to the rest of the world.

The cafe will provide an all encompassing service including e-mail addresses and the provision of Web pages for customers who can use either Netscape or Micro Explorer. Web pages would be very useful for providing information about Maynooth and the local area to interested parties.

The floor displays are only beautiful with their intricately detailed patterns and Rob's tile mastery is evident throughout every inch of his shop.

The displays are not only a pleasure to the eye they also serve as a source of prior knowledge to the customers, as they can see effectively what they are buying before they make a purchase.

The shop boasts a range of stock such as hand made mosaics and terra-cotta from Italy and hand made kitchen tiles and natural stone tiles from France and to add an oriental flavour there are natural slate tiles from China.

All of the aforementioned provide the basis for creating very innovative and fashionable styles.

A free delivery service is available with purchases. The staff in the showroom are courteous and helpful and they invite customers and curious eyes alike to come in and have a look around. The aim is to provide a great value for money service in a friendly and efficient manner.

Rob said that "so far the support from the Maynooth people has been excellent and he hopes it will continue for many years to come".

We would like to wish him the best of luck in the future.

The café also provides facilities for multi-player gaming with Quake among the titles available. Members who range from as young as 7yrs upwards have the opportunity to choose games themselves. The café aims to provide a learning facility for both children and adults, where they can surf the internet, learn how to set up their own Web pages and acquire basic computer skills. They hope to provide a weekend childrens club which will last for 2 hours on Saturday and Sunday. Net Nanny; the internet screening software, is provided on all machines. With the availability of refreshments and up to date music in the background one can easily lose oneself in these surroundings. For further information phone : 6291747 or Fax : 6291517

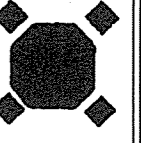
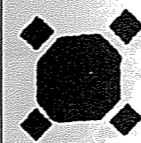
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VIDEO REVIEW

Independence Day (12's)

Well!! At last it's here on video, the film that broke all box office records on its release. The story begins with the appearance of massive spaceships. However, the aliens are far from friendly and they blast beams of fire down on cities all over the planet. The earth's only hope lies with the survivors who band together for one last strike against the invaders before it's too late. The story's been told before; but that doesn't matter! It's actually a reasonably good story; but that doesn't matter! The two principal actors, Jeff Goldblum and Bill Pullman, give good performances, but that doesn't matter! This film stands or falls on its special effects, and boy! are they something else! Sci-fi fans will love it and will probably watch it over and over again. It is an absolutely brilliant movie and should not be missed by anyone who still believes that the cinema is all about entertainment (if you want a message buy a newspaper). It is just over two hours of pure escapism, and believe me the time very definitely doesn't drag.

Verdict: You'd be mad to miss this one!!

Nothing Personal (18s)

Is the story of a Loyalist murder squad going on the rampage for twenty four hours in Belfast after the announcement of the 1975 cease fire agreement. It is a very violent and harrowing film, made even more so by the fact that it takes place on this island and is, presumably, based on actual events. The cast are brilliant: Ian Hart and John Lynch are worthy of special mention as a Loyalist killer and an innocent bystander respectively, as well as a good performance from Michael Gambon. The story is based on the novel "All Our Fault" by Belfast writer Daniel Mornin and the direction by Thaddeus O'Sullivan is first rate. All in all a worthwhile if worrying piece.

Verdict: Recommended

Flipper (P.G.)

Elijah Wood plays Sandy Ricks, a discontented teenager (is there any other kind!) sent to live with his uncle, played by Paul Hogan of Crocodile Dundee fame, in the Bahamas. He's determined to escape from what he sees as a fate worse than death. I mean, you'd feel the same, wouldn't you? Living on a tropical island; nothing to do but lounge around in the sun all day catching a few rays. Wouldn't it be awful!! Anyway, this terrible existence starts to look up a bit when he makes friends with, you've guessed it, a dolphin. In the course of this friendship Sandy "finds himself" and they all live happily ever after. This film is absolutely awful. It is nauseating in the extreme and should have been called "Free Willy's Woeful Little Brother". The least said about it the better.

Verdict UGH!

OKLAHOMA!

What A Show! We salute our students and teachers.

The Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association express our deep appreciation to all the students and teachers who have given so much of themselves to ensuring that, following upon the major success of the past two year's musicals Oliver and Calamity Jane, this year's production "Oklahoma" was equally as brilliant.

This extra curricular activity, spearheaded by (Fr.) David Boylan and supported by Mr. Tom Ashe (principal) and his teaching staff, is a major undertaking by any standard and one which received the unconditional support of all students and their parents.

A project, involving the production of a musical, is a means of character formation involving team co-operation and participation which will, I am sure, be beneficial to all our students, in the longer term.

Our Parish Hall was transformed into a "Sound of Music and Theatricals" not seen for many a year. All characters were equally strong in their performance and every word was clearly heard and the scene changes were 'slick' implementing clever set designs.

At our monthly meeting of the Maynooth Post Primary Teacher Association, the committee passed an unanimous vote of appreciation, congratulations and thanks to All involved in the production.

Dermot Nangle, Chairman.

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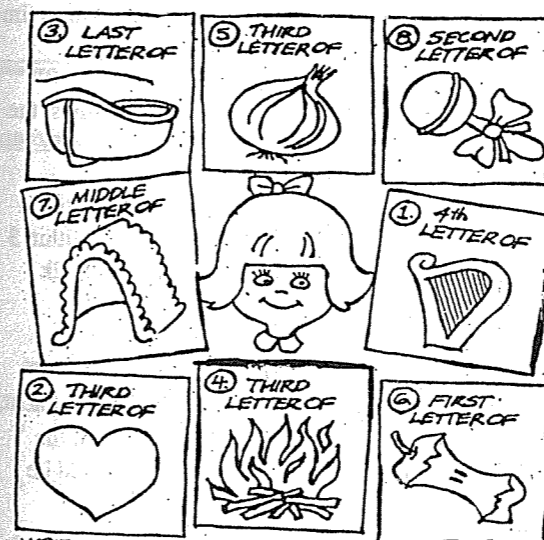
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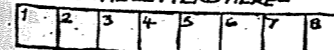
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PERSONAL FACTFILE - MUIREANN NI BHROLCHÁIN

Galwegian. M.A. and Ph.D. from UCG. Moved to Maynooth 1981 to take up present employment: lecturer in Irish and Medieval Studies, St. Patrick's College.

Starsign: Taurus

Other involvements: Secretary of the Maynooth Community Council, member of Irish Ms. Commission and Board of School of Celtic Studies, chaired the Commission to examine the voluntary Irish language organisations, author of 5 Irish language books for teenagers.

Interests: music, gardening, cats, Gran Canaria, media, politics, drama, archaeology and culture.

Marital Status: still not divorced.

Ambitions: not to suffer fools gladly, to say no more often, to be a famous writer.

Pet Hates: people who say 'someone should do something...', badly conducted meetings, pettiness, those who say 'the Community Council never does anything'.

What other job would you like to do?

Actor, writer, gardener, politician, journalist, lawyer, psychologist.

Elected to the Council in 1987. Served as Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and Secretary, involved in the Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Planning and Development, the CIC and Communications committees. Having decided to stay, I wanted to improve the town for my children in particular. Initially, I wanted the 66 bus extended to Celbridge (done), a proper train service (done), see the By-Pass and roads completed (done), resolve the ludicrous position of the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field (outstanding) and have a Community Centre for teenagers (outstanding).

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

Member of the Labour Party. Unlike some other former chairpersons I have no interest in Kildare County Council. Politics can be an awful, though fascinating life, devoid of privacy. Many members of the Council are political, they tend to be the workers in any community. If you want something done, ask a busy person.

What do you get out of being on the Community Council and particularly the Executive?

What incentive is there for others to join?

Making a difference to the town, being involved at every level, knowing everything that happens, knowing everyone. It is a learning experience in friendship, loyalty, trust, finance, co-operation, managerial skills, being the employer of 3 supervisors and approx. 45 workers. I have made wonderful friends. The negative side includes: being accused of being paid for the work, suspicions of ulterior motives, being attacked while socialising. Very little incentive to join the Executive except hard work and no recognition.

Outline the amount and work involved in the Executive.

I spend about half a day a week on Council work, visiting the Office about three days a week, ringing every day. Constantly writing letters and filing application forms. Committee involvement, organisational skills, dealing with all statutory bodies, Kildare County Council, Fás, being an employer, finance, Fás training courses, meeting the NSSB, committees and others i.e. Soccer club., GAA, MDA, College, politicians, Intel, HP, planning, dealing with staff problems. Learning not to waste time and get to the point. I could have meetings three nights a week, sometimes at weekends.

What sacrifices have you had to make for the Executive?

Writing, weekend breaks, being home at night, privacy at home and outside, academic research, personal relationships, the stage.

Are you happy with the work of the Council and what are your expectations for the future?

I am frustrated with the slow process of red tape, lack of development on the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field still in foreign ownership, worried about the growth of single issue lobby groups. I want Maynooth Town Council status within 3 years, Carton Demesne intact in public ownership, a Community Centre, a Festival within 10 years that people will talk about, ground floor accommodation, for all projects.

Is Maynooth a good place to live?

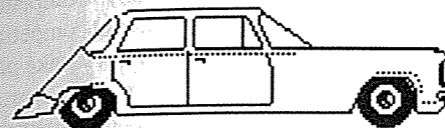
For me, yes. For my children, not particularly. There are no facilities for them. I am close to my job, my neighbours are wonderful, the people are lovely, I know everyone and every service is personal. But I miss Galway, the sea, the Gaeltacht, Gaeilge, the theatre and cinema on my doorstep, the buzz of festivals all year round. Maynooth is the University and the University is Maynooth - they are inextricably linked. The students are the economic life blood of this town. It could be Cambridge. We have the natural amenities.

What would you say to the apathetic/pessimistic people?

If you don't get involved stop whinging. Stop saying 'someone should do something about....' - do it. The community must provide its own Community Centre - no one else is going to do it for us. Look at what would not exist without the Community Council - St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Festival, the Newsletter, Information Directory, Community Games, Summer Project - never mind the multiplicity of services provided by the Council Fás projects and the 45 - 50 jobs provided allied with training and employment prospects. Read local newspapers and the Newsletter to see what happens.

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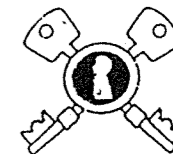
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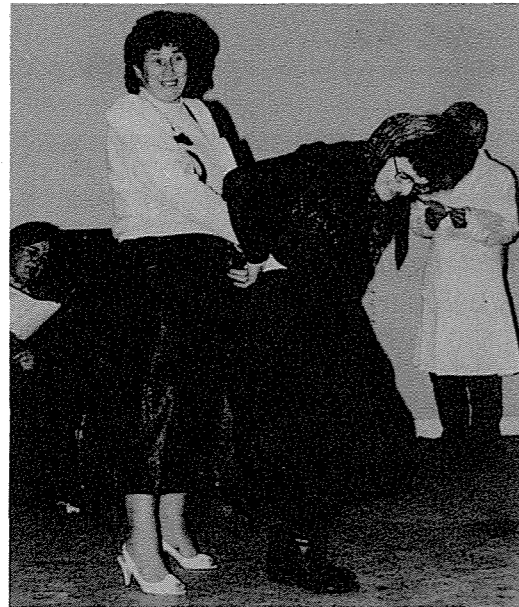
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REVIEW CULLED FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF MARCH 1987

LARINE PLAYERS

The Larine Players, Maynooth's new drama group, got off to an excellent start on the 6th and 7th of February '87 in the Geraldine Hall. The chosen play was **Womberang**, a one-act 'adult comedy', by Sue Townsend, author of the Adrian Mole books. Set in a gynaecologist's waiting-room, the play brings together an assortment of women waiting submissively for their turn with the male specialist. Submissively, that is until the arrival of Rita. Rita, fresh out of a psychiatric hospital on her way to the gynaecologist (there's a come down for you!) believes in speaking out and stirring things up, and soon wins her sister patients over to her side, much to the disarray of the hospitals administration. The play is effectively a series of jokes around this situation, making no great dramatic point but providing a rich opportunity for pointed comedy.

In this production of what is basically an English play, a number of Irish and Local references were inserted ("I saw the Minister of Health Barry Desmond at the Health Centre". "Did he say anything?" "No, he just made



What are Carol Barton and Mary Burke up to? Rehearsing for "Womberang", we are told

a speech"). This was the right decision, but could have been done more thoroughly. The comments on a "free" National Health Service were obviously out of place, and the discussion of Mrs. Thatcher might just as easily have centred on an Irish political figure - Gemma Hussey perhaps?

But this is carping. The play worked well, especially when the pace was right and the lines came in pat. Director Clair O'Connor deserves congratulations for initiating the idea, getting the cast together, and extracting some fine performances. Carol Barton was excellent as the terrible Rita; in effect the play revolves around this character, and she carried it with brio. As her sidekick Dolly, Fiona McKibben gave a nicely judged performance, dark with hidden potential. Ann Fitzgerald, the reception clerk, had the task of providing the indication of impending disruption as she was the first to confront Rita and be defeated; this set things up well for Riana Walsh's appearance later as the harassed hospital assistant administrator, desperately trying to persuade herself that she is in control. Helen Doyle gave a well-controlled

performance as Mrs. Lovett, while Mary Burke let herself go delightfully as Mrs. Connelly, stepping out of her corsets to win our sympathy for a woman who learns to say "To hell with my cancer". Jim Cunningham and Martina Tyrrell showed an eloquent pair of feet as the lost God and discovered sex in the changing-room and Des Tierney as the gynaecologist made a striking entrance at the end. The prompts by Patti Lavin and Jeannette McLoughlin were a model of their kind - not needed too often, but clear and definite when required.

All in all, an auspicious start, and we look forward to the next production.

M'LADY KILDARE COMPETITION '97

Maynooth Community Council are hosting the '97 M'Lady Competition following a very successful competition in '96. This Competition will take place on 11th April 1997, in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. This Competition is for ladies over 35 who are married, widowed, separated or divorced and live in Co. Kildare. Last year's Competition had twelve entrants from all over the county but alas no one from Maynooth. There was a packed house on the night and a great night's entertainment was had by all. So come on Maynooth, and make sure we have an entrant this year!

The theme of the competition is a celebration of today's women who, while working and/or raising a family, still find time to be active in their community and help in its development. We are inviting local clubs, organisations and societies in Kildare to nominate a representative to participate in M'Lady Kildare. Last year's winner was Maureen Abbot from Celbridge.

The winner will receive a trophy plus a cash prize at Kildare level, and will go forward to take part in the National M'Lady Erin Competition which will take place during the Balbriggan Festival on Saturday 31st May '97.

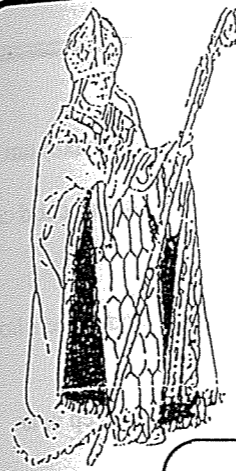
The winner at National level will receive a cash prize and a weekend for two at the famous Thalgo Beauty Institute in Paris. She will also receive the Studio O'Gambna designed M'Lady Erin Trophy and the M'Lady Erin Crown designed by Anthony Murphy "Goldsmith". The Crown will be hers for the duration of her reign.

We would like you to nominate a suitable person from your area, club or organisation on or before Friday the 21st March '97.

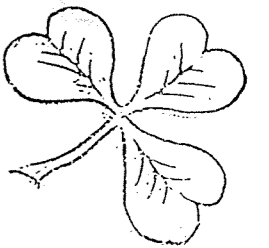
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Features

SAFETY IN THE HOME

Far too many accidents occur in our homes today, most of which could be avoided. There are a few areas where accidents occur most frequently and these are the kitchen, living-room and hallway.

Kitchen:

A lot of accidents occur in the kitchen, mainly scalding from hot water, burns from hot objects and poisoning from medicines and cleaning agents.

Prevention:

1. Put saucepans well back on the cooker.
2. Buy a cordless kettle and use the minimum amount of cord from the kettle to the base and store well back on the counter.
3. Use safety catches on cupboards.
4. Don't leave pointed objects lying around.
5. If you get rid of an old fridge or the likes make sure you take the door off before discarding it so that a child doesn't climb inside and smother.
6. Have a fire blanket or extinguisher in clear view in the kitchen.

Hall and Stairs:

How many children have been hurt from falling down a stairs or by falling through glass?

Prevention:

1. Never have glass panelling on internal doors of the house, (particularly in areas where children run, play and slam doors.)
2. If you have glass panelling at the bottom of the stairway make sure it is safety glass.
3. Check your stairs for horizontal bars that a child could climb through. Bars should be vertical and the width between them should be no more than 10cm (4in). - If a child falls through the bannister he is likely to suffer a skull fracture or worse.
4. For crawling infants put gates at the top and bottom of the stairs.
5. Badly fitting carpet or carpet with holes on which children could trip should be got rid of or made safe.
6. Toys should not be left lying on steps or stairs or in the hallway as people might slip.
7. Make sure you have a smoke alarm in the hall and landing area.

Living-Room and Playroom:

No one wants their child injured at play!

Prevention:

1. Keep sharp objects out of reach of children.
2. Small pieces of lego etc. should be stored safely.
3. Electrical sockets should be out of sight of children.
4. Avoid trailing flexes and extension cords where children could trip.
5. Keep matches away from children.
6. Use safe guards with sides and tops.

Bathroom:

Bathtime should be fun, here's how you can help, avoid

scaldings.

Prevention:

1. Make sure you have a thermostat fitted, set to a maximum of 54°C (130°F).
2. Never leave young children alone in the bath as a child can drown in just a few inches of water.

Bedrooms:

You should be relaxing, not worrying in this room, here's how to help yourself relax!

Prevention:

1. No child under the age of 6 should be left to sleep in an upper bunk bed.
2. Make sure bunk beds have 2 safety rails, one at each side of the bed unless the bed is at the wall.
3. No bunk bed should have a gap in the base or bed-head of more than 7.5cm (3in).
4. Any ladder or foothold should be firmly secured.
5. There should be a 75cm (2ft 6in) of space between the upper and lower bunk.
6. There should be a minimum clearance of 10cm (4in) between the upper surface of the mattress and the top of the guard rails.
7. Don't have a ledge big enough to sit on in an upstairs window.
8. Never leave furniture near a window.
9. Windows within childrens reach should be fitted with an automatic device to prevent them opening it more than 10cm (4in). These devices should be designed so they can easily be undone by an adult if there is a fire.

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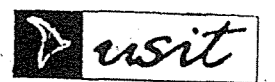
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SCOIL UÍ RIADA

Slogadh 1997 All Ireland Finals

The Scoil Uí Riada junior choir, consisting of students from Ranganna I agus II have reached the All Ireland National Finals of Slogadh Gael Linn, which is to be staged in Carlow during Easter Week. The children, under the baton of their teacher Inion Ní Riaghnaigh, deserve great credit for their achievement as this is their first time participating in the competition. Ranganna III agus IV have also reached the All Ireland Finals in the Dramaíocht section with the production of Cu Chulainn or Setanta. The dedication and hard work of these pupils and their muinteoir, Colm O hAnluain, paid dividends - in spite of stiff opposition from other Gaelscoileanna. Two pupils, Tomás Ó Baille (Scealaíocht) and Sean Mac Duarcain (Ealaín), will also represent fourth class in the finals.

Go n-éirigh go geál leo go léir!

School Newsletter

This month sees the launch of a new school Newsletter produced by parents for parents. It is hoped that it will keep parents up to date on school events, happenings and competitions. It will feature a Notice Board and an Events Diary and should prove useful to all our new parents coming on board in September '97. Speaking of new parents, there are still a number of places available in our junior infant's classes should you wish to enrol your child. For further information please telephone Scoil Uí Riada at 01-6287906.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Continuing with our support for the Irish language in the community a special presentation of children's Irish Books will take place in the Kilcock Library during Seachtain na Gaeilge.

St. Patrick's Weekend

St. Patrick's Weekend should prove to be a busy weekend for people in the Maynooth and Kilcock area. Getting it off to a cracking great start on Friday the 14th in the Glenroyal Hotel, will be the Scoil Uí Riada Oíche Ghaelach, ceili, country and old time music - a little bit of something for everybody! If that doesn't get your feet tapping and your hands clapping, then come along on Sunday afternoon (16th March) to the Glenroyal Hotel for what promises to be a great afternoon's family entertainment. Performing in the hotel in conjunction with Scoil Uí Riada will be the Filmore Junior High School Marching Band from California USA. See posters for further details. The band will arrive in the Maynooth-Kilcock area on March 15th and will be staying as guests of Scoil Uí Riada families. You will have another opportunity to see the Band in the Dublin parade and in the Band competitions on St. Patrick's Day.

Beannachtaí na Feile Padraig oraibh go léir

Miriam Ahern

PRO Committee



Pól Ó Cuirín sa Drama "Setanta" at Slogadh '97



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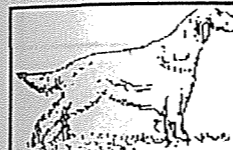
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GLENROYAL TALENT SHOW

If it is a fun filled night with little or no overheads you're looking for, then look no further than the Glenroyal bar on a Thursday night.

The hotel is hosting a series of talent show heats which will eventually result in the big finale where £1,000 cash prizes will be presented to the winners. Being a general talent show the show is open to all, the only stipulation being you must be over 18 and an amateur.

The management hope to continue hosting the show for at least another 10 weeks, with the overall final being held in April.

Although it is still early days for the show, the management have already expressed their delight at the wonderful response the show is receiving.

The talent is very varied with singers, bands and impersonators being the most popular acts. Both solo and group performances are possible with a back up band,

"The Partners", provided by the hotel adding an extra sense of confidence to ones act.

The audience can become totally involved as it is actually they who vote for the winners at the end of each night, this is a great idea as this involvement gives the audience an input into the show itself.

The final will be a more formal occasion with a judging panel making the final decision on who the overall winner will be.

The management also told us that "by the end of the first night the audience were only dying to participate in the show", but they were told they'd have to hold themselves back until the following week.

So for any of you would-be stars you know where to go for your 15 minutes of fame. Good luck and remember us when you hit the big time.

For further information contact: Claire at the Glenroyal Hotel.

VANDALISM IN ROCKFIELD

Rockfield residents have to combat ongoing vandalism in the form of tree breakage. Bill Gannon a member of the Rockfield Residents Association said he found the whole situation "most disheartening". Rockfield is a relatively new estate and the concept of tree lined pathways is a lovely idea, which would enhance and add a sense of maturity to the area.

However, what should be a simple task is turning out to be somewhat of an uphill battle. It seems no sooner has one tree been replaced by the developer than another is broken.

Recently, over a weekend seven newly planted trees were vandalised as can be seen in the photos.

While this whole business is very frustrating for residents who feel it is a case of one step forward, two steps back, they are still committed to the preservation of these young trees and would like for them to be given a chance to grow without being interfered with.



Why not be "Seen To Be Green" and give these trees a chance?

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

On Thursday, March 20th at 8p.m., the College Orchestra presents an hour of popular Classical music. This is their third concert since their foundation two years ago, and the venue is the splendid Aula Maxima on the Old Campus, where the recent "Faith of Our Fathers" album was recorded.

This talented young orchestra, "Maynooth Orchestral Players", draws its membership of students and staff from all Departments of the College, and is itself a member of the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras.

Combining the past and present, the concert opens with Mozart's lively Overture to the opera "The Magic Flute", and is followed by the lovely slow movement from Dvorak's "New World" Symphony. The orchestra is then proud to present the first performance of "Alea", a specially-composed piece by Martin O'Leary, a lecturer in the Music Department and a prominent Irish composer. The concert closes with the dramatic Symphony No.8 "Unfinished" by Schubert, which celebrates this year's Bicentenary of his birth.

Tickets for the concert are £4 and £2 (Concessions), and are available from both the University and Town Bookshops.



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BARRACKSTOWN / KILCLOON DUMP

Public Meeting: 8 pm Thursday 6th March, in the Glenroyal Hotel.

A landfill site of 550 acres is proposed for the area north of Maynooth, between Barrackstown and Kilcloon. Apart from severe disruption in the immediate vicinity of the dump, heavy trucks will come along the Straffan Road and through the centre of Maynooth from the M4 motorway. This is likely to affect **everyone** in the area. Following the public meeting held on 12th Feb. the North Kildare/South Meath Environment Protection Group was formed and a committee elected to co-ordinate opposition. PLEASE give your support by attending the public meeting on March 4th.

Ann Scanlon (PRO)



J1 VISA OPENING DAY

On the cold and wet day of Wednesday 5th February 1997 it proved to be "D" Day for the students of Ireland with their sights set on a long hot summer in the US!!

For all those who don't know what the J1 Visa is... here is a quick lesson. The J1 Visa is the legal work permit which allows students to work from 1st June until 31st October. The J1 programme is organised with USIT and our co-sponsors in the States CIEE.

1997 is the 31st year for this US Travel Programme and during this time over 100,000 Irish students have availed of the opportunity to sample life stateside.

As you will see from the photograph attached the programme is very popular and a lot of students arrived to our office from 6.00 am on the opening day.

We processed 107 the first day and to date we have received 230 visas at this office. Although in all the USIT offices in Ireland we have reached up to 4,500 applications, we have around 6,000 visas available. So we would anticipate that it should close in the next couple of weeks.

We hope this will answer all the questions that were being asked around Maynooth that week regarding the influx of students to the town. Thank you all for your interest.

Eileen Reidy
Travel Options

BAD DAY BLUES

Richard Wills
Maynooth.

i've got whiskey on the left
and ice cubes on the right
and a headache right inbetween.
i've got a rough week behind
and a long night ahead and a
face that shouldn't be seen.

i've got friends calling over and
enemies to meet and
silence refuses to be found.
i've got too much to do and
then more after that and there's
no time anywhere around.

some people are plain nasty
and others are mean and
more still are just too nice.
some say they're your friend
and sell you outright but i
suppose everyone's got their price.

i used have a bright side and
never held Murphy's Law, but
i think it just got passed.
some times i feel i'm
way out ahead and then crawl
home worse than last.

i'm too tired to think and
too sore to sleep and
a drum beats in my head.
it plays out the rhythm
of all today's hell and the
horrible things people said.

the ice cubes have melted
and the whiskey is watered and
now i don't want it at all.
my friends never showed and
i'm damned if i go; i'll
just stay and stare at the wall.

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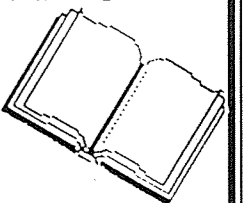
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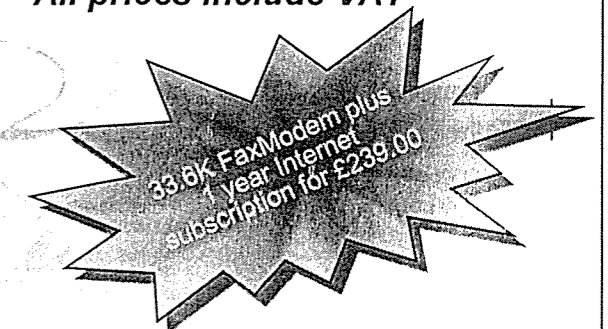
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- Inability to suck for two or more feedings, or a poor suck which tires right away.
- Weak, mousy cry rather than the usual strong, lusty one.
- Irritability - not seeming comfortable no matter what you do, and crying inconsolably.
- Acting as though movement is painful.
- Crying without tears, not urinating for more than 6 to 8 hours, sunken eyes.
- Any fever over 38C (100.4F) in a baby under 2 months.

All Ages:

- Cool, clammy skin with paleness, grey or dusky blue colour (when you press on the skin with a finger, it takes more than a second or so for colour to return.)
- Limpness, lack of strength or decreased movement to the limbs or head.
- A vacant expression in eyes that are usually alert and lively.
- Poor co-ordination, staggering, confusion.
- Rapid, shallow breathing. Do not confuse this with the rapid breathing that accompanies a high fever; if your child appears otherwise well, bring the temperature down before worrying about this.
- Noisy breathing with grunting, crowing or other abnormal sounds.
- Sinking in of the area above or below the rib cage or the spaces between the ribs with each breath.
- A moan, groan, grunt or 'uh' sound with each breath.
- A stiff neck accompanied by fever, irritability or any of the other signs of illness.
- Sunken eyeballs, dry mouth, loss of skin elasticity.
- Lack of eye contact. This is the most telling sign for doctors; even children who feel terrible with minor illness can still look people in the eye and object to their presence. A child with a serious illness often stares into space, seemingly oblivious of surroundings.

COT DEATH OR SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

This mainly affects babies under six months of age - only one out of seven cot deaths occurs in babies older than six months. Remember that cot death is rare, but it is useful for all parents to know how to reduce the risks.

- Place your baby on his or her side to sleep.
- Make sure your baby cannot become completely covered by bedclothes: place him or her near the foot of the bed and

pull the bedclothes up to the shoulders but no further.

- Stop smoking during pregnancy - it increases your child's chance of dying as a cot death.
- Avoid exposing your baby to tobacco smoke.
- Do not let your baby get too hot or too cold.
 - keep the room temperature at around 18C (65F).
 - never let your baby sleep with a hot water bottle or electric blanket, or next to a radiator, heater or fire, or in direct warm sunshine.
 - babies who are ill may need fewer clothes, not more.
 - babies can get too cold outdoors or in draughts, especially in their first four weeks.
 - if you wrap your baby up warmly to go outside, remember to remove hats and extra clothing inside buildings and warm trains, buses and cars.

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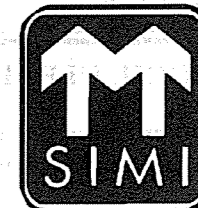
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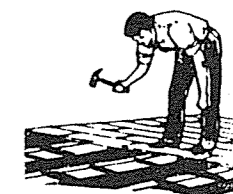
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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

**'Dóchas linn Naomh Phádraig
Aspal mór na hÉireann.'**

In this month of March we celebrate the feast day of our national saint, St Patrick. It is not alone the time that we pay tribute to the one who brought Christianity to Ireland but also an occasion when we as a nation, at home and abroad celebrate with pride our sense of identity in being Irish. As a small nation we take pride in the achievements of past generations of Irish people to the part we now play on the world stage. As a nation we have always identified the Irish language as a unique part of our cultural identity. That respect for our culture has given us the confidence to respect other cultures and traditions. Here in Maynooth we can be especially proud that there are currently twenty two young Maynooth children enjoying full exposure to all facets of the Irish culture. We are equally proud of the twenty one adults who have made remarkable achievements in the conversational Irish class.

Ranganna Gaeilge/Uachtarán Chonradh na Gaeilge

This group of adults who have achieved a high level of spoken Irish

were honoured at a function recently in the Glenroyal Hotel. All those who attended the cúrsa have achieved such a high level that they were presented with An Fáinne Airgead. The presentation on the night was made by Gearóid Ó Cairleáin, Uachtarán, Conradh na Gaeilge. The Maynooth branch of Conradh na Gaeilge had organised the classes in conjunction with Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. The Uachtarán paid tribute to the successful Gaelgeoirí and spoke of the importance of the fáinne. They were now proud to show that they could conduct a basic conversation *as Gaeilge* and were willing to engage with others in conversation *as Gaeilge*. The Uachtarán praised the work of the Maynooth branch of Conradh na Gaeilge and stated that he was looking forward to the day when he or a future Uachtarán would be returning to Maigh Nuad to present An Fáinne Ór.

Bronntanas Airgead/Financial Contribution

The Uachtarán was wholesome in his praise for the achievement of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. He had taken great heart from the way in which Gaelscoil Feirste in his native Belfast had helped to bring all sections of the community together. The Gaelscoil was the nucleus from which not alone Irish medium

education had evolved but was also the starting point of many community projects. The city of Belfast was particularly pleased to be hosting Oireachtas 1997 and this was the culmination of years of development in the Irish language, music and culture. Conradh na Gaeilge organised a Gig Gaelach in the Olympia for those Gaelscoileanna who as yet had not received State funding. He duly presented Betty Ní hÍr, scoil cisteoir, with a financial contribution.

Taispeántas Cócaireacht/Cookery Demonstration.

A very large group of people turned out to support a cookery demonstration in the Glenroyal Hotel, organised by the coiste cairde / fundraising committee. The demonstration was provided by Odlums. The Gaelscoil are grateful to Odlums and Flogas for sponsoring the event. Many delightful recipes were prepared and will hopefully be duplicated in Maynooth in the future. A seisiún ceoil followed the demonstration and all enjoyed the nights events. We wish to again acknowledge the support of the Maynooth community in making the event a great success.

Na Féile Phadraig.

March 10-17th Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Sunday 16th Ceili, seitenna and old time by the Emerald Ceili Band, Glenroyal Hotel. Annual flag collection for Conradh na Gaeilge.

Monday 17th The Aifreann Gaeilge will be celebrated in St Mary's Parish Church on St Patrick's morning. An Paráid Mór / The Big Parade. Look out for our float. Cluiche Comogaíochta / Iomanaíocht, annual dual hurling camogie match, GAA grounds, Moyglare Road. Ceol agus Spóirt, Clubáras CLG - Music and Entertainment in the GAA clubhouse.

Beannachtaí na Féile Phadraig ar mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad.

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Cholesterol levels in young adulthood accurately predict one's risk of heart disease 30 to 35 years later. A cholesterol test only takes 5 minutes and could possibly help to save your life. "Heart Beat", a private Dublin based company is helping to raise awareness by offering cholesterol, anaemia and diabetes testing, as well as blood pressure testing, for a "fee". They travel from town to town staying for about 6 days at a time. They don't advertise their arrival, they simply allow word of mouth to advertise for them. They offer mainly a screening service where one gets which ever test is applicable to them followed by a verbal explanation of their results given by a cholesterol technician. The technician also gives information on diets and saturated fats but does not actually offer diet plans. Generally if you have a high cholesterol level you will be advised to see your GP and if your cholesterol level is low you will be given the all clear. It is important to know your cholesterol level to know your risk of having a heart attack. It seems that every year an increasing number of people are tested, so hopefully we will have fewer heart attacks to deal with in the future.

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85ml / 3fl oz single cream
fine lemon shreds, to decorate.

1. Using a potato peeler, peel the rind off the lemons, leaving behind the pith. Squeeze the juice. Place peel in a heavy based pan with the milk and infuse over a low heat for 30 minutes.
2. Soak the gelatine in three tablespoons of water and leave to swell. Place the egg yolks in a large bowl with the sugar and the cream. Whisk in the hot milk, strain through a sieve and return to the pan. Cook over a low heat, stirring continuously, until the mixture thickens just enough to coat the back of a spoon. Add the lemon juice.
3. Melt the gelatine and stir into the custard. When it begins to set slightly, whisk the egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold in. Spoon into four large wine glasses and chill until set. Decorate with lemon shreds.

GARLICKY MUSHROOMS WITH GOATS CHEESE.

Serves 2.

4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 garlic gloves, crushed
4 large flat mushrooms, wiped and stalks trimmed.
4 slices goat's cheese
6 tbsp chopped fresh parsley and thyme
seasoning.

1. Heat the oil in a large sauté pan over a medium heat, add the garlic and fry it for 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and cook for 4-5 minutes, turning them once or twice and basting with the juices.
2. Place a slice of cheese on each mushroom, scatter over the herbs and seasoning and fry for about 2 minutes. Serve with pasta.

CHILLI LAMB WITH POTATOES AND TOMATOES.

Serves 2

225g / 8oz potatoes, cut into chunks
1 tbsp chilli oil
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 leg of lamb chops
1 green pepper, sliced
225g / 8oz red and yellow cherry tomatoes
50g / 2oz sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and finely chopped
2 tbsp pesto
seasoning



1. Boil the potato chunks in salted water for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oils in a sauté pan and brown the lamb chops over a medium to high heat on both sides.
2. Drain the potatoes and add to the pan with the pepper, fresh and dried tomatoes, pesto and seasoning. Reduce the heat a little and cook for 5-8 minutes until the potatoes have softened and the chops are cooked through.



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GARDENING HINTS - MARCH - IN LIKE A LION - OUT LIKE A LAMB

Whilst March heralds the arrival of the gardener's spring it can often be a month of high winds, frost and heavy rain so these factors must be taken into account when planning your gardening. The good news is that the evenings are getting longer and the hour moves on in March giving even more time to work in the evening — should you feel so inclined!

Lawn

So, where do you start? The weeds must be tackled before their roots grow strong so either dig them out by hand, or as a very last resort, use a selective lawn weed-killer. Take great care to follow the manufacturer's instructions and be absolutely sure that none of it gets on your borders or you'll kill your plants. Next to the lawn itself — don't forget to get your lawn-mower and garden shears serviced and sharpened. There is nothing worse than trying to use blunt instruments — they not only ruin your grass and edges but fray your nerves as well. And gardening is supposed to be relaxing! You should mow an established lawn during mild weather. Set the mower blades higher than usual for the first cut, gradually lowering them over the next two or three cuttings. Before the first cut of the year use a stiff broom to scatter worm casts, and repeat whenever necessary before mowing. Feed the lawn with a granular or liquid fertiliser, again taking care to follow the manufacturer's instructions.

SHRUBS

Roses can now be pruned, including rambler rose that were not pruned after flowering last Summer. Rose pruning is necessary to develop a vigorous healthy, well-balanced plant with plenty of flowers. Removing excessive growth lets plenty of light and air around the plant, which helps prevent disease and encourages healthy growth.

Late summer-flowering shrubs should also be pruned towards the end of the month, including butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) blue spirea (*Caryopteris*) *Ceratostigma* and flowering nutmeg (*Leycesteria*). Cut the plants back hard, leaving around 5 cm (2 in) of last year's growth.

Shrubs with coloured stems like dogwood (*Cornus*), *Rubus* and shrub varieties of willow (*Salix*) should be hard pruned towards the end of the month. Do this by cutting all the shoots back to within 15-30 cm (6-12 in) of the ground or to the trunk if there is one. On heavy or poor soils where the plant is growing less strongly, prune only every other year to avoid weakening the plant. This hard pruning encourages plenty of new, straight, bright coloured stems.

Winter-flowering heathers should be lightly trimmed with shears once flowering has finished to encourage neat and bushy growth.

The Garden Indoors

Amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) bulbs should be watered regularly as required and fed weekly with a liquid feed. Continue watering and feeding after flowering has finished so that the bulb builds up its reserves for next year.

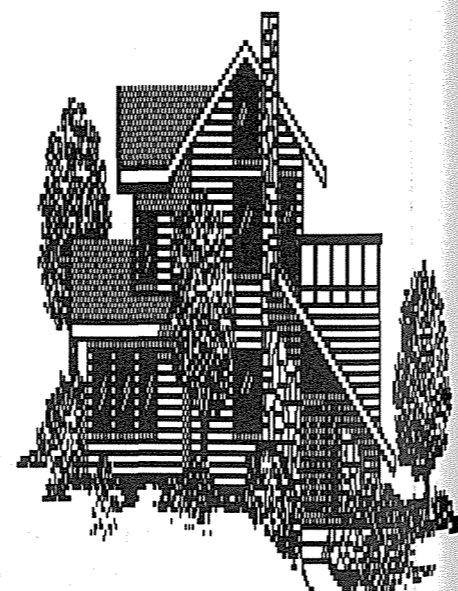
Don't forget to plant *Polyanthus* that have finished flowering indoors in a sheltered spot in your garden. They will benefit from division and replanting every three or four years, especially where they've formed large clumps, or when the centre of the plant is becoming bare.

Division can be done at any time during the winter, though autumn and early spring are best. In most areas of the country this month is the time to start.

Ornamental Garden

There's great satisfaction to be gained from growing your own plants from seed.

Hardy annuals can be sown now in rows or irregularly shaped patches outside. There are many varieties that can provide a wealth of cheap and cheerful colour throughout the summer, including *Godetia*, night-scented stock, (*Matthiola bicornis*), love-in-a mist, (*Nigella*), Iceland Poppy (*Papaver nudicaule*) and snapdragon (*Antirrhinum*). Have Fun!



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NOTES

Maynooth Development Plan

It now appears likely that all 430 acres which have been sought for rezoning in the Maynooth area will be forced through by the Fianna Fail/Fine Gael coalition which has already been responsible for vast rezoning elsewhere in Kildare, contrary to the wishes of local communities. This follows adoption of a development "strategy" by Kildare County Council which amounts, in effect, to no strategy at all. Essentially, the rezoning majority on the Council have chosen to ignore the request made by the Minister for the Environment that an overall strategy for the county be adopted. They have also virtually ignored the strategy options put forward by the Council's own consultant. It remains to be seen whether the Minister will be prepared to accept the fudge concocted by the Council's rezoning majority. In the meantime, consideration of the Maynooth Plan now reverts to the Celbridge Area Committee. However, past experience suggests that, no matter what rezoning restrictions are proposed by this Committee, these will be overridden by the full Council whose majority seems hellbent on a planning free-for-all. This means that an additional 11,000 people could be accommodated in Maynooth during the plan period, to add to the 10,000 already here.

Catherine Murphy is, of course, completely opposed to these tactics, and will continue to work with local groups and individuals to prevent the transformation of Maynooth into a soulless and underserved concrete jungle.

Secondary Level School Crisis

There is a growing second-level school crisis in North Kildare due to the lack of proper accommodation, a survey conducted by Democratic Left members has shown. Of the eleven schools in the area, ten are either completely or

partially housed in temporary prefab buildings. Of a total school population of 7,400, about 1,800 are in this type of accommodation, many in overcrowded conditions. Four schools have no P.E. facilities, one has no canteen and one has no library. Four schools can offer only limited Transition Year facilities and three are unable to offer the Leaving Cert Vocational Programme, due to space constraints.

Inadequate science facilities are also a major problem, and are compromising the ability of local schools to support the demand for technical skills being generated in the region by firms such as Intel and Hewlett Packard. The massive rezoning threatened throughout North Kildare will make the schools accommodation crisis even worse.

Councillor Catherine Murphy has made a submission to the Minister for Education based on the survey and has asked for urgent measures to tackle the growing crisis situation facing the county's secondary schools.

Public Payphones

Following representations by Councillor Catherine Murphy, Telecom Eireann are to embark on major improvements in the provision of public payphones in Maynooth.

An additional double kiosk is to be installed at the junction of Meadowbrook Road and Beaufield Estate, where there has been a particular problem with long queues. Double kiosks will also replace the existing single kiosks in Carton Court and in Old Greenfield.

Telecom is also to meet with Catherine Murphy to discuss possible locations for additional kiosks on Maynooth Main Street. Anyone with views on this should contact Catherine Murphy at 6244903 or 088 - 696450

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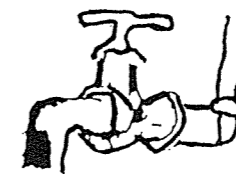
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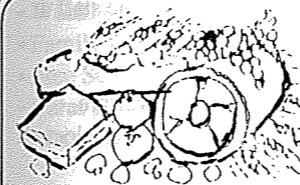
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FINE GAEL NOTES

On Thursday February 6th 1997, Bernard Durkan, Minister of State at the Dept. of Social Welfare, visited Maynooth to officially open the Maynooth Money Advice and Budgeting Service, (or MABS). Situated on the Dublin road adjacent to O' Neills Autoshop, MABS provides a service that is **Confidential, Independent and Free**. Funded by the Department of Social Welfare, MABS is designed to assist people of Limited Income who are over indebted, be it with household bills or Money Lenders.

Minister Durkan said that the MABS service, which is now available at over 40 centres throughout the country, provides the cheapest form of credit available. He added that "MABS enables people to ease themselves out of a cycle of debt and the consequent pressures that it brings, and over time to reach a point where they feel they have more personal control over their own situation". Staffed on a full-time basis by money advisor Margaret Quinn, MABS provides several services. As well as advice and support to individuals or families who have financial difficulties, MABS also helps by setting up special accounts with the Credit Union. It deals with creditors on behalf of the individual and it provides valuable assistance in working out a Budget which is tailored for the individual or family.

Minister Durkan highlighted these several advantages and emphasised that when the family tradition of borrowing from the Money Lender is broken, the burden of debt is lifted. The individual's dignity, self confidence and independence is thus restored. Maynooth MABS is fully operational and for future information about the service feel free to contact the staff at (01) 6291660.

The budget which occurred on January the 22nd 1997 has created many improvements within the area of social welfare. Minister of State Bernard Durkan welcomed these changes and improvements and for your information provides a selected summary below.

The general increases in this Budget are as follows:-

- £3 increase in all personal rates.
- £1.50 increase in all Adult Dependant Allowances
- Child Benefit is up by £1 on the lower rate and £5 on the higher rate.

As of September 1997, the new Child Benefit rates will be £30 each for the first 2 children, and £39 for the third and subsequent children per month.

CHILD BENEFITS

Table A		
Number of Children	Monthly Rate £	Weekly Equivalent £
1 child	30.00	6.92
2 children	60.00	13.85
3 children	99.00	22.85
4 children	138.00	31.85
5 children	177.00	40.85
6 children	216.00	49.85
7 children	255.00	58.85
8 children	294.00	67.85

FIS

Table B			
Family Size	Present Income Limit £	Increase £	NEW income Limit £
1 child	195	10	205
2 children	215	10	225
3 children	235	10	245
4 children	255	10	265
5 children	280	10	290
6 children	300	10	310
7 children	317	10	327
8 children	334	10	344

FIS is calculated at 60% of the difference between weekly income and the income limit for family size. The £10 increase in thresholds means most families on FIS get an extra £6 per week. Those paying PRSI (income over £80 per week) or levies (income over £197) will get further additions.

The Weekly income thresholds for the Family Income Supplement (FIS) will be increased by £10 giving £6 a week increase for

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most recipients.

Time Table for Improvements

April 1997

- PRSI reductions
- Disability Allowance Improvements
- Occupational Injuries Benefit Changes
- UB Requalification Changes
- Retention of Child Dependant Allowances for Additional People.
- UA linking rules
- Pre-Retirement Allowance
- Treatment (Dental and Optical) Benefits
- Old Age Pension (rental income)
- Disability Benefit exempted from tax for first three weeks.

June 1997

- Weekly payment increases
- Family Income Supplement increases
- Free Schemes extensions
- Carer's Allowance Improvements
- Maternity/Adoptive Benefit Improvements

September 1997

- Child Benefit increases.

October 1997

- New Sickness Allowance
- Pensions improvements
- Retention of Adult Dependant Allowances
- New Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension.

November 1997

- New Pro-Rata Pensions.

For Carers, there will be an additional payment of 50% for those carers who are providing care to more than one person. For Pensioners and Old Age Pensions there will be an introduction of Pro-Rata Pensions for People with the yearly average of between 10 and 20 PRSI contributions. For Dependant spouses, they are to retain their entitlement to Treatment (Dental and Optical) Benefits when they qualify for the old age pension in their own right. All pensioners over the age of 75 are to qualify for free electricity allowance and free telephone rental allowance regardless of their households circumstances. In the area of Unemployment Benefit, PRSI contributions paid after 6 months are to reckon for re-qualification purposes. This change will benefit casual workers. There will be an increase of places in the Back to Work Allowance by 5,000 places, an increase from 17,000 to 22,000 with 1,000 places reserved for a pilot scheme for people with disabilities. Finally there is to be a special fund of £300,000 set up for projects to assist unemployed people to return to work. For those who are interested in obtaining more information, a fact sheet is available from the Social Welfare Department or your local Social Welfare Office.

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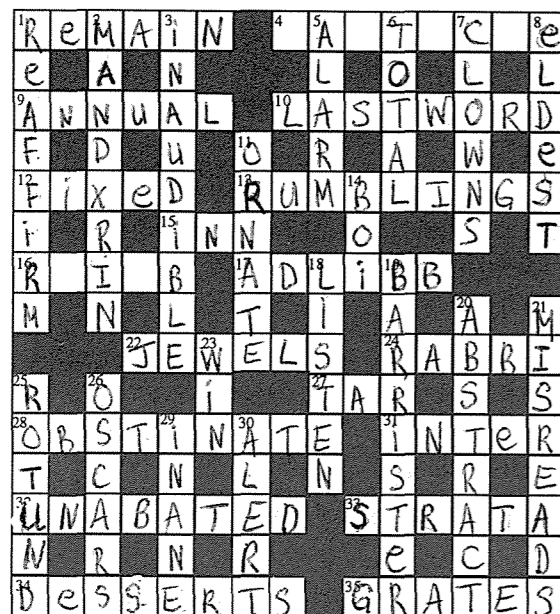
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Across:

1. Stay behind (6) *WARSTOLD*
4. A very small piece (8) *STALWORD*
9. Yearly (6) *SAWLOD*
10. The worst last must have it (8)
12. Old fashioned - not willing to change (5)
13. Noises (9) *rigid*
15. A place to have a drink (3) *LOWSTORD*
16. Take the ow out of trout (5) *lrt row*
17. Improvises (2-4) *SALTWORD*
22. These stones are expensive (6) *WARTSOLD*
24. Minister of a synagogue (5)
27. Used to make roads (3)
28. Headstrong (9)
31. Bury, especially with funeral rites (5)
32. Unsuppressed (8) *O-A-A-E D*
33. Layers (6)
34. Last courses of a meal (8)
35. Reduces to shreds (6)

Down:

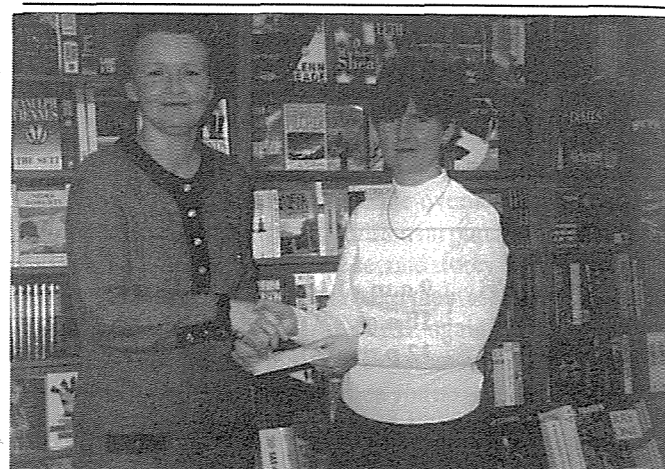
1. State again (8)
2. The fruit of Chinese rulers (8)
3. Too low to be heard (9)
5. You raise it when in danger (5)
6. The complete sum (5)

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7. Funny dressers (6)
8. First in family (6)
11. Decorative (6)
14. You might get a loan here (1-1-1) *101 104*
18. To take heed (6) *AIB*
19. Solicitor (9) *EBS*
20. Difficult to understand (8)
21. Misinterprets (8)
23. Not to lose (3)
25. Spherical in shape (6)
26. Actors prizes (6)
29. Senseless (5)
30. Vigilant (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 111.

Across: 1. Panama; 4. Brackish; 9. Recess; 10. Corporal;
12. Baton; 13. Insensate; 15.Fib; 16. Lingo; 17. Accord;
22.Smudge; 24. Ideal; 27. Vim; 28. Parsonage; 31. Bleat;
32. Aromatic; 33. Crease; 34. Norsemen; 35. Demean.

Down: 1. Parabola; 2. Nicotine; 3. Misinform; 5. Riots;
6. Capon; 7. Inroad; 8. Halter; 11. Ribald; 14. Ego;
18.Clever; 19. Reimburse; 20. Sewerage; 21. Slatern;
23. Urn; 25. Sprain; 26. Ardour; 29. Orate; 30. Afire.
Winner of Crossword No. 111:
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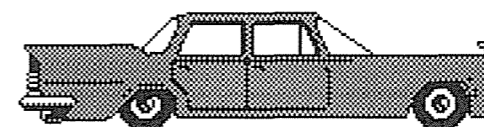


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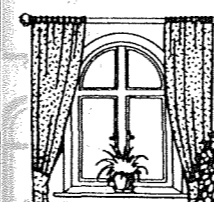
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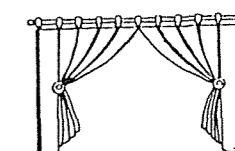
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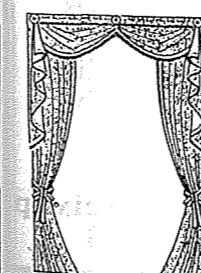
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With the recent improvement in weather most teams are now back competing in their respective competitions on a regular basis.

Some recent results to hand are as follows.

L.F.L. Premier Division Sunday

Maynooth Town 1 Inchicore Rangers 1

Maynooth were unlucky not to take all three points in this drawn game. The loss of two points may prove to be costly at the end of the season in a tightly fought division. Maynooth fell behind in the 20th minute when slack marking gifted Inchicore their goal. Feargal Barton and Eamon Dunne got to grips with their opposite numbers and cut out most of the threat by Inchicore. Dermot Myles had a header just wide from a James Delargy corner. In the 36th minute James Delargy crossed accurately for Keith Cooke to head to the net for the equaliser. Maynooth had a number of good chances after this but were unable to force a winner. Best for Maynooth were Paul O'Sullivan, Anthony Smith, Keith Cooke, Eamon Dunne and Feargal Barton.

L.F.L. Division 1 Saturday

Anner Utd 1 Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth were in top form throughout this game and were good value for their one goal win. Paul O'Sullivan and Martin Byrne were on top of their game right from the start and gave Maynooth a decided edge. A Paul O'Sullivan corner gave Anthony Smith the chance to volley to the net from fourteen yards. Maynooth kept up the pressure and stretched their lead in the 40th minute when Martin Byrne provided an excellent pass for Paul O'Sullivan who lobbed the keeper from 25 yards. The Anner defenders were a durable lot and restricted Maynooth to two goals before scoring a late consolation goal.

Best for Maynooth: Martin Byrne, Alan Millett and Keith Cooke.

Dalton Cup 4th Round

Anner Utd 0 Maynooth Town 1

Maynooth grabbed a notable scalp when defeating major Division side Anner Utd at the Brickfields. In a bruising encounter Maynooth were fortunate to come away from the game without serious injury. Joey Dempsey and Donncha McCarrick came in for particularly rough treatment and had to be replaced because of injury. Maynooth kept their composure and would not be drawn into a bruising battle. Anner paid a dear price in the 24th minute when Joey Dempsey was hacked down when in sight of goal. James Delargy accurately placed his kick over the wall and between keeper and post for what proved to be the winning goal. This inspired Maynooth and a Michael Murphy header was cleared off the line two minutes later. Anner defended in numbers and relied on catching Maynooth on the break but this was a fruitless ploy as Maynooth were in commanding form and remained in control. Keith Cooke had a shot just over and a James Delargy free kick was scrambled away, Maynooth easily held out for a deserved win. Best for Maynooth were James Delargy, Paul Byrne, Joey Dempsey, Feargal Barton and Eamon Dunne.

L.F.L. Division 1 Saturday

Maynooth Town 1 Bacchus 1

A draw was a fair result following a less than inspiring game. Maynooth had a number of good chances in the opening period but some poor finishing squandered the opportunities. Midway through the first half Maynooth lost possession near the half way line. Bacchus quickly took up the initiative and forced Maynooth to defend before firing past Niall Naughton for the opening goal. Anthony Smith was proving a real handful for Bacchus with his direct running and he was rewarded in the 55th minute when the Bacchus keeper failed to hold his shot and Martin Byrne was on hand to shoot home. Best for Maynooth were Anthony Smith, Derek Dolan and Owen Maloney.

Premier Division Sunday

Maynooth Town 4 St Vincents 0

This was easily Maynooth's best performance of the season. Getting on top right from the start they never allowed St. Vincents to settle and were in control throughout. A top class team performance without a weak link meant that St. Vincents were mostly spectators for long periods. Niall Naughton made a good stop in the opening minutes following a rare St. Vincent's attack. Maynooth responded quickly with Paul Byrne in excellent form and chances being created by a dominant midfield. Paul Byrne, Keith Cooke, James Delargy and Joey Dempsey all saw chances saved before the opening score finally arrived in the 26th minute. Michael Murphy sped down the left wing before firing in a cross that was hit home by that doyen of defenders Gerry Thompson who popped up at the far post to slide his shot home. Joey Dempsey was taken down shortly after for Martin McCernan to strike home the penalty. Just before the break Niall Naughton denied the "Saints" with a wonderful point blank save. Five minutes into the second half Michael Murphy increased Maynooth's lead from a narrow angle following excellent approach play by Keith Cooke and Donncha McCarrick. Maynooth completed the scoring in the 60th minute when Paul Byrne netted following a James Delargy corner.

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Sport

Paul Byrne was top man for Maynooth with many others enhancing their reputations.

L.F.L. Div. 1. Saturday

Maynooth Town 3 Castle Park 3
Maynooth had to stage a magnificent fightback to take a share of the points following a bright opening which soon went horribly wrong. A second minute free by Martin Byrne bounced to safety after coming off the upright. Five minutes later the same player made the opening for Stephen Hallinan to score. Castle hit a purple patch after this and were on terms just a minute later. Two further goals in the next ten minutes gave them a commanding two goal lead.

Martin Byrne threw Maynooth a lifeline when he reduced the lead before the break. The second half saw Maynooth throw everything into attack but a packed Castle defence were holding onto their precious lead. Maynooth kept battling away and a late Martin Byrne free was fumbled by the Castle Keeper for Paul O' Sullivan to gladly accept the chance to equalize. An amazing fightback which deservedly earned a point. Best for Maynooth were the Byrne brothers Martin and Danny, Alan Millett and Paul O Sullivan.

L.F.L. Premier Div. Sunday.

Maynooth Town 1 St. James' Utd. 4
Maynooth's proud unbeaten league record went by the wayside despite a good performance. League leaders St. James will feel flattered by the scoreline which does scant justice to the home sides efforts. Unlucky breaks at vital stages of the game contributed greatly to Maynooth's downfall. Maynooth rocked the leaders in the 62nd minute when Paul Byrne was taken down when in a good scoring position. James Delargy's free deflected off the defensive wall into the path of Joey Dempsey who made no mistake with his ground shot. St James equalised five minutes later when forcing the ball home following a scramble on the Maynooth line. The St. James' keeper deprived Maynooth from regaining the lead when turning away a Donnacha McCarrick effort. St. James took the lead when a shot

came back off the crossbar and was fired to the net.

St. James third goal was the crucial score of the game which was blatantly offside but was allowed to stand. Maynooth failed to recover from this body blow and conceded a late goal from the penalty spot to close the scoring. Maynooth can feel aggrieved by this result but there is plenty of spirit in the side to come bouncing back. Best for Maynooth were Gerry Thompson, Martin McTernan, Joey Dempsey and Paul Byrne

Watkins Cup 1st Rd

Maynooth Town 1 Jobstown Celtic 0

Our Saturday side opened their Cup campaign with this narrow hard fought win over Jobstown Celtic. Maynooth opened confidently and were intent on advancing to the next round. Martin Byrne was a constant threat to Jobstown with his accurate crossing and expertise from dead ball situations. Joe O'Riordan had a header cleared off the line in the fifteenth minute. Martin Byrne had a free kick saved before an Anthony Smith shot was blocked on the line. Colm Carroll had a shot turned away for a corner in the 27th minute. Maynooth got the all important winner just before the break when Anthony Smith chested down a Martin Byrne free before crashing the ball to the roof of the net. Anthony Smith, Colm Carroll, Derek Dolan and Joe O'Riordan were best for Maynooth.

D.D.S.L. U/12 B.

Maynooth Town 6 St. Patrick's Ath. 2

Maynooth confirmed their superiority over "The Saints" with this impressive victory. Maynooth went into an early two goal lead with D.J. Canning scoring twice. St. Patricks rallied and scored twice in a short period to equalise. Wayne Byrne regained the lead for Maynooth midway through the

second half and quickly stretched that lead with a Neil English goal. David Redmond had to make two good saves to stop St. Patricks getting back into the game. David Comerford and Paul Farrelly each scored before the end to set the seal on a highly impressive performance.

Best for Maynooth: Wayne Byrne, James Keegan and D.J. Canning.

D.D.S.L. U/9 Saturday

Cashelvilla 2 Maynooth Town 4.

Maynooth opened the scoring in the second minute through a David Fagan goal but Cashelvilla recovered quickly to equalise eight minutes later. Eddie Power scored just before half-time to push Maynooth in front once more. Cashelvilla would not give in and got on terms early in the second half which boosted their confidence. David Fagan scored his second to restore Maynooth's lead and set his side on the road to victory. Pablo Bros put the issue beyond doubt with Maynooth's fourth goal in the closing stages. Best for Maynooth: J Glynn, M Doyle, D Fagan, P Bros.

The club was saddened by the recent deaths of Emily (Mo) Hughes and Paddy Desmond and wish to extend deepest sympathy to both families.

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Josephine Dempsey following her recent accident.

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MAYNOOTH GAA

Senior Football League commences on 9/3/97 Division 2.

9-3-97	Suncroft	v	Maynooth
16-3-97	Maynooth	v	Kilcock
23-3-97	Ardclough	v	Maynooth
13-4-97	Maynooth	v	Rheban
27-4-97	Monasterevan	v	Maynooth
4-5-97	Eadestown	v	Maynooth
11-5-97	Sallins	v	Maynooth
18-5-97	Confey	v	Maynooth
17-6-97	Maynooth	v	Kill
1-7-97	Maynooth	v	Castlemitchell
15-7-97	Maynooth	v	Celbridge
22-7-97	Maynooth	v	Cappagh
29-7-97	Maynooth	v	Rathangan

Minor Football commences 2/3/97

2-3-97	11 a.m.	Balya	v	Maynooth
16-3-97	11 a.m.	Maynooth	v	Rheban
30-3-97	11 a.m.	Naas	v	Maynooth

Training for Seniors and Minors has commenced at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The Club would be very interested in any new players who have come to live in the town.

Handball

Our 40' x 20' indoor court is in full use and anybody interested, please contact Sean Donovan, Chairman or any Committee member or call to the clubhouse any night after 8 p.m. to book court.

Set Dancing

Classes continue every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. Beginners very welcome. Instructor Brendan O'Grady.

Membership

Membership is due for renewal between now and 1st April.
Single Member/Player £15
Couples (Full) £20
Student (Full) £10

Social: Single £12
Couples: £17

New Members welcome, so if you have just arrived in the Maynooth area, call to see our premises which has been refurbished and you can also enjoy a game of pool or darts or if you are more energetic, a game of handball in our new court.

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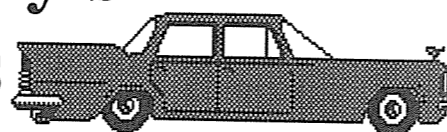
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MAYNOOTH LADIES G.A.A. NOTES

On Friday January 24th. the Committee of Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. Club held a "Poker Classic" in The Club House on Moyglare Rd. The Club would like to thank all those who helped to make the night such a success. Those who sold tickets, bought tickets, and supported the event in any way. Thanks also to all those who helped to run and organise the Games on the night.

We also wish to thank all the Sponsors whose support is greatly appreciated:

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We hope to organise another classic in the near future. Training continues but with a slight difference. The Tuesday night training has been changed to **Wednesday Night at 7.30p.m.** and as usual on Saturday 2.30p.m.
ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.**

To encourage new members the club will hold a spring weekend event for Girls and Ladies from 10 years upwards to learn the basics of the game.

At present nine members of the club are on the Kildare Ladies Panel and have taken part in the first match of the season versus Westmeath on Feb 9th Result: A draw 3-12 to 3-12
The new Season starts officially in March, so come on Ladies
JOIN UP, GET FIT and HAVE FUN

B. Breslin P.R.O

G.A.A. HURLING NOTES

Attention all young hurlers. Please note coaching and training commences on Saturday 1st March at 10.30am in G.A.A. pitch. New players from age 7 upwards are especially welcome. Coaching and training for intermediate and junior players has already commenced on Wednesdays at 8p.m. and on Saturday at 4p.m. Any new residents to Maynooth who wish to continue their hurling careers are more than welcome to join a progressive hurling club such as Maynooth.

Thomas Coffey
Hurling Committee

SCHOOLS U16 FOOTBALL

I would like to take this opportunity to commiserate and congratulate the players and mentors of the Schools U'16 football team who were beaten by St. Declan's Cabra, in the Dublin Schools semi-final match recently.

With some terrible luck and some strange refereeing decisions they went down by the narrowest of margins, one point.

Lads! Hard Luck, yet like all parents and supporters who were at the game I was very proud of your performance and attitude in defeat. Yes, a few tears were shed and heads were very low but you did yourself, your school, and your town proud in defeat.

To your mentors, you prepared the lads with great enthusiasm and pride and I'm sure all the squad appreciate very much your dedication.
Chins up and take heart!!! Táim cinnte go mbeidh lá eile againn.

Sean Fagan (Parent)

MAYNOOTH 8TH KILDARE CUB SCOUTS

Congratulations to the Cub Scouts of the 8th Kildare Rye Valley Region on coming 1st and 6th place in the Regional Finals of the Cub Scout Quiz:

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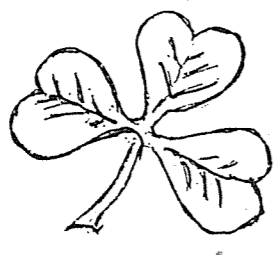
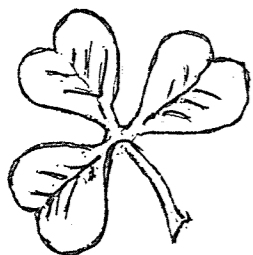
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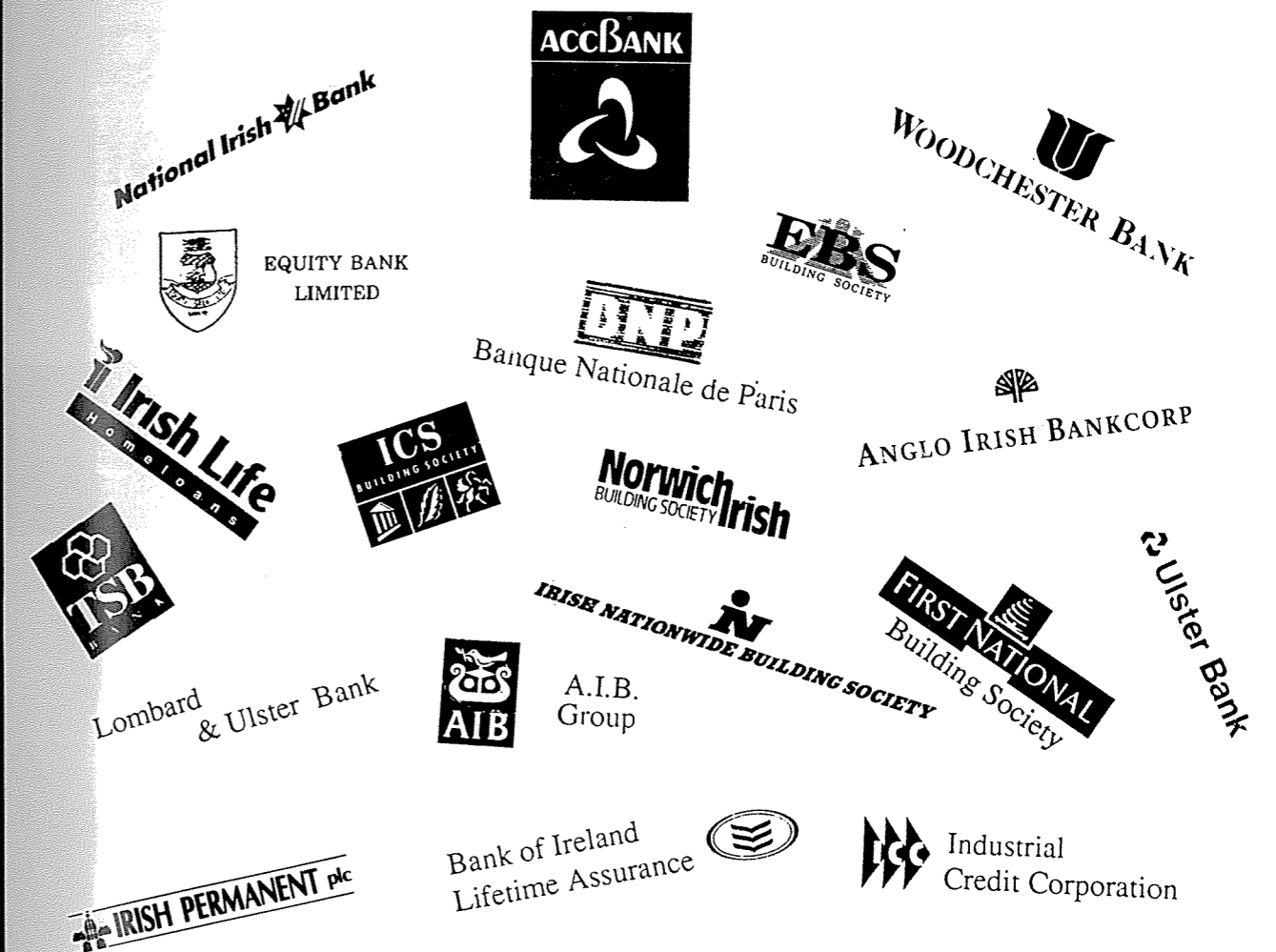
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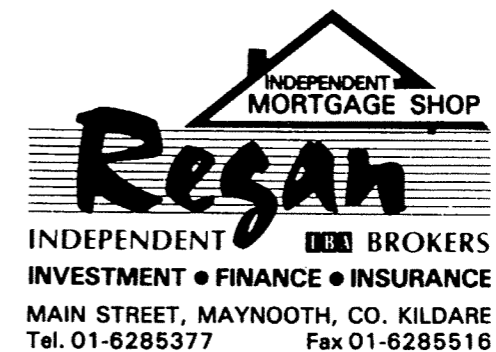
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