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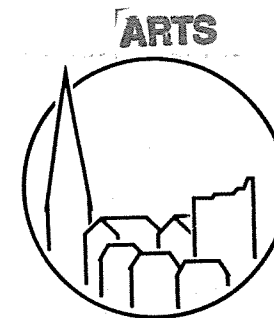
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## NEW START FOR UNIVERSITY

For over two hundred years St. Patrick's College and the town of Maynooth have co-existed, side by side. For much of that two hundred years, while the College was exclusively a seminary, the level of contact between the two was minimal. Since the nineteen sixties when the first lay students were admitted, the College's impact on the town has grown. Now almost 4,500 students converge on Maynooth each October, up to half of them taking up residence in the town. Add in several hundred teaching and support staff and the effect on the town's economy is obvious. So, changes in what we think of as "the College" are important for the town.

The last few weeks have seen the launch of NUI, Maynooth and many readers will have attended the Open Day on October 11th to celebrate the beginning of a new era. The town now has its own independent university which in status stands alongside UCD, UCC and the other colleges which form the National University of Ireland. For a town of its size, Maynooth is probably unique in western Europe in having a fully fledged university in its midst.

Such a situation poses both problems and opportunities. During term time perhaps a quarter of the town's population is made up of university students while the town's social and recreational amenities remain under-developed. A number of the town's estates are becoming increasingly dominated by rented housing accommodating students. In some cases this has proved to be a problem for long term residents.

But the opportunities for Maynooth as a university town undoubtedly outweigh the problems. The local economy already benefits enormously from the presence of the university and further expansion, both in staff and student numbers, is planned. New computer courses in the university are set to produce highly skilled graduates who can benefit from local employment opportunities.

All of this poses a challenge to both town and university. How, as a community, can we make the most of the fact that we have a growing and vibrant university in our midst? For the university, how does it see its role and define its relationship with the town? Perhaps it is a debate worthy of a public airing?



### Laying of Foundation Stone

The Foundation Stone for the New Science Complex was laid by An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, pictured here with NUI Maynooth President, Dr. W.J. Smyth



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### DIARY DATES

**Fri Oct 31st:** Halloween Fancy Dress Ball, Glenroyal Hotel.  
**Sun Nov 2nd:** St. Mary's Band Mass at 11am.  
**Mon Nov 3rd:** Community Council Task Force Meeting.  
**Tues Nov 4th:** Kelt Leader 11 (Informal Clinic) 10am-12noon and 4pm - 7pm.  
**Fri Nov 7th:** Fashion Show - Scoil Uí Fhiaich, Glenroyal Hotel.  
**Fri 14th-Sun 16th Nov:** Anna Liffey Artists Exhibition, Spa Hotel, Lucan.  
**Tues 18th Nov:** Flower & Garden Club Party, Loftus Hall at 8pm.  
**Thurs 20th Nov:** Post Primary Parents Association Presentation Function and Dance.  
**Sun 23rd Nov:** Presentation Convent Past Pupils Mass at 2pm.  
**Sun 23rd Nov:** Senior Citizens Sale of Work, Parish Hall.  
**Fri 5th Dec:** Flower Festival Opening Night at 7.30pm.  
**Fri 5th-Sun 7th Dec:** Flower Festival in Carton House  
**Tues 16th Dec:** I.C.A. Federation Christmas Party

### Editorial

At certain times during the day Maynooth is the victim of traffic gridlock. At around 9 o'clock in the morning any motorist leaving the Newtown area and attempting to make their way down Parsons St. onto Main St. and then up the Straffan Rd. towards the motorway can count on the journey taking anything up to 20 minutes. On their way they will invariably pass a long tailback of traffic from the Square back up the Straffan Rd. sometimes extending back to the intersection with the Celbridge Rd. Travelling around the town at lunch time and as the schools close at 4.00pm is equally frustrating. Without the by-pass Maynooth would surely be at a permanent standstill at this stage. For the many commuters driving into the city each day the volume of traffic is also becoming a major headache. On some mornings traffic jams can extend all the way from Woodies in Lucan right through to Ballyfermot and journeys to the city centre from Maynooth at peak commuting times take anything up to 75 minutes. It is interesting to note that developers in Maynooth are selling houses promising easy access to the city with journey times of 30 minutes - they don't mention that this can only be done at 3.00 a.m. in the morning!

With Maynooth destined to grow further perhaps as we sit in traffic jams around the town it might be worth considering how much more housing/people/traffic we want in Maynooth.

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## Letters To the Editor

### Kildare County Council - A Tribute

When I hear people whining, moaning and generally criticising Kildare County Council, it makes me see red. You know the usual, "they don't do this, they should do that, they won't do the other, I never get a reply, haven't heard from them in months, blah, blah, blah" and on it goes. People just don't realise the huge amount of administrative, not to say financial, planning that goes into 'getting things done'.

Take the cutting back (or not, in this case) of hedges and trees (Rathcoffey Road springs to mind). A simple operation, you might think. But you'd be wrong. It's not just a matter of sending somebody out with a clippers. The decision has to be made to *send* someone out, after the work has been *prioritised*, then it's a case of *who* to send, *when* to send him, *how* to approach the job etc., etc., and all this planning takes time.

Then there's the recently upgraded Straffan Road. Nobody can deny that it was badly needed to cope with the huge increase in traffic from the new motorway. Nobody can deny the difference it's made to the traffic problem in Maynooth. Yes, I know the only thing it's done is to take a larger volume of traffic, at a faster rate, to the same tee-junction in the centre of town. I know it possibly could have been planned slightly better, maybe utilising some of the space at the Square. But K.C.C.'s engineering, road design or architectural departments can't be expected to think of everything. Remember when it used to take as long as two to three minutes to turl from the Main Street onto the Straffan Road? We certainly don't want to return to those days!

Some people seem to think that all you have to do is click your fingers and, hey presto! a bridge appears. If only it were that simple! The Bond Bridge fiasco is a typical example of the impatience of people, once they get an idea into their heads that a project is urgent.

Action groups and committees are formed in an effort to pressurise the Council into doing something about it. That's all very well, but you must realise that a project of this size takes years of planning, feasibility studies, designing, engineering and draughting before it can get off the ground. Then there are the various meetings, environmental, costing and so on. Okay, so the cost seems to fluctuate on a weekly basis, but hey, what's a few quid here or there between friends. And all right, so the County Manager couldn't be bothered attending the meeting to explain the discrepancies. Come on, he's a busy man (he was probably attending an important conference on 'road traffic management in the Gobi desert' or some such). Anyway, the present structure has served the community of Maynooth quite well, thank you very much, for years and years. It's only relatively recently (ten or fifteen years) that the replacement of the bridge has become urgent, and as we all know, Rome wasn't built in a day.

So does Kildare County Council deserve all the criticism levelled at them? Definitely, and more! When you consider that we pay their wages, because a County Council has no money of its own, and when you consider the quality of the so-called 'professionals' that we get for our money, it's a self-answering question. Most of their engineering, architectural, town planning or estimating staff, not to mention managers, assistant managers, development officers etc. would find it extremely difficult to survive in the commercial sector. They suffer from the 'reverse Midas syndrome' — almost everything they touch turns to junk! It would seem that St. Mary's has become the County retirement home for the intellectually challenged, where they live out the remainder of their lives in blissful ignorance of the real world.

The story goes that a young boy asked his father: "What's a giraffe da?". "A giraffe, son," he replied, "is a horse designed by Kildare County Council!"

Christopher Kavanagh

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## Community Council Notes

### Community Council to meet Task Force

The Community Council will hold a special meeting on Monday 3rd of November, to respond to the draft proposals from the Maynooth Task Force, on a future development strategy for the Town. The Task Force last met with the Community Council in August, when they presented their draft outline agenda on the project.

The agenda titled "Choosing A Future" proposed research under the following headings; Character, Employment, University, Infrastructure, Heritage/Tourism, Sports/Leisure and Amenity, as well as Administration. In each case the important elements and issues were raised, and the relevant threats and opportunities that exist were highlighted to those in attendance.

Community Council members are encouraged to attend this meeting as the Task Force are keen to hear their views on the issues raised in this most important project for the future of the town.

### Community Council Bi-Monthly Meeting in November

Just a reminder to Community Council members that the next bi-monthly meeting takes place on Monday 10th November as usual in the Post-Primary School. It is important that, as members represent their local Residents Association, Club or Organisation, that they attend as many of the bi-monthly meetings as possible, to ensure that their views are known to the Community Council.

Paul Croghan,  
PRO

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In your circumstances you may not have an average of 20 over your working life but from 21<sup>st</sup> November Social Welfare are introducing a new Pro-Rata Old Age (Contributory) Pension. The conditions for this are:

- (1) That you entered insurance before reaching age 56 (as above).
- (2) That you have at least 260 weeks full-rate PRSI paid.
- (3) That you have an average of at least 10 weeks full-rate PRSI paid or credited over the period from 1953 or the date you started paying PRSI, if later) up to the end of the last full tax year before reaching age 66.

This means that people can qualify for a reduced pension if they have less stamps or credits over their working life. This is likely to benefit many people who were "out of the system" for long periods of time.

Social Welfare have a leaflet "Pension Check" SW 19A which is available from your local office.

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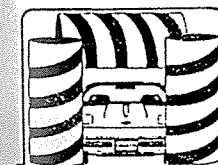


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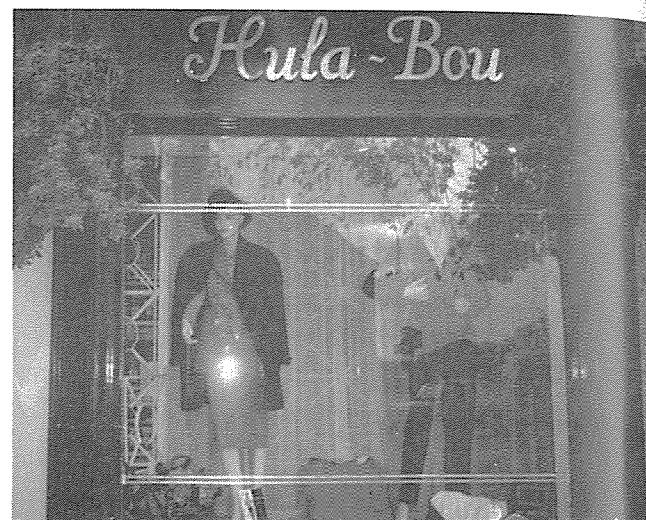
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Successes of 1996/7

The 25 strong, out-going committee of the Maynooth Post Primary Parent Teacher Association, has seen significant fund-raising successes. At our recently held AGM, the balance sheet showed an income of £12,154.21 (of which £2,398.41 was brought forward) and an expenditure of £11,695.60, which leaves a balance of £458.61 available for the incoming committee.

The committee is pleased to record the fact that a total of £8,746.00 has been handed over to the school. The allocation of funds is as follows:-

1. Last year's Transition Year received £500 towards a First Aid course.
2. This year's Transition Year has received £600 towards a course "Preparing for the Future".
3. The Science Dept. received £546 towards the purchase of protective clothing and equipment.
4. £1,000 was handed over to help defray "Professional Fees Expenses" incurred while building the School Hall etc.
5. £600 has been donated towards the Library Fund.
6. £1,000 has been donated towards the purchase of more school lockers for your children's use.
7. £2,000 has gone towards the purchase of a photocopier which is badly needed.
8. And finally, £2,500 has been donated towards the Sports Department.

Mr. Sean Ashe, at our last committee meeting, expressed his deep gratitude for the significant contribution the out-going Parent/Teacher Association Committee has made to the school, its teachers and pupils.

Greyhound Race Night - Big Success!

The Race Night in Harold's Cross on Friday 19th September was most enjoyable and very successful, netting just over £6,000 profit. The photos accompanying this article show how much people enjoyed the evening - and some even made a small profit!



Mr. Sean Ashe (Principal), Mr. Tom Ashe (Recently Retired Principal) and Mr. McManus enjoying a pleasant evening at Harold's Cross.

Thanks To The Committee  
& All Involved

To the very hard working officers; Margaret McLoughlin (Secretary) who kept me on my toes; to Mary Farrell (Treasurer, retiring this year after several years dedicated service) and Mick Dillane (PRO) I wish to say a very special word of thanks. To the committee members who had the vision/enthusiasm and commitment to propose and subsequently drive the Race Night Project forward, I say thank you and well done! However, I must also express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all of the committee members who worked so hard and in such a focused way. It was my

pleasure to be part of such an effective team. Of course, without the magnificent support of you, the public, parents and teachers and our sponsors, the night would have never been the financial success it was! Thank you.

Other Highlights of the past year:

Do you remember Tuesday 19/11/96 - It was a most memorable evening. An Ecumenical Service was held to formally open the "Garden of Remembrance" and the School Oratory - places of reflection!

Then there was 6-9/2/97. The Transition Year and Fifth Year combined, to present a spectacular Musical "Oklahoma". The show was highly professional and very successfully presented. This extracurricular activity is surely worthy of continuation, on an annual basis, even though Fr. David Boylan, who contributed in no small way to its success, has moved to foreign lands. However, many teachers including Ms Murphy are more than ready, willing and able to continue this very laudable project.

Social Dance:

A very enjoyable Social Dance evening was held in the Glenroyal on Saturday 18th Jan. '97.

SAYS THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the following who made our  
Greyhound Race Night  
at Harold's Cross, on Friday 19th. September 1997,  
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Organising Committee (1996/7)



## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Teacher Association Cont.

#### One of Five Schools Selected for EU Study:

Maynooth Post Primary School has been selected as one of five Irish schools to participate in a European Commission Pilot Project to "Evaluate Quality in School Education". Maynooth Post Primary School is the only VEC school, in Ireland, so selected.



*Some of the students of Maynooth Post Primary enjoying the evening at Harold's Cross.*

#### Recent Retirement of Mr. Tom Ashe

The Parent/Teacher Association, in co-operation with other interest groups, are organising a Special Presentation Night in the Glenroyal on Thursday 20th November, to honour Mr. Tom Ashe's retirement as Principal of Maynooth's Post Primary School. In retiring at a young age, Mr. Tom Ashe leaves behind a legacy of brilliant endeavour in the way he fostered and nourished successes in our children to their level of achievements.

Attendance at the function will be **strictly ticket limited**. Tickets for the Supper, Presentation and Dance will cost £12, while Tickets for the Presentation and Dance will cost £5; these will be available from committee members or through the school secretary. Your support will be most welcome.

**Dermot Nangle**  
Chairperson.

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION, ST. MARY'S BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

We would like to thank all those who attended our A.G.M. which took place on 25th September 1997.

#### The following officers were elected:

**Chairperson:**  
Mary McNamara

**Secretary:**  
Yvonne Comerford

**Treasurer:**  
Margaret O'Neill

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



*Joe McBride's class from the Boy's National School visiting the Maze in the Maize*

We would like to thank the outgoing committee for all the hard work they put in over the past year.

Parents will be notified of any events or fund raisers which will take place during the year.

The Annual Sponsored Cycle organised by the Board of Management took place on 19th October. Well done to all the boys, mummies and daddies who took part.

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

## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### BAND BULLETIN

This is very much a "waiting" month for the Band with most of our events yet to happen at time of writing.

#### Open Day

One engagement which did actually happen last month was the College Open Day to celebrate its National University of Ireland status but what a pity the weather was not in celebratory mood. It rained cats and dogs but thanks to the foresight of the organisers everything was 'under cover' and for the first time in years we gave our recital in a Marquee. It brought back happy memories to the older guys in the Band as the first public appearance of our then Boys Band was during the annual marquee festival on the Dublin Road in a field opposite the Mart in 1956. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then, eh? Anyway, back to the future and it was after all a very enjoyable day for both ourselves and the assembled revellers, although I don't think Michael Dempsey's ears are quite back to normal yet.

#### The Long Distance Man

On Bank Holiday Monday, 27th October, our fast improving baritonist Paddy Maher exchanged his uniform for vest and shorts and his instrument for running shoes and set off on the Dublin City Marathon to raise funds for the Band's visit to Kansas City next March. Paddy has put in a tremendous amount of work both in building up the miles and building up the money. He has generated a sizeable amount of personal sponsorship quite apart from that raised by Band Members and his work is greatly appreciated by us. Good to see you making the front page at last Paddy.

#### Halloween Fancy Dress Ball

As a further part of our American Fund Raising Campaign we hold a Fancy Dress Ball on Friday, 31st October in the Glenroyal Hotel. Music will be by that fantastic group, the Jazz Freaks, who play a wide range of music to suit all tastes. There will be prize money in three categories and we hope to see as many dressed up as possible. Admission is only £6. Come along and enjoy the craic.

#### Annual Mass

On Sunday, 2nd November, at 11.00 a.m. we celebrate our annual mass for deceased members when we ask all relatives and friends of members who have passed on to join us in remembering those who have played their part in making St. Mary's Band one of the oldest bands in the country. This will be our first Mass with our new conductor Niall O'Connor and we hope to play some new pieces with a larger group than in the past. We hope as many as possible will join in our remembrance.

#### U.S.A. 1998

We are still practising away on our new Irish programme for Kansas City and we hope to 'unveil' it to our many friends who have contributed to our fund raising before we head off

on 15th March next. If you have not yet made a contribution and wish to do so you may send it to Hon Treasurer, Jennifer Quigley, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, or drop it in to Maynooth Office Supplies, Dublin Road, Maynooth.

See you all again next month with news of our Christmas programme.

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# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

The Community Games Season is now finished and the New Season is about to begin. The A.G.M. took place in the I.C.A. Hall on Wednesday 1st October '97. Unfortunately it was **IGNORED** by the parents of the Maynooth (6-16)yrs. population.

Maybe I am being too hard on the "Parents"

Maybe you just "Forgot". When your children use this excuse, don't you get annoyed?

It is still not too late. Below is a

Reproduction of the Community Games Brochure.

If you have an interest in or a knowledge of any of the listed activities please come along to the next meeting of Community Games on **Wednesday October 29th** in the **G.A.A. Club**. If you cannot attend please contact me at 6285922 9.30a.m. to 2p.m. or 6286254 at any other time. This is your opportunity to become involved in the future development of **your children** in the Community Games.

Don't pass the Buck. **Take up the Challenge.**

**Helpers are urgently required**

The Committee of Maynooth Community Games wish to thank all those who supported the "Table Quiz" in the G.A.A. Club on Friday 26th September. To those who gave prizes for the raffle, to Mr. Gleeson and all the helpers we extend our grateful thanks.

Brighidín Breslin.  
Sec./P.R.O.

### INTRODUCING COMMUNITY GAMES

#### WHAT IS IT?

Community Games is an independent voluntary organisation which operates through the local community to provide an opportunity for young people to experience a wide range of sporting and cultural activities before concentrating on and specialising in those most suitable and attractive to them.

Community Games is a countrywide movement, non-political, non-sectarian, which operates at four levels:

- (1) Area (2) County  
(3) Provincial (4) National

It caters for children whose ages range from 6 to 16 years in an Annual Programme which has 28 different types of sporting and cultural activities. Community Games introduces young people to the activity of their choice, encourages the pursuit of healthy interests and enables them to discover their talents. Emphasis is firmly placed on participation and not on winning at all costs.

#### ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Adult members of the community are involved by playing an active role in organising these activities. They obtain a great sense of personal satisfaction and enjoyment through the beneficial effects on the children. The social aspect is tremendously important and many adults have found the Community Games an ideal way to meet and make new friends.

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### COMMUNITY GAMES LOCAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

#### COUNTY & PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

Nationwide, Community Games personnel organise a wide range of sporting and cultural activities all year long including Coaching, Competitions, Youth Exchanges etc. The competitions culminate in Area Finals (January-April), County Finals (May-June) and Provincial Finals (July) each year.

#### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

The Special Activities Weekend takes place in Mosney Holiday Centre, Mosney, Co. Meath each year, usually over one weekend in May. This action packed weekend includes Sports Introduction Sessions, Table Quiz, Project Competition, Special Activities for Youth, Adult Involvement, Cross Country and instruction in a range of other specialised areas.

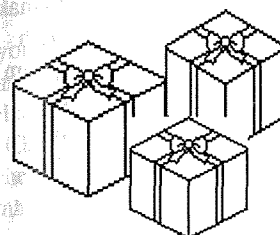
#### NATIONAL FINALS WEEKENDS

Community Games National Finals take place in Mosney Holiday Centre, Mosney, Co. Meath. They occur each year over the last weekend in August and 1st weekend in September. An exciting weekend of fun and activity for all the family with finals in all activities.

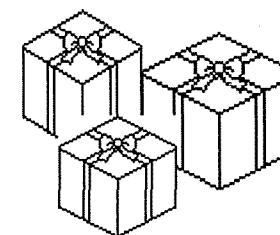
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The coiste cairde have been extremely busy preparing for our annual fashion show. This is the Gaelscoil annual major fundraising event. To date the programme of the night's events have been finalised. I believe that there is a treat in store due to the quality of the garments on display that night. The majority of the clothing companies are locally based and all garments can be purchased in the local shops. We have been most fortunate in that a wealth of modelling or rather super modelling talents will be performed by local supermodels. The strong support by the local business community have ensured that the evenings booklet is a show-case of local business support for their Gaelscoil.

The night promises to be an evening full of colour, spectacle, variety and entertainment. So come along, sit back and enjoy yourself agus bain sult agus taitneamh ón oíche.

### Ranganna Oíche / Evening classes in conversational Irish.

Due to the success of last years course there has been considerable enquiry regarding the above classes. It is intended to run the classes in the same format as before, i.e. a ten week course from February to Easter. It is intended to commence the classes on Monday nights at 8.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. beginning 2nd February 1998. If you are interested in either beginner level or advanced please telephone, call or write to the Gaelscoil for an application form.

Education Times / B.B.C.2 Education Forum.

It was a great honour for the Maynooth Gaelscoil to be asked to participate in this prestigious programme. The B.B.C. team wished to make a programme on the Irish Primary Education System and were particularly interested to learn more about the success of the Gaelscoil system.

The educational correspondent of the Irish Times and the B.B.C. crew arrived with all their paraphernalia in Maynooth on Friday, 17th October. The work of the children was recorded and a panel composed of parents of children attending the Gaelscoil spoke of the history of the school and the reasons why they chose to have their child educated through the medium of Irish. I wish to note that the level of expertise shown by the parents and the manner in which they articulated their views did the Gaelscoil and Maynooth proud.

### Cairde Meiriceánach/ Our U.S.A. helping hand.

The Gaelscoil is very fortunate that Kathleen Rowe has become actively involved in the scoil. Kathleen who comes from New Mexico, via Intel is a primary teacher and a speech therapist. Máirín, our príomhoide gives Kathleen some new phrases as Gaeilge at the start of the day and our keen American student endeavours to use them during the course of the day. We greatly appreciate Kathleen's practical help with the children and can only admire her for her voluntary contribution to the wealth of the scoil.



*Junior Infants*  
*L-R Back Row: Niamh Nic Dhomhnaíl, Muireann Ní Chearúil, Adrian O Dornáin.*  
*Front Row: Emma Ní Chearúil, Lúcas Essex.*



*Junior Infants*  
*L-R Back Row: Tomás Ó Flatharta, Noel Ó Cinneide, Siobhán Ní Shé*  
*Front Row: Ruairí Mac Canna, Tim Ó Fionnagáin*

## GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH Cont.

### Gaelscoil an Phobail / Community Gaelscoil

An open invitation exists to the people of Maynooth to become involved in Maynooth's Gaelscoil. There is always plenty of help needed to do practical things around the school.

If you have a talent in music or gardening and would like to share it with the children of Maynooth you are most welcome. We are fortunate in that our Príomhoide Máirín Ní Chéilleachair is a very practical woman and will find a niche for all talents. Call up to the school, beidh fáilte romhat.

Beir bua agus Beannacht.

*Colm ó Cearúil.*



*L-R Back Row: Fiona Senchyna, Cáit de Fréine, Dáire Mac Seanlaoich*  
*Front Row: Meggan Miach, Shane Mac Scalai*

### ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

We have had lots of reaction from Leitrim people concerning our article in the last issue about our trip to Ballinamore and its canal system. The comments were unanimously favourable. The caption to one of our photographs . . . Motorway at Ballinamore . . . amused many of our commentators. The caption should have read . . . Moorings at Ballinamore. It was a photo of one of the two boat marinas there. Still, if the slipway arrives, can the motorway be far behind?

Our last article mentioned that NAPPER TANDY, the well known United Irishman, was a shareholder in the original Royal Canal Company. He is referred to in two well known Irish Ballads, one a 19th Century, and the other with Dublin connections. If you can name those tunes/ballads, put them on paper with your name, address, and leave them into our office.

If your children might be interested in learning canoeing skills, please leave your names, address and telephone number in our office at the Town Mall. If there is enough interest we will make enquiries from the Irish Canoe Union if an instructor from the Union might be available to give classes. Our group would have no other involvement except to pass on names and addresses to the Union.

Our 1998 Calendar, known as THE MAYNOOTH CALENDAR, is underway, with a few advertising spaces left. Enquiries to Gerry McGlinchey at our office. Telephone . . . 6290980.

It's business as usual for our workforce on the canal banks and harbour at Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock despite the onset of Autumn and it's weather.

*Slán Go Foill.*

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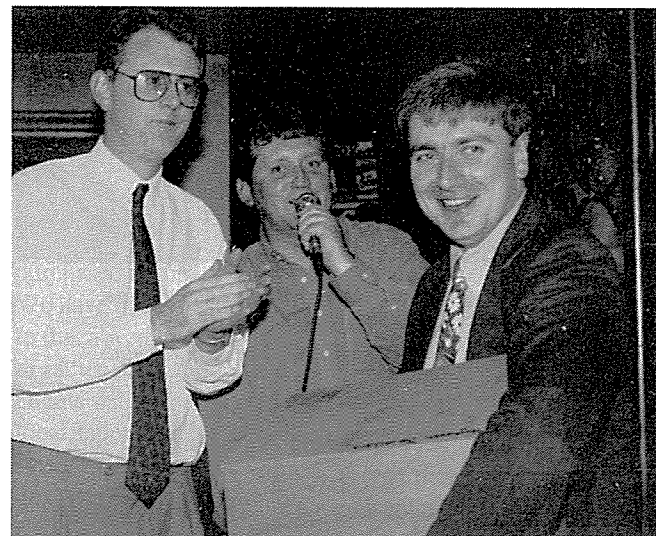
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### Scoil Uí Riada News

#### Slán go fóill a Thomáis

A gathering of over 300 friends, colleagues and parents bade a fond farewell to múinteoir Tomás Ó Riain at a function and presentation in O'Keeffe's Public House in Kilcock on October 3rd. The night of "ceol agus craic" was organised by the Board of Management as a tribute to the enormous contribution Tomás had made to the life of the school. After 5 years in Scoil Uí Riada Tomás has departed to take up a new teaching post in his native county Clare.



*Tomás Ó Baille agus Príomhoide  
Seamus Ó Muiríthe making a presentation to Tomás Ó Riain.*

Tomás came to Scoil Uí Riada in 1992 and soon established himself as one of its most popular teachers. His popularity was due to his genial, genuine, witty and true personality. The tremendous turnout testified to the high esteem in which he was held by parents and colleagues alike. Tomás has a natural gift for teaching and developed a wonderful rapport with his pupils. "Múinteoir dó'n chéad scoth" agus "Fear Uasal" are sentiments which come to mind when one is thinking of Tomás the múinteoir.

Tomás left his mark on the cultural landscape of the school and the community. A talented musician, he instilled and fostered a love of traditional Irish music in countless pupils. He taught the bosca ceoil and was a member of the Enfield branch of Cómhaltás Ceoltóirí Éireann and according to Paddy Joyce, the PRO, "the only man I knew to better Tomás on the bosca was the famous Joe Burke from Galway". His influence also extended to the playing field where he was a dedicated and enthusiastic football manager and coach, managing the winning team in the under 10's division of Cumann na mBunscoil in 1995. This year he has helped to bring them to the finals once again.

Seamus Ó Muiríthe, Príomhoide, paid tribute to his loyalty and devotion to the school which often went beyond the call of duty. Tomás gave unselfishly of his time in support of the school's extracurricular activities. He had become a

friend to many of the parents and was never found wanting when called upon to provide musical accompaniment to any of the school's fundraising and social events.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the parents of Scoil Uí Riada, I would like to thank Tomás for his dedication to our children and would like to wish himself and Noreen the best of luck for the future in county Clare. Go maire tú do scoil nua. Slán go fóill.

#### Annual Flag Days

The Cairde Committee would like to thank all those who supported our Flag Days not only for their generous contributions but for their kind words of encouragement and those welcome cups of tea and coffee. The money raised by this event and other such events forms part of the School Development Fund which helps to finance additional school facilities and augment the learning environment. The Cairde Committee would like to thank all the volunteers, from Maynooth, Kilcock and Enfield, who gave so willingly of their free time to fund raise on the Annual Flag Days.

*Miriam Ahern, PRO*

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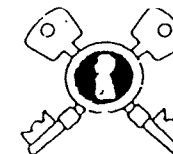
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## MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

### Census Results Suggest Maynooth is likely to have a Baby Boom

New data from the 1996 Census is now available which contains a breakdown of population for each District Electoral Division by age group. This enables comparisons to be made between Maynooth and some of the other rapidly growing towns in Kildare, and particularly provides a pointer as to what schools and other facilities for young people will be required in the years ahead.

The table below contains comparative percentages for age groups for the towns of Naas, Leixlip, Newbridge, Celbridge and Maynooth, the five largest towns in Kildare.

Town	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65+ years
Naas	25.6%	16.2%	35.8%	16.2%	6.2%
Newbridge	29.4%	19.8%	30.5%	17.2%	3.1%
Leixlip	26.8%	18.4%	30.3%	17.8%	6.7%
Celbridge	33.6%	13.1%	38.2%	11.6%	3.5%
Maynooth	20.4%	28.5%	35.2%	11.4%	4.5%

It is apparent that Maynooth presently has far fewer children in the under 14 category than is the norm for the other towns. To take the most dramatic case, one in three people in Celbridge is under the age of 14, while only one in five in Maynooth falls into this category. At the same time, Maynooth is close to the average of the other towns for that proportion of its population in the 25-44 year age group - the age group in which most increases in family size occurs. In other words in Maynooth we have the young married couples, but the children they would normally be expected to produce haven't arrived yet! Less of a proportion of Maynooth's population is in the 45-64 age group - the age group indicative of families who have completed child rearing.

### Child Numbers Set to Increase Dramatically

Even making some allowance for the effects of some enumeration of students in the Census data, the message is fairly obvious. Maynooth is set to experience a rapid growth in population as young married couples in its vast new estates start to have children. This is not a surprising finding. Anyone familiar with the housing situation in Maynooth will already have deduced that many of the new three and four bedroom houses are not always going to contain two people - or at least were not bought with that purpose in mind! If the proportion of children in Maynooth today was to be the same as the average for the other Kildare towns we would have somewhere between 500 and 800 additional children, equivalent to another secondary school. Should the future pan out along the lines experienced by other neighbouring towns such as Celbridge, the consequences would be serious. A much larger complement of children for Maynooth would have major implications for schools as well as for leisure and sports facilities. The implications would also be felt around Maynooth as the catchment areas for schools would undoubtedly change dramatically. Many such problems are currently being experienced in neighbouring towns with much lower rates of growth than Maynooth.

### Time for a Rethink by Councillors

Do we have the foresight necessary to start planning for this future now while there is still time? The answer is not encouraging. In the Amended Maynooth Development Plan our councillors proposed, against the advice of professional planners, to facilitate a further huge influx of population to double the 1996 population of this town. This would seem to Maynooth Planning Alliance to be the worst possible course of action.

Maynooth Planning Alliance calls on our elected officials to recognise that the last thing Maynooth needs at present is further huge in-migration. It calls on them to await the preparation of strategic planning guidelines for the entire Greater Dublin Area before progressing any further with the Maynooth Development Plan. Only by this approach can young families look forward to a future for their children in Maynooth with confidence.

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### I.C.A. NOTES

The October Guild Meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday, 2nd October at 8.00 p.m.

Our President Marion welcomed us all.

Sympathy was extended to Helen Finn and Irene Matthews who were recently bereaved.

Mary McNamara is welcomed on board our Committee. Mary is our Timire and International Officer for '97 - '98.

Margaret gave a report on the different contests. The Retail Jewellers of Ireland have a competition running "Write a Poem" about jewellery, so all you budding poets get moving.

The October Competition was "How long is a piece of String." The winner was Bernie King, 2nd - Mary Halton and 3rd - Betty Farrell.

Badminton continues in the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10.30 a.m.

The Auction was held at the October Meeting as a fundraiser for 2 part-scholarships to An Grianan. The two lucky winners were Nell McLoughlin and Grainne Kelly. It was based on a "Bring & Buy Sale." The excellent auctioneers for the night were Veva Kerins and Kay Burns.

The Federation Christmas Party will be held in the Red House on December 16th.

November is the month we hold our Ecumenical Service of Remembrance for past guild members, family and friends who have passed away. The Service will be organised by Eilis O'Malley who also did an excellent job last year.

The November Guild Meeting & Service will be on 6th November.

May Haren,  
P.R.O.

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

This year we are having our big Christmas night early, on November 18th in 'Loftus Hall', St. Patrick's College at 8 p.m. The demonstrator is Enda Thomson-Phelan, on her first visit to Maynooth. So, looking forward to some beautiful arrangements and lots of new ideas for our Christmas decorations.

#### Competitions that night are:-

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Our A.G.M. was held on October 21st — after copy date. So, full details in December newsletter.

Dates for your diary — December 5th, 6th and 7th. That week-end the club are organising a major flower festival in Carton House. Titled "Christmas in Irish Stately Home".

Marian Finucane will open Festival on Friday 5th December 7.30 p.m. Preview tickets for that evening £8, available on November 18th at meeting, or from committee. Proceeds from Festival for Kildare Hospice. More details in December.

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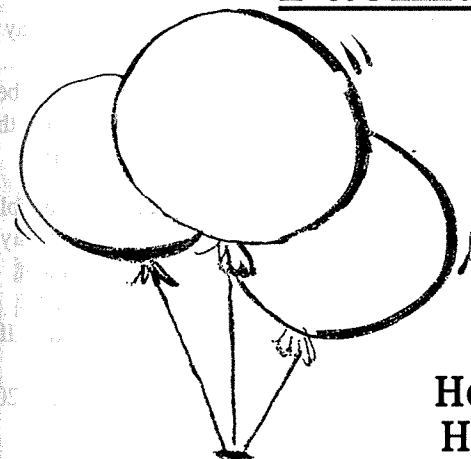
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## MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Our Halloween Party took place as scheduled on Sunday, October 19th. We were joined on the day by our friends from Celbridge who always add to the enjoyment of the evening. Mass was celebrated by Rev. B. Supple and as we are approaching the month of the Holy Souls we offered our Mass for all the deceased members of our club and committee. I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Supple for his time and Sean Ashe and Brian Farrell for their generosity and facility in the Post Primary School. This is a very suitable venue which we appreciate.

We had a visit during the evening by Adi Roche and her entourage. Emmet Stagg, Colm Purcell and Catherine Murphy were there in all their glory. Adi met and talked with all our Senior Citizens which added a little colour to the evening.

Our new curate Fr. John Sinnott also paid an unscheduled visit which was very much appreciated by all.

So you can see it was a full and entertaining evening and an enjoyable time was had by all. This was our first party of our 1997/1998 year and thankfully got off to an exciting start.

Our 'Sale of Work' will take place this year on Sunday, November 23rd (See advertisement on opposite page). As usual we will be selling tickets for our "Monster Draw", outside Quinnsnorth on the two weekends prior to the 23rd.

Our Committee and helpers will be making the usual house calls and once again we appeal to your generosity. Many people will call to your door at this time of year, legitimate

and otherwise, so please make sure you know the caller and that they are genuine. We do not have children selling tickets or lines door-to-door, nor do we leave bags for filling. Generally we have the same people collecting in their own areas each year and unless you are new in the area you will know them. All our Committee members carry I.D. and our helpers carry authorisation. Remember our motto, "if in doubt, check it out!"

Meanwhile please remember the date, November 23rd. This is the most important date on our calendar. The success of our "Sale of Work" determines the services we provide. So come along for an enjoyable afternoon while at the same time supporting a worthy cause. Who knows, it may be worth your while, ..... and sure if it isn't, you'll be content in the knowledge that you made it worth ours.

With winter approaching, may I remind all our older people, especially those living alone to be safety conscious. Many people still like an open fire, and who would blame them, but please remember to keep your spark guard on at all times. By now every home should have a smoke alarm. If by chance you did not receive one, just let one of our committee members know, or you can phone me at 6285206. Lets do our bit in reducing the numbers of house fires.

Finally, we extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Mary Geoghegan, Joe McMonagle, Tim Muldowney and Jack Dowling, all of whom passed away. May they rest in peace.

Josephine Moore.



John with mum Margaret Walshe

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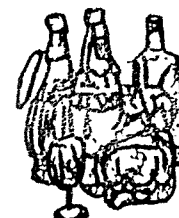
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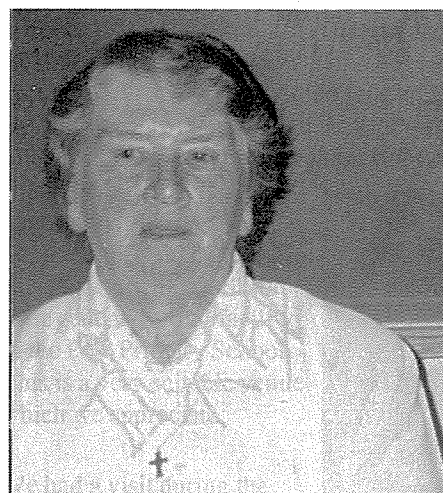
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*P. O'Connor.*



*L-R Emmet Stagg, Adi Roche and Catherine Murphy at the Start of the Cycle.*



*Principal Peter Mullan with the young cyclists*

### MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Maynooth Swimming Club are looking now for new members for our waiting list. Children must be 5 years and over. Our 1st term is now well under way, and will continue until 15th of November. Payments for the 1st term are now overdue, and can be made payable to any committee member on the bus.

*Patricia Moynan*  
P.R.O.  
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*Neil Cusker and John Kelleher - Ready to go.*

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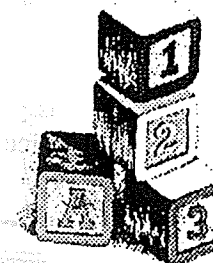
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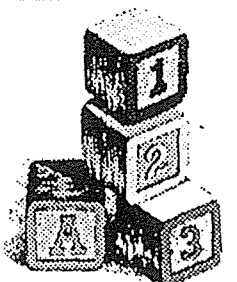


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## Residents' Associations

### BEAUFIELD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

Following the loss of key committee members Beaufield Area Residents Association is set for a re-launch in mid-November. The recent property market boom had a huge impact on Beaufield and has left the Residents Association without a Chairman, Treasurer and key road reps - our longtime Secretary sold up last year. Warmest wishes and many many thanks to those who moved on, or are about to move on, including Dave Hogan (founder member/treasurer), Tom Ball (chairman 1996/1997) and Dave Staunton (longtime road rep.).

Meanwhile, the show must go on and so the Residents Association re-launch is about to happen. Hopefully all residents, old and new, will come along and attend a general meeting (E.G.M) and help build an Association for the future.

Arrangements for the re-launch will issue to all residents in early November.

Finally, the Sportsday Committee wish to express special thanks to T.S.B. Maynooth for their recent kind sponsorship.

*Joe Geraghty.*

### WOODLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Woodlands held their end of year clean up on Saturday October 4th. We want to thank all those residents who turned up and lent a hand. The estate was very well represented at the Bond Bridge Action march with 75% of households represented. Anyone who wants to walk to Woodlands these days is reminded to wear their wellie boots, as the entrance to the estate has been dug up and is in a sorry state, due to the massive pipes and digging equipment assembled there to accommodate the pipe laying on the Rathcoffey Rd. Shame on K.C.C. for not trimming back the hedge on the Rathcoffey Rd, after repeated calls to that office and an undertaking by them to address the problem. Pedestrians have no option but to walk on the road, due to the hedge completely blocking the path in places.

*Padraig O Murchu,*  
(Secretary)

### LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At an open meeting of the Association on 13th August last, much concern was expressed by residents at the number of cars and other vehicles blocking the lanes and limiting visibility at junctions off main street.

A letter was sent to the local Gardai about this problem and we also wrote to the chamber of commerce, as many of the cars belong to employees of business premises on Main Street.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that parking facilities at the Glenroyal Centre are under used and the increased use of these facilities will reduce the problem in the lanes off Main Street. As of this date we have not received a reply from the Gardai or the Chamber of Commerce.

The Association's barbecue took place on Saturday 30th August, at which the 300 draw was held. Congratulations to all winners, 1st. £100, 2nd. £25, and five prizes of £5. Our thanks to all for your support. The barbecue was a great success and a large attendance had a great time.

At a committee meeting on October 8th it was decided to hold a Christmas Dinner Dance and suitable venues are being considered at this time. A further open meeting will be held on 20th October to finalise these arrangements and discuss other matters.

Any residents wishing to join the association may do so by contacting any committee member. The annual sub. is £10, this may be paid in 2 x £5 if desirable. Old age pensioners with no working income to household receive free membership.

*Matt Carroll,*  
Chairperson

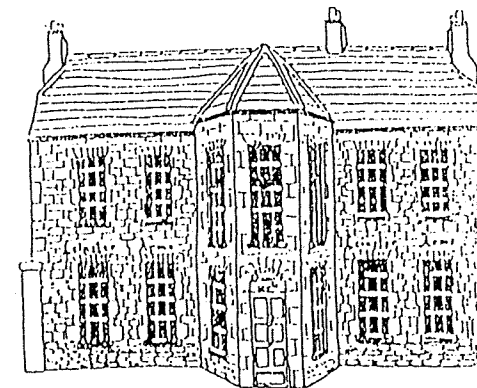
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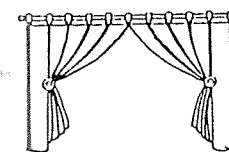
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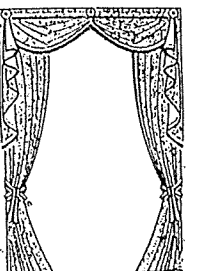
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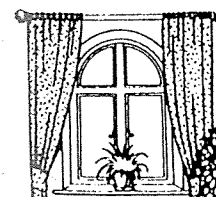
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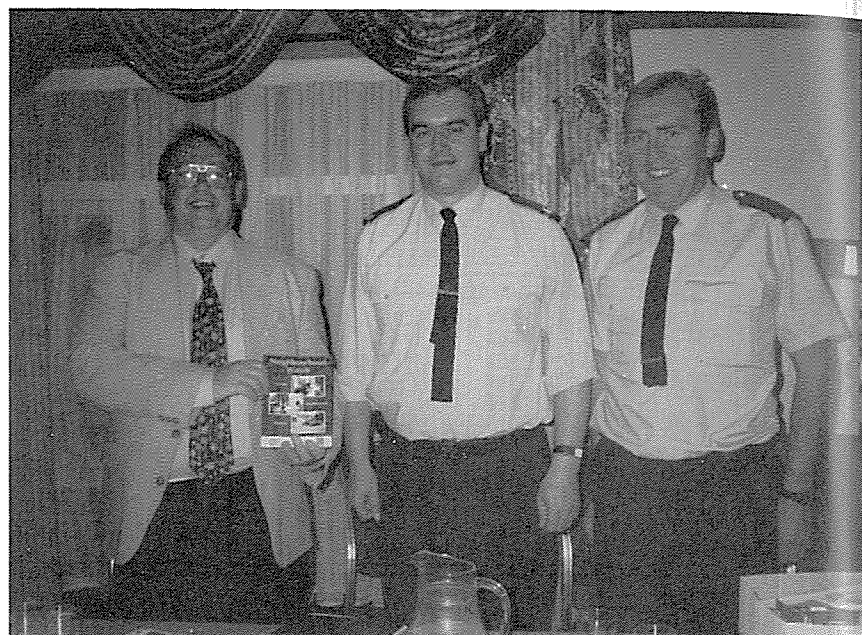
## Residents Association

### CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Since its revitalisation in early summer C.A.R.A. has been very busy. A major estate clean up was carried out early in the summer. This left the estate looking well. Recently a skip was sent courtesy of West Side Waste Disposal and old grass cuttings etc, were removed as these were becoming a health hazard.

C.A.R.A. has now registered with the Garda Síochána as part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. A well attended meeting was held in the Glenroyal Hotel late in August to launch our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Elected to the co-ordinating committee were Tommy Sheehan, Ursula Walsh, Michael Reilly, Seamus Mullins, Susan Corbally, Dermot Bradley and Tony Clinton. Literature has since been distributed to each household and we are in the process of organising markers and signs.

C.A.R.A. would like to wish Samantha O'Neill a full and speedy recovery now that she is home from hospital and on the mend. A big THANK YOU to all who helped maintain our estate over the summer. Well done.



*Neighbour Watch, Cluain Aoibhinn  
L-R Tony Clinton, P. Kearney & Tom Millner*

#### Presentation to Mr. Tom Mullan.

Tom and Maura's many friends and neighbours in Cluain Aoibhinn were proud and delighted to be associated with a presentation to Tom and Maura to mark his long years of service as Chairman of the Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Association. The presentation was made on behalf of the residents by the new chairman Mr. Tony Clinton at a recent function in the Glenroyal Hotel. He said that while no value could be put on the time, energy and commitment so freely and generously given by Tom to his neighbours over the years that it would be remiss of C.A.R.A. not to show its appreciation. A presentation was also made to Ms. Rose Hayes in appreciation of the sterling work she did in keeping the C.A.R.A. finances in order.

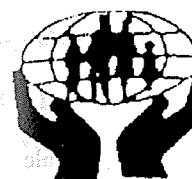


*Rose Hayes, receiving a Bouquet from Tony Clinton in appreciation of her work for the Residents Association*

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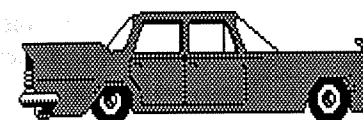
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## HALLOWE'EN IS A MAGICAL TIME FOR CHILDREN

Halloween marks the end of Autumn. The Summer is over but we still have days of warm sunshine. It's the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and the most colourful of all the seasons. The orchard apples and pears are ready for picking. Ripe juicy blackberries glisten in the hedgerows. It is very pleasant to walk along the College grounds and hear the rustle and flutter of the falling leaves spreading their glorious hues of golden browns, yellows and reds. Some of the birds have left us already and the swallows are preparing for their long journey to the warm south. In the morning white mists rise from the fields and canal and in the evening the sky is a mass of colour with the sun setting down over the Kilcock Road.

Hallowe'en is a magical time for children. They dress up and go from door to door singing, dancing and playing. They hold out their bags for offerings of fruit, nuts and barm brack. For us as children in the country we got our hazel nuts, damsons and sloes in the woods. While cycling home we would hear the rustle of the birds and the scurrying of the rabbits in the undergrowth. We would frighten each other saying, "IT'S A GHOST".

My mother had a great sense of Hallowe'en. We sat around the big kitchen table waiting for the big dish of colcannon. For those of you who have never tasted colcannon, it is an experience not to be missed. Curly kale, potatoes and onion are boiled and then mashed. The best bit is the big knob of homemade butter dropped into a well in the middle of your plate of colcannon. Home made butter was made by churning the cream in a big wooden churn. We all took our turns at turning the handle of the churn. Mother made the colcannon extra special by hiding gifts in our plates - a coin wrapped in muslin, a small stick or a rag. These treasures each had its own meaning. The person who got the money would never know a poor day - if you got the rag the opposite would be the case. The colcannon was followed by thick slices of home made barm brack with lots of butter. We all watched to see who would get the ring - then as now whoever got it would be the next to marry.

We didn't have electricity in those days of pre-television Wicklow. Father picked the largest turnip from the pit in the back field. He scrubbed it and carved out a nose, a fearsome mouth and two eyes. In the middle of the head went a hole for the placement of a candle.

Hallowe'en took on a special meaning for us in later years as Nuala was born on All Saints' Day. The following day is All Souls Day. It was traditional for us to attend mass and pray for the Holy Souls. Graves of loved ones are visited at this time of year. Can you remember visiting the church on the way home from school, saying a quick prayer, gaining a plenary indulgence for each visit, nearly knocking down

each other in the rush to get in and out as fast as possible and have the most visits.

Unfortunately the parents of today cannot allow their children experience the same sense of fun which we enjoyed at this time of year. However we can do what we can not to let the old traditions die.

A.G.

## PROPOSAL EXHUMATION OF 48 NUNS AT CONVENT GRAVEYARD

At the time of writing, no license has been applied for by Sr. Frances Crow re above. I understand at this stage the order is still only discussing a proposal, no decision will be taken for some time to come.

All the pages of signatures opposing the proposal have been sent to Sr. Frances via Kildare County Council.

All letters to Kildare County Council are being held on file at St. Mary's Naas. The relatives, friends and past pupils are having Mass/Prayers depending on the weather on Sunday 23rd November at 2 pm to remember our deceased aunts for the feast of the Presentation.

Thank you very much Ken for photos taken at the convent graveyard, many thanks to my friends from the Celbridge writers group for their support, the following lines were penned for me by one of the group, Stuart Lane.

*Hilda Mooney*

Thoughts on Hilda Mooneys Protest  
Against the De-consecration of Maynooth  
Convent Graveyard.

I know you're Philomena's niece  
But you're against "progress"  
If you think "may she rest in peace"  
Means strictly what it says.

Who cares about old convent stones?  
Such things are out of date.  
God's Acre full of saintly bones  
Is just potential real estate.

*Stuart Lane.*

## THE DANGERS OF BANGERS AND BONFIRES!

If you are allowing a bonfire:-

- \* Make sure it is sited on a hard surface away from houses, garages and overhead cables.
- \* Don't use petrol or paraffin to light the fire.
- \* Adult supervision is essential.
- \* Fireworks are illegal and dangerous. Last year 36 children in the Dublin area had to be treated in hospital with injuries from fireworks.
- \* If the bonfire gets out of hand make sure everyone leaves the area immediately and call the fire brigade.

If bonfires are being allowed they should be supervised by adults who should make sure that:

- \* That bonfire is located away from buildings, trees and overhead cables.
- \* Petrol or paraffin is not used to start the fire.
- \* Rubbish which might contain bottles or aerosols is not thrown on to the fire.
- \* The children do not play with burning fragments or stand too close to the fire.
- \* The fire is kept under control.

Also parents should supervise 'trick or treating' by children at Halloween. Older people, especially those living alone, can find repeated knocks on their door after dark, bonfires and bangers disturbing and frightening.

### Firework Top nine Safety Code for Adults

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the bonfire.

Here are the top nine safety tips for adults:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary.
4. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks except when ready to set one off.
5. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw away.

8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

### Pets:

Animals do not like bonfires or fireworks. The flames and noise upsets them. They should always be kept safely indoors. Make sure that they can't get out through open windows and doors. It is best to keep the curtains closed too and it may be necessary to keep them indoors for several nights around October 31st.

### Sparklers

These are often viewed as being harmless but they do burn at fierce temperatures. Sparklers should not be given to anyone under the age of five. To a young child, the heat from a sparkler is equivalent to the heat from a welding torch.

So - Safety rules for Sparklers:-

- \* Never give to young children under the age of five;
- \* Always wear gloves - with sparklers, preferably leather ones;
- \* Hold it at arms length while an adult lights it for you;
- \* Never wave it about near someone else as you could burn them;
- \* Never hold a baby in your arms when you are holding a sparkler;
- \* When the sparkler has finished, put it into a bucket of cold water straight away and leave it there.

Halloween night in recent years has become a problem for fire brigades and a particularly upsetting time for children and the elderly - all stemming from bonfires. Parents should know where their children are on Halloween night so that they cannot hurt themselves or cause annoyance to others.

Bonfires badly sited, inadequately controlled and fuelled by unsuitable materials cause approximately £50,000 of damage each year to public property not to mention the fear and anxiety to elderly people living nearby.

All of the above information was given to us by the National Safety Council.

For further information contact:-

*National Safety Council,  
4 Northbrook Road,  
Ranelagh,  
Dublin 6.*



## Features

### TOP TIPS FOR BETTER RETIREMENT

1. Look ahead : Be ready for retirement; think it all out well in advance; do a pre-retirement course.
2. Have a positive attitude; accept changes in lifestyle; look at the opportunities; get into a right frame of mind.
3. Put purpose in your life; a second career? Cultivate interests and hobbies - preferably with others.
4. Hold your independence; do things for yourself; keep your dignity; don't be patronised.
5. Keep physically active. Be fit for your age; get regular exercise; walk, swim.
6. Watch your health; eat and drink sensibly; no smoking; regular checks; keep well groomed.
7. Plan for security; save; is home now suitable? Reduce risks of accidents, fire or burglary. Make a will.
8. Enjoy your leisure - live by the calendar not the stop watch. Take holiday breaks. Exploit free travel.
9. Help others - start with spouse and family. Volunteer your services but don't be imposed upon.
10. Join an active retirement association. It will help you to have a happy retirement.

The active retirement movement aims to help older people have a full and active retirement by offering organised opportunities for a wide range of activities - holidays, outings and socials; creative and learning programmes; indoor and outdoor sports and community work.

The philosophy is based on self help - doing things for ourselves - to draw on the skills and experience of our own members - to encourage active involvement in our own community.

Groups meet during daylight hours. Membership is open to retired men and women over 55 years.

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## MAYNOOTH SCHOOL RECEIVES EUROPEAN RECOGNITION

Maynooth Post Primary School has been recognised by the European Community as a school of excellence.

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There are 4 more just such schools in Ireland: they are Killinarden Community School (Tallaght), Colaiste Mhuire (Ennis), Kilkenny College and St. Pauls College (Raheny).

The school will be involved in a European Project on self evaluation for the next 5-10 years.

The schools will be expected to evaluate where it is going as a teaching institution in this time period.

Maynooth Post Primary will have to meet with the other 4 Irish schools involved to decide on what mechanisms will need to be put in place for the project to be successful.

The schools will have to decide how to approach issues such as academic achievements, support for people with learning disabilities, social development, the schools link to home and the community among other issues.

Europe will then assess the schools development in these areas.

This project will be jointly funded by the EU and the Department of Education, though as yet, the exact allocation of funds has not been decided.

The Department of Education see this school self evaluation as being a school development planning project.

Maynooth Post Primary's acting principal Sean Ashe hopes that the school's achievement will place it in a better position with the Department of Education to obtain further physical and staffing facilities.

The school has more applications than there are placements in the school so hopefully this project will provide the school with a means of growing bigger if it isn't possible to grow better.

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## Features

### WORLD YOUTH DAY

In mid November a group of young people from Maynooth will meet in Dublin with people from all over Ireland. They will have many memories to share of an unforgettable week last August.

On 17 August 1997 three teenage boys and three teenage girls left Maynooth to catch the ferry to Holyhead. They were joining about 400 other Irish on their way to World Youth Day in Paris. Bishop Brady the auxiliary for Dublin accompanied them. By one o'clock they were on one of the eight coaches taking them south to Dover where they got the ferry to Calais and then on to Paris. As they approached Paris they were given colour coded badges with name and country which they were to wear for the whole trip. Food vouchers were given to keep them sustained. Their French hosts awaited their arrival. They stayed with French families - the Larchers, Guittons and others. They were welcomed to the parish of Jean Baptist de la Salle.

Three hundred thousand other young people from all over the world were making their way to Paris. What a gathering at Port de Versailles. The heat was 30 but plenty of water was available. Nigerians, Australians, Italians, Americans, Irish and every nation under heaven were represented. English and school French were very useful. The badges showed where each person came from and were an instant ice-breaker.

The highlight of the visit was the Pope's visit to the assembled teenagers at Long Champ racecourse. The teenagers slept in their sleeping bags at the racecourse. They were each given a candle to light during the vigil. Andrea remembers the little dots of light everywhere. The Pope stayed with them until 10.30p.m. He baptised ten people. On the following morning he was back again at 9a.m. for Mass. The blessing by the Pope and the shouts of joy from the assembly are fond memories.

The Irish group were made to feel very welcome. Everywhere people noticed their badges. "Irish - we love Ireland" was heard so many times. 17 year old Truriane Guitton and all the others will long remember their Irish guests. When the delegates come together in Dublin this month they will relive moments that they were very privileged to share. Thanks to Nicola Conlon of Moyglare and University College Galway, Andrea Ennis, Fiona Hoare of Dowdstown, Pdraig and Michael Madden of Straffan Way and Declan O'Rourke of Kingsbry for reminding us of an unique event.

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

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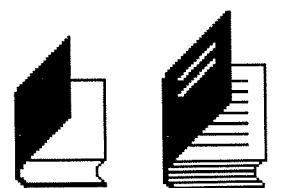
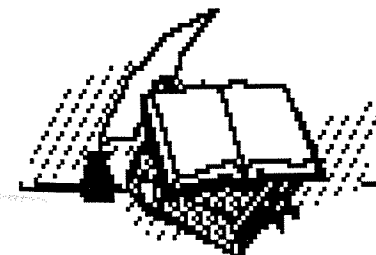
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## OLLSCOIL NA hEIREANN, MAIGH NUAD.

### National University of Ireland

At long last Maynooth receives the recognition it deserves. The Universities Act 1997 earlier this year made Maynooth a constituent University of the National University of Ireland. It now has equal status with Cork, Dublin and Galway as a constituent university of the Federal National University of Ireland structure.



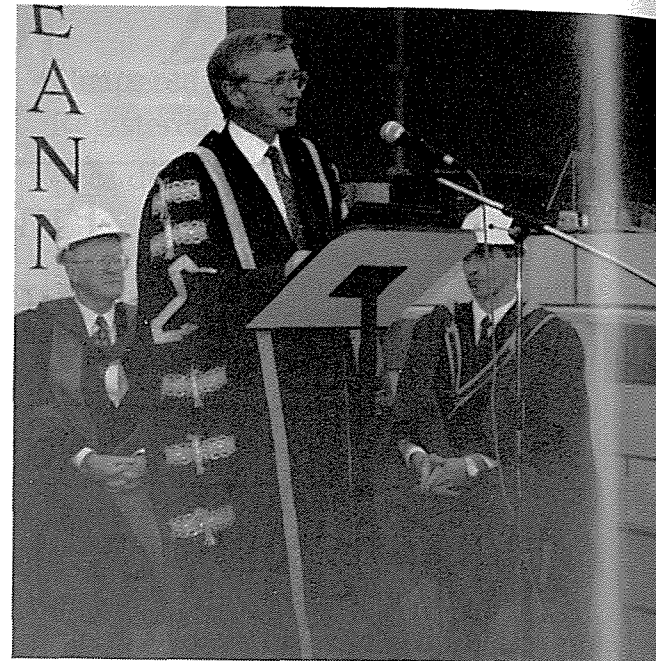
An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern at NUI Maynooth

The Taoiseach Mr. B. Ahern T.D., on Monday 13th October, laid the foundation stone of a new science building of National University of Ireland, Maynooth. It is being built at a cost of £9.6 million funded by a partnership of European Research Development Fund, the National Exchequer and University monies. Its purpose built laboratories and teaching spaces is on a par with the best on offer in European universities and will support 700 undergraduates and more than 50 postgraduates and postdoctoral researchers.

This has been brought about by the hard work of everybody involved in the College, especially the President, Staff and Students.

Three of the departments moving into the new building are Space Technology, headed by Professor Susan McKenna - Lawlor. Her research team and campus company, Space Research Ireland Ltd., produce hardware and software for space missions flown by the four major space agencies. Also Professor M. Quinn (Chemistry) and Professor J. Slevin (Experimental Physics) their research activities extend to Universities and Research Institutes in the USA, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy and the UK.

Part of the Taoiseach's address stated, "I would like to congratulate the President, Staff and Students of this fine institution without whose drive, dedication and commitment



President NUI Maynooth, Dr. W.J. Smyth.

the project would not have come to fruition. Developments here in Maynooth over the past few years have contributed greatly to the economic, social and cultural advancement of the whole country."

He also went on to say, "Ireland is now clearly a world leader in the field of higher education and we must take all

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## OLLSCOIL NA hEIREANN, MAIGH NUAD. Cont

steps necessary to make sure we retain that leading position."

Not forgetting the skill and hard work of the design team behind the project, the Taoiseach gave his, "Congratulations to the Architects, Moloney O'Beirne, Mechanical & Electrical Engineers, McArdle, McSweeney, the Structural Engineers, Michael Punch and Partners, Quantity Surveyors, B. Merry & Partners. The main contractor being P.J. Walls Ltd., who are an I.S.O. 9002 run company and wished them every success with the venture and commented on the high standard of safety used by this company in comparison with the old ways of running sites."

The President of N.U.I., Maynooth, Dr. W.J. Smyth said, "The university through its teaching programmes, research activities and campus companies is well poised to meet the needs of a rapidly growing Irish economy in which the provision of a highly educated workforce is seen as the principle ingredient of success."

On behalf of the people of Maynooth I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the N.U.I., Maynooth and wish them every success in the future and say we are proud to be a part of such an auspicious University.

## MAYNOOTH POST - PRIMARY, TRANSITION YEAR HIKE.

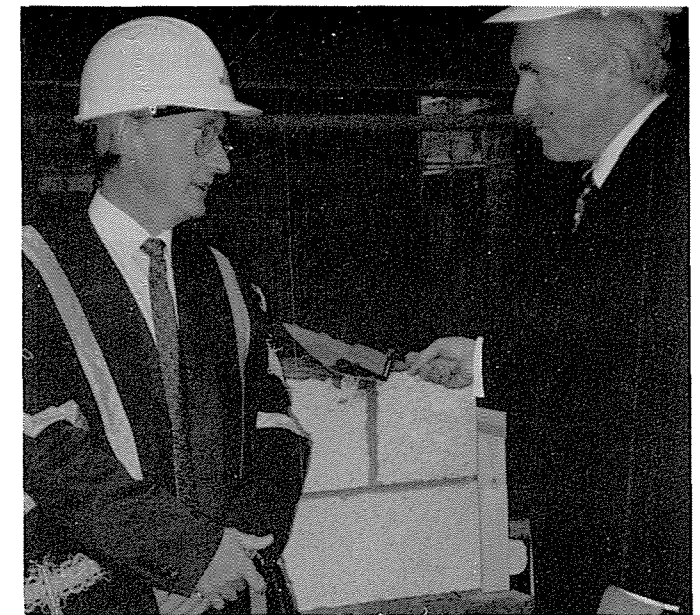
On Friday the 10th of October, the Transition year class of '97 set out on their annual hike up the Wicklow Mountains. Part of the hike took the class along the "Wicklow Way", but of course some detours were made - namely through forests, rivers and up steep mountain - sides! (These detours, we were assured by our teachers were all part of being out in the wilds of the Wicklow Mountains and all part of the fun.)

The night was spent in a youth hostel in Aughavannagh and by Saturday morning some were sore, some were tired, but all were willing to go on one more walk before heading back to Maynooth. We were accompanied on the hike by Mr. A. Dunne, Ms. L. Barry, Ms. Wafer, Ms. McLoughlin and Mr. J. McKeon (who was standing ready after each steep climb, to take photos of our pained expressions.)

Thankfully the rain stayed away for most of the weekend, but had it been around I doubt very much that the weekend would have been much different; everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and got thoroughly soaked to the skin anyway!

Hopefully the fun that was had on the Hike was what this years Transition Year will be all about.

## CAPTION COMPETITION



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## POST PRIMARY SHORT STORY COMPETITION

We are running a Short Story Competition for the Maynooth Post Primary School.

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- (a) The Junior Section i.e. First, Second & Third Years
- (b) The Senior Section i.e. Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Years.

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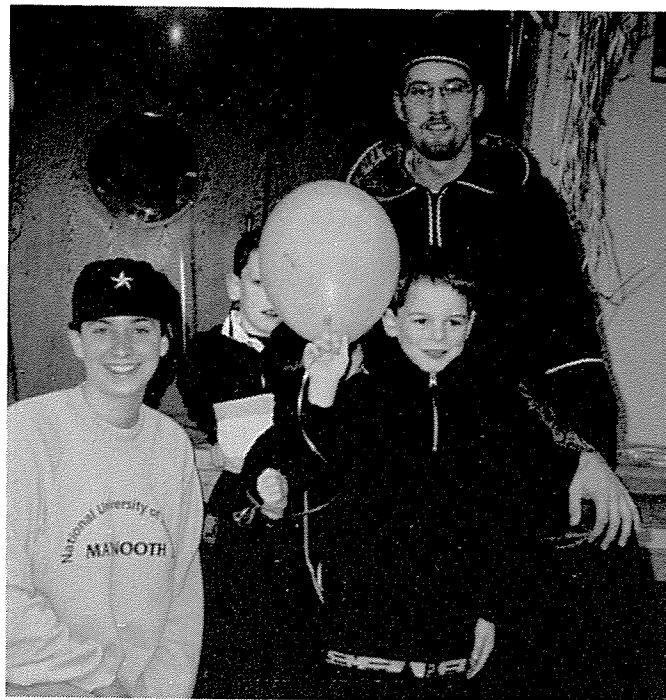
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## Features

### FAMILY DAY NUI

On Saturday, the 11th October 1997, a Family Day was held in N.U.I. Maynooth to celebrate its new University status.

This afternoon of family fun was part of a week long series of events and was an expression of thanks to the local community for their support in the past.



*Enjoying the Family Day at NUI.*

Despite the inclement weather, every child from Maynooth and the surrounding area seemed to be there. The dungeon throbbed to the sound of disco music where characters on stilts discoed with the children, many of whom had multicoloured painted faces. Nearby, crowds queued for free refreshments.

In the sports hall, dance aerobics were in full swing while at the other side of the hall, penalty taking was very popular. Meanwhile, Mickey Mouse and friends mingled with the crowds. In the dome behind the sports complex there were long queues for the bouncy castle and the bungee run.

At the end of the afternoon, there were many happy and exhausted children reluctantly returning home, carrying their balloons. Overall, a great day was had by all.



### KELT WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU.

KELT, the Leader 11 company for County Kildare, is hosting a series of informal clinics in your local area. Details for the Leixlip/Celbridge/Maynooth Area are as follows:

**Celbridge** Tuesday 21st October.  
Venue Celbridge Abbey.

**Maynooth** Tuesday 4th November.  
Venue Glenroyal Hotel.

Clinics will be held from 10am - 12 noon and 4pm - 7pm each day.

This notification represents an open invitation to come and meet us at the venue that is most convenient for you. No appointments or prior arrangements are necessary - just come and meet us.

Our staff will advise you on the range of supports including grants that are available under the Leader 11 Programme.



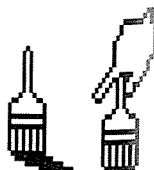
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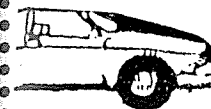
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Within the good Lord nothing wrong  
And to fellow man gave your heart  
A world figure of high esteem  
A humanitarian your nature be  
Now you have died seems like a dream  
And the whole world remember thee

Hounded by the press you suffered so  
Almost taken away your peace of mind  
Despite this dilemma around you  
The prettiest one could find  
Farewell Diana I have to say  
You suffered your share well  
On this mournful time we pray  
Within God your soul closely dwell

In a horrific crash you soon died  
Many who loved you feel the loss  
All over the world wide  
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### MAYNOOTH MAN WALKS IN ARGENTINA

Maynooth man Jimmy Mee from the Moyglare Road, left for Argentina on Wednesday, 8th October. Jimmy and 43 others have undertaken the daunting task of walking 140 miles over a 2 week period in sweltering conditions.

Jimmy is no stranger to the fund-raising scene having walked in 16 charity walks throughout various parts of the world including Australia and the United States.

The charities that Jimmy has walked in aid of to date are the National Council for the Blind, Rehab, and he has also walked in aid of Kidney Research and heart transplants for babies. Jimmy has raised £3,250 for the Irish Heart Foundation.

He has certainly been a great asset in fund-raising for various charitable organisations throughout the past 18 years. Here's to future success for Jimmy and his good works. Well done!

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Fresh is cheaper and better for you and costs much less so why do so many of us opt for the more expensive and not so healthy alternative of frozen foods?

Well the answer is simple, its just that frozen is by far more convenient. You also save on actual cooking time even though you lose on money. Obviously for a vast number of people time is more precious than the pound but for those who believe in being economical read on.

Below is a comparison between the prices of fresh vegetables and frozen vegetables per kilogram.

Vegetables	Fresh	Frozen
Carrots	89p/kg	£2.20/kg
Cauliflower	69p/kg	£2.64/kg
Garden Beans	99p/packet	£2.78/kg
Sweetcorn	99p/packet of 2	£3.30/kg
	Corn-on Cob	

Maybe this is worth a thought!

#### What the People Say!

Of course by now we are all aware of the 5p rise in the price of alcohol. This means nothing to a lot of people but to others it is definitely worth a thought. We decided to ask opinions on this matter from both the public and the publicans of Maynooth.

Paddy, the Manager of the Roost said that in his opinion if you can already afford to drink at previous prices a 5p rise won't make much of a difference.

Des Hegarty, the manager of the Leinster Arms said "that if the brewery keep putting up the price of the pint they are cutting off their nose to spite their face because at the end of the day this increase is not down to the publican but to the brewery". He explained that publicans have been forced into rising the price of the pint as a result of the brewery upping the price of their kegs by £4.40. A keg of beer will contain 88 pints so the price of each pint must go up by 5p to reimburse the publican as he still has to pay his tax to the Government among the other bills he must pay.

Noel Brady, owner of Brady's said "The distillers have been allowed this increase and VAT so the publican has to raise his price to keep his profit margin in line".

Now we'll take a look at some of the customers views!

Ted Connolly said "once they don't stop making it I don't mind".

Gerry McNamara said "a pint should never go over £2 as its the extra 5p that breaks another £1."

Maureen Kelly said "its terrible and disgraceful".

Noel Kenny said "basically this means you can no longer get 5 pints for a tenner and that's sad".

The Camel, a regular of the Roost said he is going to give up drinking.

Many other customers who preferred to remain anonymous have just said "Who Cares? Once it has happened no one will care."

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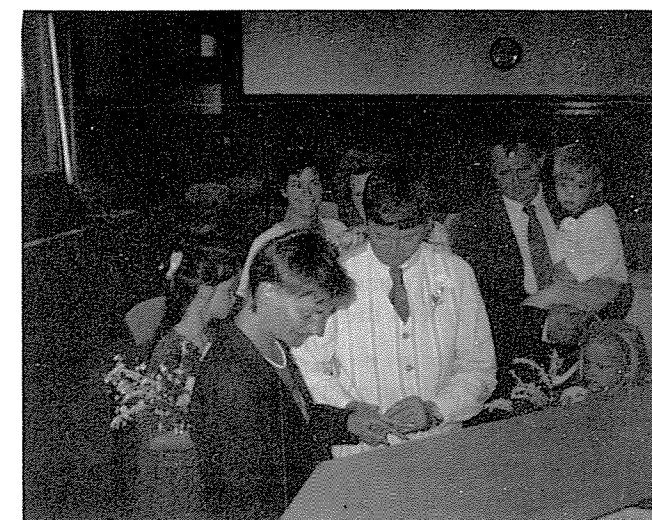
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Rowena Howard-Williams marriage to Mark Medan.  
L-R. Gearóid, Katherine, Joan, Rowena, Mark, Paul, Gerard, Siobhán and Emma.



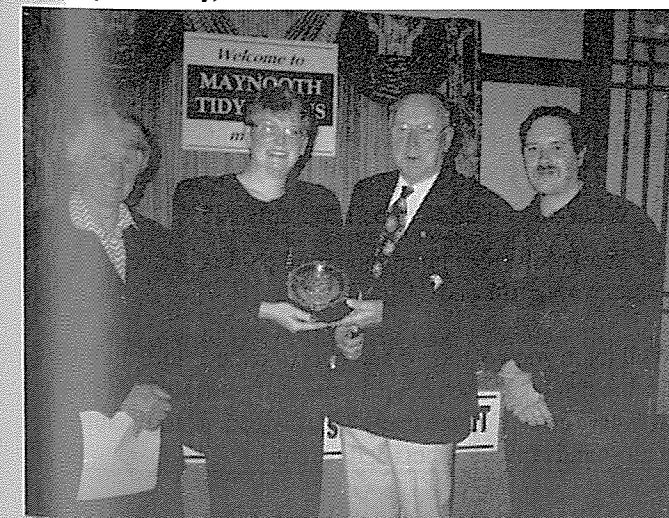
Congratulations to Keith and Bernie Walshe who recently married in Chicago.



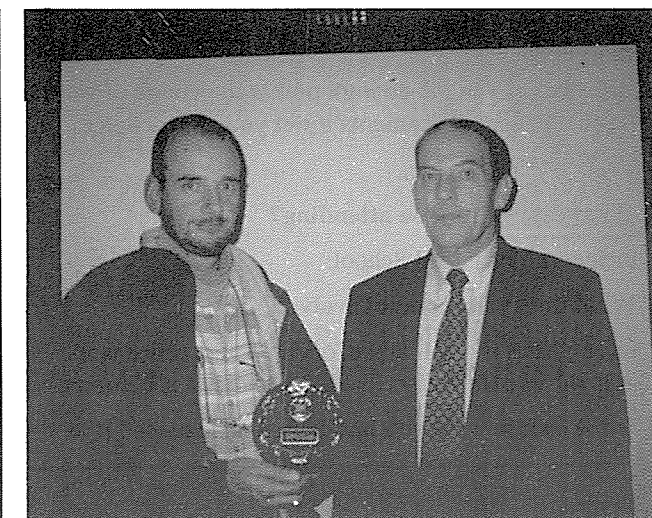
David Stynes, son of Michael and Madeleine Stynes, Moneycooley, Maynooth, Co. Kildare and Yvonne Appleby, daughter of Irene and the late Ivor Appleby, Bishops Island, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork, who were married recently in Fermoy, Co. Cork.



Vandalism in Kingsbry.



Rockfield Residents receiving their Winning Trophy.  
L-R Sr. Mary Anne Stafford, Miriam Aherne, Bob Reilly, Chairman Tidy Towns & Michael O'Brien.



Kevin Freeney receiving the award in the Best Estates Competition, won by Parson St./Lodge/Court with Tom McMullon, Chairman, Maynooth Community Council.



## Features

### COLLEGE DAYS

The leap from secondary to third level education is quite a big step. Well I hear you ask; whats it all about? Who else is better to tell you than those who have experienced it first hand? Here are three students who have just started their college courses. So is it really as nailbitingly scary as its made out to be? We're about to reveal all!

**Name:** Gavin Paisley, Celbridge.

**Q. Were you happy with the results you achieved in your leaving certificate?**

A. Yeah I was very happy with them I honestly didn't think I'd do as well as I did.

**Q. Did you get the points you needed to achieve your first preference placing in college?**

A. Yeah!

**Q. What college are you presently attending?**

A. Kylemore College, Ballyfermot.

**Q. What is the emphasis of the course, what does it involve?**

A. It involves sound technology. We reproduce live sounds or recordings and we become acquainted with all aspects of the media.

**Q. What motivates you in your course?**

A. I've always enjoyed playing music, now I get an all round knowledge of the music industry and how to professionally record my own work.

**Q. What would you usually do to relax after a day / week in college?**

A. I've played the guitar for the last two years so we go to "the studio" and practice with our band. "The studio" is quite relaxed and has a really good ambience.

**Name:** Gerard Aherne, Leixlip.

**Q. Were you happy with the results you achieved in your leaving certificate?**

A. No, I didn't do as well as I had hoped.

**Q. Did you get you get enough points to get one of your preferable college placements if not your first choice?**

A. Yeah, my first choice.

**Q. What college are you attending?**

A. Inchicore Vocational School.

**Q. What does your course involve?**

A. Its emphasis is on all aspect of computers office work and it involves extra things like legal studies and German.

**Q. Is the course what you had hoped or expected it to be?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Is your course a degree or diploma course?**

A. It involves N.C.V.A., City and Guilds and computer driving licence.

**Q. Er.... Computer Driving Licence? That a new one on me whats that all about?**

A. It was introduced by the E.U. and it basically means that you are qualified to use any computer.

**Q. What do you hope to achieve with your third level education behind you when you leave college?**

A. Well most jobs these days involve some knowledge of computers, that the reason I chose this course, so I have a selection to choose from when it comes to the time.

**Q. What do you do to relax after a day / week in college?**

A. Smoke! Socialise, and hang around with my mates.

**Name:** Cyril Baxter, Leixlip.

**Q. Were you happy with the results you achieved in your leaving cert?**

A. Yeah!

**Q. Did you think you would do as well as you did?**

A. No.

**Q. Did you manage to get your preference placement in college?**

A. Yeah!

**Q. What College do you attend?**

A. D.I.T. Singer Street.

**Q. Is your course what you had expected?**

A. Kind of, I hadn't expected the bit on management.

**Q. Is your course a degree or diploma course?**

A. Degree.

**Q. What do you want to do with your third level education?**

A. Be famous - I'm going to leave after about two years and get a record deal

**Q. What motivates you in your course?**

A. The beer promotions organised by the Students Union oh, and there's pool tables down stairs. I'm only going to college because my parents wanted me to.

**Q. What do you do to relax after college?**

A.. Avail of the beer promotions and pool tables, and rush home to my girlfriend.

Well there you go, the ins and outs of college life! Between lectures, going to the pub, partying and generally socialising in every form. College doesn't really seem as frightening as it all sounds from teachers and parents.

Eh... 'ang on lads when do you get time to study??!



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## Video Review

### Romeo and Juliet (12's)

Every so often, a film comes along that just seems to sneak up on you quietly, and then leaves you totally gob-smacked. This is such a film. I mean, after all, Shakespeare in modern day California can't possibly work, it's sacrilege! The Bard would turn over in his grave! However, if you think that you'd be completely wrong. Yes, it's lavish, the way only celluloid can be. Yes, it's risqué but Shakespeare's writing was always full of nuances and innuendo.

Everybody is acquainted with the story of the young star-crossed lovers from rival families, so I won't bore you with going over the plot. Suffice to say that Leonardo De Caprio as Romeo, and Claire Danes as Juliet, are absolutely perfectly cast. The original text has been strictly adhered to, so nothing of the power of the plot is lost. Direction and photography is first rate and would be very difficult to improve upon. This is Shakespeare's finest tragedy, and very few who see it could fail to be moved by it. This movie is definitely destined to be a true classic of the cinema. What more can I say?

**Verdict:** Unmissable!

### The English Patient (15's)

This is the opposite end of the cinematic scale - a big, lavish movie full of ...nothing. It's a beautifully shot, beautifully directed epic, which is guaranteed to bore the pants off you! Ralph Fiennes puts in a sterling performance as the badly burned stranger being cared for by nurse Juliette Binoche in North Africa, during the Second World War.

Of course they fall in love, but things aren't all they seem to be. Or are they? Is good old Ralph a spy or isn't he? Will the pair live happily ever after or not? When he recovers, will they part, never to see each other again? Do you really give a toss?

This is a film that would have been far better as a play on BBC 2. At least then, you could have switched channels and watched something more enjoyable like Prisoner-Cell Block H.

This movie is over two and a half hours long, and will keep you hanging on to the edge of your seat, in case you fall off in your sleep. It's a tribute to the power of publicity how it managed to walk off with so many Oscars.

**Verdict:** Bo-ring!!

### Space Truckers (12's)

It's the year 2094, and Dennis Hopper is the cynical old freight pilot transporting an unknown cargo bound for Earth. His space team is Debi Mazar, the girl of his dreams, and Stephen Dorff, his reckless young sidekick. When they

discover that the cargo is actually an army of killer robots, hell-bent on taking over the world, the fun and excitement really starts.

This film is total ham and cheese, and doesn't pretend to be anything else. It's just great craic! The cast, including cameo performances from Charles Dance and George Wendt, are deliciously over the top. The movie was filmed mostly in Ardmore Studios in Bray, and failed to make any kind of impact at the box-office. Which is a pity because, taken at face value, it's a very good film - full of good, clean, nonsensical fun. And it doesn't take itself in the least bit seriously.

If you've been wiped out by Romeo and Juliet, and your (English) Patient's wearing a bit thin, this is just the bit of escapism for you!

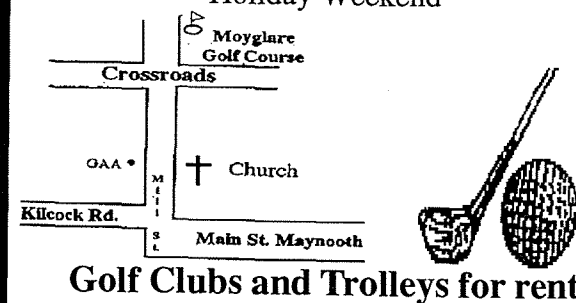
**Verdict:** Excellent - a great laugh!

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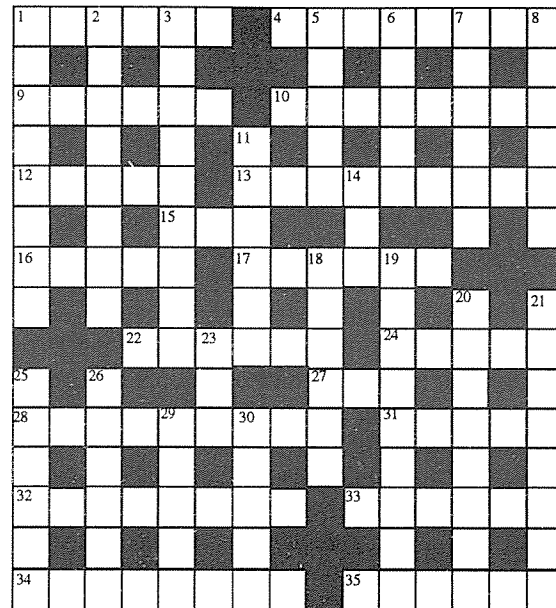
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# Crossword No. 120



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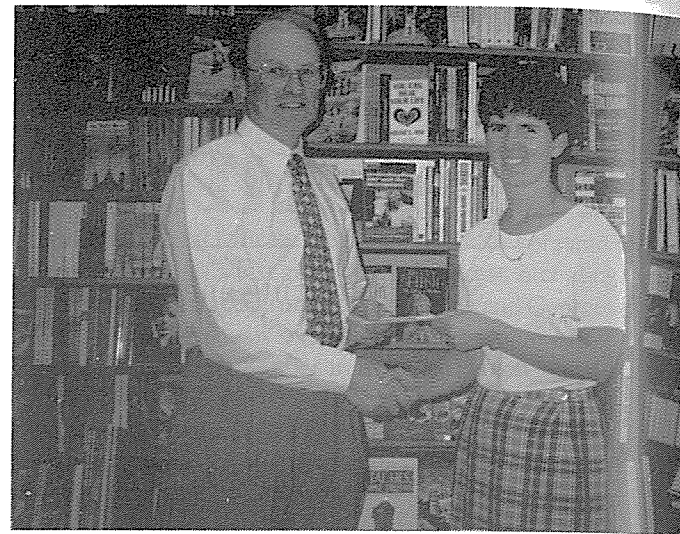
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## Across:

1. Organ (6)
4. Period in the park? (8)
9. Encroach (6)
10. Set free (8)
12. Propeller blade (5)
13. Cloth design (9)
15. Snake (3)
16. Protective clothing (5)
17. Covered avenue (6)
22. Population count (6)
24. Abate (5)
27. Gardening tool (3)
28. Gut (9)
31. Class (5)
32. Transaction (8)
33. Underling (6)
34. Signal (8)
35. Indian region (6)

## Down:

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Motorway access (8) | 18. Edible nut (6)    |
| 2. W.C. (8)            | 19. Order (9)         |
| 3. Stamina (9)         | 20. Approval (8)      |
| 5. Merger (5)          | 21. Outside (8)       |
| 6. Deflect (5)         | 23. Fool (3)          |
| 7. Stationery (6)      | 25. Snag (6)          |
| 8. Smart (6)           | 26. Limits (6)        |
| 11. Horrifics (6)      | 29. Dried grain*stalk |
| 14. Ocean (3)          | 30. Bring upon (5)    |



Apologies to Patrick Healy, 8 Leinster Park, Maynooth, winner of Crossword No. 117 for omitting his photograph from the October Newsletter.



The Winner of Crossword No. 118  
Mary Callaghan, 145 Kingsbry, Maynooth  
being presented with a Book Voucher  
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## Solution to Crossword No. 119:

Across: 1. Impish; 4. Springer; 9. Trepan; 10. Grievous; 12. Glade; 13. Omelettes; 15. Nub; 16. Among; 17. Bereft; 22. Orates; 24. Ahaft; 27. Hag; 28. Reprobate; 31. Range; 32. Universe; 33. Entice; 34. Entrains; 35. Cereal.

Down: 1. Integral; 2. Predator; 3. Scavenger; 5. Purge; 6. Irene; 7. Ghosts; 8. Resist; 11. Hobbit; 14. Lee; 18. Rasher; 19. Fragrance; 20. Jaundice; 21. Ethereal; 23. Alb; 25. Grouse; 26. Splint; 29. Omega; 30. Arson.

## Winner of Crossword No. 119:

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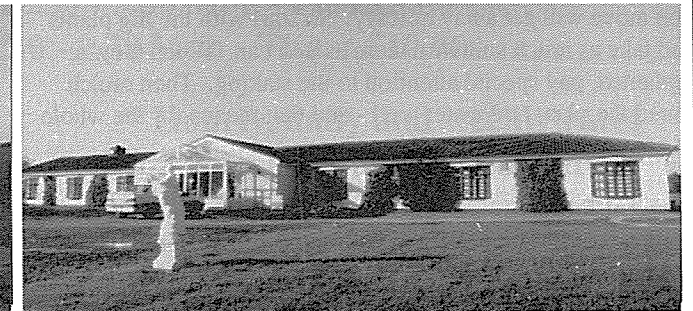
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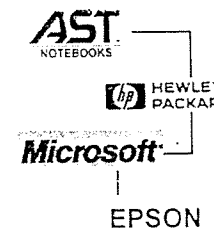
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## Gardening Hints



Some Gardeners say that this is the end of the season, but really it should be looked upon as the beginning. There's no doubt that work done now will lay the foundations for a great garden next season.

Get the digging done, have a really good clean-up, order your seeds, finish new plantings where you can and, above all, go round the borders and correct your mistakes. We all make them and now's the time to put them right.

There's still all the summer's warmth in the soil, so plants that you move will get away quickly. So start with the big plants and take as much soil with them as you can. When they're replanted, pay special attention to the staking. Then mulch round the plant and water well - and that means for the whole of next season too.

### General Tasks

**Bird boxes** should be cleaned of old nesting material which can harbour parasites. Wash them out with boiling water and repair them if necessary. Do this job well before late winter, when some birds will already be prospecting for nest sites.

**Borders** can be weeded and tidied at any time through the winter, so long as the soil is dry enough not to stick to your boots. Cut back the dead stems of perennials, chop them up and add them to the compost heap. Rake fallen leaves off plants, and either collect them to make leafmould or leave them on bare ground to rot down. Dig up and compost annual weeds, but burn or throw away the roots of perennial ones.

**Protect delicate plants** that can suffer in frosty weather, like cistus, fuchsias and penstemons, by tucking bracken or straw around their bases. Don't use peat or compost as these materials hold water and rot the plant.

**Hedgehogs and toads** often crawl into heaps of garden rubbish, particularly leaves, to hibernate for the winter, so check bonfires before setting fire to them. Hedgehogs tend to hibernate in compost heaps, so take a little care as you fork out the compost or turn it. When you're building a new heap, make a deluxe hedgehog home at the bottom: use an old washing-up bowl turned upside-down with a hole cut in the side and, leading from this, a piece of old drainpipe as an entrance tunnel.

### BULBS

**Nerines** and other slightly tender, bulbous plants like *Agapanthus* that remain in the ground all winter benefit from a thick mulch of straw or bark in colder areas. Most spring-flowering bulbs should have been planted by now, though tulips can go in up to the end of the month. Late planting also has the advantage of generally avoiding the disease tulip fire.

### HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS AND ALPINES

**Alpines** with woolly or fleshy leaves dislike winter wet. Cover them with a small cloche or a pane of glass to keep off the worst of the rain. *Lewisia*s really benefit from protection as they detest water lying in their rosettes of leaves - planting them at an angle also helps to prevent waterlogging. Christmas rose (*Helleborus niger*) also benefits from protection.

### SHRUBS

**Hardwood cuttings** taken last year should be carefully lifted and moved to a nursery bed or potted up. Grow them on for a further year before, planting them out into well-prepared soil.

**Protect shrubs** from winter damage. Stake or tie in evergreen shrubs if necessary to prevent them from wind-rocking. Check the ties on all plants are secure and in no danger of rubbing. Mulch rhododendrons with chipped bark or compost to protect their shallow roots from frost damage.

### CHECKLIST

- Continue taking hardwood cuttings of shrubs and fruit bushes.
- Inspect potted bulbs regularly and water sparingly if necessary.
- Feed flowering pot plants weekly with a liquid fertilizer.
- Plant spring bedding and winter pansies by the end of the month.
- Lift and store dahlia tubers as soon as possible.
- Twist off dead indoor cyclamen leaves and flowers where they join the corm: remaining pieces of stem can cause it to rot.
- Pinch out the tips of autumn-sown sweet peas when they're about 10 cm (4 in) high.
- Check that tree ties are securely fitted and in no danger of rubbing.
- Put guards round young trees if there's any danger of rabbit or deer damage.
- Give wild-flower meadows a final cut so that the spring flowers can be seen at their best.
- Drain hosepipes, roll them up and store under cover.
- Lag outdoor pipes and taps to prevent them freezing, drain them if possible.
- Order seed catalogues.
- Clean pots and seedtrays with hot water and disinfectant, ready for next spring.
- Plant garlic by the end of the month.
- Force seakale either indoors or outdoors.
- Lift and force witloof chicory.
- Check stored fruit and vegetables; throw out any showing signs of rot.
- Net brussels and cabbage to protect them from birds.
- Prune bush apple and pear trees, and black currants.
- Stop feeding fish as they'll live off their reserves for the winter months.

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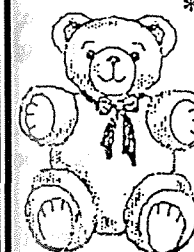
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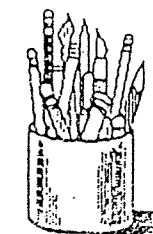


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### Chicken Biryani

Serves 4

275g/10oz/1½ cups basmati rice  
2.5ml/½ tsp salt  
5 whole green cardamom pods  
2-3 whole cloves  
5cm/2in cinnamon stick  
45ml/3 tbsp vegetable oil  
3 onions, sliced  
4 x 175g/6oz chicken breasts, cubed  
1.5ml/¼ tsp of ground cloves  
5 green cardamom pods, seeds ground  
1.5ml/¼ tsp of hot chilli powder  
5ml/1 tsp of ground cumin  
5ml/1 tsp of ground coriander  
2.5ml/½ tsp ground black pepper  
3 garlic cloves chopped  
5ml/1tsp finely chopped fresh root ginger  
juice of 1 lemon  
4 tomatoes, sliced  
30ml/2tbsp chopped fresh coriander  
150ml/⅓ pint/⅔ cup natural yogurt  
4-5 saffron strands soaked in  
10ml 2tsp hot milk/45ml/3tbsp toasted flaked almonds

& fresh coriander sprigs to garnish  
serve with natural yogurt

#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190° C/375°F/Gas 5. Bring a large pan of water to the boil and add the rice, salt, whole cardamom pods, cloves and cinnamon stick. Boil for 2 minutes then drain, leaving the whole spices in the rice.
2. Heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions for 8 minutes, until browned and softened. Add the chicken, followed by all the ground spices, the garlic, ginger and lemon juice. Stir-fry for 5 minutes.
3. Transfer the chicken mixture to an ovenproof casserole and lay the tomatoes on top. Sprinkle on the fresh coriander, spoon over the yogurt and top with the drained rice.
4. Drizzle the saffron milk over the rice and pour over about 150ml/⅓ pint/⅔ cup of water.
5. Cover tightly and bake in the oven for 1 hour. Transfer to a warmed serving platter and remove the whole spices from the rice. Garnish with toasted almonds and fresh coriander sprigs and serve with natural yogurt.

### Tomato and Pumpkin Soup

Serves 4 - 6

1 lb (500g) pumpkin, peeled and diced  
8oz (250g) tomatoes, skinned and roughly chopped  
2 leeks, trimmed and sliced  
1 ½ pints (900ml) chicken or vegetable stock  
4 tablespoons tomato puree  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley  
Salt and ground black pepper  
Grilled bacon bits, to garnish, optional

Put all the ingredients, except for the bacon bits, in a large pan. Bring to the boil, then half-cover and simmer for 30 minutes until the vegetables are soft. Purée in a food processor, but don't make soup too smooth. Spoon into soup bowls and garnish with bacon bits, if liked.

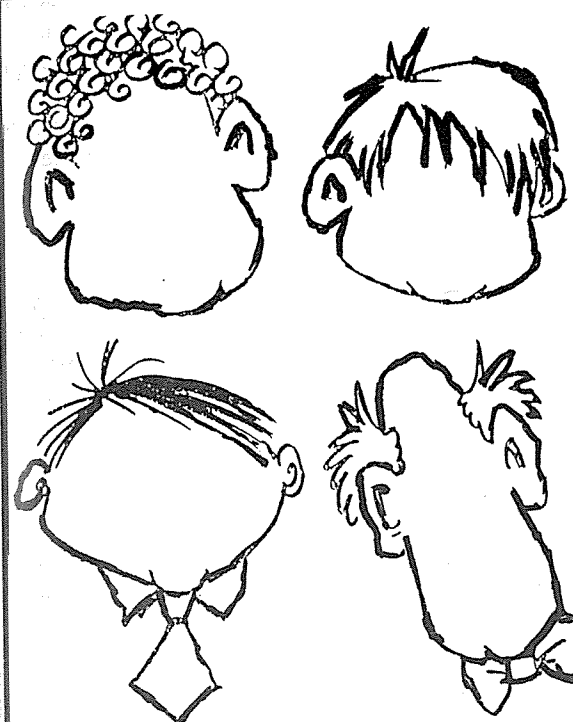
### Orange Rice Pudding

Serves 4

50g/2oz/4tbsp short grain pudding rice  
600ml/1pint/2½ cups milk  
30-45ml/2-3 tbsp clear honey  
finely grated rind of ½ small orange  
150ml/⅓ pint/⅔ cup double cream  
15ml/1 tbsp chopped pistachios, toasted

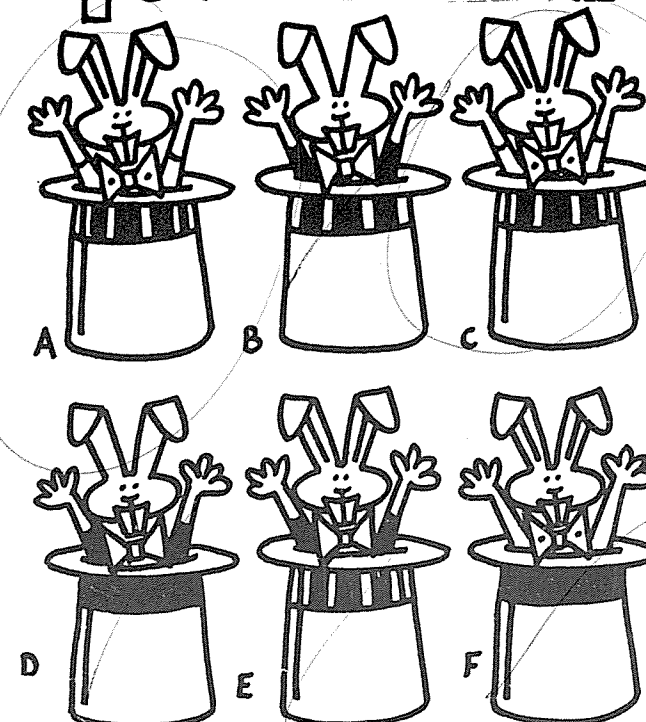
1. Mix the rice with the milk, honey and orange rind in a saucepan.
2. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat, cover and simmer very gently for about 1 ¼ hours, stirring regularly.
3. Remove the lid and continue cooking and stirring for about 15-20 minutes, until the rice is creamy.
4. Pour in the cream and simmer for 5-8 minutes longer. Serve the rice sprinkled with the pistachios in individual warmed bowls.

## Children's Corner

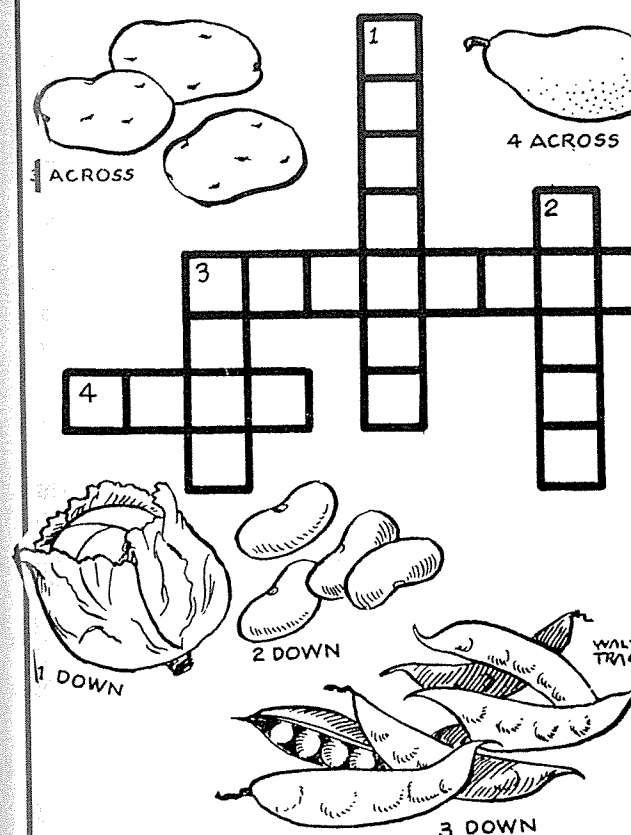


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### Picture crossword



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# Party Political

## FINE GAEL NOTES

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to use the mechanical sweeper to carry out regular sweeping of the approach roads to Maynooth, as well as the Main Street. This should be done at least once every three weeks.

Over the past number of months, Cllr. Senan Griffin has pursued KCC into allocating private sites for those people earning up to £14,000 per annum. The County Council has now agreed to allocate eight sites in Leixlip with the prospect of more coming on line in the future. It is the intention of Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin to work towards making similar sites available here in Maynooth, and in other towns throughout the county so that those in the £14,000 or less income bracket have an opportunity to build and own their own home. The local branch of Fine Gael wish to express their deep appreciation to all those who contributed to their recent collection. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to remove the mound of topsoil / subsoil which is placed along the roadside at the Boy's National School on the Kilcock Rd., and to replace it with a proper tarmac finish, so that adequate and safer car parking can be made available to those parents who have to drop off their school children at this juncture. Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin have also requested that KCC provide the flashing warning lights as previously agreed, so that the Moyglare Rd. is made safer for all school - going children.

### Bond Bridge:

The problems of Bond Bridge are well documented. Both Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin are actively pursuing Kildare County Council to ensure that the funding required from the Dept. of the Environment is made available regardless, be it in the form of a loan to the Council or a direct subvention. This bridge is a life or death issue, and simply cannot be neglected any further.

### Town Improvement:

It should be noted that the Town Improvement Scheme to the Main Street is due to commence during November. The undergrounding of services and improved footpaths will be most welcome, however it will undoubtedly cause major disruption to traffic along the Main Street.

### Barrockstown Waste Facility:

It is the policy of Maynooth Branch Fine Gael to oppose this proposal on a number of grounds. Both Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D. and Cllr. Senan Griffin have lodged objections to Meath County Council and are delighted to learn that planning permission has been refused. It is vital that all residents of the area lodge an objection to any further proposals for this site.

### Mast at the Garda Station:

The Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council agreed unanimously to recommend rejection of the proposal to erect a 100ft mast at the Garda Barracks in Maynooth. The main worry about this proposal is that An Bord Pleanála has been granting planning permission for such masts on a large scale throughout the country, and as a result of this, the Committee has asked the County Manager to take up the issue with the Minister for the Environment.

### Silken Vale:

Cllr. Senan Griffin's following motion re Silken Vale was adopted by the Area Committee of Kildare County Council: "That Kildare County Council agreed to give favourable consideration to an application from the developer for the retention of Silken Vale estate as presently set out. This to exclude the provision of the proposed footbridge across the railway line and the proposed pedestrian access onto Greenfield Lane, subject to completing the estate and providing funds equal to the current cost of the footbridge, and that these funds would be available towards repairs to the existing footbridge across the canal."

### County Development Plan

*Kildare County Council has failed to gain an extension of time for the 1984 County Development Plan. The Minister for the Environment has rejected the current strategy and has requested that it be amended.*

It is with concern that Cllr. Senan Griffin, the local Fine Gael Councillor read in the Labour Party Notes that he himself was involved in a "Con Job" in adopting the current strategy. In a statement to the local Fine Gael Branch, Cllr. Griffin outlined the exact position of his role. He also stated that he has always been upfront in all his actions about the Development Plan, which is in total contrast with those of the Labour Party. Cllr. Griffin also stated that Labour Party Councillors proposed a total of 225 acres of land for rezoning in Maynooth - this is a reality, despite the fact that the Labour Party stated during the last General Election that they, *and they alone*, were the sole voice against what they claim as excessive rezoning.

### Re Carton Avenue:

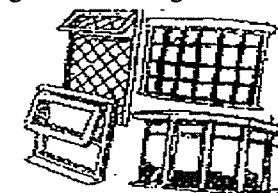
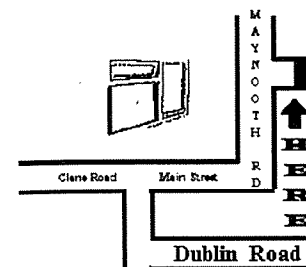
The people of Maynooth should look at the development at Pebble Hill and Lyreen Park at the edge of Carton Avenue. Both of these developments were proposed by the Labour Party, as was the development of Carton Demense. It seems as though zoning, when proposed by the Labour Party, is deemed permissible, but if any other person, or group of persons proposed any other zoning, they are then castigated by them as being "excessive rezoners" and called "Con - Men".

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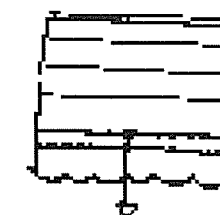
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### THE LABOUR PARTY NOTES

#### DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A special meeting of Kildare Co. Council is being held on the 23rd October to discuss what to do as a result of successive Ministers rejecting the proposals of the majority of Councillors on Kildare Co. Council.

Labour Councillors will propose that we start from scratch and that any rezoning is in line with good planning and reflects the view of the public.

#### BOND BRIDGE

The proposal that Kildare Co. Council takes out a loan to complete the new bridge is on the agenda for the Councils monthly meeting on the 20th October. It was included on the agenda for September's meeting but was not reached. There are two main reasons why Councillors from outside the area should have no problem supporting the motion:

1. It does not take away money from elsewhere in the County.
2. The County Manager has stated that the loan should be paid back from Special Development Levies over four years.

#### THORNTON PLANNING APPLICATION

An application for planning permission for a waste recycling facility at Barrockstown, has been lodged with Meath Co. Council by Mr. P. Thornton.

Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John Mc Ginley have lodged objections to the application on the following grounds.

1. It is inappropriate to locate such a facility in a rural area. There are adequate lands zoned for industrial use in Co. Meath which would be more appropriate for such a facility.
2. The facility will cause a noise nuisance which will seriously injure the amenities of the residents of the area.
3. There is a serious danger that leakage from the process will pollute the ground water in the area.
4. The extra traffic generated by such a development would cause a traffic hazard.

Essentially locating such a facility in this agricultural area would be madness.

#### LITTER LOUITS

North Kildare Auctioneers persist in putting up illegal 'houses for sale' signs despite being told not to do so by the Council. At the Celbridge Area Committee meeting on

October 9th, Cllr. John McGinley recommended that Kildare Co. Council follow the example of Dublin Local Authorities by taking down signs and charging the offending Auctioneers for holding them. The County Secretary promised positive action on this problem.

#### STRAFFAN ROAD LANDSCAPING

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has sought a full report and action plan on the extraordinary waste of tax payers money. He advised the County Secretary that of 63 staked trees planted on Straffan Way, 32 are dead. The success rate has been no better in all the other areas along the road with more weeds than trees or shrubs.

#### PUBLIC CAR PARK

Emmet Stagg T.D. has requested the Co. Engineer to put bollards in place at the exit onto Doctors Lane near the E.S.B. sub station. a number of cars have used this pedestrian way to exit and enter the Car Park thus causing a danger to pedestrians.

#### NEW PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS - STRAFFAN ROAD

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has requested the engineers to position the new pedestrian lights close to the exit from the railway station on the Old Greenfield side. The engineers had proposed to locate the lights at the Glenroyal Entrance. A definite location will be agreed at the next meeting of the Area Committee on the 31st October.

#### CLOSING OFF DOCTORS LANE

The County Secretary stated at the last meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee that he saw no reason why procedures should not be put in place for the closure of Doctors Lane to vehicular traffic at the Dublin Road end. A decision will be made at the next Area Committee meeting when the relevant engineer will present a report.

#### MAYNOOTH PARKING BYE LAWS

Cllr. John McGinley told the County Secretary at the last area meeting to put these Bye Laws on public display in the library immediately.

#### POUND LANE/DOUBLE LANE

Arising from complaints from residents of the area Emmet Stagg T.D. has requested the Gardai to pay particular attention to cars illegally entering the Lyreen Area from Convent Lane and Mill Street.

#### NO LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

There is no land in Maynooth for public housing and in order to rectify this matter Cllr. John Mc Ginley has tabled the following motion for consideration by the Area Committee.

'That land be purchased in Maynooth for housing as a matter of urgency'

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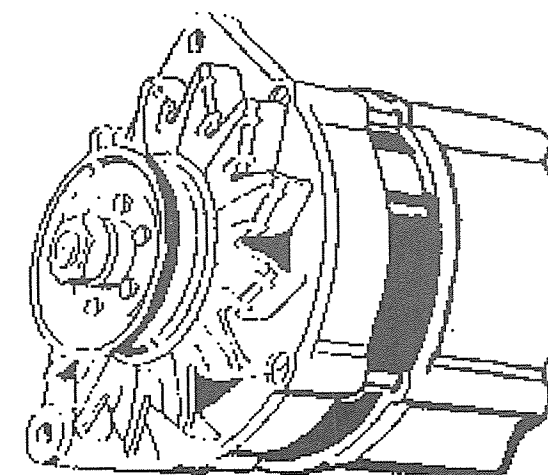
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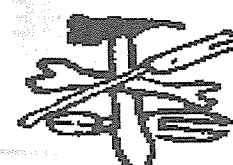
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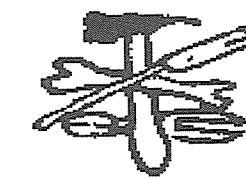
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## Party Political

### THE LABOUR PARTY NOTES Cont.

#### MOYGLARE VILLAGE BOUNDARY

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion to the Celbridge Area Committee.

'That the developer having removed the original boundary illegally, be asked to provide a boundary wall between Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road in the interests of safety'

#### DUNBOYNE ROAD/CONVENT LANE

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion to the area committee.

'That a weight limit be imposed on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, as the "No Lorries" signs have not worked'.

#### PARKING LORRIES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND ESTATES

Up to the 1st October the Gardai had responsibility for enforcing the law in relation to the parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. There continues to be considerable problems for residents caused by such illegal parking. Kildare Co. Council now has responsibility for designating areas where commercial vehicles can not be parked. Cllr. John Mc Ginley has therefore submitted the following motion for consideration by the full Council.

'That the necessary steps be taken by this Council to enforce the law preventing the parking of commercial vehicles in housing estates'

#### MAYNOOTH SIGN ON LEIXLIP ROAD

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has asked the County Engineer to put this sign back in place. It was removed by the Council two years ago.

#### PARSON STREET

Telecom Eireann's contractors Rilmount have made a complete mess of Parson Street as a result of cable laying.

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has asked the County Engineer to ensure that proper reinstatement is carried out. He has also asked him to complete the traffic calming measures that were agreed for Parson Street over a year ago.

#### FAGAN'S LANE PUBLIC LIGHT

Emmet Stagg T.D. has requested Kildare Co. Council to provide additional public lights on Fagans Lane. At present there are no lights between Main Street and the Band Hall.



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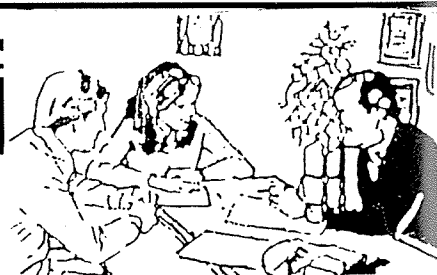
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## MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The season continues to roll along at a nice pace with Senior Results being most encouraging. The Saturday team in particular are having a very impressive spell of late. Having lost their opening game in the league they have now remained unbeaten to date. The Sunday team remain unbeaten in the major division but a number of draws see them trail the leaders by a few points.

### Recent Results

#### Maynooth Town 3 Cardiff F.C. 1

Maynooth went behind in the tenth minute but fought back to gain a comfortable win in the end. Eamonn Dunne helped Town to get level in the 15th minute when he hammered James Delargys cross towards goal which the keeper failed to hold and Federico Bros scored from the top in. Paul Byrne put Town in front in the 67th minute when racing through the Cardiff defence to score a super solo goal. Michael Murphy opened play for James Delargy and the latters cross was hammered home by Anthony Smith to clinch victory.

**Best for Maynooth : Paul Byrne, Joey Dempsey, Dermot Myles and Eamonn Dunne.**

#### Leinster Junior Shield 1st Round

#### National Irish Bank O Maynooth Town 5

It took Maynooth a long time to break the Banks secure fortress. The first half remained scoreless and it looked as if goals were going to be scarce but the second half saw an amazing turnaround. David Leavy opened the scoring ten minutes into the second half after good work by Mick Noone. Colm Carroll saw his shot saved but Stephen Hallinan hit home the rebound. Colm Carroll then crossed for Roger Isern to score from close range. Johnny Thompson scored from the spot in the 70th minute after Roger Isern was taken down. Stephen Hallinan closed the scoring in the final minute with his second goal of the game.

**Best for Maynooth : Mick Nevin, Dave Faherty, Derek Dolan, David Leavy, Johnny Thompson.**

#### Maynooth Town 1 St. James Utd. 1

This was the meeting of last years promoted sides from the premier Division and the clash ended all square after a close game. Only superb goal keeping by the St. James keeper prevented Maynooth from taking the lead indeed from building a healthier scoreline. James Delargy scored a superb goal in the 20th minute from one of his free kick specials. Town had a number of other good chances before "Saints" drew level with a penalty for handball which was hotly disputed. The game swung from end to end but both defences were in top form and neither strike force was able to make the vital breakthrough.

**Best for Maynooth : Paul Byrne, James Delargy and Fergal Barton.**

#### Aston Village Utd 1 Maynooth Town 2

Town were good value for this hard fought win at Malahide. A strong coastal wind was causing all sorts of problems for both sets of players and Maynooth should have reaped better reward after first half advantage. The only goal of the first half came in the 25th minute when Mick Nevin scored from Niall Cullitons cross. Midway through the second half Town broke quickly before releasing the ball to Mick Nevin who raced to the edge of "Utds" penalty before hammering home a superb goal. The home side grabbed a late consolation deep into injury time.

**Best for Maynooth Mick Nevin, Mick Noone, Colm Carroll, Derek Dolan and Anthony Smith.**

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## MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

### UNDER 11's DIVISION A1 D.D.S.L. RESULTS

#### LARKVIEW BOYS 5

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN 4

Our first league match of the season and in the first minute we were a goal down and our keeper injured. Paddy Broughan received a nasty gash to his leg following a brave save, the referee allowed play to continue and Larkview scored. Shaun Doogan deputised between the sticks and Maynooth kept in touch until half-time. Following a re-shuffle at the break Shaun Doogan rejoined the attack and opened his scoring tally for the season with two fine goals. Also on target were Tadgh Moriarty and David Prendergast. With Larkview grasping the winner in the dying minutes Maynooth were unlucky not to come away with a point.

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN 0

#### BALLYOUSTER 2

Our first home match on the Dublin Rd. pitch threw up a local derby. In a pre-season friendly Ballyouster had come out 4:0 easy winners. The lads had shown the benefit of hard training and had enough chances to win the game on the day.

#### ST. COLUMBANS 1

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN 2

Our first win of the season against a very strong side and a tremendous display of fluent passing football saw the three points safely in the bag. Maynooth opened the scoring with Shaun Doogan showing his scoring talents again. St. Columbans levelled the score with a fine strike that gave Maynooth keeper Paddy Broughan no chance. The Town battled hard with some fine defending and quick counter attacking. The winner came from a superb move when John Fleming picked up the ball in the middle of the park. A quick one two cut the home defence in half and Fleming drove an eighteen yard rocket into the top corner to score a goal that would have graced Old Trafford or Anfield.

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN 2

#### TRANSPORT CLUB 1

Sweet revenge for a 3:0 defeat in the cup last season and the Town were never in doubt of the three points despite the closeness of the final score-line. A good all round performance with Cian Walsh, Declan Bambrick and Sean McAllister showing great defensive skills. Scorers for Maynooth were Shaun Doogan and David Baxter.

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN 2

#### SWORDS CELTIC 3

A game Maynooth should have won having taken an early lead through Tadgh Moriarty. Swords scored a good equaliser before Niall Doogan put the Town back in front. Maynooth were well on top through the first half but there must have been something in the water at half-time. A total collapse in the second half by the home side saw Swords score twice to steal the points. The Maynooth dressing room was not a good place to be after such a dire second half performance.

### NOTE TO PARENTS

The under 11 squad has 22 players this season. Had the club known in advance that the numbers would be so large we could have entered a second team into the league. Despite our best efforts we were unable to gain a late entry. This will mean that some players will get less football than we would wish. We would ask all to be patient and encourage the lads to continue training with the team and fighting for their place in the side. If we can keep the full squad together for this season we will enter 2 sides next season and the situation will improve. Please remember that the people running all the schoolboys sides give up a lot of their spare time to look after the teams. They might not always appear to make the right choices but it's not an easy task to be right in everyone's eyes. There has never been a queue of parents to look after teams each year and the managers do their best. The club is working hard to improve the system but we cannot afford Alex Ferguson just yet.

### MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C. WEEKLY LOTTERY DRAW RESULTS

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12/10/97	1, 13, 23	£775	Yvonne Tierney	B.McCullagh	Richard Hughes	Conor Saults	D. Smyth

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**FORTUNE:** The son, daughter and family of the late Bridget (Brid) Fortune wish to thank, most sincerely, all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. Those who attended the removal, mass and funeral, sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. Supple P.P. Rev. Fr. Owen Tyne, Dr. Maurice Cowhey and colleagues and the many nurses for their support during mammy's illness. Sincere thanks to kind friends and neighbours. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

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Deepest Sympathy to the son, cousins, relatives and friends of Lorraine Lindsay (Nee O'Neill), Greenfield, Maynooth.

Deepest Sympathy to the sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Betty (Babs) McGarry, St. Mary's Road, Ballsbridge, formerly of Ladychapel.

Deepest Sympathy to the daughter, sisters, son-in-law, sister-in-law, grandsons, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of John (Jack) Dowling, Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

### BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes to Jamie Troy of Avondale, Leixlip who will be 17 on 31st October and to sister Stephanie who will be 10 on 17th November from all your family and friends.

### APPRECIATION

I would like to thank all the residents of Cluain Aoibhinn who gave my wife and myself such a great surprise at the meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel recently. It is with great pleasure I accepted all the good wishes I received and the fantastic gift of travel vouchers and the bottle of Mountain Dew.

Maura and myself will be taking advantage of those in the near future and whilst I am lying in the sun I will be thinking of you all.

Again my thanks to everyone and I look forward to getting back to normal over the next few months.

Tom McMullon

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