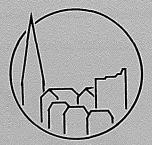


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Walking around Maynooth, what is your general impression of the town? Well, on July 19th this year the Tidy Towns adjudicators visited Maynooth and in assessing their general impression of the town we scored just 4 out of 10 and once again our overall mark at 162 out of 300 is low-by national standards.

But first of all we have to compliment the Tidy Towns Committee and their Community Employment Scheme workers who have made valiant efforts over the past few years to improve the town's appearance. The committee are a group of volunteers who give freely of their time to a cause which, at time, must look like an uphill struggle. Every Sunday morning they are to be found cleaning up the litter on the Main Street. This is not a job for which there is a queue of volunteers. Each year Maynooth's score in the Tidy Towns Competition has edged up by a few

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aspirations have not been matched by a presence on the ground. The people of Maynooth, businesses and residents, must also take responsibility for our environment. It is, perhaps, fair to suggest that at a time when commerce in Maynooth is booming some of our local businesses have been less than inspiring in presenting their premises or in controlling litter in their immediate vicinity. The Cattle Mart and Maynooth Shopping Centre certainly form a very poor impression as one approaches the town on the Dublin Road. As residents we must also take responsibility for the untidy state of our streets and roads. Sweet papers, cans, plastic bags, crisp packets don't materialise from thin air. They are thrown away by us and our children. Maynooth as a town deserves better.



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#### **DIARY DATES**

Kildare Local Development Agencies Meetings, Tue Oct 7th: St. Mary's G.A.A. Hall, Leixlip at 8pm.

Tue Oct 14th: Celbridge Abbey at 8pm. Tue Oct 21st: Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.

Sat Oct 11th: Maynooth Band Open Air Recital at

Maynooth College.

Sat Oct 11th: N.U.I. Maynooth Family Day at 2pm - 5pm. Sun Oct 12th: Maynooth Athletic Club (First Race Cross Country Season) in Edenderry.

Tue Oct 14th: Presentation Parents Ass. A.G.M. at 7.45pm. Tue Oct 14th: Maynooth Post Primary School Parent/

Teachers Ass. A.G.M. New School Hall at 8pm.

Wed Oct 15th: Tidy Towns Estate Presentation in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm.

Sun Oct 19th: Senior Citizens Halloween Party in the Post Primary School.

**Tue Oct 21st:** Maynooth Flower and Garden Club A.G.M. in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College.

Sat Oct 25th: Golf Society Outing in Edenderry.

Wed Oct 29th: I.C.A. Trip to An Grianan

Fri Oct 31st: Maynooth Band Halloween night in the Glenroyal Hotel, 10pm - 2am.

Sat Nov 1st: Parklands Estate, Halloween Fancy Dress Party in the Glenroval Hotel.

Fri Nov 7th: Scoil Uí Fhiaich, Fashion Show.

#### **EDITORIAL**

Think of students in Maynooth and you think of the words of the song paraphrased as follows: We go there and they come here. What is Maynooth like when the students are away well it is like any similar town of its size. In the mornings the road is full of people going to work, to the shops, to Mass. Neighbours meet over their garden walls; the children play on the greens. Indeed over the past Summer much talk centred on would they or wouldn't they and after the third Kildare - Meath match why, why, why??

Well October is here and some come here and some go there. To all the Maynooth third level students going away we wish you every blessing with your chosen field of study. To the students coming to Maynooth for the first time or returning we say welcome. It is great to see so many new faces - all eager to see what Maynooth has to offer. Well Maynooth has a lot to offer. For those young people from Maynooth fortunate enough to get a place in Maynooth University it must be the only town in Ireland where you can begin in the Infant class and go through second level and on to University without leaving the same small area.

What is Maynooth like after Sunday 28 September? It is like any similar town of its size if the population doubled overnight. In the morning the road is full - very full of people - going to work, to the shops, to Mass and of course to college. The weather is cooler so neighbours don't meet as much over the garden wall. The children are well settled back at school. In the streets one can hear "What are yours like - mine are lovely". The first year students may be wondering what all that is about - well it is about you!!! Your likes and dislikes are very important to your hosts.

Sometimes, though, all is not as it should be. Children of Maynooth need their rest just as all children do. Workers of Maynooth have to get up for work in the mornings whether or not a party has been going on next door into the small hours. Being a good neighbour here is the same as being a good neighbour anywhere else - consideration for other people in your locality is the essence of good neighbourliness. The same also applies to all the Maynooth young people going elsewhere. You are taking a step into your future and we wish you well.

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### **Letters To The Editor**

#### **RE: BOND BRIDGE**

Bond Bridge and Parsons St. are recognized as hazardous to motorists and pedestrians. The addition of an extra 200 houses along the Rathcoffey Rd. will result in an increase in the motorized and pedestrian traffic using the bridge and road. This will significantly increase the hazards for pedestrians and cyclists.

The present access to the motorway for traffic coming from Rathcoffey and the Newtown area is via Bond Bridge. Parsons St. and Main Street. Every effort needs to be made to identify an alternative route to the motorway which will route this traffic away from the Main Street.

To address these issues I would like to suggest the following:

- 1. Restrict the area from the entrance to Meadowbrook to the entrance to the College at Parsons St. to one way into the village from Newtown/Rathcoffey. Traffic from the village would be routed via Old Greenfield and Meadowbrook.
- 2. A footpath/cyclepath for pedestrians could then be constructed on the bridge at Parsons St.
- 3. An alternative road, routing traffic out of the village should be constructed parallel with the motorway along the sterile corridor linking the Rathcoffey Road with the Straffan Road.

This would have the advantage of:

- Allowing pedestrians and cyclists use Bond Bridge safely
- Low cost (Parts 1 & 2)
- Routing traffic out of the village onto the motorway
- Saving Bond Bridge which is over 200 years old.

Padraig Ó'Murchú, Woodlands Resident

#### REST IN PEACE Provided you're not in the way!

Q. When is your last resting-place not your final resting-

A. Why, when it gets in the way of so-called progress, of

The Celtic tiger is on the march; onwards and upwards, and why should the graveyard of a few dead nuns be allowed to halt his charge? This seems to be the cry from those people to whom profit is everything and respect is nothing. After all, you can't lodge respect for the deceased in the bank and watch the interest accumulate.

For almost a hundred and seventy five years the nuns of the Presentation Order have lived, worked, taught, cared for the community and even provided employment, here in Maynooth. Now, in an almost sacrilegiously callous move, the tiny cemetery that was to have been the last resting-place for the fifty or so deceased members of that Order is to become a building site. Oh yes, their remains will be removed and re-located elsewhere with all due reverence!

But how do you un-consecrate or de-consecrate consecrated ground? Will the new site have fifty separate graves and headstones? Or will we have a mass grave into which the remains (or as much of the remains that can be found) will be placed, with a single marker inscribed with the usual platitudes, to keep relatives and friends happy! It is a ridiculous notion to think that a cemetery that pre-dates the Famine can be moved and re-sited with any degree of success or reverence.

The Provincial of the Order stated that the move had the support of all but one or two of the relatives of the deceased nuns. This statement has since proved inaccurate. It has also been stated that the new grave site in Laraghbryan would allow the graves to be better maintained and provide better protection against vandalism. This statement is highly questionable, as anyone who has ever seen the handiwork of some of our young citizens will know. A high stone wall surrounds the present cemetery with a strong iron gate for access. Local FAS workers have volunteered to undertake the upkeep of the present site, so improved maintenance is not relevant. In fact there is no argument in favour of the proposed move other than a developer wants to use the plot for building purposes. I wonder how many people will buy their house or apartment knowing that it's built over a graveyard, or will a potential developer keep that information to himself until the deal is finalised. Guess!! I maintain that prospective purchasers should be told..... Maynooth in recent times has become very aware of its heritage and history. We have St. Patrick's College, Geraldine Castle, Carton Demesne etc. and lately we have had erected a monument to the members of this community who took part in the Easter Rising. However, I maintain that the seemingly insignificant little

convent cemetery is just as important to the heritage of Maynooth as any of these. I would strongly urge everyone who believes there are some things greater than pure profit, to be seen to oppose this ghastly plan.

Christopher Kavanagh



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### **Community Council Notes**

#### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES**

### Maynooth-Self determination and devolved power in 1998

A letter from Mr. Noel Dempsey, The Minister for Environment, has confirmed that he is to publish the Government's proposals for local government reform early next year. The long awaited reforms will be particularly awaited in towns like Maynooth. The Community Council has consistently lobbied for Town Commission status over the last ten years without success.

However, Mr. Dempsey has indicated that his proposals for the reform of local government will include the creation of Town Councils, for towns with a population in excess on 7,500 inhabitants. All members of Dail Eireann representing Kildare North have pledged their support to Maynooth in the ongoing quest to achieve devolved local power.

#### Kildare County Council confirm neon sign is illegal

Kildare County Council has written to Maynooth Community Council confirming that they have asked the owner of a fast food outlet to remove an illegal neon sign at his premises in Main Street. Maynooth Community Council office has received a large number of calls from the people of the town objecting to the sign.

Our September meeting unanimously passed a proposal that the Community Council write to the businessman outlining the views expressed to the council and asking him to remove the illegal sign.

### Community Council express best wishes to Mr. Tom Ashe

Community Council Secretary, Ms. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain led the many tributes paid to Mr. Tom Ashe who retired as Principal of Maynooth Post-Primary School on the 1st of September last.

#### Sympathy expressed to the family of P.J. Bennett

Mr. Tom McMullon, Community Council Chairman, paid tribute to the late Mr. P.J. Bennett for his work in the community. Mr. Bennett died at the end of August.

#### **Community Council Resignations**

Ms. Eileen Dunne from Kingsbry has resigned following her involvement over many years as both a councillor and as a worker. The council was informed that Ms. Dunne is leaving Maynooth to move to Kilkenny. Due to pressure of work Ms. Mary Carter has also resigned as a member for Parklands.

#### Community Council Vice-Chairperson steps down

Community Council members were surprised when the secretary informed the September meeting that Ms. Liz Stoll was stepping down as vice-chairperson in advance of the

AGM. Ms. Stoll is the chairperson of Parklands Residents Association and secretary of Maynooth Planning Alliance, she became Vice-chairperson in April 1996 and will continue as a member of the Community Council. Chairman Tom McMullon thanked her for her work during two terms as Vice-Chair and looked forward to her continuing contribution as a council member.

#### **Bond Bridge dominates Community Council Meeting**

A broad discussion took place at the September meeting regarding the ongoing campaign to have Bond Bridge realigned. Bond Bridge Action Group Chairman and Meadowbrook Resident, Mr. John Doogan outlined the saga of the ongoing revision of the costs involved in completing this work.

### Community Council object to ESAT Mast in the centre of the town

Maynooth Community Council has formally objected to the building of a thirty metre mast at Maynooth Garda Station. The Council were advised that the objection must be based on purely planning grounds. The September meeting felt that the erection of this mast would be inconsistent with ministerial guidelines issued last year and is inappropriate for the town centre.

#### Proinnsias Breathnach recovering after illness

On behalf of the Community Council, colleagues and students in NUI Maynooth and his many friends in the town, we wish Proinnsias Breathnach best regards for a speedy recovery after a recent operation. Proinnsias was instrumental in setting up the Community Council and was its first Chairman.

Paul Croghan P.R.O

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### **Community Council Notes**

#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

#### Traffic By-Laws should go on display

October 1st 1997, has finally arrived when we were promised that the traffic by-laws were expected to go on public display. Traffic, just like the weather is the subject that dominates conversations between the people in the town. It is important that the by-laws take account of the needs of the vast majority of the people who live in the town. It is useless if the needs of a small number of interests render these new traffic restrictions useless. Improved traffic flows will have to be the result of the by-laws and if that is not the case we should not bother going through the process to implement them.

#### Improved Train service back on the agenda

The need to double the track between Clonsilla and Maynooth is apparent to everybody and many people believe that plans are in place to complete this work. You will be aware that through this column we have kept you informed of the progress on this matter. The last official position is that the doubling of the track was part of an overall project costing £38m which included other work to improve the service. This proposal was put to the E.U. Commission last year. A group representing commuters from all the towns on the Western Suburban Line met with Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, Minister For Public Enterprise in September to review progress.

The Maynooth Survey 1996, showed that over 14% of commuters travelling to Dublin daily use either a bus or train service, leaving over 85% to use private cars.

#### Carton Avenue and Harbour Area- Public Parks or Private Party Areas

The lack of public amenity areas in Maynooth is a subject on which much agreement exists and indeed some of the most natural amenity areas around the town continue to come under development pressures. What is the point of enhancing natural amenity areas when the existing public amenity areas are frequently used as private party areas by groups of people consuming lagers and beers and making it uncomfortable for other people to use for a pleasant walk. It is untrue to say that drinking in public is the preserve of students or teenagers, evidence of recent visits to Carton Avenue shows that people drinking there should be doing so at home or in one of the pubs.

#### Proposal to erect ESAT Mast at Maynooth Garda Station

An application to erect a 30 Metre ESAT mobile phone mast at Maynooth Garda Station was lodged with Kildare County Council on the 21st August last. The proposal is in line with similar applications throughout the Country, following an agreement between the Gardai Authorities and ESAT Digifone. The location of the Garda Station in the centre of the town means that health considerations aside, this mast

would be very obtrusive. The following are the main reasons for objections to the mast:

- The serious impact on the amenity value of Maynooth's Geraldine Castle soon to be restored.
- Contrary to the 1985 Maynooth Development Plan.
- Conflicts with the 1996 Ministerial Guidelines on the location of masts, which recommends that masts should not be erected close to residential areas or schools.
- The erection of the mast would be inappropriate to the town centre.

Similar applications have been made for both Celbridge and Kilcock Garda Stations.

Paul Croghan Chairman

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### **Community Council Notes**

#### **TIDY TOWNS**

The following is this years report on Maynooth's entry in the Tidy Towns Competiton,

#### **Overall Development Approach**

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map. The FAS/Community Employment submission was very interesting. The surveys are to be commended and points such as the rapid growth of Maynooth must be taken into consideration in all future plans and requirements for the town. It was good to note that those who were asked to participate in the survey were interested to do so and that quite a number of positive points about Maynooth were forthcoming. The information in this submission will contribute significantly to your 3-5 year plan which is now required for the competition. Much work has been completed and well done with it. It is important that all newcomers to Maynooth are aware of your objectives and plans and contribute in their own way to the well being of the town.

#### The Built Environment

The Pitch and Putt course was well presented. The Motor Factors, Regan's, Maynooth Curtains and Paddy Power's were all well presented on the main street as were Hula Bou and the Pepper Mill Delicatessen. The stone wall outside the Cemetery on the N4 looked well - the adjudicators look forward to it becoming home to some vegetation. Maynooth Credit Union looked very well and Centra Supermarket was being newly painted. A few hanging baskets would look well on the few shops at Just Gifts and the Bookshop. Some bright red hanging geraniums would set off well against the brown/grey stone of the Glenroyal Hotel. The trees behind the Glenroyal are under stress - many are poorly and need replacing. The railings and wall of the school on the Moyglare road required repainting and weeds needed to be removed from the playground yard. The Parish Hall had weeds at the base of the fence. Moyglare Nursing Home was well looked after as was the GAA ground. Caris Communications and Divine Missionaries had some nice landscaping. The front of the College was well maintained as usual - well done. There was also some nice planting opposite. St Mary's Church of Ireland has been tidied up. The pump on this road could do with a coat of paint. The Garda Station looks extremely well as usual and the Fire Station and Health Centre were fine though again some weeds lurked in corners. Greenfield Shopping Centre could be brightened up. The train station was reasonable and there was some nice planting. The bridge needed to be repainted. Quinnsworth really needs to make an effort with some planting/baskets.

#### Landscaping

Many of the areas around Maynooth look well, especially some of the housing estates and the College. Individual landscaping is good in many cases; however a more coordinated approach is required. Maintenance of trees is important. Side shoots should be removed and make sure

they are not being strangled by tags which are too tight. Grassy areas where the bus turns off the Straffan road badly needed attention as they were very long and unkempt. The grassy area at the Celbridge road and down the Celbridge road was very unkempt.

#### Wildlife and Natural Amenities

The canal is a superb amenity area. The canal amenity is well done - new placards and boards required to inform what is in the canal. The water looked reasonably clear and small fish could be viewed quite easily. Swans and moorhens were vying for crusts of bread! There is still scope for more tree planting. Small plants will inhabit the new walls and will give a more natural look. Carton estate is also a haven for wildlife, as are the grounds of Maynooth University. A number of habitats could be created around the town. It is an ideal project for all levels of students and having a large number of third level students in the town should allow for initiative in developing these areas.

#### **Litter Control**

There was a scattering of litter on the Moyglare road and at the entrance to the College Campus. Many of the estates were free of litter - some though also had a scattering of litter. There was no evidence of litter bins in the car park area.

#### Tidiness

The centre of the town was quite tidy. Many of the estates were also tidy. Due to the grassy areas and weeds in gutters and the uncut grass in many of the grassy areas, the appearance on the approach roads was untidy.

#### Residential Areas

The Convent apartments were nicely maintained. St. Paul's looks well. In Moyglare village, there were weeds in guttering and at base of trees. A lot of landscaping was being carried out in Moyglare Abbey. Woodlands, Cluain Aoibhainn and Newtown Court were among those that were well presented though there were still some houses in Newtown that needed some attention. Fencing around Newtown Shopping Centre needed to be mended. Parson Lodge and Parson Court were well presented. There are many green areas in the housing estates; these should be considered as areas for use for children's facilities as well as landscaping. Rockfield estate was well maintained though some dead trees required replacing. The estates along the Celbridge road were generally well kept. Trees need to be looked after. The stream area in the estate at the end of Old Greenfield is a missed opportunity. This could be very pleasant with some cleaning up and some planting. The houses along Old Greenfield were generally well presented though the road needs resurfacing. Castlebridge was well landscaped though tree maintenance is required here. Interesting to note that there are no litterbins. The green amenity areas are vast and a grove of trees or area of managed wildflowers would look very well. Birdboxes are another suggestion.

### **Community Council Notes**

#### Roads, Streets and Back Areas

The approach road from Dunboyne needed some cutting back. The N4 to Kilcock required cutting back also. The Moyglare road also had quite a number of weeds in the gutters. Congratulations to Moyglare Stud for their litter bins and well cut back areas. There are a lot of weedy areas on the Clane road and also on the Celbridge and Straffan roads. This created an untidy appearance. The back street areas were reasonably well kept, but some weeds needed to be removed. There is some nice landscaping and planting at the canal on the Dublin road, but there was some litter on the Dublin approach road. I couldn't locate the sign for Maynooth despite travelling up this road several times.

#### **General Impression**

Well done on the work carried out in the past year especially down at the harbour area. Many of the shop premises should be proud of their presentation as should many of the estates. The approach roads require attention and unfortunately

because of the large number of weeds in the gutters and at the base of walls and the scattering of litter, there was an untidy air to the town.

#### **Nun's Resting Place**

The deceased and remaining nuns in Maynooth are remembered and held in high esteem by past pupils and residents.

To allay Sister Francis Crowes concern re: the Convent Cemetery in Maynooth, the Tidy Towns Committee are prepared to undertake, if permitted, the ongoing maintenance of this Cemetery as part of Maynooth's Heritage.

We will include it in our future work schedules. Our Secretary is sending a letter to Sister Crowe confirming our offer and decision.

RESULTS	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Development Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	15	15
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	162	159

The Annual Tidy Estates Presentation will take place on Wednesday 15th October at 8.00pm in The Glenroyal Hotel.

The Tidy Towns Committee are very grateful to Coonans Auctioneers for their sponsorship of this event.

### **Community Council Notes**

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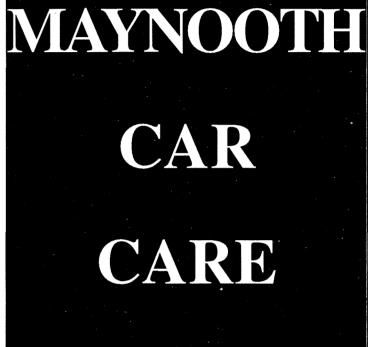


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### **Clubs Organisations & Societies**

#### MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

Training has re-commenced in the G.A.A. field on the Moyglare Road every Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining us is most welcome to come along. We cater for children under 8 all the way through to juniors, seniors and veterans.

There are people of all standards training at the moment. It is very pleasant to see beginners young and not so young enjoying the fresh air and getting fit.

Results over the last month were very encouraging.

#### Congratulations to:

Declan O'Rourke who won two Leinster titles over 400 metres and 400 metres hurdles.

David Campbell won two All Irelands over 800 metres and 1.500 metres and won selection for the N.A.C.A.I. 75th Anniversary International Track Meeting at Santry in September.

David Jolley followed on from his Indoor All Ireland Vets, wins by winning the Leinster over 50 10k. road championships at Kilcock. Marie Gleeson finished 1st woman 0.45 in the women's race and John Campbell won the Leinster 0.40 on the same night.

The first race of the cross country season will be October 12th in Edenderry and we would like to see a good turnout, so if you want to join us please come along any Wednesday night.

#### MAYNOOTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Junior Badminton for boys and girls has recommenced in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 3.15pm-5.00pm for beginners and improvers and on Saturdays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm for more advanced players.

Fees for the year are £25.00 for 1 child, £45.00 for 2 children and £60.00 for 3 children. This fee includes coaching in both sessions. Registration will continue at the commencement of each session. Fees are payable at registration.

Vacancies exist in both sessions. We particularly want youths up to age 18 to join the Saturday session.

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We often receive enquires concerning the names of the Canal bridges around Maynooth. Starting near Intel the bridges are Deey -Pike - Mullen (now New Mullen ) - Bond & Jackson. They were named after early directors of the Royal Canal Company, which started life in 1789 with subscribed capital of £134,000 and with parliamentary grant aid of £66.000. The flotation was a 'sell-out' and the subscribers were going to make a 'packet. '. By 1794, The Royal Canal Company was bankrupt, and one of the reasons was the decision to go against engineering advise and route it through Maynooth. It had become a vanity race from early on.

Our fact finding mission to view the Ballinamore-Ballyconnell Canal has filled us with a range of ideas. In the Canal-Boating world in western Europe a new canal (such as the restored Royal Canal) is a huge attraction. On the evidence from Leitrim the canal enthusiasts will definitely travel and use it. Maynooth has great potential as a starting point or a regular stopover.

Napper Tandy was an original shareholder in the Royal Canal Company. He later became a prominent United Irishman in the lead up to the 1798 Rebellion, and is mentioned by name in a Patriotic 19th Century ballad. Name That Tune! He is also mentioned in a Dublin Folk-Song with an international flavour. Name that tune!

Ballinamore is a model for canalside development in

#### ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

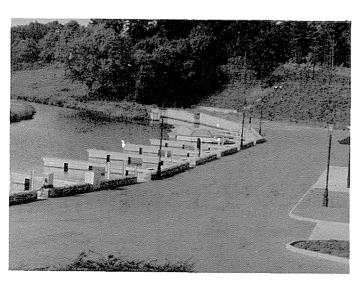


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the canal system and nearby lakes on a magnificent waterbus... Sliabh An Iarainn sunset.
It was predicted that 50 boats would use the restored canal system in its first year. Two thousand boats did, and have done so every year since.
Finally, our congratulations

Finally, our congratulations to our treasurer, Brian McGlinchey, who graduated recently from U.C.D. with an honours degree in



Motorway at Ballinamore

engineering, and who will now embark on his master's degree there.

Slan go Foill.

### BRUSH SHEILS AT THE GLENROYAL

Brush lived up to the motto of the showband promoters from the 1960's.. "Send 'em home sweatin' "

He said he was on familiar ground at an early stage, and announced that he recognised a lot of faces from when he first played in Maynooth in 1964 with Rose Tynan and the Rangers. Brush, the artist Bobby Ballagh, and the late Rory Gallagher cut their teeth, not mentioning their fingers and nails, from that showband era. Endurance and value, from 11.30 am to 2 pm. Brush and his band equalled ten aerobic sessions in a row from any Leisure Centre.

The Happy Prizewinners found they then had to compete in Brush's version of Riverdance.. part 3... dance for three minutes in time to music at a speed to rival' Clem's Polka' (Clem Quinn from the original Miami Showband) The music was a familiar mix and range in a jaunty Rock Tempo, which included music tributes to Rory Gallagher and Phil Lynott.

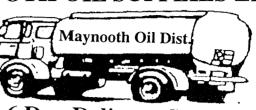
The dance floor overflowed in many directions with all ages, ranging from a young 80 year old who 'be-bopped' most of the night to exhausted sixteen year-olds.

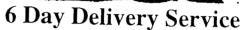
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#### BOND BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

#### Report on Public Meeting I.C.A. Hall - 18th September 1997

In attendance were Bernard Durkan T.D., Michael Fitzpatrick (P.A. to Charlie McCreevy), Councillors Senan Griffin, John McGinley and Catherine Murphy

Apologies were received from Emmet Stagg T.D., Councillors Gerry Brady and Colm Purcell.

A packed I.C.A. hall heard the Chairperson open the meeting with a brief history of the campaign to date. A high level of frustration was expressed by both the B.B.A.G. Committee and the County Councillors at the lack of detailed information available regarding the amount of levies collected in the past and how some of this money has been spent.

Each of the Councillors were given time to express their views on the progress to date. They all had serious concerns at the way in which they have been mislead by Council Officials. An amount of debate took place and it was accepted that the members of the Celbridge Area Committee had acted in good faith when giving details of the amount of funding required to have the project completed. That the cost of the new bridge had now doubled was due to inaccurate information given by Council Officials and this misinformation had a direct bearing on the amount of objections and appeals against planning permissions granted in the area. The meeting then considered three options that the County Manager had presented to the Celbridge Area Committee at their meeting on 31st July 1997.

 Do nothing until full funding was available through development levies. This would take approximately seven years.

This option was rejected as the cost of the new bridge would probably increase quicker than the amount of incoming levies and the time scale was extreme.

 Install a footbridge and traffic lights on the bridge at a cost of £300,000. The footbridge would be part of the final new construction when the project is finally finished.

Some residents ask that this option be carefully considered as there may be some merit in it considering the Councils apparent lack of determination to replace the complete bridge. There were also strong concerns raised against accepting this option. The concern for personal safety along with the appearance of such a structure was raised by several residents. The frustration caused by delays at the traffic lights may lead to drivers ignoring them and speeding to beat them. People, especially children, may continue to use the road rather than climb the footbridge. The use of such an amount of money from the fund would cause the final solution to be delayed even further.

 Go to the full Council for permission to raise a loan from the amount required to complete the project. This would take approximately two and a half years.

Councillors Griffin and Murphy cautioned the meeting that this option would require the support of the majority of Councillors at full Council level and there could be problems getting that support. Following some debate this option was unanimously approved by the meeting. A motion will be placed, by the Celbridge Area Committee, before the next full Council meeting to raise a loan to complete the project. This loan will be repaid by future development levies raised in the area.

Bernard Durkan suggested that a meeting be arranged between the County Manager, local T.D.s, the Celbridge Area Committee and a delegation from the Bond Bridge Action Group. This meeting could have detailed discussion to move the project forward and impress upon County Officials the need for urgent action to resolve the issue. Michael Fitzpatrick undertook to arrange this

meeting as soon as possible after Minister McCreevy returned from Government business in Hong Kong.

The residents also approved an escalation of the campaign. This would include a demonstration from the motorway bridge on the Straffan Road to Bond Bridge. The protest was organised for Saturday 27th September at 2.00 p.m.

John Doogan Chairman (B.B.A.G.)

#### SCOUTS - 8TH KILDARE, MAYNOOTH, RYE VALLEY REGION

"We're back!"

Yes, Cubs and Scouts are under way again for another year of slip-sliding away as the Scouts were on Saturday 13th September when they decided to swop their hiking boots for some very in-line blades — no, not roller-blades — ice-skates! A great day was had by all with some of our more professional bladers strutting their stuff on the icerink. Very impressive they were too!

Scouts takes place every Thursday in the Scout Den/M.A.D.E. Centre beside the Post Primary School, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cubs have also re-opened and are on at the same venue from 7.30 pm to 9pm every Tuesday. Our new members are especially welcome and if you are interested in joining cubs there are places still available for boys, and any girls out there — I'm sorry, but you'll have to go on a waiting list, but if any spaces become available, you can jump right in.

So that's all the news. See you soon—and the Grascals say hi! If you don't know what a Grascal is, to all those cub parents, its coming to a house near you.

Yours in Scouting,

A. Staunton, P.R.O.

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#### Scoil Bhliain Nua/A New School Year.

The first day of September saw a new group of bright eyed and fresh faced Maynooth children making their way to their home town Gaelscoil. The children and their parents were greeted by Gaelscoil Principal Máirín Ní Chéileachair and múinteoir Laura Ní Dhuibh who quickly put everybody at ease and made the first day a pleasant and memorable experience. The Naíonáin Beaga were made feel at home by the Naíonain Móra, these old hands were able to show the ropes to the younger scholars. The Naíonáin mór have taken up residence in their new seomra ranga and much praise is due to the parents who gave of their time and energy over the summer months to decorate the second classroom.

#### Ar nDúchas Slán/Our Heritage safe.

This is the ideal which we have set ourselves for the coming school year. The ground work was started last year. The class of last year will now build upon the foundations of their acquired linguistic, academic, sporting and cultural skills and appreciations. The windows of wonder are now being open to a new group of eager learners, let us hope that they will bask in the light of their native language with its wealth of story, song, suaimhneas agus sonas.

#### Dáta Dialann/Diary Date

We intend to augment the computer facility in the school and to acquire some extra teaching aids which are outside the remit of the Department of Education. Therefore it is with great gratitude that we commend the hard work of the Cairde Committee. The Cairde Committee who channel the support of the people of Maynooth for their Gaelscoil are calling for a massive turnout for their annual fashion show on the 7th November 1997. The show was an outstanding success last year, all were surprised by the wealth of local talent in design and local expertise in the modelling and display of fine Irish goods. This is most definitely a date for your

#### Tomás Aghas, Príomhoide, Iarbhunscoil Mhaigh Nuad.

Like most of the population of Maynooth we were surprised to learn of Mr. Tom Ashe's retirement from his current position as Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School. The word surprised is used in the context of the youthful countenance and vigour of this erudite individual. There are two words which epitomise Gaelscoil Úi Fhiach's relationship with Tom Ashe, they are helpful and accommodating. Whenever he was approached with a request, he thought positively and gave us practical help. Táimid fior buíocht díot. We all wish Tom and Stasia gach rath agus dea ghuí in their new roles in life.

#### Cuireadh do Mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad/Invitation to the people of Maynooth.

If you would like to learn more about our school and the

services we provide you are welcome to ring the above number and make an appointment with the school principal. Beir bua agus Beannacht.

Colm Ó Cearúil

#### **GOLF SOCIETY**

#### **Dominic Dominates in Portarlington.**

The very testing Portarlington course was the venue for Vice-Presidents (Noel Brady's ) prize on Saturday 23th August. Left-hander Dominic Nyland had a big win with 41pts to leave him 5 points clear of nearest rival veteran Paddy Foy on 36pts. The presentation took place in Brady's Lounge on Sunday morning.

Joe Murray Cup in Edenderry on October 25th.

#### Vice-Presidents (Noel Bradys) Prize

#### Portarlington Saturday 23rd August 1997.

1st Overall -	Dominic Nyland	(18)
41	Pts	
2nd	P. Foy	(28)
36	-	
3rd	S.Tracey	(17)
35	-	
4th	S. O Connor	(22)
34	-	
5th	E. Savage	(9)
33	-	
6th	T. Flately	(17)
32	-	
7th	J. Nolan	(16)
32	-	
8th	M. Fahy	(21)
31	-	B.9.
9th	L. Farrelly	(10)
31	-	B.9.
10th	W. Moore	(17)
31	-	. ,
Front 9	P. Doyle	
17	Pts	
Back 9	T. O Haire	
17	Pts	
Visitors	Martin Sheils	(14)
41	Pts	, ,
2's Club	L. Farrelly	(2)
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#### **MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE**

Kildare Development Plan is Rejected as Defective for a Second Time

#### Last Year's Rejection

On Monday 23rd September 1996 the then Minister for the Environment, Brendan Howlin, made his historic intervention in the planning process in County Kildare. After repeatedly warning that maverick rezoning was undermining public confidence in the entire planning process, he acted on that day to freeze the passage of further development plans for the time being in County Kildare. "I had hoped", he commented, "that Councillors in Kildare would heed these warnings, but they have not, and I regret that I have now been forced to take this unusual step". Such action was a timely response to excessive rezoning proposals by councillors, which in the case of Maynooth, proposed enough new residential lands to facilitate an increase in population from about 9,000 people to over 21,000 by the year 2,001.

#### This Year's Rejection

A year has gone by; the Minister has changed, and after gutting a sensible Strategic Plan prepared professionally for them, Kildare County Councillors sent the remnants off to the Custom House in the hopes of being allowed to resume rezoning. Maynooth Planning Alliance and their colleagues in the North Kildare Alliance for Better Planning during the past year have, however, continued to highlight the folly of going back to the bad old days and have adopted a variety of strategies to inform people and politicians alike of the consequences of large scale rezoning in places such as Maynooth. Senior politicians in all of the parties, including the Taoiseach, have been made aware of the concerns of the people of Maynooth, and of North Kildare in general, that a national settlement strategy must be implemented as a matter of urgency if both developed and underdeveloped parts of Ireland are not to become further polarised in the years ahead. September 12th 1997 will be remembered as a significant day when the concerns of the community were explicitly recognised by the Minister.

#### The 'Dear John' Letter

On Friday September 12th Minister Dempsey directed a senior official to write to the County Secretary refusing permission for an extension of time to complete the County Development Plan pending a radical revamp of their proposals.

The draft submitted, it was contended, "does not appear to provide a definitive strategy for the implementation of these policies". While one section states that there is a need "for the development of a hierarchical settlement plan for the county as a whole", the Minister notes that "the plan does

not go on to develop that hierarchical settlement pattern, notwithstanding the availability of population projections in respect of the appropriate electoral areas". The Minister commented that "the reference to "carefully chosen zoning of lands in the remaining towns of the north-east' appears open to different interpretations, especially as no criteria for such zoning is specified in the plan".

In summary this was deemed by the Department of the Environment to be an incompetent plan. This being the second time in a year this has happened, it is an indictment of the inabilities of some Kildare County Councillors to listen to the wishes of their communities, or to the sensible voices of their own professional planners. Once again as we go around the block for the third time on this one, *Maynooth Planning Alliance* requests local representatives to plan for a future Maynooth which grows naturally and at a pace which enables its amenities, character and quality of life to be preserved.

Maynooth Planning Alliance congratulates Minister Dempsey for his good judgement in rejecting this plan. His actions mean that the Kildare Development Plan, which should be reviewed every five years, is now over 12 years old and that every national political party has now rejected our councillors' attempts to carry on as before. A culture change is obviously required.

#### MAYNOOTH GYMNASTICS CLUB

Maynooth Gymnastics Club would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of the gymnasts to the club and also to remind parents that new members are always welcome. The sessions take place in St. Mary's Community Hall, on the grounds of the boys' school, on Mondays from 2pm - 3pm for beginners and 3pm - 5pm for novices.

We would also like to take this time to congratulate two members of our club who competed with distinction in the Community Games National Final at Mosney. Rachael Cunningham (under 14) and Ciarán Dooley (under 8) competed over the first weekend and did their county proud. Not only did they compete well but they have put in a lot of training throughout the Summer. We hope that this type of success may continue for the future.

Gymnastics is a very enjoyable and competitive sport that is suitable for both male and female but at different levels. For further information contact Leonard on 087-462885. I look forward to hearing from you.



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#### PARENTS ASSOCIATION ST. MARY'S **BOYS SCHOOL**

By the time this article goes to print our A.G.M. will have taken place. We will publish it in next month's Newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr. Sinnott to the Board of Management of the school and hope he will have many happy years involved with the

Claire O'Rourke P.R.O.

#### MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Parent/Teacher Association A.G.M.

Dear Parents(s) Guardian(s),

You are warmly invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Parent/Teacher Association which will be held in the new school hall on Tuesday 14th October, commencing at 8pm. The Keynote address will be presented by our esteemed Mr. Tom Ashe (recently retired Principal).

Please contiue to show your commitment to "your child's future" by attending this important meeting and help elect a dynamic 25 person committee to continue the good work of the association.

D. Nangle, Chairperson

#### THE PRESENTATION PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association are having their Annual General Meeting in the Girls School, Maynooth on Tuesday 14th October 1997 at 7.45pm.

We would welcome new members to our committee. We would be glad if any parent who has a couple of hours to spare a month would make themselves known at the

The main speaker of the night will be Ms. Margaret Burns who will give a talk entitled "HOMEWORK WITHOUT HASSLE". This is a talk designed to deal with the difficulties encountered by parents and to give guidance for successful homework.

#### The key areas explored are:

- How to guide the child to complete the homework effectively and on time.
- How to help any parent who may feel that she/he is out of touch with present day learning methods.
- How to encourage the child to work independently where required.

- How to organise the homework session.
- Advice and tips for various subjects with particular attention to reading.
- How to help a child when a difficulty arises.
- How to manage your own worries.
- What to do about poor concentration.

We hope that this will be a most interesting and informative evening and all are invited.

Mary Cowhey Secretary

#### MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

It is that time of year again when we try to come up with some new activities and outings for next summer. Anybody with any good new ideas would be a great asset to us. Please contact us c/o Community Council Office. Main Street, Maynooth.

Our A.G.M. is coming up shortly but no date has yet been set so watch this spot for further information.

Claire O' Rourke P.R.O.

#### MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS **COMMITTEE**

Well, here we are back again to our Card Games and Bingo for the long Winter. Very glad to see so many familiar faces. We would like to welcome some new people who have joined us. To any other senior citizens who have not yet found us, we are in the I.C.A. Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Card games are played on Tuesdays and bingo on Thursday. There is a mini-bus collection so don't be afraid to make yourself known to us if you want that little

We have our Halloween Party on Sunday 19th October in the Post Primary School commencing with Holy Mass at 3.30

Our Committee have been fortunate for so long having the use of the school for our parties and for this privilege we are deeply indebted to Mr. Tom Ashe for his kindness and courtesy at all times.

The announcement of his retirement came as a huge shock to all of us. We are sorry to see him go and wish him all he would wish himself, especially health, happiness and good luck in the years ahead.

Now for what's ahead of us: planning our November Sale of Work. This is our Annual fund raiser which takes care of fuel distribution for Christmas and also goes towards entertainment for the members throughout the year. More news of this event next issue.

Betty Farrell.

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#### MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The September meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday September 4th at 8.00 p.m. Kay Burns, Vice President, chaired the meeting as our President Marion was unable to attend. Kay welcomed all the ladies back after the Summer break.

Sympathy was extended to Marion Souhan on the death of her sister-in-law.

This is the Committee for '97 - '98.

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Rosemary Hanley
Anne Broughan
May Haren
Margaret Houlihan
Jo O' Connell
Bernie King
Helen Finn
Connie Harpur

To be decided

To be decided

#### An Grianan

Kay has the day trip to An Grianan organised on October 29th. A large amount of the ladies will attend as this is a very popular days outing. There will be a Bring & Buy Sale at the October Meeting, the proceeds of which will go towards the part-scholarships to An Grianan. The draw for these scholarships will be held at this meeting also.

Two of the ladies had spent a week in An Grianan - Mairead Scanlon and Imelda Delaney. Mairead made some lovely soft toys ranging from rag dolls to clowns to pin cushions. Imelda did a course in Historical Homes and she found it very interesting. I also have to comment from experience myself at An Grianan the food is just delicious and of course not fattening.

#### Crafts

Our Crafts Promoter Jo tells us the Craft classes commenced on Monday 8th September at  $8.00\ p.m.$ 

New members are welcome.

#### **Badminton**

Bernie our Sports Officer tells us badminton commenced on Tuesday 9th September 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. and on Thursday mornings 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. The badminton takes place in our Parish Hall.

New members are welcome.

We would like to thank Maynooth Senior Citizens for the very generous cheque which was given to our guild. We received a newsletter on behalf of The Irish Cancer Society for participation on Daffodil Day. This years Knitting & Stitching Show is on the 6th to the 9th November in the R.D.S.

The next Federation Meeting will be held in the Soccer Clubhouse in Castledermot on 24th September.

#### **Community Council**

Connie tells us a meeting was held on September 1st at which Liz Stoll resigned as Vice President. An application has been made by Esat Digifone for the erection of a 100 ft. mast at the Garda Station.

Community Council held a very good festival this year and seem pleased overall.

The annual collection was on the 11th, 12th & 13th September. There was a public meeting on the 18th September to discuss Bond Bridge.

A table Quiz was held in the GAA Hall on the 26th September for Community Games.

#### Competition

Our Contest Secretary Margaret held a geography trivia at the September meeting. This trivia was very well thought out and Margaret certainly got us all to think hard. The October competition will be an "On The Spot".

A raffle was held and the winners were:

- (1) Mary Halton
- (2) Margaret Houlihan
- (3) Helen Finn

The October Meeting will be on October 2nd in the hall at 8.00 p.m.

P.R.O. May Haren

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#### MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Welcome back to all our swimmers for the new term; which started Saturday 6th September. We are now looking for new members for our waiting list from ages 5 and upwards. We would like to remind all our members, that fees for this term are now due, and can be made payable to any committee member on the bus.

Patricia Moynan P.R.O. Tel: 6286865

#### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

Congratulations to the Maynooth contingents who travelled to Mosney over the two weekends of Community Games Finals.

Special congratulations to Mark Cummins who took 4th place in the Boys U/12 Long Puck, also the Girls U/16 Pitch & Putt Team who were 6th overall. A special word here for Emma Cullinane who scored a "Hole in One".

Maynooth Community Games Committee will hold a Table Quiz on Friday September 26th at 9pm in the G.A.A. Club, Moyglare Road. Price per table £12.

The A.G.M. of Maynooth Community Games Committee will be held on Wednesday October 1st at 9pm in the I.C.A. Hall. A large attendance would be appreciated.

At the Table Quiz on the 26th September the Trophies for Best Overall Competitor and Best Overall Family performance will be presented, the results of which are listed

#### BEST COMPETITOR PERFORMANCE

19pts.	Sean MacNamara
16pts.	Elaine MacNamara
12pts.	Muire Ennis
11pts.	Aisling Bean
10pts.	Kevin Comerford
10pts.	Ciana Ennis
9pts.	André Heslin
9pts.	Donal Houlihan
8pts.	Claire MacNamara
8pts.	Alan Sweeney
8pts.	Bronadh McDermott
8pts.	Bríd Ann O'Shea
7pts.	Nevan Buckley
7pts.	Eoghan McCartan
7pts.	Padraic O'Sullivan
7pts.	Anthonine Rossiter

#### BEST FAMILY PERFORMANCE

43pts.	MacNamara Family
22pts.	Ennis Family

1/pts.	Bean Family	
16pts.	Comerford Family	
15pts.	Clann Mhuruchú	
14pts.	Judge Family	
13pts.	Dooley Family	
13pts.	Buckley Family	
12pts.	Houlihan Family	
10pts.	Devaney Family	
10pts.	O'Sullivan Family	
9pts.	McLoughlin Family	
9pts.	Baxter Family	
9pts.	Curran Family	
8pts.	Flynn Family	
8pts.	Kelleher Family	
8pts.	Pollard Family	
7pts.	O'Flaherty Family	
6pts.	Cummins Family	
6pts.	Kearney Family	
6pts.	O'Connell Family	
3pts.	Clerkin Family	

Doon Eamile.

#### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The A.G.M. of the Club will be on October 21st in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. Expect a large attendance to hear of plans for year ahead, especially our major event in December, the Flower Festival at Carton.

Five club members will enter the imposed class on 21st. This is always a most interesting competition. Brid Kelleher is the Guest of Honour, and will give a mini demonstration on "Italian Style". The evening will end with tea and birthday cake.

Moira Baxter.

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### **Clubs Organisations & Societies**

#### **BAND BULLETIN**

No, your eyes didn't deceive you last month. There was no bulletin for the first time in many years. I missed the editorial deadline not just by one but by seven days. 'I must be slippin'. Hence we have just a few items of news to catch up on before we get up to date.

#### September Highlights

We are happy to report that our Musical Marathon organised as a kick start to our Kansas City fund-raising, was an outstanding success. Despite one or two hours rain in the morning the day picked up meteorologically and financially and we were really pleased with the response received from everyone. Many thanks to all who contributed to our cause and a special word of thanks to Willie Kiernan - sound man Willie - for the use of his P.A., to Phil Brady without whose power we would have no sound, to Melanie Oliver our honorary 'Roadie'. Well done Mel, Thanks a bunch, to Eithne Bean who joined with her sister Elaine and Melanie in some beautiful songs. Thanks to Eoghan Donovan who gave us a very welcome break when he showed us he is not just your ordinary blow in. He provided some first class pipe music. Thanks are also due to our own 'crew' who really hung in there and gave a fine days entertainment to a very appreciative audience.

#### Flag Weekend

We would like to thank all those who supported our annual flag weekend which was as usual given excellent support. Special thanks to Ollie Bright and the management of Quinnsworth Shopping Centre for allowing us to collect at the centre.

#### **Junior Classes**

Our classes have now resumed for the Autumn/Winter sessions and we are expecting great things from the boys and girls. Hopefully this time next year they will have graduated to the senior band and their places will be filled by new recruits. We have not yet started classes for total beginners but hope to have some news on this front after Christmas.

#### **New Members**

Once again we repeat our invitation to musicians living in the area as well as to past members of the band to please drop in to the Band Hall any Monday or Thursday night between 8.30 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. and you will be made very welcome.

#### Engagements

During September we spent a very pleasant Sunday afternoon entertaining visitors to the Celbridge Abbey Gardens. It was a first visit for us and indeed one of our

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#### BAND BULLETIN Cont.

very few visits to Celbridge and our music was much appreciated by a very varied audience. The good news is that we have been invited back next year. This month we play a very special engagement in Maynooth College at an open day on 11th October. This, believe it or not will be our first time to give an open air recital in the College as our previous visits have been for concerts in the Aula Maxima and the visit of the King and Queen of Spain. We are indeed looking forward to this recital and to perhaps being more involved with the College under it's new status.

#### Mass for Deceased Members

Our annual mass for deceased members will be offered on Sunday 2nd November and we take this opportunity to invite all relatives of past members who have passed on to join in with us remembering them.

#### **Members Progress**

We would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to our tenor sax player Eoin Maher who has just been accepted into the Rock School at Ballyfermot College. There was stiff competition from more than 300 applicants for under 40 places on this wide ranging course. We would like to think that Eoin has learned enough with our band to get him through a difficult interview/audition process and we hope he does well.

#### Big Halloween Night

We are offering all you talented girls and guys to pull out the stops and join the fun at our Halloween Fancy Dress Ball in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 31st October. Dancing from 10.00 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. Admission £8. Music by the fabulous Jazz Freaks. Bar extension. Prizes for the most topical, funniest and most original. There's loads of scope for your imagination. Hope to see you all there. Proceeds of course go to our American fund.

#### American Fund

Speaking of the American fund we are very pleased with the response to date among which are generous donations from the Royal Canal Amenity Group and the Post Primary School. We really appreciate your kind support and we can assure you—that we will do Maynooth proud when we get to Kansas City next March. If you wish to make a donation you can drop it in to our Chairman, Paddy Boyd, at Maynooth Office Supplies on the Dublin Road or lodge it directly to our American Appeal Fund, Ulster Bank, Main Street, Maynooth, Account No. 46609000. All donations will be acknowledged in due course. If you require any information or would like to act as a main sponsor please contact Paddy Boyd (P.R.O.) at 6286468 (work) or 6284564 (home) he will be very happy to accommodate you.

That about brings us up to date on all the news, I look forward to reporting progress on all fronts next month.

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#### BEAUFIELD RESIDENTS SPORTSDAY

Beaufield Sportsday, Sat. 30th August

Glorious evening sunshine brought out all the children of Beaufield for lots of fun and games on the final Saturday of the school holidays.

Congratulations to all participants particularly the TSB Sportstar of the Year Matthew De Barr.

Special thanks to all sponsors including Coca Cola, Head to Toe, Leaf Ireland, Newtown Stores, Premier Dairies, Ouinnsworth and Super Value.

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•	U10 girls	Claire Noone
	U10 boys	Liam Hendrick
	U14 girls	Mandy Fallon
	U14 boys	Joseph Earley
Egg & Spoon:	U6 girls & boys	Sinead Connolly
-66 · · · I	U10 girls	Claire Noone
	U10 boys	Daniel Marcello
	U14 girls	Mandy Fallon
	U14 boys	Joseph Earley
Wheelbarrow:	U6 girls & boys	Lorna Noone &
		Aine Ball
	U10 boys	Daniel Marcello &
	•	Marco Marcello
	U14 girls & boys	Joseph Earley &
		Ann Connolly
Wellie Throw:	U6 girls	Aine Ball
.,	U6 boys	Marco Marcello
	U10 girls	Claire Noone
	U10 boys	Brendan Doogan
	U14 girls	Sarah Prendergas
	U14 boys	Donald Tippen
Bunny Hop:	U6 girls & boys	Aine Ball
666 yd run:	U10 girls	Emma Collins
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	U14 girls	Mandy Fallon
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U14 boys

Obstacle Race: U10 girls Siobhan Tobin
U10 boys Brendan Doogan
U14 girls Mandy Fallon

In the children's Tug 'O War the girls beat the boys!

Joe Geraghty

#### MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

#### Moyglare Village Clean-up

The annual clean-up in Moyglare Village has not yet taken place this year. The Committee has decided that a skip will be provided for this purpose only if at least ten people approach us confirming that they will make themselves available to complete this work. Despite the good work by Mr. Paddy Flynn in keeping the grass cut, weeds along the roadside throughout the estate was mentioned in this year's Tidy Towns report.

#### Moyglare Village residents to receive invoices

Less than 50% of residents in Moyglare Village have paid their share of the cost of upkeep in the estate. The Committee has agreed that in fairness to those who have paid, an invoice will be sent to residents who have not yet paid the £20 fee.

#### Moyglare Village boundary with the Moyglare Road

Kildare County Council has replied to our request to finalise the boundary between Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road with the following reply: "the Developer has put down a beech hedge as the Planners requested and they will be monitoring its success. No wall was sought under planning conditions in 1985. The existing hedge was to be retained. Hence, the planners opted for a replacement hedge." A few simple questions need to be asked:

- 1. Who is protecting the interest of residents, one would have thought it was the planners?
- 2. As the Developer illegally removed the original boundary surely a hedge of similar mature standard would be the least he would have been required to provide, instead of beech twigs?
- 3. The Developer failed to meet the conditions of his planning permission between 1985 and 1996. Surely this failure should mean that the standards which are required in 1996 to complete a development are the ones that should now apply?

At the front of Moyglare Village, the developer provided two Public Open Space areas which are used by the children from both Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road area. The failure by Kildare County Council to ensure that the safety of over two hundred children in this area will come back to haunt them when an innocent child is killed or seriously injured. The very least that can be expected is that this association will object to all further development in this area because of the increased danger of the extra traffic to the lives of our children.

Paul Croghan Chairman

Moyglare Residents Association.

Donald Tippen

### **Residents Associations**

#### PARKLANDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

#### **Planning Update**

It is with the most extraordinary sense of deja vu that I write once again for the October issue of the Newsletter that the Minister for the Environment, Noel Dempsy, has rejected proposals for the County Development Plan on the grounds that the plan does not adequately support a strategy for Kildare's future development.

On this issue of importance on every level from individual Estates to Town, County and Country we are seeing a continuity of policy across two governments. That the future development of Kildare has been considered and cared for by both Brendan Howlin and Noel Dempsey as an issue standing on its own merits, bigger than Party Political boundaries is tremendously heartening for all of those involved in the planning debate. - Liz Stoll.

#### Children's Sports Day

On a lovely sunny Saturday, August 30th, the children in Parklands competed in such compelling sporting activities as the "spoon and onion race" (invented by Maeve Millet (Secretary of P.P.A.) and organiser extraordanaire of the Sports Day. The trike race was fiercely fought and the Marathon three times around the green was anxiously anticipated by the ten to twelve age groups. It proved both exhilarating and exhausting for the participants (and the spectators). Our thanks to those who undertook the organising of this event, Maeve Millet, Brian O'Donnell. Paul Burnell, Harry Montgomery, Clare Daley, Robbie Dunning, Pat McCarthy, Des Lynch, Mary Canter and Marie McGuinness, who did a terrific job of keeping a cool head while cataloguing all the entries and winners for the events. Thank you to the parents who helped run the events on the day without even being asked to help. Tony O'Connor. Donal Colfer and others who did not leave their names, your support helped to make it a terrific day for all.

#### Parklands Five-a-side

On the 28th of July, Parklands Residents Association ran a five-a-side football league over four consecutive nights, and after many hard-fought battles on the football pitch we were left with two grand-finalists. With names such as Rise Rovers, The Lawns Layabouts, Porter Bellies, Crescent Crusaders, Place Kickers and The Square it should give you some idea of the fun had by all and sundry, not to mention the spectators who turned out in their droves to support their team.

Over the four nights they were treated to some spectacular football. Its a shame that there could be only one winner but in the end and after a gruelling battle Rise Rovers clinched victory over The Lawns Layabouts in the grand final.

We would like to thank the Maynooth Soccer Club for the use of the soccer posts. Start practising and watch this space for next year.

#### **Fancy Dress**

Parklands are holding their 2nd Halloween Fancy Dress on November 1st at the Glenroyal Hotel. Such was the success of the last event that we have re-christened the event the "Annual Halloween Fancy Dress". Perceived through the mists of time and a "slight" alcohol induced fuzziness it seems that no one ever had such a good time or enjoyed themselves so much. It is with great expectations that we approach this years fancy dress. We hope to have at least as much fun as last year if not more. Fancy Dress is optional so no excuses. Come along. Tickets available from October 7th onwards.

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Betty Cronin (Dublin) niece of late Mother Gerard R.I.P. handed me a list of family objections to be forwarded to Kildare County Council.



Hilda Mooney and relatives.

Owen Mooney, cousin of my aunt Mother Philomena, has sent his list of family members objecting to Kildare County Council.

Mary O'Riordan (Cork), niece of the late Mother

Borgia, has sent her list also to Kildare County Council.

I wish to thank most sincerely Maynooth Community Council who gave immediate support to my campaign, Maynooth Tidy Towns who have offered to take over the ongoing upkeep of the nuns cemetery and my committee members including Bridie O'Brien and Ita Mc Ternan and all the people who have signed my protest almost 1,000 in all, these sheets are being signed daily and sent on to Kildare County Council.

Hilda Mooney.

#### KILDARE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES TO HOST INFORMATION EVENINGS IN NORTH EAST KILDARE.

During October, three important meetings will take place in North East Kildare. These meetings are a collaborative effort between Kildare County Enterprise Board, KELT and Kildare Failte. The purpose of these meetings is to explain the type of work and initiatives that each agency has assisted to date, as well as informing people how each agency can assist you in the development of an individual project or a community project/area.

These meetings are open to the public - individuals with ideas, community groups, small business owners or managers, crafts people. They represent a very good opportunity for people to find out about the range of assistance and financial supports available under a number of EU programmes currently operating in Kildare.

People are invited to attend the meeting that is most convenient for themselves.

Details of the meetings are as follows:

Leixlip St Mary's GAA Hall Celbridge

Tuesday 14th October

Celbridge Abbey Maynooth

Tuesday 21st October

Tuesday 7th October

Maynooth Glenroyal Hotel

All meetings commence at 8pm

#### MAYNOOTH NEEDS A YOUTH CLUB

With its ever expanding population, Maynooth is fast becoming one of the largest towns in Kildare. Yet despite all this progress and development Maynooth's young people still have no Youth Club.

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This is a call to all parents of children between the ages of 12 and 18 years to lend a hand with the formation of a new Youth Club. It is proposed to hold a meeting in the Maynooth Community Council Offices (above Kehoe's Restaurant) on Tuesday the 28th of October at 8.30 p.m.

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#### Castlebridge

Bungalows in this area are reaching as much as £125,000.

#### Rail Park

A 3 bedroom house in Rail Park can expect to be sold for anything in the region of the mid £80,000's.

#### Moyglare Village

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#### **Moyglare Meadows**

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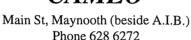
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#### **Features**

#### FAREWELL TO FR. BOYLAN

A gathering of over 250 friends, colleagues and parishioners bid a fond farewell to Fr. David Boylan at a function in the Glenroyal Hotel, on the 22nd August.

After six years in Maynooth Post-Primary School and Parish, Fr. David is leaving to undertake a two year study programme in Rome in religious education, educational management and spiritual formation of young people.

Fr. David's parents, Carol and Noel, travelled from Skerries for his farewell party, and they were joined by his sister, Orla, an opera singer home on holidays from Milan. Other guests on the night were the Parish Priest, Fr. Brendan Supple, the new curate Fr. John Sinnott, Rev. Adrian Wilkinson and Fr. John Dunne, S.M.A.

Many tributes were paid to Fr. Boylan. Noelle Topley, one of the organising committee, acted as M.C. she said the Parish was sending



In reply, Fr. David joked that he had been "deceived". He
thought he had been going to
a Bar-B-Q in someone's
back garden! He thanked the
people of Maynooth for their
gifts, and for the warmth and

support he always felt here.
He had enjoyed his time in the Post-Primary School and the Parish.

He thanked Fr. Supple, and

He thanked Fr. Supple, and said he had admired his loyalty and dedication to the priesthood during his years in Maynooth. He thanked him for his support, and said he was very easy to work with. He welcomed Fr. John Sinnott, and told him of the

Fr. David off with "great expectations". On behalf of the parishioners she paid tribute to his warmth, humour, approachability, enthusiasm, energy and faith.

During his time in Maynooth Fr. Boylan was very involved in parish activities. At Maynooth Post-Primary he directed four musicals and he was Director of the Parish Choir. He edited the Parish Newsletter and was involved with the Family Mass Group. He also organised and directed courses and retreats for adults and the youth.

Rev. Brendan Supple, the Parish Priest, thanked Fr. David for all his help and support and said he was confident he would be successful in his studies, and in all that he undertook in the future.

Maynooth's new curate, Fr. John Sinnott who has moved into Fr. Boylans former home in Straffan Way, took the opportunity to tease Fr. David about the amount of cooking utensils he has yet to move from the house! He suggested that a plaque should be put on the door, stating that "David Boylan cooked here!".

Many references were made to Fr. Boylan's love of cooking. He was referred to as a "cordon bleu" in the kitchen. Tom Ashe, Post-Primary School Principal, sampled Fr. David's cookery, but also recounted how the young Chaplain could eat a batter burger and chips with the same fervour as his own cooking.

Mr. Ashe thanked Fr. Boylan for his willingness to undertake and complete any projects entrusted to him as School Chaplain, and said he would be greatly missed.

warmth and the friendliness of the people of Maynooth.

Finally, Fr. David thanked the organising Committee of his party, and said Maynooth was his first parish and would always be special to him.

Finally, Noelle Topley reminded Fr. Boylan not to play his

new Bodhrán (a present from the Family Mass Group) too

early or too loudly in Vatican City, so that his neighbour,

Boylan's neighbours on Straffan Way, presented him with a

Pope John Paul, could get enough sleep and rest!

cheque and a print of the Parish Church.

On behalf of the parish, Mattie Callaghan, one of Fr.

A light salad buffet was served by the Hotel staff, and dancing followed to the music of Martin Ennis, from Longwood.

The Organising Committee would like to thank everyone who bought tickets, sold tickets, gave donations, or helped in any way to make the night so enjoyable. A special thank you to the Management and Staff of the Glenroyal for their co-operation and help.

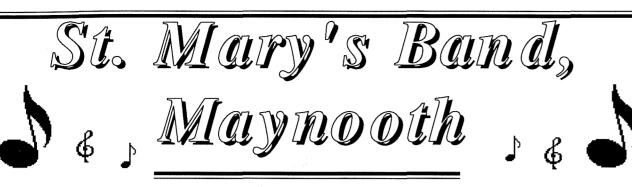
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#### **Features**

#### TWO LOVERS OF PEACE

Two women who captured the hearts of the world died a few weeks ago. Although there were few similarities between their lifestyles there were many similarities between their funerals. Mother Teresa - the Nobel Peace Prize winner - survived by her niece Agi Bojaxhiu and her son Massimilian (who live in Palermo in Italy) who were at Calcutta for the funeral. They are her nearest living relatives.

Princess Diana's sister Lady Sarah McCorquodale in her reading at Diana's funeral summed up the Christian attitude to death with:

If I should die and leave you here awhile, Be not like others, sore undone, who keep Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep. For my sake - turn again to life and smile, Nerving thy hand and trembling heart to do Something to comfort other hearts than thine. Complete those dear unfinished tasks of mine And I, perchance, may therein comfort you.

This reading applies equally well to the Missionaries of Charity founded by Mother Teresa.

The choir of Westminster Abbey conducted by Martin Neary sang:

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there is doubt, true faith in you.
O Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

This was very much the theme of Mother Teresa's life. She was often compared to St. Francis of Assisi. What a strong mind in a frail body!

Princess Diana's other sister Lady Jane Fellowes summed up with

Time is too slow for those who wait,
Too swift for those who fear,
Too long for those who grieve,
Too short for those who rejoice,
But for those who love time is eternity.

One of the Missionaries of Charity, when asked on radio, if she thought that the numbers of helpers, including some from this country, would lessen now that Mother Teresa was gone replied - perhaps those who came because of Mother Teresa might go but those who had come to help Jesus would remain.

The State funeral given to her in India concluded with wreaths of flowers from 50 different nations and groups throughout the world laid on the altar. What a fitting tribute to someone who had started out in life with 'Flowerbud' as her middle name at her baptism. The Altar cloth bore the words Works of love are works of peace. What a life and how fitting that during her lying in state her order had what Mother called the anniversary of Inspiration Day - the 10th day of September 1946 when she first felt called to do something specific for the poor all around her in Calcutta. Could she have in her wildest dreams thought that by so doing she would be given a state funeral attended by Queen Fabiola of Belgium, Queen Noor of Jordan and Queen Sophia of Spain, the Duchess of Kent and the First ladies of America, France, Canada and leaders of so many other nations. Life is stranger than fiction.

Maeve Moloney

#### THE COST OF FREE EDUCATION

It's that time of the year again and all the kids are back to school but how much did this cost for parents? We asked one mother how much it cost her to send her daughter to secondary school for the first time. She listed the following expense:

Jumper with school crest	£25.99
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School Coat	£47.99

The coat is optional in most cases, but usually children prefer to wear a casual jacket if allowed.

Books approx.	£180.00
Some of which may be used until Jun	nior Cert.
Shoes approx.	£40.00
Arts and Crafts	£10.00
School Bond Fee	£100.00
(optional)	
Copies	£12.00
School Bag	£10.00
Total cost	£462.96

Free education? Maybe.

The horse may be free but the saddle and tack can cost a fortune!

Anyway there's absolutely no point in complaining because at the end of the day we have no choice.

## PHOTO SCENE



Ita & Gerard McTernan celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary



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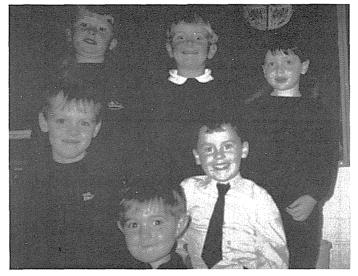
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Post Primary 1st Years L-R: Kate O'Brien, Rachel Sidney, Kelly Ridgeway



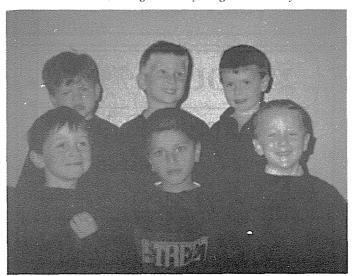
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Maynooth Boys School L-R: Karl Murray, Teacher Bridie Furlong, John McNevin

#### MAYNOOTH TASK FORCE DRAWS UP STRATEGY

In May last a Task Force was formed to draw up a submission to Telecom Eireann's Information Age Town Competition. The winning town, recently announced as Ennis, will benefit to the tune of £15 million in investment in information technology. The Maynooth submission, although put together in a short period of time and dependent solely on voluntary effort on the part of the Task Force members, has been favourably reviewed by all who have read it. In drawing up the submission the Task Force evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of Maynooth as a town and as a community. The submission naturally focused the very real assets which we possess - the strong education sector including the university, the college and the post primary school, Maynooth's status as an historic town, our young population and Maynooth's location at the western end of a hi-tech corridor. Despite these advantages Maynooth is faced with a whole range of challenges for the future and the Task Force has undertaken to continue its work and draw up an Action Strategy which might provide a useful framework for the town's future development.

In August the Task Force presented the outline of its proposed programme of work to the Community Council and since then it has been engaged in a series of meetings in an attempt to tease out the issues which any future strategy should address. Amongst the areas being addressed are:

- the defintion of a character or brand for Maynooth that can be used to drive the strategy and link the elements of the plan
- development of an employment strategy which seeks to attract new, and optimise existing, employment opportunities
- establish how the relationship between town and university can be structured for the greatest mutual benefit
- the need to establish a set of guiding principles for the future development of Maynooth so that the quality of life in the town is secured and improved
- consider how the tourism potential of the town can be optimised with minimum disruption to daily life
- identification of the sports, leisure and amentiy facilities of the town and how they can be developed for the benefit of the community
- in terms of administration to identify the appropriate structure to develop and manage the action strategy

Groups and individuals are invited to make written submissions to the Task Force which should be addressed to Dr. John Cullen, Main Street.

#### MOTHER TERESA AT MAYNOOTH

Cardinal Cathal Daly awaited the arrival of Mother Teresa at St. Patrick's College. She was coming to the college to give the annual Trocaire lecture. The crowds poured in - clergy, students, laity and school children in their uniforms. Before long the church was filled to capacity. They were all eager to catch a glimpse of Mother Teresa and to listen to her words of wisdom. She had arrived in Dublin to visit the convent of her order the Missionaries of Charity off the South Circular Road in Dublin. She attended Mass at

Donore Ave. Church. She called on the President Mrs. Robinson at the Aras.

Meanwhile the crowd gathered at the college. The college choir sang. People prayed and meditated long before her arrival. It was an evening of prayer and music. When Mother Teresa arrived the interior of the church was filled with light as people held long lighted candles. Mother Teresa moved to the altar. So small and frail yet with a wonderful voice. In her talk she spoke about the need for prayer saying that prayer was the way to have love and peace in the community. She was hopeful about an increase in vocations to the priesthood. She told her listeners that sin is what she feared most. Prayers were said in 9 languages including Croatian, French, German, Hindi, Irish, Italian and Russian. It was a meeting which will long remain in the minds of those lucky enough to be present.

During her stay in Dublin she was made a Freeman of the city - the 61st. person to be so honoured. Thousands attended the ceremony which was held in the open air outside the Mansion House in Dawson St. The first days of June 1993 will be remembered in the history of Maynooth. What changes in 4 years, Cardinal Daly in retirement and Mrs. Robinson gone to Geneva as Commissioner for Human Rights.

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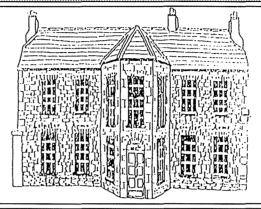
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1.00 - 1.15	- "Main Lunchtime News and Sport"	Sports Coverage	6.00pm News Regular updates on "The Saturday	
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3.30 - 5.30	- "Eddie Caffrey's Afternoon Show"	8.00 - 9.00	SUNDAY - "Classical Hour"	
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5.30 - 6.00	- "Main Evening News and Sport"	9.00 - 10.00 10.00 - 12.00	<ul><li>"Mass from the Area"</li><li>"Sunday Morning Requests"</li></ul>	
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9.00 - 11.00	- "The Evening Session"	2.30 - 5.30	with <i>Dermot Finglas</i> - "Sunday Sport"	
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1.00 - 2.00	- "Late Night Tracks"	5.30 - 7.00	- "The Cruise"	
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One is led to wonder if, and how often, the notion has crossed the minds of some of the more mature local people to become students themselves. Perhaps they have thought of the idea but quickly dismissed it as not being something for them. Even worse, they may have thought that they would not have the brains to study for three or four years full time and anyway they never got their leaving. Even peer pressure might come into the reckoning - my mates would break their hearts laughing at the idea of me going to college. Another obstacle might be ones domestic situation.

Let me assure you the notion is not that "airy-fairy". Today there are many, many mature students attending third level education who have achieved excellent academic results and can look forward to a more fulfilling life. In itself, the mere fact of acquiring a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree or any other degree gives you real confidence in yourself.

If you have got over the major hurdle and you have decided to embark on a degree course you certainly will need to give the maximum time to your studies. If there are children or other dependents relying on you on a regular basis, it will be necessary to make alternative arrangements.

During the academic year there will be pressure on you to get projects prepared for dead lines plus at the end of each year there will be the usual examinations which will require every minute of the day. If you have been working all your life or unemployed and start college, for the first few months there will be a sense of unreality about your life. You will have to get into the swing of organising your week around the various lectures and tutorials you must attend and if you are in the 50's bracket, you will have to adjust to having very young people around you all the time. This should not pose any great problem as you are all commencing studies together and in this particular field you have a common goal, sharing notes and opinions on the particular subjects you have embarked upon. The subjects you choose are of vital importance. Most mature students follow an Arts Degree course. This can be a course in English, Irish, Geography, History, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, etc. The college will help and guide you as to the best courses suited to you. In Maynooth, you will be expected to take on three disciplines i.e. Economics, History and Sociology the first year, then dropping one of these disciplines and continue with the remainder for two years, when hopefully you will attain your BA Degree and go on further if you so desire.

Perhaps at this point I should throw in to this discussion a short list of do's and dont's.

#### The Do's

Try to attend all lectures and tutorials.

Try and get your essays in on time - leaving them to the last minute is not a good idea, especially around exam times when you want to leave yourself free for study.

Make full use of the library - the staff are very helpful.

You will be given a list of books that you are expected to read on your chosen discipline; it is a good idea to buy one or two of these books as when exam time comes around all the important books will have been grabbed up from the library just when you will need them most.

Plan some form of strategy as to how to approach your exams by putting time aside for each exam.

Get copies of previous years exams to get an idea of what is required.

Get your hands on other peoples essays and see how they have approached essay writing.

Try and become computer literate - it certainly helps at the later stages.

On a personal note - Because you are sitting for long periods of time studying it is wise to ensure you exercise regularly. In other words break away from studying or reading in the library and take a walk. Instead of using the car, walk or cycle to the college if you live reasonably close.

If you have any problems or something that is worrying you, college life or a domestic problem, the College Chaplain is very approachable.

#### The Don'ts

By all means get involved in the general activities of College life but don't get so involved that it interferes with your academic ambitions.

If you can manage at all, don't take on any form of employment whilst attending College - it will eat into your time for study.

Don't neglect your health by burning the candle at both ends. Enjoy your time at the college but moderation is important.

Whilst doing a full time degree course you still have to live. If you are presently on the dole, you may qualify for Third Level Allowance (TLA). This basically is dole money each week whilst attending full time education. You can get details from your local Unemployment Office. You may also qualify for a full students grant or part thereof. For this grant contact your County CB Health Board in the form of subsidy towards your accommodation. At the beginning of this discussion I talked about enjoying a

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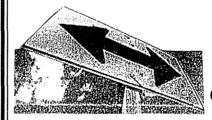


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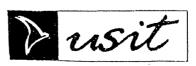
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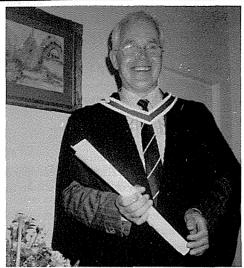
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Leo Armstrong on Graduation Day when he visited the Community Council Office, Leo is a former member of the Community Council Staff

few pints and having the craic. During the past four years, though I didn't drink, I still enjoyed the craic. Indeed I have enjoyed most of my time in St. Patrick's College, now called, as from June of this year, National University of Ireland, Maynooth. It was well worth the effort. In my teens I did not get any opportunity. At fourteen, I was either thinning turnips or picking spuds for farmers. At fifteen I was on the cattle boat to Bradford in England. However I have always had a flare for learning. As my foster father used to say, "Education is no burden" . . . . I wish he had put his saying into action at the time . . . . . but they say, "It is better late than never". I am only forty years behind. I never even got my Leaving Certificate and today I have a Higher Diploma in Irish History. So if I can do it so can you.

Leo Armstrong

#### VIDEO REVIEW

#### Mars Attacks! (12'S)

This is the latest in a recent spate of 'alien' movies from a Hollywood that seems to be attempting to cash in on the success of the television series 'The X Files'.

It's directed by Tim Burton (who appears to live on another planet anyway) and stars a whole host of screen luminaries; Jack Nicholson, Pierce Brosnan, Danny De Vito, Rod Steiger, Glenn Close, Michael J. Fox, to name but a half dozen. There's even a cameo appearance by that famous Welsh Bard, Tom Jones! The story is a tried and tested 'space invaders' affair. An armada of Martian space ships hovering above Earth - will the little green meanies attack or won't they? Pierce Brosnan is the scientist who devises a way of successfully communicating with the little visitors, although the machine can only translate the phrase "We come in peace"!

The film is billed as a black comedy, which, assuming your IQ/vocabulary reaches the dizzy heights beyond "UGH", is

highly suspect. Nor is it in the same league as that fabulous 'B' movie blockbuster 'Independence Day', (which it copiously draws upon) either in content or special effects. Its one saving grace is the performance of Jack Nicholson as the U.S. President, which he hams up beautifully as only he can.

All in all a very disappointing film that could have been so much better, given the cast and the obviously huge budget.

Verdict: Only very mildly entertaining.

#### **Shine** (12's)

Is the harrowing true story of David Helfgott, the gifted Australian concert pianist who, because of pressure from his father to attain perfection, lapsed into a nervous breakdown that lasted nearly twenty years. From his beginnings as a child prodigy, we are given an insight into the mind of this tortured young man whose life and talent are taken over completely by his demanding and loveless father. In an effort to win his approval he attempts to conquer one of the most difficult piano pieces ever written and in a superb sequence the young musician physically breaks on stage under the sheer emotional weight of the piece. Geoffrey Rush, who is a noted Australian theatre actor, plays Helfgott in one of the best performances likely to be seen this year. Armin Mueller-Stahl is brilliant as his psychotic domineering father, who makes Leopold Mozart seem like your favourite uncle.

This is a film that is at the same time harrowing, awesome and beautiful and a tribute to the ability of the human spirit to survive. Well worth a look.

Verdict: Quite simply brilliant and unmissable!

#### The Crucible (12's)

Based on the McCarthy witch-hunt in Hollywood in the 50's, which saw almost the entire movie industry put on trial for so-called 'Communist activities', this is Arthur Miller's adaptation of his own play for the big screen and in its new setting to celluloid it loses none of its original power.

The story is set in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1662, and stars Winona Ryder as Abigail, the minister's niece who indulged in a little black magic in the woods at night. These goings-on inevitably lead to accusations of witchcraft and to avoid being barbecued, she claims that the family's servant put a spell on her and her partners in slime. When local farmer John proctor (superbly played by Daniel Day Lewis) hears of the witch trials, his attempts to discredit Abigail leads to his own wife being accused.

This film fared pretty badly at the box-office, which is surprising because the cast (which also includes Paul Schofield, Peter Vaughan and Joan Allen), the direction and chiefly Miller's script, are terrific.

Performances from Lewis and Winona Ryder are first rate and the movie is just about as true to the period as you're likely to get. If you're fed up with the latest movie craze for digitized special effects and techno rubbish, this thoughtful, intelligent and moving film may be just for you.

Verdict: Terrific!

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The tears of your beloved far outweigh
All the words that we or others say.
From birth 'til death you stood the
test,

Lived in the town that you loved best. No obligement ever was too much, With your easy laugh and common touch.

With grace and kindness to the fore Your shadow blessed many's a door.

A builder you were by noble trade, Astute and sharp-minded; foundations laid.

You who have known the greatest

'Your lines have fallen on pleasant sites'. As you battled with the elements, What God sent you brought no laments. Of constructions of the heart; your dreams, Your family were the firming beams. You did so much in your short years, Peace came sprinkled by your dear ones tears.

In local activities you played your part,
With a wise head and an open heart.
Of G.A.A. Soccer and tug-o-war:
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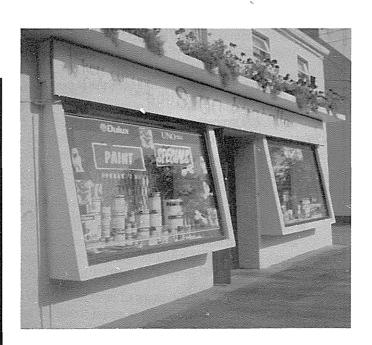


Of tragedy you had your share, Sad volumes do the angels bear. The road you took meandered so As angels fly both high and low. Your family were your greatest pride And kept the power in your ailing stride.

Over ragged stones you did not fall But reached towards God's loving call. Yes, the apples they have grown again And you with the harvest are borne in.

As you joined your dear beloved

In the great abode,
You walked with Mother Teresa and Diana
Up that sunset road.
And as you smoked your pipe
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### MICHAEL CUSACK FOUNDER OF THE G.A.A.

Maynooth G.A.A. followers had many visits to Croke Park during the year - perhaps you were in the Cusack stand. The stand is called after Michael Cusack who just over 150 years ago - on 20th September 1847 was born in the parish of Carron in the Burren area of Co. Clare. He trained as a teacher at Malborough St. Training College and taught at Lough Cutra N.S. He had his eyes set on bigger and better things. By the age of 24 he was the English and Maths teacher at St. Colman's College in Newry. From there he went to Kilkenny College, to Clongowes and to Blackrock College. Blackrock College then, as now, was a well known rugby college.

Cusack was a great believer in physical exercise for young people. In Dublin, at that time, weight and jumping events were largely ignored in favour of races. When he arrived at Blackrock he set about introducing athletics to the students. At the college sports in 1875 he organised a hop step and jump competition.

He himself was a noted athlete and in 1875 he won the 16 lb. and the 42 lb. shot events at a meeting organised by the Dublin Amateur Athletic Club. He organised a National Athletic meeting in Dublin at Easter 1880. In 1881 and 1882 he was the Irish champion weight thrower. In 1882 he founded the Dublin athletic club - open to all men. Cusack wanted everyone to play organised games. Dublin Hurling club was formed in 1882 and a year later the Metropolitan hurling club.

Cusack set up the Civil Service Academy - a school designed to help people enter the Civil Service. Soon he had his academy students out on the playing field - usually the Phoenix park. On December 8th 1883 the first properly organised hurling match in Dublin was played. Metropolitan beat Cusack's Academy. On Easter Sunday 1884 Metropolitan team took the train to Ballinasloe for a game on the fair green there against Kilimor. When he saw the standard of play he knew a code of rules for hurling was needed.

On 1st November 1884 at 3p.m. at Hayes Hotel, Thurles the first meeting took place of what became know as the Gaelic Athletic Association for the preservation and cultivation of national pastimes. Early in 1885 Archbishop Croke of Cashel gave the G.A.A. his unqualified approval.

In Dublin, in February 1886, Cusack refereed a hurling match between south Galway and north Tipperary. The first Dublin Club to be affiliated was Metropolitan. First country club to be affiliated was Clara in Co. Offaly. First hurling match under G.A.A. rules was at Tynagh with 6000 spectators. First football game under G.A.A. rules was at Callan Co. Kilkenny. Cusack died in 1906.

In 1913 the former city and suburban race-course was purchased by the G.A.A. to become Croke Park. In August

1938 the Cusack Stand was opened by Padraic MacNamee of Belfast the first Ulster President of the Association. The 150 anniversary of his birth was celebrated by his home county winning the McCarthy cup. A fitting tribute to a great man.

Maeve Moloney.

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#### SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

On Wednesday 17th September Mr. Aidan Herron kindly accepted an invitation from the Board of Management of Scoil Uí Riada to talk to the parents of the school about the Department of Education's new Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme. Mr. Herron was a former member of the Expert Advisory Group on RSE to the Minister for Education and has now returned to his primary school teaching duties. He addressed the meeting in a private capacity as a parent and teacher himself.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) seeks to provide children with opportunities to acquire knowledge and understanding of relationships and human sexuality, through processes which will enable them to form values and establish behaviours within a moral, spiritual and social framework. In his presentation Mr. Herron stated that an effective RSE programme is much more than just the provision of information, it should be delivered in such a way as to allow each child to assimilate that information and learn how to apply it to their own particular lives. The programme seeks to promote the development of skills and abilities which will enable children to better understand themselves, to communicate with others, to deal with conflicts, thereby empowering them to make the right decisions. An important focus of the programme will be the promotion of self-confidence and the fostering of selfesteem, important tools in enabling children to cope with changes in their lives as they grow.

The RSE programme syllabus is a spiral one extending from infants to sixth class. Expanding in scope each year and developing key topics further in ways which are appropriate to the age and stage of development of the pupils. The content for the RSE programme is presented in "strands" entitled Myself and Myself and others.

Mr. Herron highlighted that the first task in the development of an RSE programme in the school is to develop a school policy. This policy should reflect the core values and ethos of the school and should not confound the philosophy of the home. It is a written statement of the aims of the programme, its organisation within the school and how it will meet the needs of pupils, parents and teachers.

At the meeting a representative committee was established to facilitate consultation among the partners (parents, teachers, Board of Management) for the development of the RSE policy. Each of the partners will have distinctive contributions to make to the drawing up and the implementation of the RSE policy. The partners on the policy committee are represented by teachers (2), parents (2) and members of the Board of Management (2). The committee has been given the brief to:

- (a) draw up a draft policy statement.
- (b) to present this draft statement to the partners at a future meeting as part of the consultative process.
- (c) to review the feedback and to present the revised policy statement to the Board of Management for approval.

When agreed by the Board of Management the statement of policy will be made available within the school community.

#### The policy committee comprises the following:-

Ursula King (parent's representative)

Conn Mac Cinngamhna (parent's representative)

Pronsiais Bean Uí Logáin (teachers' representative)

Seosamh Ó hEarcáin (teachers' representative)

Michael Durkan (BoM's representative)

Noelle Mac Tiernan (BoM's representative)

Miriam Ahern, P.R.O.

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As well as our two top students achieving the maximum points with 6 A¹'s - twenty five students got 6 Honours or more and more than 50 got 4 honours or better. It is very gratifying also to note that of the 114 students who sat for the exam 109 would be deemed to have an overall pass.

These results are tremendous bearing in mind none of these are repeat students and the school has an open enrolment policy for all in the catchment area. It is also worth noting that all of these students participated in all of the normal social/cultural activities associated with the school such as football, debating, musicals etc. Great credit must go to the parents, students and teachers and proves it is possible to enjoy yourself in school and still keep focussed on your exams.

Mise, le meas Thomas Ashe

#### MAYNOOTH 1798 COMMEMORATION INITIATIVE

A good turn out was present at the Public Lecture in the Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 23rd September entitled "Understanding the 1798 Rebellion in County Kildare and Maynooth". The lecture was delivered by Liam Chambers, a doctoral student of history in Maynooth College and the author of a book entitled Politics and Rebellion in County Kildare 1790 - 1803, to be published by Four Courts Press in early 1998.

Liam's lecture revealed that Kildare has not received due recognition for the extent and relative success of the Rebellion throughout the county. From 1796 the United Irishmen politicised and organised a secret revolutionary army of 16,000; the leadership and rank and file included Catholics & Protestants of all classes; the leadership employed a strategy which succeeded in liberating much of the county, including Maynooth; hundreds of rebels were killed at the battle of Ovidstown and in a massacre at Gibbet Rath on the Curragh; due to the failure of Dublin to rise, the Kildare army based itself at Timahoe in the Bog of Allen, engaged in fugitive warfare and ensured that Kildare held out even longer than Wexford.

But it was the details on Maynooth which were most revealing. It was regarded as a "seditious" town by a Lt. Kane of Laraghbrien, houses were burned and some people were "punished" by Government troops in an effort to disarm the population and a Scottish regiment was billeted upon the locality.

Five hundred rebels from the camp at Timahoe entered the town on 10th June and 11 local yeomen were captured. Some seminarians, accused of United sympathies, were expelled from the College but Fr. Andrew Ennis, the then P.P. of Maynooth, was reported to have been supportive of the rebels.

United Colonels George Luby and Hugh Ware, and a Owen Lyons were leaders from the Maynooth area.

After the lecture a lively questions and answers session took place and a group of volunteers came forward to consider

appropriate ways to mark next year's bi-centenary at local level. Ideas included; commissioning a pamphlet on the Rebellion in Maynooth; hosting a 1798 music and poetry event with the Band, erecting a memorial; a "Lord Edward Fitzgerald" open day in Carton, etc.

The evening concluded with the Chair, Mary Cullen, inviting Allison Maxwell and Stuart Lane to read some poetry.

The below is Stuart's poem about a Richard Turner who was killed at the battle of Ovidstown, whose body was recovered by his mother and is buried in Ladychapel graveyard.

#### RICHARD TURNER

I meditate by your grave Two hundred years after Your death in a muddy Ditch at Ovidstown Bayoneted in the Belly By a frightened youth In a red coat

Did you sit with your
Fellows round the campfire
At Timahoe, laughing
And talking of daring
Deeds to come? Maybe
You dreamed of a glorious
New Republic where all
Men would be free and equal
Or perhaps you joined
The United Men just
For adventure

As the life ebbed out Of you did you think Of your mother? You Cannot tell us now.

Micheal Quinn

### **Features**

#### **BOOK LAUNCH**

What's the coolest book since Hotpoint's Guide to your Fridge Freezer?

What's the *must-have* on every parents' present list this year?

Don't know? Well, read on.

A new book by Maynooth author, Martina Murphy, is poised to cause quite a stir among teenagers and parents alike. Launched last month in The Coach House, Ballinteer, Livewire tells the story of Joey Boland, who loves music. He's in a band with four other friends and they enter a Battle of the Bands competition, ready to take on the world. However, only one thing stands in the way of Joey's dreams of fame and glory, and that's his Da. The Concerned Parent who wants his son to do something ordinary with his life, like get a job, for instance. This is the touching, bittersweet sometimes hilarious story of a painful father/son relationship. It will make you laugh and cry. Every parent and teenager on the planet will relate to it.



Martina at the Book Launch in The Coach House, Ballinteer.

The book was written by Martina when she was fifteen and offers a unique perspective on how teenagers really think. Years later she found it (not too many years later - she hastens to add!) and typed it up for Poolbeg on her newly acquired word-processor. The publishing company accepted it on her

third draft. They have hailed it as a 'stunning debut novel'.

It has been accepted by the Scolastic Lists in England who have ordered a 2000 copy advance.

The book was launched by Brendan Tallon, lead singer with *Revellino*, who loved it as he too had had the same problems with his da that Joey has! Aisling Corcoran, star of *Moll Flanders* read her favourite passage from the novel. The launch was attended by all Martina's family and friends and celebrities, Tom Kitt, T.D., Jim Culleton and Clodagh O'Donoghue from Fishamble Theatre.

All in all a great night for a great book!

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Martina's husband Colm and son Conor.

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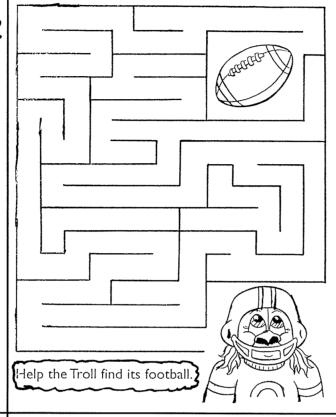
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2nd Prize Robert Moore 483 Straffan Road Maynooth

2nd Prize Maria McAuliffe 562 O'Neill Park Maynooth

**3rd Prize** Christopher Moynan 209 Kingsbry Maynooth

### **Hobbies and Interests**

### **DELICIOUSLY SIMPLE**

#### TEA BRACK

12oz plain flour 1 tsp. baking powder 12oz raisins 1/4 tsp. mixed spice 8oz brown sugar 1 egg 1oz chopped almonds 1oz chopped cherries 1oz mixed peel 1/2 pt. cold tea

To Bake:

7" square tin lined and greased.

#### Method:

Steep raisins, sugar, almonds, cherries and peel in cold tea overnight. Sieve together flour, baking powder, salt, and spice. Add a little of the flour mixture to the fruit and mix thoroughly. Add the beaten egg, fold in the remainder of the flour. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin. Bake 1½- 2 hours. 370° F Gas mark 5. Allow to cool before removing from the tin.

#### SMOKED SAUSAGE CASSOULET

Total time: 30 minutes Calories per serving: 774

Serves 4

2 tbsp olive oil 12 small onions

1 garlic clove, crushed

350g/12oz smoked sausage, such as chorizo, cut in chunks

400g/14oz can butter beans, drained.

400g/14oz can flageolet beans, drained.

400g/14oz can chopped tomatoes with herbs

1 tbsp tomato purée

1 tbsp Dijon mustard

seasoning

2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley, to garnish.

Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the onions and garlic for 5 minutes until soft. Add the smoked sausage pieces, butter beans, flageolet beans, chopped tomatoes, tomato purée, Dijon mustard and seasoning to the pan and mix together well.

Bring the mixture to the boil, then reduce the heat, cover and cook for about 20 minutes until heated through.

Sprinkle with parsley and serve immediately, with new potatoes if you wish.

#### GOOD OLD-FASHIONED SPOTTED DICK

Serves 6

110g (4oz) self-raising flour

110g (4oz) white breadcrumbs

A pinch of salt

110g (4oz) shredded beef or vegetable suet

85g (3oz) golden caster sugar

85g (3oz) currants

85g (3oz) raisins

The grated rind of 1 orange 85ml (3fl.oz) milk

Mix the flour, breadcrumbs, salt and suet together in a bowl. Stir in the sugar, dried fruit and orange rind. Using a round-bladed knife, add the milk and mix together to form a light, elastic dough. Knead lightly until just smooth. Shape into a neat roll about 15cm (6in) long.

Make a 5 cm (2in) pleat across a clean tea towel or large piece of muslin, or pleat together sheets of greased greaseproof paper and foil. Wrap the dough loosely to allow for expansion, pleating the open edges tightly together. Tie the ends with string and make a string handle.

Place the roll in a large pan of boiling water, cover and boil for 11/2 hours. Remove from the pan and place on a wire rack over a plate, to drain. Snip the string and roll the pudding on to a warmed serving plate. Serve sliced with egg custard.

#### SMOKED MACKEREL GRILLS







4 smoked mackerel fillets, fresh or frozen, defrosted 3oz/75g cream cheese spread

1 egg, size 3, beaten

2oz/50g medium oatmeal

2oz/50g white breadcrumbs

A few lettuce leaves and 1 tomato, quartered to garnish.

Peel away the skin from the back of the fish and using a sharp knife, slice mackerel in half horizontally.

Lift off the top half and spread the cream cheese over the flesh. Replace the top of the fish. Mix the egg with a little water. Pat the fish dry with kitchen paper to remove excess oil. Mix the oatmeal and breadcrumbs together. Brush the fish with the egg and coat thoroughly in oat mixture.

Cook on barbecue or under a preheated grill for 5 minutes or until crisp and golden. Sprinkle with any remaining crumbs when turned over. Serve the fish on a bed of lettuce, with wedges of tomato.

Tips: If you wish, use packet savoury breadcrumbs to coat the fish. The finished result will be different in colour and flavour but still tasty.

Also, try a cream cheese spread flavoured with chives or with ham instead of the plain one.

Microwave: Preheat a browning dish for 5 minutes, add a little oil and cook on medium (450 watts) for 3 minutes, turning once. Remove from the pan and drain on kitchen paper, serve as above recipe.

### **Hobbies and Interests**

# Gardening Hints

#### OCTOBER GARDENING HINTS

#### **HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS**

Cut back the dead foliage of all perennials, any time from now until spring. If you can put up with your borders looking a bit scruffy, delay tidying up until early spring. The dead foliage provides winter shelter for ladybirds and other beneficial insects like ground beetles, a bit of food for birds and, when it's covered with hoar frost it looks wonderful.

Clean up pampas grass (Cortaderia), cutting off or pulling out dead leaves. But don't ever do it without wearing strong gloves as the leaves have sharp edges. One popular method is to burn off the dead foliage, but this isn't a good idea. Not only can it damage the plant, but you'll also kill lots of useful hibernating insects.

**Perennials** can be lifted and divided when they've formed large clumps, usually after three or four years. Lateflowering varieties like Michaelmas daisy (*Aster*) and red hot poker (*Kniphofia*) are best left until spring.

#### LAWN

An established lawn should be mown less frequently as growth slows down; mowing can usually stop around the end of the month.

Rake out the 'thatch' (a layer of dead grass) if you wish, and aerate the lawn if drainage is poor. Top-dressing can improve all types of lawn by revitalizing the upper layer of soil and increasing the rooting area. First rake out the thatch and mow the grass. Mix up a compost of three parts of sieved garden soil, two parts of sharp sand and one part of sieved compost (coconut-fibre if you wish). Spread a 1-2-cm (1/2-1-in) layer over the lawn and work it in well with the back of a rake, but take care not to smother the grass completely. It'll look messy for a couple of weeks but the grass soon grows through. If the lawn is rather sparse or worn, mix a bit of grass seed in with the compost.

#### SHRUBS



Hardwood cuttings can be taken from deciduous shrubs any time over winter. Now is the best time, however, when the plants have just lost their leaves and the soil still has some warmth to help speed rooting. Take cuttings around 20-25 cm (8-10 in) long from straight healthy shoots, making a straight cut on the base.

#### **GREENHOUSE**

Watering and ventilation need care now that temperatures are falling. Grey mould or *Botrytis* can be a menace in winter, particularly where there's a combination of a damp, humid atmosphere and low temperatures.

Good greenhouse hygiene and ventilation can prevent it becoming a severe problem.

Pick off dead or faded leaves, and space plants out to allow good air movement around the foliage. If any signs of grey mould do appear, remove all the affected parts of the plant and put them in the dustbin-not on the compost heap or you'll be spreading the spores. Spray remaining plants with copper fungicide, which will help prevent the spread of disease.

Before watering, stand the full watering can in the greenhouse for a few hours so the water can warm up. Do the same with compost before sowing seeds or potting up young plants. Plant growth will slow down a lot, so take care to water sparingly. Remove, dry and store capillary matting if you didn't do it last month, as it holds lots of moisture and will make the atmosphere too humid. Ventilate the greenhouse as much as you can during the day while still maintaining temperatures, and close up at night. If you're heating with paraffin or gas, there needs to be a tiny bit of ventilation at all times. Clean out the greenhouse and insulate ready for winter if you didn't do it last month. Check that all glass is secure and replace any cracked or damaged panes. Give wooden framed structures a coat of preservative if necessary.



#### Checklist



- •Harvest apples and pears; store undamaged fruits.
- •Plant spring bulbs. Tulips can now be planted.
- •Fix grease bands to apple trees if you have not already done so.
- •Lift, divide and replant old clumps of rhubarb.
- •Propagate fruit bushes like black currants by hardwood cuttings.
- •Prepare a site for asparagus to be planted next spring by digging in plenty of manure.
- •Sow broad beans outdoors in mild areas or on light soils.
- •Bend cauliflower leaves over the curds to protect them from frost.
- •Sow winter lettuce under cloches, in coldframe or greenhouse.
- •Sow hardy annuals for spring pot plants.
- •Plant lily bulbs in pots in the cold greenhouse.
- •Buy material like bubble polythene to have ready for protecting shrubs and containers from severe frosts.
- •Finish planting evergreens by the end of the month.
- •Move frost-tender shrubs in containers into the greenhouse.

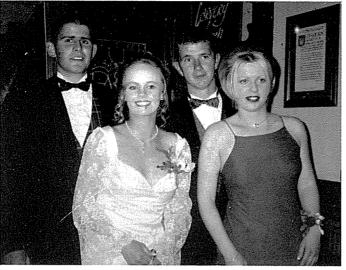
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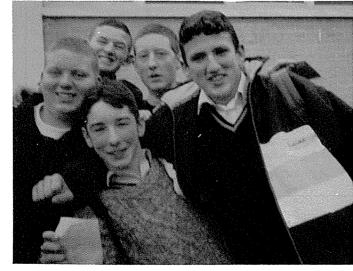
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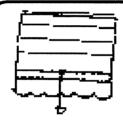
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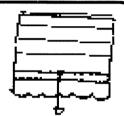
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### **Party Political Notes**

#### LABOUR PARTY NOTES

#### Development Plan Rejected Again

Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley are delighted that the new Minister for the Environment, Noel Dempsey T.D., has carried on the good work of the previous Minister Brendan Howlin by rejecting the Draft Kildare County Development Plan.

In rejecting the plan the Minister has drawn particular reference to 'carefully chosen zoning of lands in the remaining towns of the north-east'. Minister Dempsey agrees with the statements made by Cllr. John McGinley when the plan was being discussed in Naas in February of this year, that 'carefully chosen' is not defined in the plan and therefore makes no sense. Indeed Fianna Fail and Fine Gael Councillors saw the rezoning of either side of Carton Avenue as being 'carefully chosen' !

To put matters bluntly, the draft plan submitted by the F.F. F.G. coalition on Kildare Co. Council was a con job, which intended to allow Development to continue unabated in Maynooth. They have been found out and now must start again.

Emmet Stagg in welcoming the move has called on Bernard Durkan T.D. and Charlie McCreevey T.D. to finally get off the fence and drag their Councillors into line with the wishes of the residents of Maynooth and North Kildare.

#### **Bond Bridge**

In the last issue of the **Newsletter** we outlined our astonishment at how Kildare Co. Council got their figures so wrong on the costings for Bond Bridge. The Co. Manager had promised to supply a comprehensive report to the Celbridge Area Committee at its meeting on September 5th.

At the meeting on September 5th the Co. Manager did not even attend. The assistant Co. Manager presented a one and half page paper which was a rehash of previous reports. It did not indicate in any way how the Council got their figures wrong. Cllr. John McGinley expressed his extreme anger at the non attendance of the Co. Manager and the ridiculous report presented.

Because of the treatment of Councillors by the officials, we now must press ahead at the full Council meeting on September 29th to secure the loan of £700,000 to meet the shortfall on the project. This will have to be an all party push with full backing of the Celbridge Area Committee. It's time the officials were given a message from North Kildare. The Bond Bridge project must go ahead NOW.

#### 95 Foot Mast For Town Centre

Esat Digifone have sought Planning Permission for a 95 foot mast at the Garda Station in Maynooth. Such a proposal is totally off the wall and must be resisted at all costs.

Cllr. John McGinley has objected to Planning Permission being granted on the following grounds;

- 1. The structure is inappropriate for a town centre location.
- 2. It would have a serious negative impact on the amenity value of the Geraldine Castle (£1 Million is going to be spent on the Castle over the next year and a half).
- 3. It is contrary to the 1985 County Development Plan.
- 4. It conflicts with Ministerial Guidelines that such masts should never be sited in residential areas.

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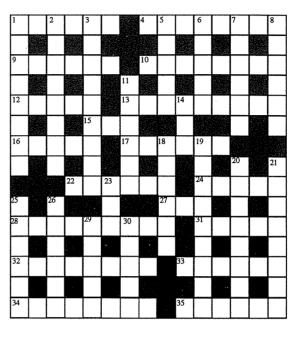
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#### Across:

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1.	Playful	(6)	
4.	Type of dog	(8)	
9.	Surgical instr	ument	(6
10.	Severe	(8)	
12.	Clearing	(5)	
13.	Egg dishes	(9)	
15.	Point	(3)	
16.	Surrounded b	y	(5
17.	Desolate	(6)	
22.	Addresses	(6)	
24.	Behind	(5)	
27.	Witch	(3)	
28.	Depraved per	son	(9
31.	Extent	(5)	
32.	World	(8)	
33.	Allure	(6)	
34.	Puts on board	i	(8
35.	Grain	(6)	

#### Down:

1.	Whole	(8)	
2.	Hunter	(8)	
3.	Beachcomber	•	(9)
5.	Cleanse	(5)	
6.	Girl's name	(5)	

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7.	Spirits	(6)		
8.	Thwart	(6)		
11.	Tolkien's her	. ,	(6)	
14.	Shelter	(3)	(0)	
18.	Bacon slice	(6)		
19.	Scent	(9)		
20.	Disease	(8)		
21.	Light and air	y	(8)	
23.	Vestment	(3)	` /	
25.	Complain ab	out the	bird?	(6)
26.	Injury suppor	rt	(6)	
29.	Final point	(5)		
30.	Felony	(5)		

#### Solution to Crossword No. 118

Mary Callaghan, 148 Kingsbry, Maynooth

Across: 1. Legend; 4. Scuttled; 9. Renown; 10.
Molasses; 12. Enrol; 13. Shepherds; 15. Pip; 16. Set to;
17. Embryo; 22. States; 24. Satin; 27. Eft; 28. Theoretic;
31. Exact; 32. Prefixed; 33. Adagio; 34. Respects;
35. Gypers.
Down: 1. Largesse; 2. Generate; 3. Newel post; 5. Clone;
6. Trash; 7. Lustre; 8. Desist; 11. Aspect; 14. Par;
18. Bisect; 19. Yesterday; 20. Strangle; 21. Unctuous;
23. Ace; 25. Stupor; 26. Severs; 29.Raise; 30.Trent.
Winner of Crossword No. 118:

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### **Party Political Notes**

#### LABOUR PARTY NOTES Cont.

The local labour Branch are confident that the application will be rejected at County Council level but the difficulty will arise with an appeal to An Bord Pleanala. They are granting these masts on appeal to date regardless of the location.

#### **Dunboyne Road**

Cllr. John McGinley has written to the Co. Engineer expressing his extreme dismay that public lights and a footpath are still not in place from Lyreen Park and Nagle Court towards Maynooth village. It is now over a year since former President Mary Robinson opened the senior citizens houses in Nagle Court. Yet they are now facing a second winter without footpaths or lighting.

Development levies have being provided to pay for this work and one developer has proposed carrying out the work in lieu of the levies. The developer proposed this last May and still no action from the Council. Hopefully the Co. Engineers intervention will resolve this ridiculous situation.

#### **Speed Limit Extension - Newtown**

Emmet Stagg T.D. has been advised by the Co. Secretary that his request for an extension of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit on the Rathcoffey Road has been agreed to. The speed limit will be moved from its existing position at Cluain Aoibhinn to beyond Ashleigh and will be incorporated in the 1997 Speed Limit Bye Laws.

#### Silken Vale

The following motion was agreed by the Celbridge Area Committee at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

'That favourable consideration will be given to an application from North City Builders for Retention Planning Permission of the estate, excluding the footbridge and walkway, when they have completed all other works in Silken Vale and paid a sum of money, in lieu of the bridge, to Kildare Co. Council to go towards other works in the area e.g. replace the wooden bridge over the Canal'.

### Thornton's 'Heineken Step' And Commerical Building Refused Planning Permission

Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley objected to the planning applications in support of the North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Protection Group.

We are very pleased that both applications were refused planning permission.

The Heineken Step was refused permission by Meath Co. Council on 20th August. The reasons for refusal included the following:

- 1. In the opinion of the Council the Heineken step was inaccurately described and was in fact not a Heineken step. Therefore the mound to be retained would constitute disorderly and haphazard development which would be inconsistent with the use of the site for residential, agricultural and equestrian purposes.
- The development for which retention was being sought comprises a waste disposal site which is unauthorised and is therefore contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The Commerical Building was refused planning permission by Meath Co. Council on September 10th. The reasons for refusal included the following:

- The proposed development is contrary to Meath Co.
   Councillors policy of channelling commerical
   development to existing serviced centres and restricting
   development in rural areas to agriculture and other rural
   activities.
- 2. The development would constitute disorderly and haphazard development in this rural area.
- 3. Traffic hazards would be increased.

#### **Brookfield Avenue**

Following representations from Brookfield Residents Association Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. John McGinley contacted the Development control officer in Kildare Co. Council concerning the unsightly area opposite the 34 homes in Brookfield Avenue.

The Council have replied stating that the Developer will be contacted with a view to clearing up the area and properly seeding the open space associated with Brookfield Avenue.

However Enforcement proceedings will in all likelihood be issued in this matter by the Council.

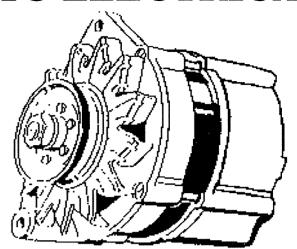
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#### MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

The season is now in full swing for our senior teams with the schoolboys section just commencing theirs. Results to hand are quite promising and we hope the trend continues for the remainder of the season.

Results to hand:

Major Division Sunday

Maynooth Town 2

Rialto 2.

Maynooth made their debut in the Major Division following their promotion after last seasons runners-up spot in the Premier Division. Acquitting themselves well Maynooth showed that they are not just going to be making up the numbers among the big boys. Joey Dempsey put Maynooth in front to give his side a half-time lead. Rialto replied in the second half with the equaliser but Dempsey put his side in front once more but Town were unable to increase their lead and Rialto spoiled the party with a late equaliser to share the points.

Best for Maynooth were Joey Dempsey, Gerry Thompson and Paul Byrne.

Sacred Heart 0 Maynooth Town O

Last years Champions Sacred Heart were fortunate to come away from this game with a point. Maynooth took the game to "Saints" from the kick-off and never allowed the opposition to settle. Mounting attack after attack "Town" battered away at the "Saints" defence but were unable to make the breakthrough. Sterling defensive performances by Gerry Thompson, Fergal Barton, Eamon Dunne and Martin McTernan and top class goalkeeping by Barry Desmond were features of the game.

Maynooth Town 1 St. James United 1

Last years Premier winners came to town hoping to build on their 96/97 success but found the "Town" in no mood to give anything away. Town had a number of near misses before James Delargy opened the scoring from a delightful free kick from thirty yards out. It was a goal which will hardly be bettered all season and would have been a deserved match winner. "Saints" got on terms with a disputed penalty before half-time. The visitors were reduced to ten men with fifteen minutes to go when their full back hacked down Martin McTernan and their centre half deserved the same fate shortly after for a similar offence but escaped with a finger wagging from the referee. Best for Maynooth were Paul Byrne, Feargal Barton, Dermot Myles and Michael Murphy.

Division 2 Saturday
Maynooth Town 1 Elm Rovers 2.

Maynooth will forever wonder how the three points got away in a game which the Town dominated for long periods.

Hoping to open their account with a win Town went looking for a quick early goal but were thwarted by a sound Rovers defence. Despite Maynooth's early dominance Rovers went into the lead and held this advantage at half-time. Rovers increased their lead after the break but Town rallied and Colm Carroll gave the home side hope when scoring a cracking goal from the edge of the area. Town pushed everyone forward in search of the equaliser but were unable to find a way through. Best for Maynooth were Colm Carroll, Niall Culliton, Dave Faherty and Federico Bros.

Aston Village Utd. 1 Maynooth Town 2

Mick Nevin proved to be Maynooth's match winner in this close game at Malahide. The town created several good scoring chances but the opening score took some time in coming. Niall Culliton played the ball into the United penalty area where he found Mick Nevin who made no mistake from close range. The same player put the town further ahead with his second goal. Receiving the ball thirty yards from the United goal he bore down on the home defence before letting fly to the roof of the net with an unstoppable shot from the edge of the area. Town looked comfortable now with Colm Carroll and Derek Dolan in top form at the heart of Maynooth's defence. With the game in injury time and Town coasting to victory the home side scored a late consolation but it was too late to upset the result.

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

Our recent game against St. James United had a late kick-off due to being unable to gain access to our pitch. On arriving for the 11.00 a.m. morning kick-off the road leading to the pitch was found to be blocked by travellers caravans and motor vehicles. The caravans and vehicles were placed access the roadway ensuring that access was impossible. On first refusing to clear the roadway Gardai were called to the scene and after some heated debate the road was eventually cleared for all vehicular traffic to pass by. This road is protected at either end by a heavy duty steel barrier erected by the Co. Council some months ago. These barriers have been securely locked since erection and this was the first break-in. It was felt that this type of barrier and lock would eliminate the problem of many years illegal parking. The most disturbing aspect of this whole incident is the fact that the lock was removed and replaced by a lock which the travellers provided and boasted that "nobody would get in". This lock was removed the day after on the threat of action if an accident occurred at the pitch and an ambulance was unable to gain entry. The filth and damage that generally lies in the wake of those incursions would have to be seen to be believed. There is no regard for property, public health, the environment and above all the welfare of the players and public who attend the pitch on match days or on days when just out for a walk.

### **Sport**

#### MAYNOOTH U.14 WIN SHIELD FINAL

Maynooth 6-10

Monasterevin 4-0

Maynooth U.14 footballers finished the season on a winning note against a disappointing Monasterevin side in the Shield Final played in Sallins.

The foundation of victory was at midfield where Cillian Carr and Pierre Ennis were on top for almost the entire game. The forwards played well as a unit, putting some fine moves together resulting in some well taken scores. First half goals by Patrick O'Rourke and Dermot Canning as well as points from Pierre Ennis, Donal Houlihan, Morgan Sweeney and Brian Downey left Maynooth leading 2-7 to 1-0 at half time. The second half was only five minutes old when Morgan Sweeney (who was a thorn in the Monasterevin defence) had the ball in the net twice. Monasterevin got their second goal in one of their rare attacks but further goals from Alan Baxter and the last, a rocket from Pierre Ennis left Monasterevin dead and buried.

The introduction of David Murphy ten minutes from the end inspired Monasterevin, and from there to the finish they had the Maynooth defence under pressure. They scored two late goals, but in the end Maynooth ran out easy winners. This was a good all round display from goalkeeper to corner forward. As well as those already mentioned Eric Roberts had a stormer at centre half back, getting good support from Graham Quinn and Tadgh O'Corcora. After the game Dennis Dalton presented the Shield Trophy to Maynooth captain Morgan Sweeney.

#### Teams and scorers:

Aidan Molloy, Joseph Brennan, Graham Quinn, Stephen Curran, Tadgh O'Corcora, Eric Roberts, Colin O'Neill, Cillian Carr, Pierre Ennis, (1-6), Donal Houlihan (0-1), Patrick O'Rourke (1-1), Morgan Sweeney (2-1), Brian Downey (0-1) Alan Baxter (1-0) Dermot Canning (1-0). Subs. Fergus Deveraux for (Downey), Fergal Molloy for (Curran), Paul Broughan for (Canning), Joseph McLoughlin (not used).



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On Saturday Sept 6th Maynooth Ladies GAA Team continued their season when they played Grange in the 1st round of the League.

Result: Maynooth 8-8 Grange 4-8

On Saturday Sept 13th they travelled to Abbeyleix for the 1st Round of the Leinster Club Championship versus Shanahoe. Maynooth were without three of their key players.

Antoinette Mooney, (who eventually came on in the second half replacing Tracey Kearney), Fionnula Heaney was also missing as was Ginny Breslin who had a knee operation the previous day. Leagh Newman replaced Margaret Farrell. Shanahoe 'came at us' from the outset and unfortunately a slightly unfit Maynooth team succumbed

Result: Shanahoe 2-10 Maynooth 0-6

On Sunday Sept 21st the League continued with a game against Carbury in Carbury at 3pm.

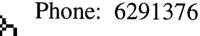
**Result of Carbury v Maynooth:** Maynooth 3-26 Carbury 2-1

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20.07.97 27.07.97 03.08.97 10.08.97 17.08.97	12,14,22 7,22,26 2,6,30 5,16,26 14,19,22	£475 £500 £525 £550 £575	S.Kennedy Danny Fitz J.Horan Trish Reilly Lorraine (c/oBrady's)	R.Behan M.Lynch T.Flatley A.Beveridge J.Thompson	E.Nolan J. Murphy V. Feeney D.Birchall Ann Tolan	A. Higgins Marie Kelly J. Nolan A. Kealy P. Haren	M.Nolan\ Y.O'Connor K.Dempsey P.Corrway Sean Molly
24.08.97 31.08.97 07.09.97 14.09.97	16,21,29 5,10,30 1,29,30 2,24,28	£600 £625 £650 £675	T.Griffin L.Murphy P.Tobin T.Corcoran	Des Finnan Pat Harty David Folan M.Naughton	D.Horan Peter Brazil J. Gaffney Big Mac	J. O'Rourke Pat Mooney L. Dempsey Y.O'Connor	J. Murphy R. Rochford B.Barrett M.McMullen

#### MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

SCHOOLBOY SOCCER ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1997/98 SEASON
ALL SCHOOLBOY TEAMS WILL PLAY IN THE **T.S.B. DUBLIN & DISTRICT LEAGUE**ALL FIXTURES CAN BE FOUND IN THE EVENING HERALD EVERY MONDAY

SOLAR SUPER SEVENS SUNDAY LEAGUE	TEAM MANAGER	CONTACT NO'S
<u>UNDER 8's</u> Division 8A1, Division 8B	BILL GANNON PAT MOYNAN	6290239 6286865
<u>UNDER 9's</u> Division 9A1, Division 9B	CIARAN GLYNN STEPHEN CORBALLY	6290918 6285742
<u>UNDER 10'S</u> Division 10A	PHIL DOYLE	VIA SECRETARY
SOLAR SUPER SEVENS SATURDAY LEAGUE	TEAM MANAGER	CONTACT NO'S
<u>UNDER 10's</u> Division 10B	COLM NELSON	6272251
T.S.B. 11 A-SIDE SATURDAY		
<u>UNDER 11's</u> Division 11A1	JOE WALSH	6285871
<u>UNDER 13's</u> Division 13A1	TONY McMAHON	VIA SECRETARY

ALL SCHOOLBOY TEAMS HAVE NOW STARTED THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR THE 1997/98 SEASON AND WE WISH THEM THE BEST OF LUCK. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL PARENTS TO SUPPORT THE CLUB AND ALL TEAMS WHEN EVER POSSIBLE. A SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO COMPILE A 5 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB IN THE COMING YEARS. ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS WOULD BE WELCOMED FROM ANY INTERESTED PERSONS. SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE TEAMS OR THE CLUB CONTACT THE TEAM MANAGER OR CLUB SECRETARY GERRY FOLAN (6286994) OR JOHN DOOGAN (6289720)

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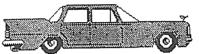
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Happy Birthday to Rikki McTernan, Laurence Ave. Age 6 Sept 8th and cousins Aileen McTernan, Moyglare Village Age 12 Sept 22nd and Keith McTernan, Dunboyne, Age 19 Sept 9th and to David McTernan, Kilcock, Age 19 Oct 19th. Best wishes from your Mammies, Daddies, Grannies, Grandads, Brothers, Sisters and all your friends.

Trever Naughton, Greenfield, Age 15 on November 19th. His sister Aimee Age 7 on November 29th. Best wishes from Mammie, Daddy, Brother Darren and Sister Cheryl.

Happy Birthday to Dorin Goyvaerts from Greenfield Lane who celebrated her birthday last week.

Happy Birthday to Lima Higgins who celebrated her 63rd birthday on 23rd September from all her friends.

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

Happy 8th wedding Anniversary, 7th October, to William and Jacinta Black. Congratulations from all the clan.

Gerard and Ita McTernan, Parson Street, Maynooth, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on Wednesday 3rd September with a party at the Glenroyal Hotel. They have 6 sons and 13 grandchildren.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Robbie McDonald formerly of Laurence Avenue, Maynooth and Mary Anne McDonald (Nee O'Hanlon, Celbridge) on the birth of their baby daughter Sarah Lynn McDonald, 31st July.

Well done from the McDonald Clan.

Congratulations to Mary Fortune daughter of Mrs. Maureen Fortune and the late Sean Fortune, Parson Street, Maynooth, and Paul Mahon son of Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mahon, Clondalkin, Dublin, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth 5th September.

Best wishes from your families and friends. Honeymoon spent in San Francisco.

#### **SYMPATHY**

Wife, Daughters, Sons, Brother, Brothers-in-law, Sisters-in-law, Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and Friends of Patrick (P.J.) Bennett, Newtown, Maynooth.

Tommie Murray, Maynooth Park, on the death of his father James Murray, Bullsmouth, Dooniver, Achill, Mayo.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BENNETT:** The wife and family of the late P.J. Bennett, Maynooth 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.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

MULDOWNEY: The wife and family of the late Timothy Muldowney, Laragh, Maynooth 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, Everlasting Gifts, Floral Tributes and letters of sympathy.

A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. John McWey P.P., Rev. Fr. Paul O'Boyle C.C. Kilcock, Dr. Maurice Cowhey and colleagues and the many nurses for their help and support during Tim's illness.

The members of Scouting Ireland C.S.I. who provided the Guard of Honour.

The kindness of special friends and neighbours who helped us enormously.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

#### **MISSING**

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