

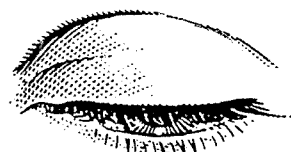
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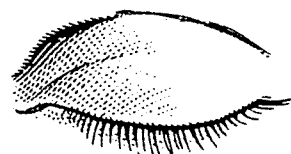
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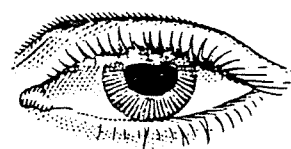
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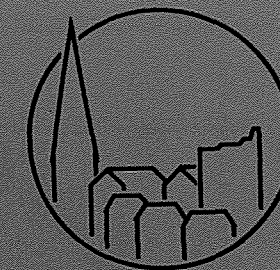
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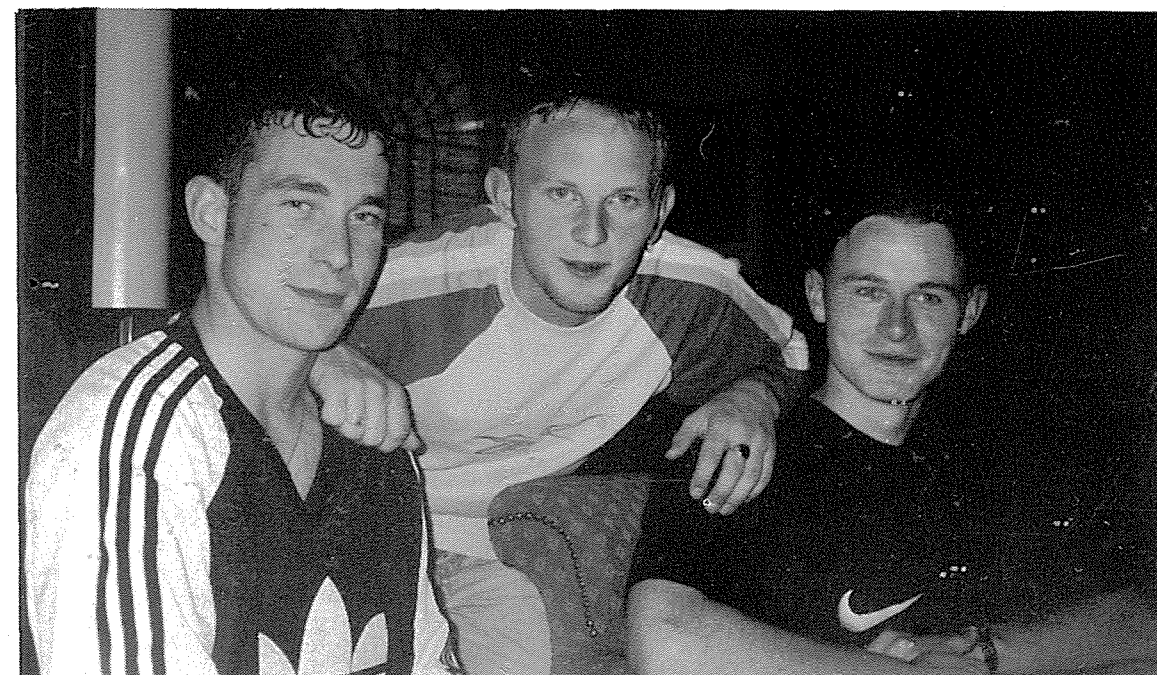


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DIARY DATES

Fri Aug 29th & 31st: Community Games National Finals.
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Tue Sept 2nd: Cub Scouts Reconnence M.A.D.E.
Thurs Sept 4th: Scouts Reconnence M.A.D.E.
Sat Sept 6th: Silken Vale Res. Social Night G.A.A.
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Sun Sept 7th: National Heritage Day Walk
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Mon Sept 8th: Childrens Set Dancing B.N.S.
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Fri Sept 26th: Community Games Table Quiz G.A.A.
Club
Sat Sept 27th: Maynooth Golfing Soc. (Longford)

EDITORIAL

Leaving Cert Results

According to all reports this years Leaving Cert results in Maynooth Post Primary School are the best ever with more students achieving higher grades than in any previous year. Success of this kind is the result of a lot of hard work on the part of students but very often the key is good teachers and the right environment in the school. Maynooth is indeed fortunate in having such an excellent school serving the community, particularly at a time when the acquisition of a good education can determine a young persons future prospects in life. Of course not all students will achieve high marks in exams and go on to university. It is here that the school plays a vital role in ensuring that even students who are not academic achievers fulfill their potential and leave school equipped to pursue a rewarding working life. On that score Maynooth Post Primary School makes a major contribution to the life of the town. As a teacher and principal Tom Ashe has played a huge role in the development of the school and on behalf of the people of Maynooth the **Newsletter** would like to wish him a happy retirement.

Dirty Old Town

Work on the refurbishment of Main St. is due to start this Autumn and no doubt when the project is finished the appearance of Maynooth will be much improved. At the moment though the town is not looking its best. Apart from the usual litter problems the state of the Straffan Road from the interchange all the way down to the Square is a disgrace. In some places the grass and weeds are four feet high. Grass verges in other parts of the town also remain uncut - notably at the end of the Dunboyne Road. While Maynooth Tidy Towns have a role to play in the maintenance of the town environment this can be no substitute for a commitment by Kildare Co. Council. The refurbishment of Main St. will be a once off project - funded largely by the National Roads Authority and the EU - but what is needed on an ongoing basis is for the Co. Council to commit staff to Maynooth. We are, after all, a town of over 10,000 people and are entitled to a much better service from our local authority.

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Letter To The Editor

LETTER TO EDITOR

Re: Bond Bridge, Maynooth

I write to express my serious concern at the amount of inaccurate information supplied by Council Officials to both the Celbridge Area Committee and the full Council during 1996 in relation to Bond Bridge.

The Area Committee was advised that the cost of the new bridge would be £750,000. I subsequently put a motion to the full Council Meeting on 27th May 1996 outlining the levies paid, the cost of the new bridge and the shortfall at £517,124.

All Council Officials present accepted the £750,000 cost. I asked that the Council seeks approval from the Department of the Environment to take out the loan necessary to build the new bridge forthwith and that this loan would be repaid from Special Development Levies on the 50 acres still to be developed.

The Council Road Section replied to me on 8th November 1996 as follows:

"The Council sought a special grant of £500,000 earlier this year for the reconstruction of Bond Bridge. It was intended to supplement this grant with development levies of £350,000 (this was already collected and £120,000 was spent on buttressing the bridge).

The Department replied to the effect that in light of the priorities relating to the E.U. co-financed Schemes there was no prospect of funds from that area in 1997 for Bond Bridge. The Department added that it was open to the Council to raise a loan for the project."

At a Celbridge Area Meeting on the same day as the date on the above letter (8 Nov 1996), we were advised by the Project Engineer, that the cost of the bridge had now risen to £900,000. The extra £150,000 being due to CIE's bridge height requirements.

Five days (13th Nov 1996) later in a report to the Estimates Committee Meeting of the Council, the County Manager gave the cost of the bridge at £1.5 million. When I sought clarification on this extraordinary jump in the cost in just FIVE DAYS, the County Manager advised that the extra £600,000 was for the new Meadowbrook Link to the Straffan Road and for work on the Rathcoffey Road. The Acting County Engineer stated that the Meadowbrook Link was vital in order to provide a detour during construction of the new bridge.

At the Estimates Meeting on 18th November 1996 I had detailed discussions with the then County Manager and the Acting County Engineer in order to resolve the problem.

The following was agreed by the County Manager:

1. That Special Levies would be set at £22,000 per acre on the 29.7 acres zoned residential and undeveloped. This would raise £660,000 and with the £233,000 already in hand the cost of the bridge would be at the Council's disposal.
2. That the bridge would be a stand alone project i.e. the Meadowbrook Link and Newtown Road improvements would not be part of it.
3. That detouring during construction would be agreed by the Area Committee.

There was a lull for some months until Planning Procedures were finalised.

When we enquired about progress at the Area Meeting on 16 May 1997 we were advised that the project was going to cost £1,381,000:

The bridge £850,000
Rathcoffey Road £231,000
Meadowbrook Link £300,000

We stated that the bridge was to take precedence and that the Engineers be asked to start work on a design and programme of work straight away.

Then came the bombshell at our meeting on 11th July 1997, when you advised us that the costs were now as follows:

The bridge £1.5 million
Rathcoffey Road £385,000
Meadowbrook Link £400,000

Note: CIE's requirements for the bridge were now costing nothing extra.

These costs were repeated to us at our subsequent meeting on 31st July 1997, at which you stated that you will be giving us a written report for our meeting on 5th September 1997.

To say that I am astonished at such unprofessionalism is putting it mildly and I am now asking for a written explanation for this litany of errors. In addition, I believe you should give an apology to the people of Maynooth for the mishandling of this project by Council officials.

Yours sincerely

John McGinley.



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Town Improvement Works

An advertisement in the National Newspapers recently sought tenders for the contract to commence work on the Maynooth Town Improvement Plan. It now seems that despite the long delay that this work to enhance the main street area will soon get underway. So what does this work include?

- Paving the footpaths in the main street area and the repair or replacement of footpaths from the shopping centre on the Leixlip road to the University on the Kilcock road.
- Overhead utility cables will be put underground in the Main Street.
- New street lighting will be installed.
- Main Street will be resurfaced.

The money for this work will predominately come from the By-passed towns funding administered by the National Roads Authority, who give this to the local authority to renew the town centre following the opening of a by-pass, which in Maynooth's case occurred in 1994.

Some minor adjustments will be made to the access available to traffic as part of the plan, which it is hoped will make traffic movement safer in the town centre.

Meetings sought with Kildare County Architect

As part of our efforts to advance our case to achieve Heritage Town status for Maynooth, we have sought a meeting with the Kildare County Council Architect. While the amended Draft Development Plan 1996 outlines support for the development of heritage tourism in the town, we feel that it would be helpful for us to outline our opinions, while at the same time seeking the views of Kildare County Council on the matter.

Straffan Road.... Accidents will happen

In these notes several months ago concern was expressed about the behaviour of traffic on the Straffan Road and regrettably it seems that the potential for accidents has probably increased. Of particular concern is the turn right lane into Maynooth Railway Station. For reasons best answered by themselves some motorists simply stop in the traffic coming from both directions to drop passengers. The traffic behind think that traffic turning into the station are simply overtaking when in fact they are going into the railway station car-park. You get the picture!!! Perhaps it is time to consider traffic calming measures on the Straffan Road to reduce traffic speeds to the permitted 30 mph.

Anybody travelling throughout Ireland will notice the traffic calming measures being implemented in almost every little village you pass through. Yet in a town like Maynooth where a large number of people use their cars to travel to work causing particular danger at peak commuting times, that we do not have similar traffic controls in place

Full traffic lights at the entrance to Maynooth Railway Station could serve a number of purposes making it safer for

traffic to enter/exit the car-park as well as to allow pedestrians cross the Straffan Road with more safety.

Paul Croghan
Chairman
Planning & Development Committee

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Question:

My husband has had a stroke and cannot manage to get upstairs.

Can I get assistance to put in a toilet downstairs?

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You should contact your County Council, or borough Corporation for information on Disabled Person's Grants. Disabled Person's Grants are payable where alterations need to be made to a house to make it suitable for a physically disabled or mentally handicapped or mentally ill person. Alterations could include making the dwelling wheelchair accessible, moving light switches, door handles, installing a ground floor bathroom and toilet. The cost of the alterations must exceed £200.

Grants can be made for either local authority or privately owned homes which are at least one year old. In the case of local authority housing, the entire cost will be covered. For private homes, up to two thirds of the cost may be granted, subject to a maximum of £8,000. As with other Department grants, work must be carried out by a registered contractor.

In planning extensions or adaptations to their homes people with disabilities should ensure that they apply for a grant in good time - the grant will not be made if work has begun before formal approval of the application has been received.

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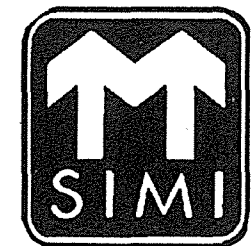


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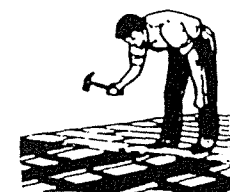
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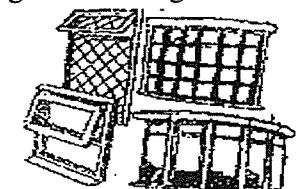
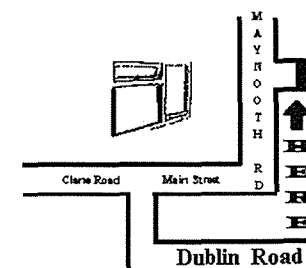
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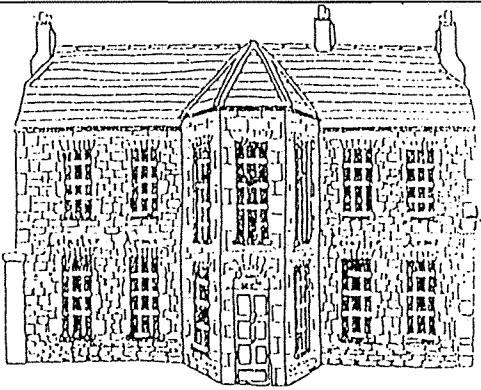
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SCOIL UI RIADA NEWS

New Pupils

Scoil Uí Riada would like to welcome our new pupils who commenced school on 1st September. First days at school sometimes prove to be a most traumatic time for parents.

Indeed for those of you who wish they could exchange places with your offspring, we will be offering you a chance to relive your own school days when we run our series of Irish Classes (Ranganna Gaeilge) in the coming weeks.

Parents are the primary educators of their children and your co-operation and support are essential to the smooth operation of the gaelcoil. Scoil Uí Riada parents have formed a number of action committees, notably, the Cairde Committee (fundraising) and the PRO Committee.

It seems an appropriate time to let our new families know the objectives of these committees.



"Open Wide " Henry Hippo with pupils from Senior Infants at Dublin Zoo, during their annual school tour.

The Cairde Committee

The functions of the Cairde Committee are

(a) to generate financial resources to improve facilities in the school. These funds are usually raised through social events such as bowling nights, quiz nights, etc.

(b) to act as a focus of social interaction for parents and friends of the school.

(c) Cairde act as a link between the local businesses and the school.

The PRO Committee

The Functions of the PRO Committee are:

- (a) to assist the Cairde Committee in publicising their events.
- (b) writing articles for the Maynooth Newsletter and Parish Bulletins.
- (c) to promote and highlight the successes and

achievements of the school in the local media.

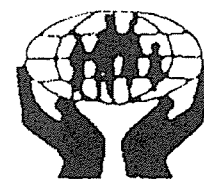
If you would like to join or help out on these committees please contact Miriam Ahern at 01-6290220.

Stars in their Eyes

Don't forget to tune in to RTE's television programme "Eureka" next month to see your classmates Aisling Ní Duarcáin, Thea Ní Linnáin, Pól de Broughtún participating in the quiz. For their efforts they won cameras, bags, tee shirts, pens etc. and they even met Ray D'Arcy. They were cheered on by their múinteoir Seosamh Ó hEarcáin and their classmates from Ranganna cúig agus sé.

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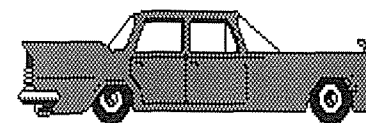
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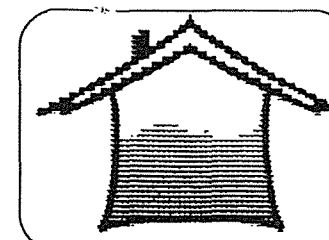
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COMMUNITY GAMES REPORT

We have now completed another season of Community Games at Local, County and Provincial Level.

Between 400 - 500 Maynooth children took part at local level this year. They contested Athletics, Gymnastics, Swimming, Art & Modelling, Quiz, Chess, Project and Pitch & Putt at local level.

From these events competitors went on to represent Maynooth at County Finals. From these Finals 5 individual competitors took Gold which qualified them to represent Kildare at the National Finals in Mosney at the end of August.

Ciarán Dooley & Rachael Cunningham (Gymnastics)
Aaron McGrath (Swimming)
David Campbell and Mark Cummins (Athletics).

The Maynooth Girls Pitch & Putt team who won gold at local level went on through County Finals to represent Kildare at Leinster Finals, where they took silver medals thus qualifying them to represent Leinster at the National Finals in Mosney alongside Offaly & Westmeath.

Team: Anthonine Rossiter, Aisling Bean, Emma Cullinane, Ciara Baxter and Suzanne Butler.

Besides the gold medalists, Maynooth took many silver and bronze from County Finals.

Silver:
Paula Curran (Art)
Emma Higgins (Gymnastics)
André Heslin (Swimming)
Anne Connolly (Athletics)
The Girls Volleyball Team
The Girls U/15 Soccer Team
The Girls U/16 Choir

Bronze:
Sarah Prendergast (Gymnastics)
Sharon McLoughlin (Swimming)
Bríd Anne O'Shea (Athletics)
Elaine MacNamara (Athletics)
Girls U/13 Swimming Relay Squad
Girls U/13, Boys U/13, and Girls U/16 Basketball Teams
Boys U/16 Pitch & Putt Team.

Besides this we had teams competing in Boys U/16 Basketball, Hard Court Tennis, Quiz, Project, Chess, Boys U/14 Gaelic Football, Boys U/14 Hurling, Boys U/12 Soccer, Girls U/12 Soccer & Badminton.

Congratulations and thank you to all those children and the "Backroom" people who coached, managed, cajoled and supported them.

The Committee wish also to thank all those who supported

the Community Games Collections and those Businesses who sent donations.

Unfortunately expenses exceeded income and we will be holding a Fund Raising Table Quiz at the end of September to make up the difference. Support for this venture would be greatly appreciated.

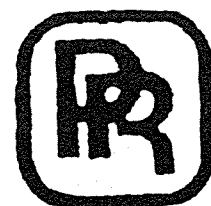
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Well it's that time of year again. The gardens are beginning to assume the role of Autumn days when the blooms will close and the leaves will fall and with the exception of our Winter pansies or the odd Virburnan, our flower beds and window boxes and thankfully the wasps will sleep. However contrary to nature our schools and organisations will come alive again and relieve the boredom of those Winter days and nights. Speaking of schools let me take you back to May 27th this year when I had a very pleasant visit to our Boys Primary School, during which I met a class of eight year olds, who had just received their first Holy Communion.

They presented me with a cheque for £81.21 towards our fuel and social fund, which they contributed from their "First Communion money". I talked at length to many of these boys and they surprised me with their understanding and knowledge of older people and the function of our organisation. I congratulate their teacher Ms. Cathy Carr and their parents as this knowledge and training can only serve to bridge the gap we so often hear about, between the generations and heighten awareness and understanding between young and old, all of which will benefit society as a whole. Many thanks Boys and well done.

Our Annual outing in June, although dampened a little by the weather was a most enjoyable event. While the rain altered our plans to visit 'Grove Gardens' in Kells, none the less our trip along the Boyne was delightful and the meal and hospitality shown to us by the staff at Springfield Hotel was superb.

A special thanks to Gerry Hannigan and Kathleen Holbrook for their kindness and courtesy to all. We finished off the evening with dancing and entertainment. Many thanks to Kevin McGovern my reliable partner in Music. This was a very nostalgic part of the evening as we were joined

by Fr. David Boylan who was very kind to us during his stay in Maynooth. We thanked him for his kindness in the form of a small gift and tribute. We wish him well.

Our Cabaret during "Festival Week" was once again a huge success and I thank all who made it possible. Caulfields for their hospitality, Community Council members for taking the time to support the event, the many people who donated spot prizes Kevin and Mick for their entertainment and all of you who came along and joined in the fun especially Paul (Elvis) Kelly, not forgetting our hard working committee who supply and serve the refreshment quietly and efficiently year after year.

A regular feature of this event is the presentation of the proceeds of the Tony Smith memorial walk, which takes place in May each year. This is a community event which brings together and involves great interaction between our organisation, public representation and the community at large.

The amount raised this year was £1,851.50, the most successful to date. Many thanks to the Labour Party, our own committee members and the many sponsors and walkers including Senior Citizens who helped to make this event such a success.

As I write, a group of our Senior Citizens are about to set off on holiday to Kerdiffstown House, and I have no doubt that it will be as enjoyable a week as in previous years. So with holidays over I am right back where I started this article,.... September, the start of another full and fun-packed year, which kicks off with our committee meeting on Tuesday Sept 2nd and the re-opening of our club. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as the old reliables.

Finally we extend our sincere sympathy to Statia Ashe on the death

of her mother Kathleen, who for many years, along with her late husband Pat, attended our club. To Bridget Tierney on the death of her mother. Bridget is of course a long serving member of our committee.

To the Hayes family on the death of their mother. To John and Anne Fortune on the death of their mother Bríd, who was a well respected member of our club, and to Maura O'Keeffe on the untimely death of her husband Michael. "May they all rest in the peace of Christ".

A Tribute to Fr. Boylan

To learn of his departure
Was disappointing, cold and stark
Although its only been six years
On Maynooth he left his mark.

He worked so well with young and old
And touched our lives so much
He's a breath of fresh air in an often
stuffy world
For he has the common touch

To know that he's not being replaced
Leaves our lives a little hollow
But I'm not surprised, for we all know
He is a difficult act to follow.

We loved his gentle kindness
Knowing him was a pleasure.
The Holy Mass, the Help, the Homily's
And the memories we will treasure

We thank him for being here
We wish him well in Rome
There will always be a welcome here
Whenever he is home.

Who knows, he may return to us
And change our "famine" to a "feast"
For I hope and pray that he someday
Will be our Parish Priest.

Josephine Moore
Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Senior Citizens Cabaret



Dan & Babbie Newton



Mick McGarry and Josie Moore



Mrs. Imelda Farrelly and Mrs. Tosheen Farrell enjoying the Festival

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ROYAL CANAL NOTES

Our Community Employment Scheme commenced work again after the Summer holidays on Tuesday 11th August. Work continues as before at Maynooth and at our other areas of responsibility at Kilcock and Confey, Leixlip.

National Heritage Day comes up on Sunday 7th September, and a walk from Maynooth to Jackson's Bridge will bring it home that in engineering terms, at least, the canal system deservedly forms part of Ireland's Heritage.

At this stage we have recovered from our efforts in Miss Royal Canal selection 1997 in July. We have thanked our sponsors and benefactors individually.

Our Committee intends to travel this month to view the Ballinamore - Ballyconnell canal system in order to obtain fresh ideas about enhancing the tourism and amenity values of our local Canal system. We always welcome ideas from the public, who may call to our office at the Town Centre Mall at normal business times.

We were delighted with the coverage Miss Royal Canal received in the local media, The Liffey Champion, The Leinster Leader, CKR Radio and The Maynooth Newsletter.

Finally, we send our best wishes to Martina Murphy, our office administrator for the past year, who has progressed to full time employment in Dublin.

We would like to welcome Catherine O'Connell as our new Office Administrator.

SCOUTING NEWS

We begin on a sad note this month. All scouts and scout-leaders extend their deepest sympathies and condolences to Tony Muldowney our Unit Leader and his family on the recent death of his father. Our thoughts are with him and his family at this time.

Cub-Scouts will recommence on Tuesday 2nd September from 7.30-9pm. To register, contact Deirdre at (087) 8173149. Any girls wishing to join Cubs are very welcome. Scouts will recommence on Thursday 4th September from 7-9pm.

Anyone wishing to join, attend on the night. The Scout Den is situated in the Prefab beside the Post-Primary School; also known as the M.A.D.E. Centre on the Moyglare Road. Hope to see you soon. Yours in Scouting

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

Gro Harlem Brundtland, a former Prime Minister of Norway, is best remembered for her work as Chairperson of the World Commission on Environment and Development established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1984. This Commission was responsible for initiating studies which culminated ten years ago in the publication of Our Common Future, a report which was to set the bench-mark for all future discussions of sustainable development. The kernel of the Brundtland Report was its definition of sustainable development as:

'Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs'

Such a principle has now become a standard guiding light for enlightened planning throughout the developed world and is also a centre-piece of Irish government policy as espoused in a recent statement by the Minister for the Environment.

'Economic growth and social development cannot be to the detriment of environmental quality and must respect the limits set by nature'

As the economic growth of the Celtic Tiger accelerates, it is important to remember that there are limits imposed by natural systems on the usage of them which we can make without resources

being exhausted and damaged beyond repair. There is a limit to the number of sheep you can put on a hillside in Connemara, or the amount of pollutants you can ask the atmosphere to disperse safely. Equally, there is a limit to the development potential of north east Kildare. In our case that limit is provided by the assimilative capacity of the River Liffey.

Multi Purpose Resource

The river Liffey is a multi purpose resource. As well as supplying water and waste dispersal facilities it is also a fishing resource, a recreational resource and a source of electrical power. To best manage these sometimes conflicting roles, the Water Quality Management Plan agreed to by the various local authorities which adjoin it, sets limits on the treated sewerage quantities which can be discharged from the Leixlip Waste Water Treatment Works. To maintain the river at a quality suitable for supporting coarse fish (not trout or salmon it should be noted), the quality of the river at low flow is required to be above a certain standard (<5 mg/l Biochemical Oxygen Demand at the 95 percentile flow limit). This means that the assimilative capacity of the River Liffey at Leixlip is, and will remain, capable of handling the waste equivalent of 90,000 people. Leixlip Waste Water Treatment Works receive

effluent from Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Kilcock. Straffan is also due to be connected in the next few years. The present population of this area is in excess of 37,000 people. Recent approval of a large housing scheme in Leixlip and other increases in population over the past year probably raise this figure to 40,000. But people alone do not account for all of the demand for waste water treatment. Industrial demands can be substantial. Intel, for example has a demand equivalent to a small city of 30,000 population. Hewlett Packard and other industries in the north Kildare area also have waste water treatment demands, though much less significant than Intel which uses large quantities of water in its manufacturing processes.

Total Demand




At the end of 1996 Kildare County Council estimated that the total demand on the river at Leixlip was equivalent to 66,000 people. With more recent developments taken into account, this means that about 20,000 population equivalent capacity remains. Such a figure does not take into account the labour forces at Intel and Hewlett Packard, and also 5,000 students who may not normally reside in the catchment but who also require to be counted for waste water treatment calculations. But even ignoring these, 20,000 units are what is available to meet future residential expansion

throughout north east Kildare, and also what is available to meet any new industrial employment sources which locate here. How should we divide up this 20,000 units?

Firstly, it must be remembered that the excesses of the 1985 Development Plan for Kildare have saddled the county with huge areas of lands already rezoned for housing, much of which is awaiting development at present. In the area served by Leixlip Sewage Works, 628 acres already zoned for housing awaited development at the end of last year. This land will most likely be developed rapidly to house an additional 20,000 people. But many areas, such as in the new estates of Maynooth, consist of families at the pre-children stage and can be expected to increase in population dramatically over the next few years. Thus if we do nothing in terms of additional rezoning in north Kildare, we will exceed the capacity of the Liffey during the next decade as natural growth in the existing population proceeds.



Secondly, it must be emphasised that some of our local councillors want to rezone an additional 1,145 acres in this region, the largest chunk of it being in Maynooth. This would provide for a further 36,000 people on top of the 20,000 extra described above. In excess of 126,000 people

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would now be seeking to use a river with a maximum capacity of 90,000. The implications are obvious, not least for the fish and the residents of Dublin City and Dublin Bay! This is not what Gro Harlem Brundtland, or Maynooth Planning Alliance, or any reasonably minded individual, would describe as 'sustainable development'.

Development Led Growth

But there is an even more insidious aspect to the development led growth which some of our local councillors insist on inflicting on Maynooth. By using the capacity of the river to meet a burgeoning demand for domestic waste water treatment, they are ruling out the possibility of using any significant part of this resource for industrial employment. Another Intel could not even today locate in north Kildare because of the short sightedness of zoning policies. So where will the children of this huge new future population work? Certainly not in employment sources which have significant water requirements.

In the feeding frenzy to rezone land, the lesson is clear - short term greed will not result in sustainable development either in Maynooth or in North Kildare. How sad, and strange, it is that those who can shape the future of Maynooth seem willing to push us along a road to unsustainable development which does not meet the needs of either the present or future generation of Maynooth residents.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

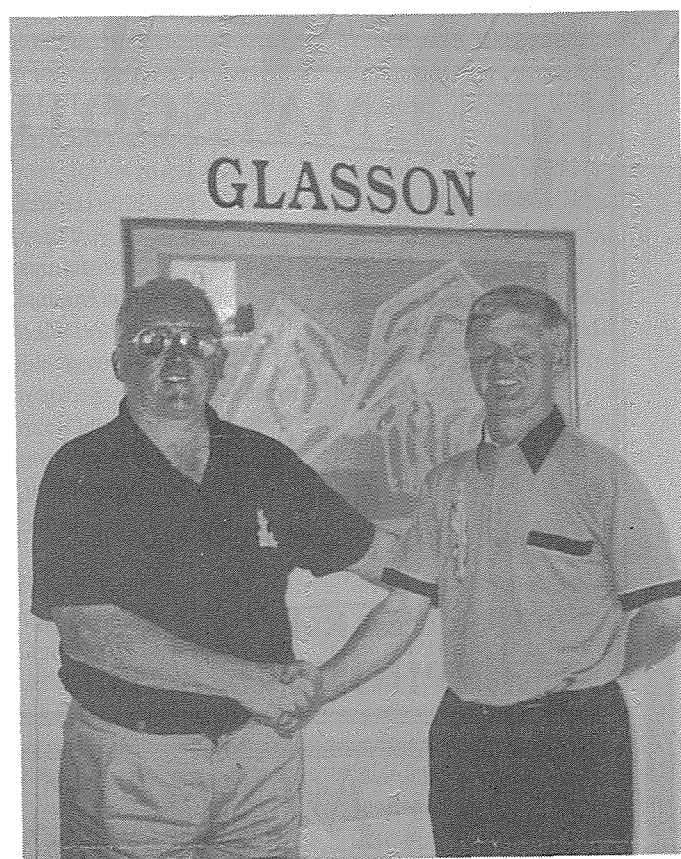
Captain's Prize (G McTernan) Glasson 5th July '97.

1st Overall	L Farrelly	(13)	-	36 pts
2nd	N Kavanagh	(17)	-	35 pts
3rd	T Flatley	(18)	-	34 pts
4th	E Savage	(10)	-	33 pts
5th	J Nolan	(17)	-	31 pts
				(Back Nine)
6th	B Condon	(20)	-	31 pts
7th	K O'Brien	(17)	-	30 pts
				(Back Nine)
8th	F Desmond	(15)	-	30 pts
				(Back Nine)
9th	J Doyle	(19)	-	30 pts
10th	P Conway	(23)	-	28 pts
Back 9	G McTernan		-	15 pts
Front 9	S Tracey		-	16 pts
Par 5	J Saults		-	10 pts
Par 3	M Fahy		-	9 pts
Nearest the Pin	L Farrelly		-	
Longest Drive	F Desmond		-	
2's Club	E Savage		-	
Visitors	B Cassidy		-	17 pts

Liam "Smoker" Farrelly achieves big ambition in winning Captain's Prize.

Glasson Golf Club greeted 36 golfers on Saturday the 5th July to compete for Captain's (Gerry McTernan) Prize. Off the white stakes and into a fresh breeze this is a daunting test of golf and so it proved.

The last six holes (Shannon View) was where Liam produced his best golf and his 36 points won the day by just a single shot from Norman Kavanagh. In making his acceptance speech he thanked his playing partners and indeed the major role played by his veteran caddy - Cha Farrelly.



Liam Farrelly being congratulated on winning the Captain's Prize

The Captain then thanked all the sponsors for the wonderful array of prizes and Glasson Golf Club for the excellence of their course and facilities.

The day/night concluded with a darts benefit display courtesy of Philip Doyle and a Houdini act of walking on glass by Sean O'Connell in Lysters of Rochfordbridge.

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BOND BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

The Committee of the Bond Bridge Action Group wishes to express it's grave concern at the recent development in the campaign to have Bond Bridge, Maynooth re-aligned. The amount of inaccurate information that has been supplied to the residents of the Newtown area and the whole issue of the handling of these special development levies in the last number of years must now be subject to a public inquiry. The details of information supplied to our group is as follows.

May 1996..... cost of re-alignment of Bridge £750,000
Levies Paid or due to 2/2/96 £353,776
Monies spent as of 2/2/97 £120,000
Monies available to fund project £233,776

8th November 1996..... cost of project £900,000
Increase due to C.I.E. height requirements

13th November 1996..... cost of project £1,500,000
Increase due to cost of Meadowbrook Link Road

This attempt by County Officials to include the Meadowbrook Link Road with this project was firmly rejected by the Celbridge area committee and the following was agreed with the County Officials at the estimates meeting on 18th November 1996:

- That special levies would be set at £22,000 per acre on the 29.7 zoned residential and undeveloped. This would raise £660,000 and with the £233,000 already in hand the cost of the project would be at the Council's disposal.

- The Bridge would be a stand alone project i.e. the Meadowbrook Link and Newtown Road improvements would not be part of it.

- That detouring during construction would be agreed by the Celbridge Area Committee.

At the Area Meeting on 16th May 1997 the Area Committee were advised the cost of the project was now £1,381,000
Cost of Bridge.....£850,000
Rathcoffey Road.....£231,000
Meadowbrook Link..... £300,000 (Half the original estimate)

At the area meeting on the 11th July 1997 there was a further revision of costs:

Cost of Bridge£1,500,000 (C.I.E. requirements now cost nothing extra)
Rathcoffey Road£385,000
Meadowbrook Link £400,000

Having received this information from the Area Committee prior to the granting of planning permission on the two developments currently under way in this area this committee publicly stated that they would not appeal the decision to grant this permission. This decision may have influenced others to follow the same line. We must therefore assume that the actions of Kildare County Council Officials may have had a direct bearing on

the outcome of the appeal decision of an Bord Pleanála.

The image that this fiasco portrays to members of the public can only have a negative effect on all our local and national representatives. The Committee of the Bond Bridge Action Group will be asking all our local elected representatives to approach the relevant department and request they seek a full and detailed explanation for the way in which this matter has been handled. This is no longer just a matter of the handling of the Bond Bridge project but the credibility of our system of local government.

A public meeting will be organised in the coming weeks for this committee to seek guidance from the residents of the Newtown area as to what course of action should be taken to resolve this situation.

John Doogan (Chairman)
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MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

About 280 children registered for this years project and all trips were pretty well booked out on registration day. Our events were trips to Ballylane Farm, Wexford, Bowling, Indoor Fun Factory, The Zoo, Donadea Forest Park, Films, Annamoe Fun Park Wicklow, Celbridge Abbey, Ice Skating and Dart Trip to Bray. Our over 12's programme was fully booked every night with as many as 50 teenagers travelling at night to the different events.

With all the variety there was something to suit everyone and the children and leaders enjoyed all the outings. On the home front we had Soccer, Crafts, Pitch and Putt, Quiz, Tennis, Games, Bingo, Films, and Disco Dancing Competitions. Unfortunately our Discos came to a sad end when we had to cancel them out in the Glenroyal Hotel. This was due to the unsocial behaviour of a handful of boys and girls who decided they were going to spoil the fun for everyone else. All we can do is apologise to all the children of good behaviour who missed out on their discos.

Thanks

We would like to thank the following for their help during the project: Maynooth Community Council, Summer Project Committee, Student Leaders, Voluntary Leaders, Parents, V.E.C., for use of MADE Centre, Glenroyal Hotel, I.C.A. for use of Hall, C.Y.C for keeping us informed of what's going on and to Tony and Mary Bean for their help with the Pitch and Putt. Our student leaders this year were: Elaine Phelan, Aileen Staunton, Deirdre Sheehan, Alex Brady, Paul Considine, Adrian O' Donovan, Ross O' Donoghue and Edel Forde.

These were a great bunch and worked extremely hard with the project and we would love to have them all back next year. Our volunteer Youth Leaders were Maeve Stynes, Andrea Ennis, Sandra Brady and Ciara Baxter. Our grateful thanks to these young people who gave freely of their time for the month of July to the youth of Maynooth. With young people like this in our midst we cannot go wrong.

I'd also like to say a big thanks to Johnny Dowling for all his help this year and every year. Where would we all be without Johnny.

Congratulations to all who won prizes in the Scavenger Hunt, Disco Dancing Competitions, Pitch and Putt, Tennis, Quiz, Bingo and Soccer Competitions. See our photo spreads elsewhere in the Newsletter. If I have forgotten anyone it was not intentional. Our AGM will take place in October. So watch the Newsletter for the date.

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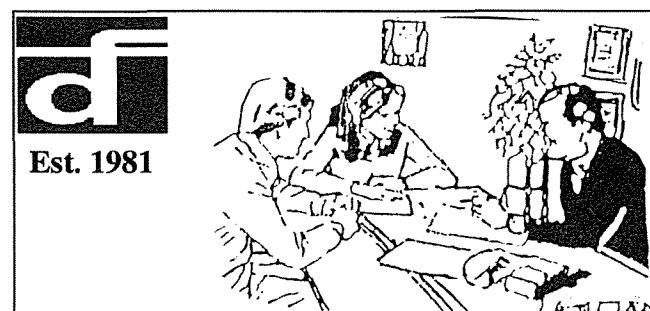
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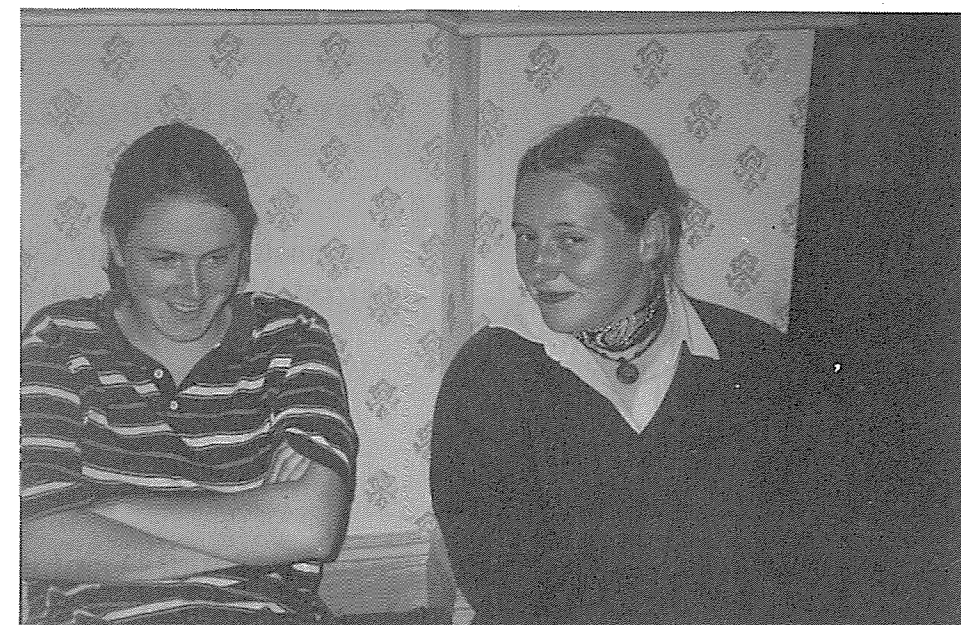


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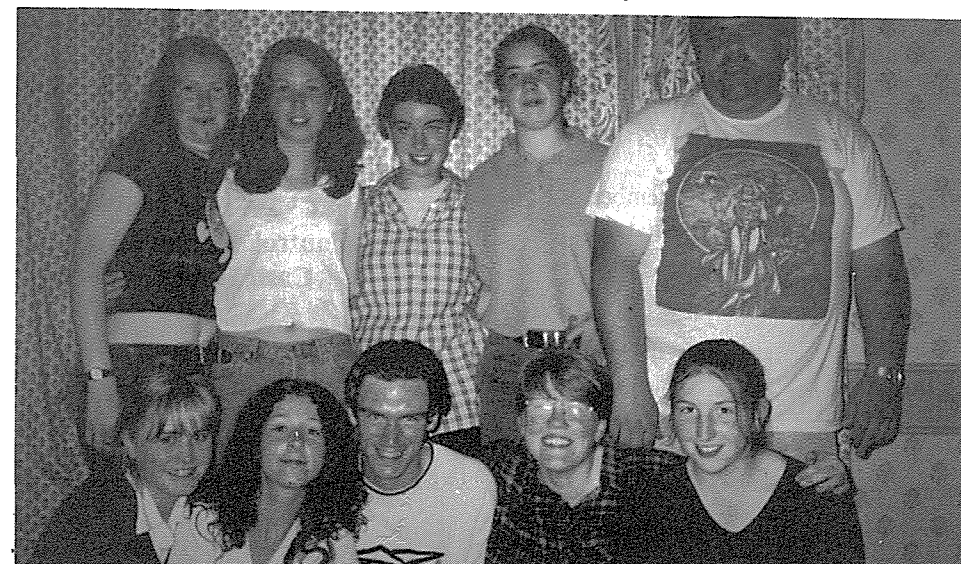
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Summer Project leaders Andrea Ennis and Maeve Stynes



Busy boys on Summer Project



Summer Project Leaders

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Clubs Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

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On September 16th our meeting will be held as usual in "Loftus Hall" St. Patrick's College at 8 pm. Non members are most welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings.

Admission £3 to include Tea & biscuits.

Moir Baxter PRO

PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL

We would like to welcome all the boys to school for the start of another year and a special welcome to all the new boys just starting.

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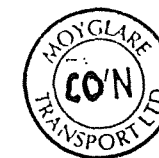
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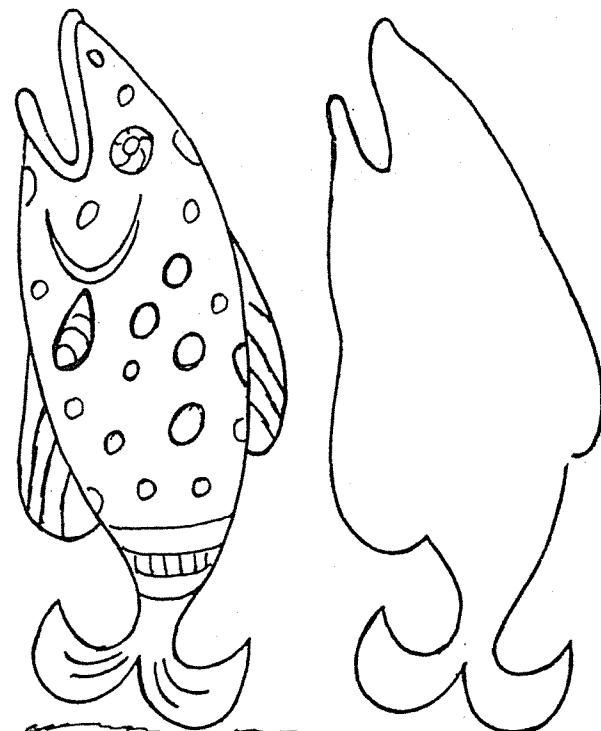
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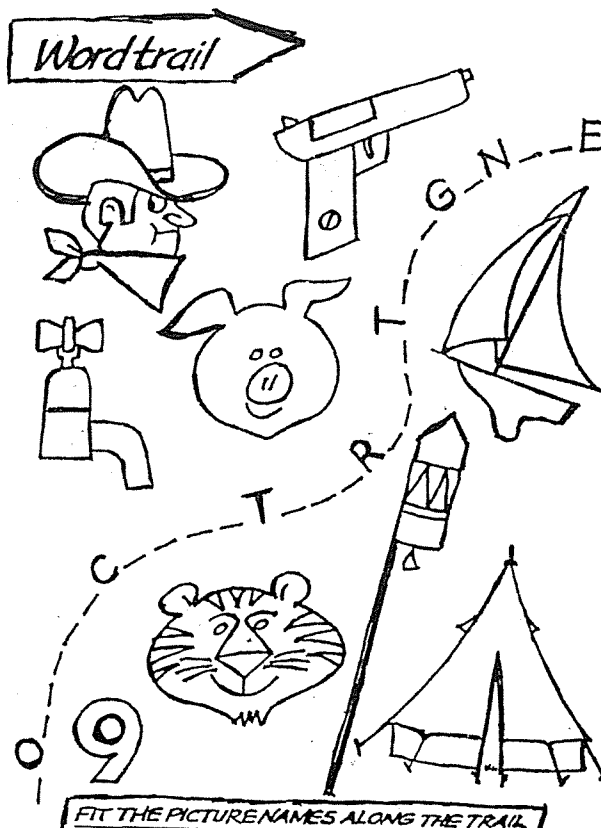
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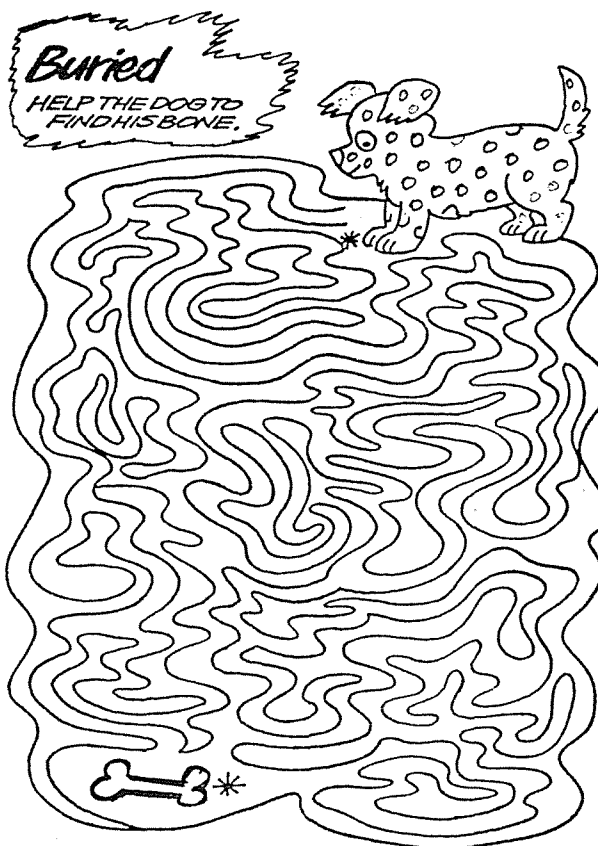
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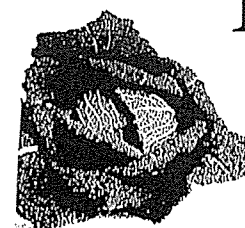
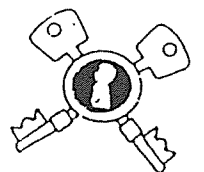
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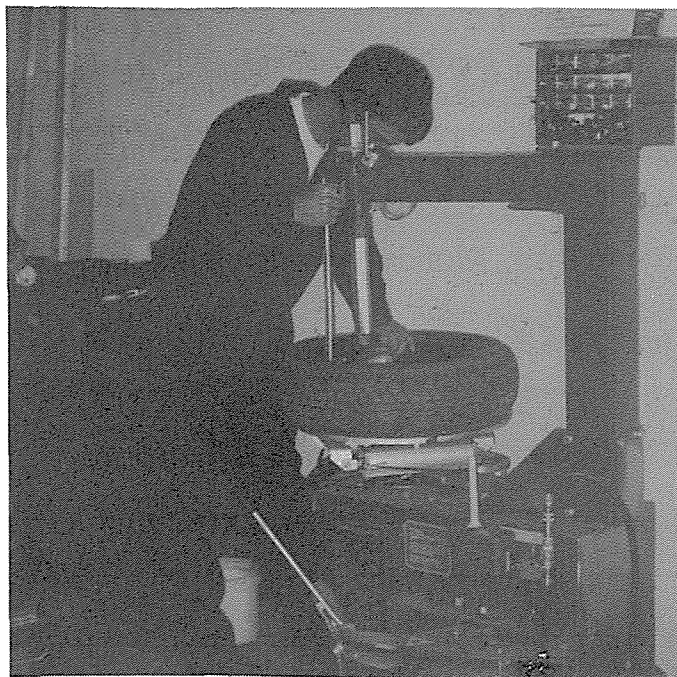
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Pictured here is the Manager Brendan Gannon

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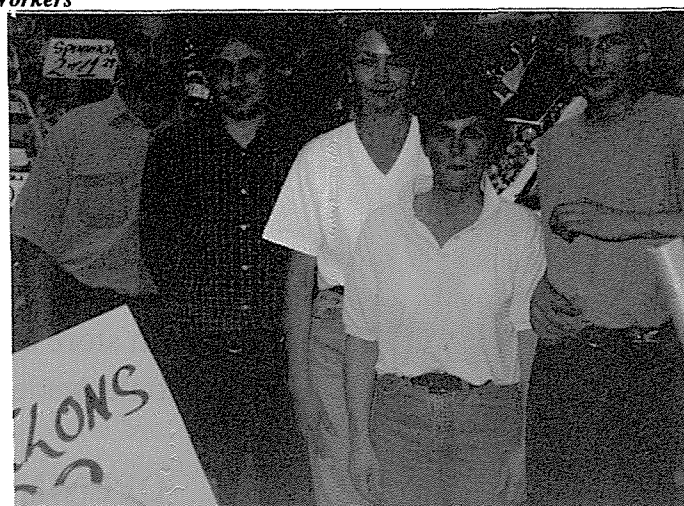


Pictured above, Sticky Fingers Playschool Workers

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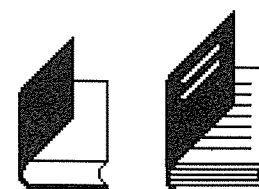
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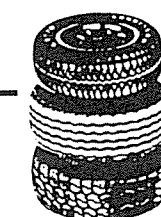


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MAYNOOTH 1798 COMMEMORATION INITIATIVE

As part of a local contribution to the nation-wide plans to mark next year's bi-centenary celebrations of the 1798 Rebellion, we are hosting a Public Lecture in the Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 23 September 1997, at 8p.m.

Co. Kildare played a crucial part in the Rebellion and we have invited Mr. Liam Chambers of Maynooth College, who has recently completed a thesis entitled "Politics and Rebellion in County Kildare 1790-1803" to deliver the lecture.

The lecture "Understanding the 1798 Rebellion in County Kildare" will be chaired by Mary Cullen, historian, and will include details on activities in Maynooth and surrounding areas during the Rebellion.

The occasion promises to be of great interest to all local residents wishing to learn more of our local history and we look forward to a large attendance in the new conference room in the Glenroyal.

THE MAZE IN THE MAIZE

Have the time of your life in a field of maize. This is a good way to learn about the environment on the treasure trail as you solve clues to reach the centre of the maize.

This novel idea is the brain-wave of Deirdre Hughes a computer student and with the help of 2 other college friends, Anne-Marie Bennett, (also studying computers) and Tom Madigan (studying accountancy) the whole project has proven so far to be a great success.

A lot of information was taken from the internet and the work for the project started back in January.

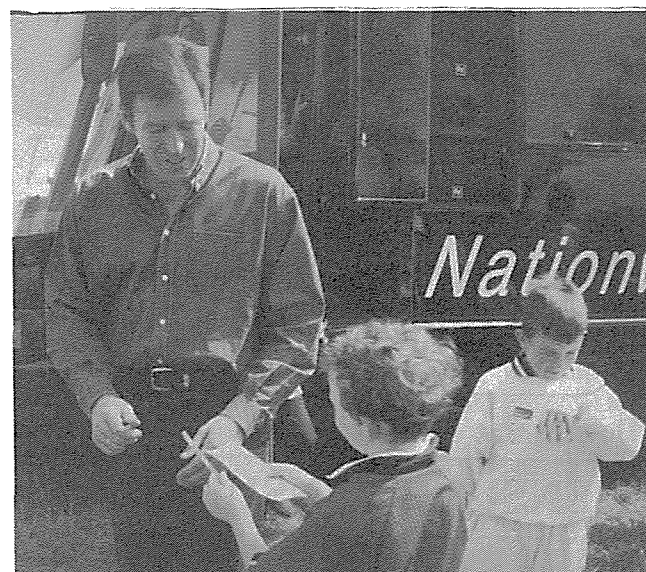


Packie Bonner Opening The Maze in the Maize.

2 FM sponsored the project and have been responsible for a lot of publicity that the maze has received.

A great day out can be had for all the family especially since there is a pet farm and sand pit available for smaller children and a coffee shop, flower shop and crafts shop are also available for a coffee or just for a browse. At the moment the maize is 6 foot high and will eventually grow to 7 - 10 feet tall and the maize will close with a Harvest Festival on the first week in October.

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Packie Bonner giving a little fan an autograph.

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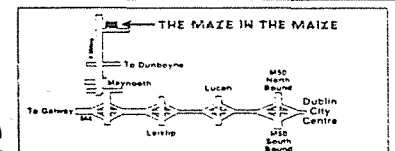
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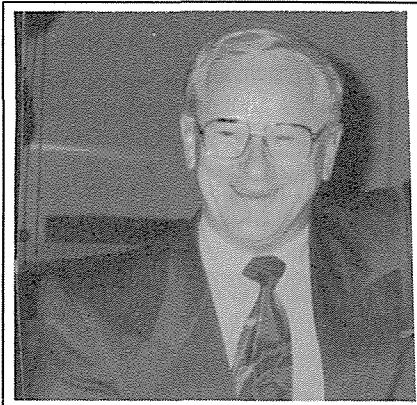
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TOM ASHE RETIRES

After twenty six years of service to Maynooth Post-Primary School Mr. Thomas Ashe has announced his resignation from his position as principal of the school. He has taken us all by surprise. His extraordinary achievement in turning around the fortunes of this technical school to one of the best educational establishments in the country has been remarked upon continually during my seventeen years in Maynooth. However, I first got to know Tom Ashe through my work with the Community Council when we collaborated on a common project shortly after I became Chairperson in 1987. The Community Council has met in the school for most of its life also. On behalf of the Council I would like to thank him for this facility. During this initial period, his ability to work, his directness and getting to the point became increasingly clear to me. I was very impressed by his total dedication to his school, students, staff and parents, a quality which became more obvious to me as my children later attended the school. His energy knew no

bounds and his interest never waned. During the last six years the addition of further rooms and a huge hall to the school are a measure of his outstanding devotion.

On a personal, selfish level, I am sad to see Tom leaving before my second daughter completes her studies. I admired and concurred with his educational philosophy and his emphasis on the total development of the student. The introduction of the Transition Year was a welcome expansion within the school. His devotion to students was often well beyond the call of duty. The small number of rules, the openness of the staff with the students and the maturity with which problems were dealt with were, I believe, due to his influence. He knew his 650 students well, something which never ceased to surprise me. The measure of his achievement culminated in the Irish Times education correspondent recognising Maynooth Post-Primary School as one of the best schools in Ireland. I was delighted, proud and lucky to have my family educated there. I hope that in the future his philosophy will continue to bear fruit. The school is a monument to his love of education, students, staff and parents. I wish him a wonderful retirement. I shall miss him tremendously. I do not think I will be alone. I hope his successor will have the maturity to continue with his legacy.

Thanks for everything Tom, on behalf of the Community Council, the town, my children and myself.

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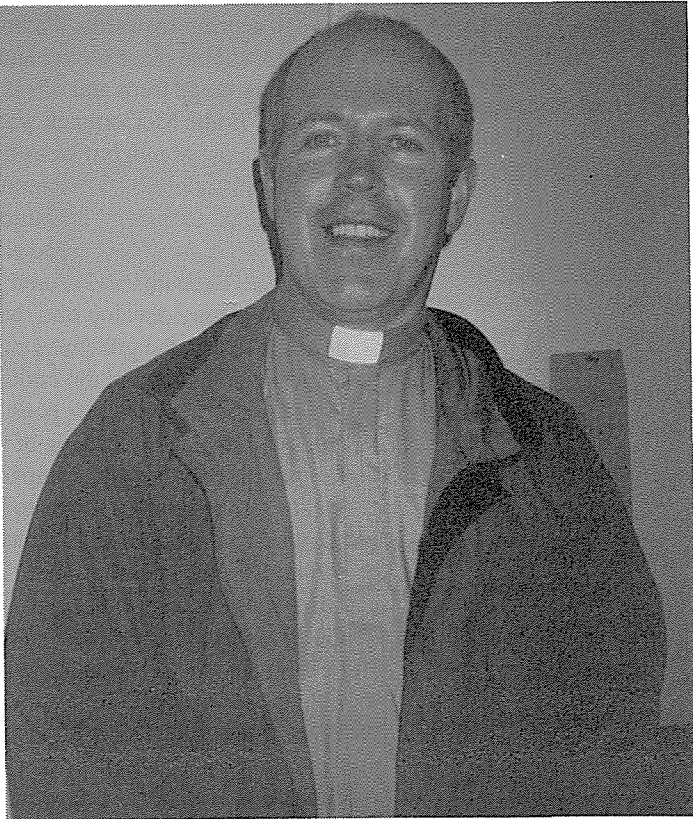
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THE NEW CURATE

The new curate to Maynooth parish, Fr. John Sinnott speaks of a great welcome from many parishioners as he begins ministry in Maynooth parish. Fr. Sinnott was a chaplain for the last six years at University College Dublin. U.C.D. was a place of youth, optimism and great energy. The first weeks in Maynooth show Fr. Sinnott strong signals of the same kind of energy and enthusiasm. There is a real sense of history and tradition working alongside new possibilities and progress. Fr. Sinnott is a native of Bray, Co. Wicklow. He completed his studies in Clonliffe College Dublin and the Irish College Rome, followed by



Fr. Sinnott, Maynooth's New Curate.

ordination in July 1981. Since ordination Fr. Sinnott has also ministered as priest-teacher Ringsend Technical Institute, and chaplain to Mountjoy prison. In coming to Maynooth Parish, Fr. Sinnott is very eager to work in close partnership with the parish priest, Fr. Supple and the many parishioners who are eager to get involved. In common with Fr. Supple, Fr. Sinnott also has a brother working in the diocese. His brother Peter is a curate in the parish of Kilnamanagh, Tallaght. Finally a particular note of thanks is made to the neighbours on Straffan Way, who went out of their way to help Fr. Sinnott settle in. Fr. Sinnott will be living in 18 Straffan Way, and asks parishioners to note his new phone no. 6290553.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Maynooth Conference of St. Vincent De Paul are running their annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday September 13th. This years Pilgrimage holds a great significance because it coincides with the Beatification of the venerable Frederick Ozanam, the Founder of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. The Beatification Ceremony will be performed by His Holiness Pope John Paul in Paris at the end of August. This year it also coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Catherine Laboure Founder of the French Sisters of Charity, some of whose members were in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for many years.

There will be special ceremonies this year in Knock to mark the occasion. Among those attending will be Most Rev Michael Neary Archbishop of Tuam, Mr Noel Clear National President of St. Vincent De Paul, Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy and Fr. Richard Mc Cullen C.M. As there is only one bus going from Maynooth we advise early booking. The bus fare will be £8.50 for adults and a cut fare for children under 14 years.

The bus will leave Kingsbry (Maynooth) at 8.30 a.m. and will pick up passengers at the entrance to Old Greenfield and at the Catholic Church at 8.45. There will be a break for tea

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SAD END TO KILDARE'S CAMPAIGN

Kildare's dramatic run in the Leinster championship came to an end on August 4th when Meath finally ground out a victory in the second replay. Some would say that after four high profile matches in this years championship Kildare have nothing to show for their efforts. It is true to say that this team haven't won any titles. But all four performances have won Kildare new respect. The old suspicions that Kildare teams lack the necessary heart to compete at the highest level have been firmly dispelled. A foundation has been laid for the future and no team in Leinster will fancy drawing Kildare in next years Leinster championship.

Bitter Pill

Defeat on August 4th was a bitter pill to swallow. But it was a defeat which had more to do with an improvement in Meath's performance than any collapse on Kildare's part. In the first two matches Kildare won the lions share of possession around the centre of the field. Some of this was due to excellent fielding by Buckley and McCreery but more important was Kildare's ability to snaffle up the breaking ball, with Kerrigan, McCormack and the half backs being particularly effective. The Meath forwards were forced to live on scraps and only a last minute goal by Giles and unbelievable point scoring by Devine kept Meath in the contest. Sean Boylan learned from the first two matches and the deployment of Colm Coyle as a third midfielder on August 4th was the key to a changed pattern in the third game. This time Meath were fastest out of the traps and asserted a firm hold on midfield in the first quarter of the game. By the 23rd minute Kildare trailed 0-1 to 0-7 and the nightmare scenario of a heavy defeat loomed. Inspired by Buckley and Rainbow, Kildare fought back to 0-5 to 0-7 though Meath increased their lead to four points at half time, 0-5 to 0-9.

Missed Penalty

Eddie McCormack's missed penalty just after half time proved costly as Murphy's goal for Meath meant that Kildare trailed by six points with just 17 minutes left. As in the first half Kildare fought back with spirit and a series of magnificent long range frees by Niall Buckley and a scrambled goal by Eddie McCormack brought them to within a point of Meath. But there the comeback ended and the total relief on the faces of the Meath players was matched only by the absolute dejection of the Kildare players when the final whistle sounded.

The Future?

Where to, from here for this Kildare team? This team is tantalisingly close to being good enough to win a Leinster title. As a squad they have shown the necessary application and self-belief to compete at the highest level. Critically, though, one of the old problems still remains - a lack of

enough scoring forwards. Padraig Graven has proved a find as a dependable place kicker and Niall Buckley's accuracy from long range frees and 45s is as good as any player in the country. Eddie McCormack was excellent in the second match against Meath but lacks consistency. Declan Kerrigan had a good championship overall and proved himself more than a match for Enda McManus but is not a consistent point scorer. Brian Murphy caused all sorts of problems for the Meath full back line and scored a brilliant goal in the second match. He may develop into the type of forward Kildare needs. Finally, the great enigma, Martin Lynch. Lynch is a talented footballer and did enough to keep Darren Fay busy. But his scoring return was poor. Too often possession was wasted with aimless kicking or running into dead ends. Overall the forward unit compared unfavourably with Meath's and certainly seems to be in the halfpenny place compared to the amazing display put on by the Offaly forwards in the Leinster Final. Two new scoring forwards, capable of kicking points consistently from play would be the final piece in the jigsaw of this Kildare team. Offaly's performance in the Leinster final proved the old Dublin-Meath domination in Leinster can be broken. Roy Malone ripped the Meath defence apart with the sort of display that has Kildare fans wishing that there was a transfer market in Gaelic football. Put Malone in the Kildare forward line and

The Ref

Finally, a word about Mr. Pat O'Toole, the referee who was supposedly in charge of the Kildare v Meath series of games. It is not often that a referee can simultaneously alienate both set of supporters. When it happens it indicates poor refereeing. O'Toole lost the respect of the players in the first match and, if anything, his performances disimproved as the series went on. Over 160,000 fans witnessed the three Kildare - Meath games, the players gave their all. The very least the fans and players deserved was a decent referee. On that score Mr. Pat O'Toole doesn't qualify.

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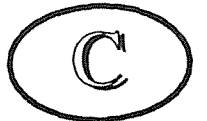
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OFF TO SCHOOL WE GO.

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The four or five year old is quite likely to have attended play school. There they were in the bigger, older and more responsible group. Now they are surrounded by so many strange faces - many of them much taller than them. Just think of Gulliver on his travels. No wonder a first child may be a bit 'clingly'. The later members of the family are used to their sisters and brothers going off to school and returning home in the afternoon. What can parents do to assure their child? KEEP YOUR PROMISES. If you are to collect your child at the school gate make sure you leave yourself enough time. The uniform is very important. A ribbon will help to keep the hair neat and tidy. Has your child a name tag? Did you label his clothes, his bag and its contents, his lunch box and drinks container? Does he know his phone number, his surname and address? Can he tie his shoe laces - button his coat - put on his gloves - open his drink and lunch box - go to the toilet unaided? All these things will help to make the transition from home to school easier. When you get to the school show your child where to hang his coat, show him to his seat and GO.

Is there anything you feel your child's teacher should know? Has there been any change in home circumstances during the holidays? Who lives with the child? A note to the teacher will be much appreciated.

The older child will already be familiar with the school routine. You may or may not agree with the teacher but it is better not to criticise the teacher in front of your child. A quiet word with the teacher will iron out any difficulties. Too little homework - too much homework - talk it over with the teacher. Set a time for homework. Make the study area comfortable with good lighting, a table or desk and no television. Keep the television for the leisure area. Read your children's books so you can discuss them. Breakfast is most important. Lunch needs to be well balanced so that the child's energy is sustained for the afternoon.

The other big change comes for the first year pupil in Secondary school. By this time the student should be responsible for his own clothes, bedroom and study habits. Talk, talk and more talk with your child should be your aim. Keep communication channels open.

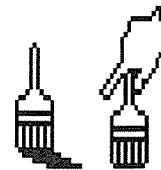
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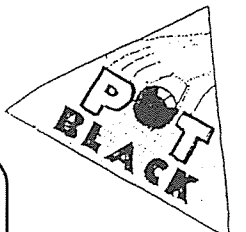
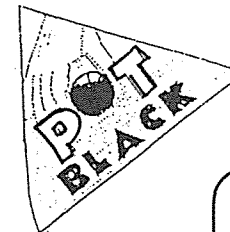


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CEILI AND SET-DANCING NEWS IN MAYNOOTH

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Firstly, from 6.15 pm onwards boys and girls from all ages take to the floor and join in a Walls of Limerick or learn how to do an easy reel or jig. Join Rita any Monday night and partake in some fun. The main emphasis is, to mix, and enjoy the class, and learn a bit of culture as well.

Once the kids are gone home, it's time for the adults to take to the floor. We come in all shapes and sizes and from a variety of different backgrounds and cultures, but it doesn't matter when you get up on the floor. Even if you think you have two left feet that won't stop you! We grab a partner put on the music and sure there's no stopping us!!! You think you would like to "Dance around the house and mind the dresser", well come along to the Adult Céilí and Set-Dancing classes also on a Monday night in the Boys National School Hall and book your spot on the floor.

What better way to keep fit than swinging your partner around the floor and learning a few steps as well? We certainly have a bit of fun. So come along any Monday night and see for yourself. We even stop for a cup of tea and a few biscuits. Make new friends, and have a bit of Craic!!!!

Children's Classes

Every Monday in the Boys National School Hall.
4-6 yr olds 6.15 - 7pm. 7 yr old and upwards 7pm-8pm.
Re-opening on Monday September 8th.

Every Wednesday in the I.C.A. Hall (beside the Harbour Field).

Little ones: 2.15pm-3pm. 1st class and upwards 3.15pm-4.15pm.

Re-opening on Wednesday Sept 10th.

Adult Classes

Every Monday from 8.30pm-10pm in the Boys National School Hall.

Re-opening on Monday September 15th.

Teacher - Rita Doyle T.C.R.G.

THE ROSE OF TRALEE

The pale moon was rising above the green mountains,
The sun was declining beneath the blue sea,
When I stray'd with my love to the pure crystal fountain,
That stands in the beautiful vale of Tralee.
She was lovely and fair as the rose of the summer,
Yet 'twas not her beauty alone that won me,
Oh, no 'twas the truth in her eye ever dawning
That made me love Mary the Rose of Tralee.

This year the people of Maynooth had an added interest in watching the Rose of Tralee contest on the television. Some of you were fortunate enough to go to 'the beautiful vale of Tralee'. Best wishes to the Australian Rose, Lynda Smyth and her family Tony and Mary Smyth.

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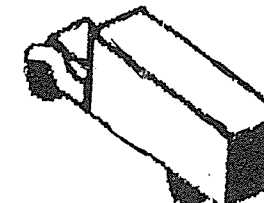
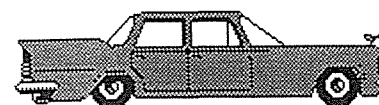
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VIDEO REVIEW

Ransom (15's)

Mel Gibson stars as a business tycoon whose son, played by Nick Nolte's actual son Brawley, is kidnapped in this gripping thriller. What should have been a simple case of the baddies finally getting what they deserve, is actually raised far beyond this by a very clever, almost (but not quite) Hitchcock-ian script and brilliant direction by Ron Howard (Ritchie Cuninghame to you). Gibson and screen wife (played by Rene Russo) have their high-flying yuppie lifestyle shattered when the boy is grabbed and they receive a ransom demand for two million dollars. But without giving too much away, things are not as they seem. For a start Mel's got a skeleton in the cupboard in the form of an ex-associate rotting in prison, the leader of the kidnappers is a police detective, and what starts off as ransom becomes bounty money!

There are enough twists and turns and red herrings to keep even the most ardent whodunit fans glued to the edge of their seat throughout. This is a good, old-fashioned and very well executed piece of cinema that's worth two hours of anybody's time.

Verdict: Not to be missed!

The Ghost and the Darkness (15's)

This movie is based on a true story and stars Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas. Kilmer is an engineer who is posted to Africa to supervise the construction of a railway bridge. One of the native workers is attacked and killed by a pair of rampaging man-eating lions, and the rest of the workforce threaten to do a runner if something is not done about it. Enter Douglas (in the nick of time) as a big game hunter, hired by the railroad boss to eliminate the felonious felines. After several failed individual attempts, the engineer and the hunter join forces to track them down and I have no intention of telling you what the outcome is!

The Ghost and the Darkness is a bit of a letdown as films go. As a factual account of a serious incident, even given the content, it's only mildly interesting. As a Boys Own ripping yarn, a la *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, it fails miserably, and both Kilmer and Douglas never succeed in bringing real depth to their respective characters.

Incidentally, Michael Douglas gets to use the best (or worst) cliché of 1997 when Kilmer decides to use himself as bait to lure the lions into the open. "Do you think it will work?" he asks Douglas. "I know it will" he replies "because I think they're after you!"

Hollywood moguls will have to realise that the mundane doesn't get any better just because you throw big names at it.

Verdict: Disappointing.

101 Dalmatians (G)

A remake by the Disney studio of their own animated classic, the kids will have you tormented to rent this video time and time again! This is a terrific movie, even more so if you happen to be the one person on the planet that hasn't seen the original.

Glenn Close is brilliant as Cruella De Ville and hams it up beautifully, while Hugh Laurie and Mark Williams are superb as the bungling dog-nappers who slapstick their way through the entire hilarious film. The original script was adapted by John Hughes of Home Alone fame, and comparisons with Laurie and Williams and Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern are definitely not coincidental! What more can I say? Everybody between the ages of three and ninety-three should thoroughly enjoy this excellent hour and three-quarter's entertainment.

Verdict: Highly enjoyable.

ADULT EDUCATION

Mellow the moonlight to shine is beginning Close by the window young Eileen is spinning This is the time of year when enrolment begins for the Autumn term of Adult Education. We are very fortunate here that our classes take place in the morning. The classes cover a wide variety of interests. A knowledge of first aid is something everyone should have. Have you wanted to play bridge or paint or have a few rounds of the dance floor? A bit of home decorating might be a good idea. Flower arranging, interior design and french polishing are available. The children are very much into computers - so be one step ahead with your own computer course. There are several courses for yourself - Yoga, personal awareness, womens' health issues, creative writing and one entitled 'Make time for yourself'. The 'Make time for yourself' course is subsidised by the Department of Social welfare and costs £10. To help child carers a creche will be available.

Whether you are looking forward to devoting more time to an existing interest, resuming an old hobby, or trying your hand at an entirely new pastime the choice is yours. Language classes in Gaeilge and French will prepare for that next holiday. The courses will keep us fit in mind and body. They are a pleasant way of meeting old friends and making some new ones. Enrolment begins the week beginning Monday 15 September.

Classes begin 2 weeks later. In Maynooth the classes take place in the M.A.D.E. building on the Moyglare road just up past the church on the opposite side of the road. Celbridge classes are in St. Eustace parish centre, Main St.. Prices vary from £30 - £45. and there are concessions for unemployed.

Cluainn Aoibhainn



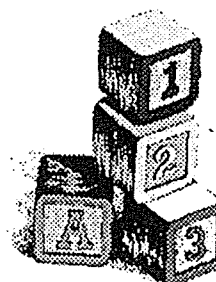
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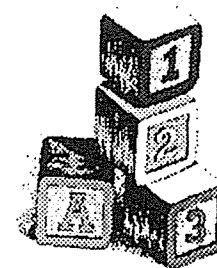
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MAHER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Congratulations and very well done to the dancers who recently travelled to Scotland to compete in the Edinburgh Festival.

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Another major event in our dancing calendar is our annual Feile Rince Maigh Nuad which will be held on Saturday 20th September at the Parish Hall. All proceeds from the Feis go to Our Lady's Hospice - Home Care Team. It is a prestigious event in the Feis Calendar and attracts dancers from far and wide - this year we have a group of dancers travelling from Dundee in Scotland to spend the weekend in Maynooth.

Finally, classes resume on Wednesday 10th September at 6.15pm at the Boy's National School and on Friday 12th September at Mulhussey Parish Centre at 6pm.

Looking forward to seeing everybody - new pupils very welcome.

Catherine Maher TCRG, ADCRG.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We wish to remind people of our forthcoming "Night At The Dogs", which is due to take place on Friday, September 19th. Anyone who wishes may sponsor a dog, the usual fee for such nomination is ten pounds.

Committee members will be selling Raffle/Admission tickets, at a cost of two pounds each, outside local shops during early September. Your generous support will be much appreciated.

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Residents Association

SILKEN VALE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE 1996 - 1997

The Committee would like to thank the residents for their support in opposing the proposed footbridge and rear access. All letters of objection along with a submission outlining our concerns have been sent to Kildare County Council. We have requested a meeting with the Council and will advise you of their decision.

Kildare County Council have served another Enforcement Notice on North City Builders obliging them to complete the works to the estate. The Enforcement Notice was served in June and at the time of going to press nothing of consequence has happened. Obviously North City Builders are paying as much attention to this Notice as they did to the previous one.

The Committee will continue to pursue North City Builders in an effort to get the works completed. The County Council will also be pursued to ensure that the Enforcement Notice does not lapse as happened before.

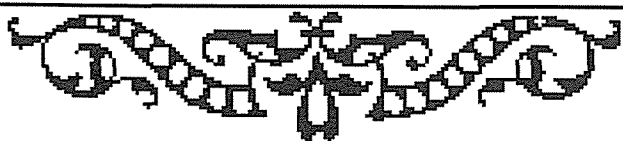
Following the success of the Social Night earlier this year it has been decided to end the Summer with the 'September Swing'. This Social Night is open to all residents and friends and will be held in the G.A.A. Club on Saturday 6th September starting at 8.00pm. So get your dancing shoes on for some food, fun and frolics. Tickets were sold throughout August but are still available from Committee Members.

Please make a note in your diaries for Monday 15th September as our AGM is being held in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30pm. The night will begin with a Neighbourhood Watch meeting and we hope to have guest speakers to help highlight some of the issues concerning all residents. The AGM will follow and we would request that every household be represented. Any person wishing to take an active part on the Committee next year may contact a current Committee member.

Finally, congratulations to all people on the estate who have had babies recently. We hope you are all doing well. We would also wish all expectant mothers the best of luck in the coming months.

Damian Roche

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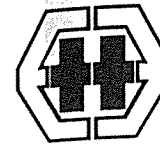
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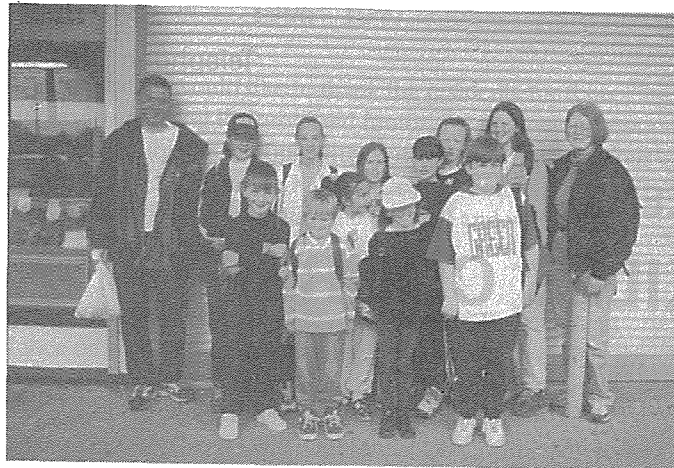
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ENROLMENT: Monday 8th September 1997 at 10 a.m.

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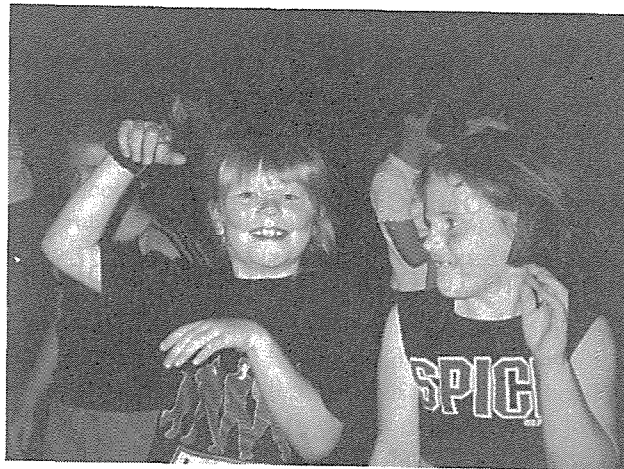
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Off to Ballylore Farm with Paul & Aileen



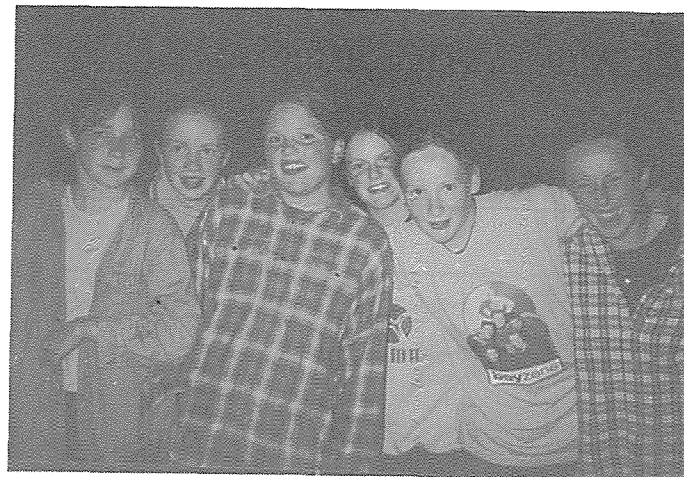
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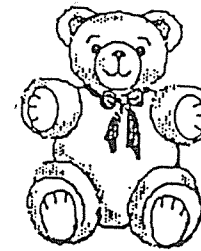
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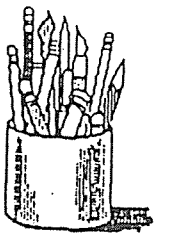


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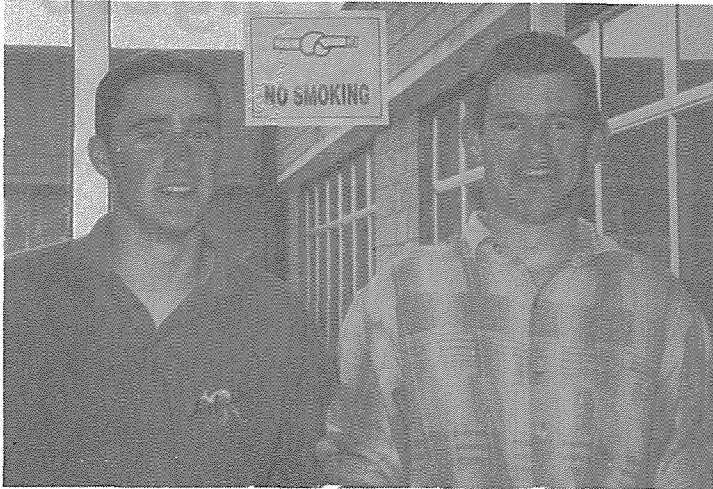
Maynooths Leaving Cert 1997

As we all know the Leaving Cert results came out on the 19th August this year and the day was marked with many different reactions to the receiving of these results. The students all shared one common emotion, prior to opening their individual envelopes....."anxiety".

However it was interesting to note the different mixed reactions to actually realising their results. Some faces immediately lit up and many shouts and roars usually ensured and then on the other hand there were the few glum faces that said that student didn't achieve exactly they would have liked, but the glum faces were few and far between in Maynooth.

The overall atmosphere was one of great relief to finally know the outcome of tests and study done months before.

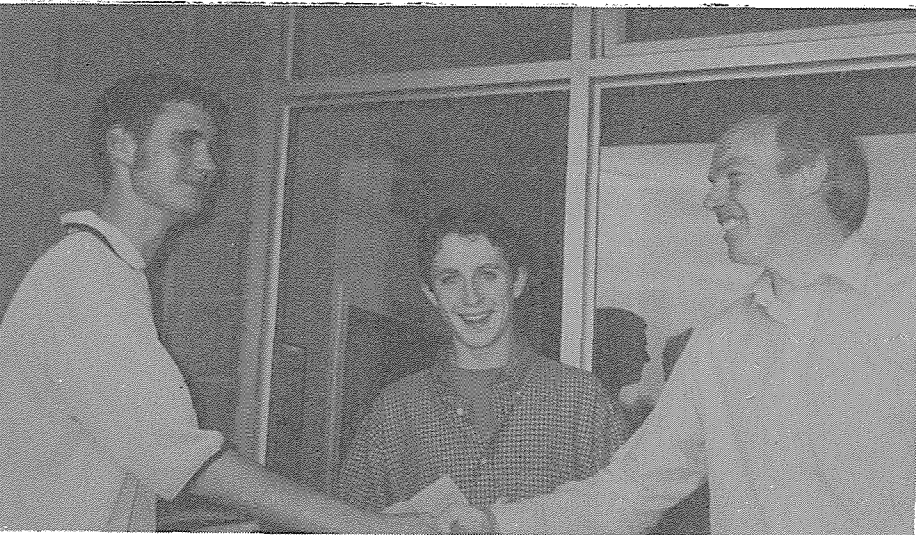
Principal Thomas Ashe was absolutely delighted with the overall results. He said that in all his years as Principal of Maynooth Secondary School he has



L-R John O'Shea and Packie Carroll



L-R Linda Clarke and Edwina Mahoney



Two students being congratulated by their teacher.
L-R Neill Farrelly, Brian Joyce and Mr. McKeon.

never seen such a set of wonderful results with many of his students achieving the highest possible points of 600 needed for entry to colleges of their choice. With a lot of students receiving all A1's the school and teachers have a lot to be proud of in this Leaving Cert year.

Principal Tom Ashe and some of the other teachers commented that they felt the results should be sent to each students home and they should not have to come in to the school to collect these important pieces of paper.

There is enough pressure on school leavers without the added pressure of facing fellow schoolmates who might have done better than they did.

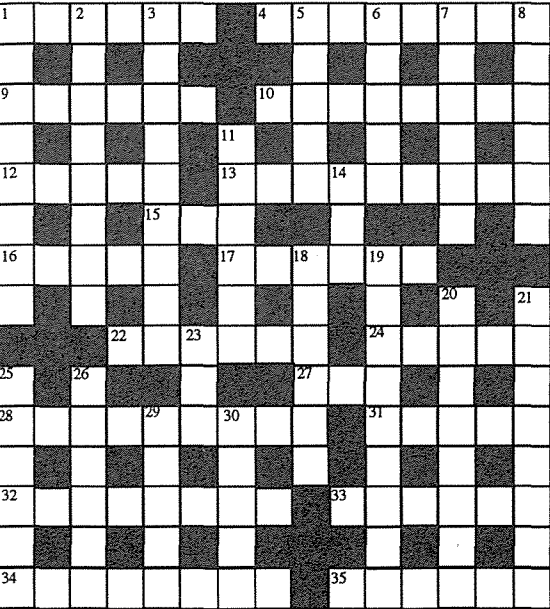
Granted for the students who have done very well it is great for them to be able to laud for a while in their capabilities but for the weaker student it just makes the day more difficult than it really needs to be.

A lot of students went to Rockafellas on the night to wind down and do a bit of celebrating.

Principal Tom Ashe said he is retiring this year and it certainly is a good year to go out on.

On a final note we would like to congratulate the students who received their results and the parents who supported them throughout the year!

Crossword No. 118



Entries before 5p.m. 19th September, 1997

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- Hurried (8)
- Eminence (6)
- Treacle (8)
- Sign up (5)
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- Fruit-seed (3)
- Fight (3-2)
- Rudimentary (6)
- Affirms (6)
- Smooth fabric (5)
- Newt (3)
- Speculative (9)
- Precise (5)
- Placed before (8)
- Slow movement (6)
- Honours (8)
- Those who inflict pain (6)

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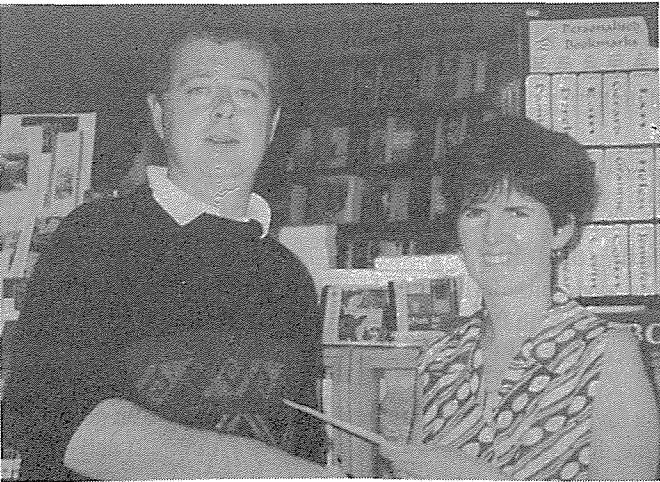
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- Oily (8)
- Highest card (3)
- Dazed state (6)
- Disconnects (6)
- Uplift (5)
- English river (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 117:

Across: 1. Sherpa; 4. Swindler; 9. Victor; 10. Primates; 12. Rhone; 13. Pseudonym; 15. Cap; 16. Tacit; 17. Enfold; 22. Cradle; 24. Noose; 27. Sod; 28. Miscreant; 31Sepia;. 32. Operatic; 33. Parrot; 34. Tennyson; 35. Peeler.

Down: 1. Severity; 2. Encroach; 3. Projector; 5. Worse; 6. Nomad; 7. Latent; 8. Resume; 11. Append; 14. UFO; 18. Fiesta; 19. Landscape; 20. Corporal; 21. Decanter; 23. Ape; 25. Import; 26. Astern; 29. Ready; 30. Amigo.

Winner of Crossword No. 117:
Patrick Healy, 9 Leinster Park, Maynooth.

Gardening Hints



THE GARDEN INDOORS

Growing Bulbs in Pots

Spring bulbs can be incredibly cheering, especially when they're flowering indoors in the middle of winter.

It is important to buy specially prepared bulbs, these are heat-treated so that they'll flower before spring. For Christmas flowering they should be planted by mid-September.

Hyacinths, narcissi, crocuses, early tulips and dwarf irises will flower well indoors.

Planting the Bulbs

Using a pot with drainage holes, plant the bulbs in potting compost or bulb fibre. Be careful not to overwater as the bulbs could rot.

Put a layer of compost in the pot and set the bulbs out on it so that they're not quite touching. Fill with compost and firm it gently.

Leave the tip of larger bulbs like hyacinths exposed while smaller ones should be just covered. Water the pots and put into a cool dark place. To encourage the roots to form cover the pots with black polythene.

Check that the compost is moist, and water sparingly if necessary. Move into the light once the shoots are 2.5-5cm (1-2in) high.

GENERAL TASKS FOR AUTUMN

Autumn Planting

Autumn is the best time to plant hardy garden plants. Do not plant evergreens that suffer from frost damage, as these are best planted in the Spring. Hardy evergreens like rhododendrons can be planted in Autumn also. Autumn conditions are the best to get plants quickly established as the soil is warm and rarely dry for long periods.

Prepare the ground well by digging at least two spades deep. Pull up all weeds and add plenty of garden compost or well-rotted manure. Water the plant well before planting. Dig a hole and add fertiliser.

Place the plant in the hole with rootball at soil level. Fill with soil and water well. Stake trees and tie them with a tree tie. Surround plants in exposed sites with a polythene

windbreak or fine netting during the Autumn and Winter.

Wait until October or November to buy roses, hedging plants, fruit trees or bushes.



FRUIT



Apples and Pears should be harvested when the fruit separates easily from the branch. To store apples, select undamaged fruits and put about 1 kg (2lb) at a time into sealed polythene bags, pierced with a couple of pin-holes. Store pears in open wooden trays or on shelves. Keep both fruits in a very cool but just frost-free place. Check the fruits regularly and throw out any with signs of rot.

If you've got masses of fruit, even windfalls, it's worth storing in boxes to put out for the birds in winter. Blackbirds, thrushes, redwings and field-fares will really appreciate such a feast when the weather's cold.

Grease bands fixed round the trunks of apple trees will trap the wingless female winter moths as they climb up the trunk to lay their eggs. The caterpillars would otherwise feed on the opening buds and young leaves.



Strawberries should be planted by the end of September so that they can establish well for cropping next year. Prepare the ground thoroughly by digging in well-rotted compost or manure, and rake in some organic fertilizer. Space the plants 45 x 60 cm (1 1/2 x 2ft) apart, with the crown of the plant exactly at soil level. Water well after planting

VEGETABLES

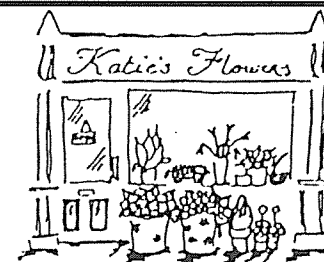
Asparagus foliage should be cut down to within 2.5 cm (1 in) of the ground once it has turned yellow, and the plants should then be mulched with well-rotted manure. Prepare a site for asparagus crowns to be planted next spring by digging in manure.

Marrows, pumpkins and squashes can be picked and put in the sun to ripen for a few days. Then hang them in net bags in a dry frost-free place, and they'll keep for two or three months.

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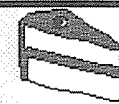


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## Hobbies & Interests



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#### Country Chicken Stew

Serves 6-8

1.4kg/3lbs chicken portions  
45g/6tbsps flour  
45g/1½oz butter or margarine  
225g/8oz belly pork, rinded and cut into 5mm ¼ inch dice  
3 medium onions, finely chopped  
1.7lts/3 pints water  
3 x 400g/14oz cans tomatoes  
3 tbsps tomato purée  
120g/4oz fresh or frozen broad beans  
120g/4oz sweetcorn  
2 large red peppers, cut into small dice  
3 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1.25cm ½ inch cubes  
1-2 tps cayenne pepper or Tabasco to taste  
2 tps Worcestershire sauce  
280ml ½ pint red wine  
Salt and pepper

1. Shake the pieces of chicken in flour in a plastic bag to coat. In a large frying pan, melt the butter until foaming. Place in the chicken, without crowding the pieces, and brown over a moderately high heat for about 10-12 minutes. Remove the chicken and set it aside.

2. In the same pan, fry the belly pork until the fat is rendered and the dice are crisp.

3. Add the onions and cook over moderate heat for about 10 minutes, or until softened but not browned.

4. Pour the water into a large stock pot or saucepan and spoon in the onions, pork and any meat juices from the pan. Add the chicken, tomatoes and tomato purée. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for about 1-1½ hours.

5. Add the broad beans, sweetcorn, peppers and potatoes. Add cayenne pepper or Tabasco to taste. Add the Worcestershire sauce and red wine. Season to taste.



6. Cook for a further 30 minutes or until the chicken is tender. Add salt and pepper to taste.

7. The stew should be rather thick, so if there is too much liquid, remove the chicken and vegetables and boil down the liquid to reduce it. If there is not enough liquid add more water or chicken stock.

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With a large, sharp stainless steel knife, cut the top, the stem, the skin, the core and the eyes from the pineapple. Slice the fruit crossways to make thin half-rings.

For the topping, melt the butter in a one-piece, straight-sided cake tin, 9in/23cm in diameter and 1¾ in/4.5cm deep -preferably a non-stick one over a low flame.

Swish the butter around to coat the sides if the tin is not non-stick. Add the sugar, brandy and the lemon juice. Stir gently as the mixture boils and foams. After a few minutes it will start to colour. Continue stirring until it is a pale, even toffee-brown. Take the tin off the heat. Arrange the pineapple slices in the sauce, overlapping, to cover the whole bottom of the tin. Whizz all the cake ingredients in the food processor until smooth and creamy, or beat them energetically by hand. Pour the mixture over the pineapple and smooth over the surface with a spatula. Bake at 375°F/190°C/Gas 5

Baked Potatoes with Mushroom Filling

Preparation & cooking time: 1 hour 10 minutes

4 large floury potatoes
200g/7oz mushrooms
1 shallot
45g/1½oz butter
150g/5½oz crème fraîche
Salt and white pepper
150g/5½oz fresh bean sprouts

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6. Thoroughly wash the potatoes and wrap, unpeeled, in aluminium foil. Bake for about 1 hour, until cooked.

2. Meanwhile wipe and finely chop the mushrooms; finely dice the shallot. Heat the butter in a frying-pan, add the mushrooms and shallot and brown lightly over a medium heat. Stir in the crème fraîche. Season with salt and pepper and bring to boil. Add the bean sprouts and heat quickly in the mushroom sauce.

3. Take the potatoes out of the oven. Unwrap and cut off a lid. Hollow out the potatoes a little and fill with the mushroom mixture.

Classy Upside-Down Pineapple



Cake

Serves 6

For the topping

Half large ripe pineapple
3oz/90g slightly salted butter
3oz/90g caster sugar
1 tablespoon brandy
½ tablespoon lemon juice

For the cake:

4oz/120g butter
4oz/120g caster sugar
3½oz/100g self-raising flour
1 level teaspoon baking powder
1oz/30g hazelnuts, roasted, papery skins rubbed off, then ground in a liquidiser or food processor
2 eggs size 3
1 tablespoon brandy

for 45 minutes, lowering the heat to 350°F/180°C/ Gas 4 after half an hour if the mixture is already well risen and deep brown. When it is cooked, the cake will have contracted slightly from the sides of the tin, and a skewer pushed in at an angle across the cake will come out clean.

Take out of the oven and let it sit for a few minutes. Pass a knife round the sides to make sure nothing has stuck. Place an inverted serving plate over the tin, then turn the whole thing upside down in one swift movement. Serve hot, warm or cold with whipped double cream, strained thick yoghurt or crème fraîche.



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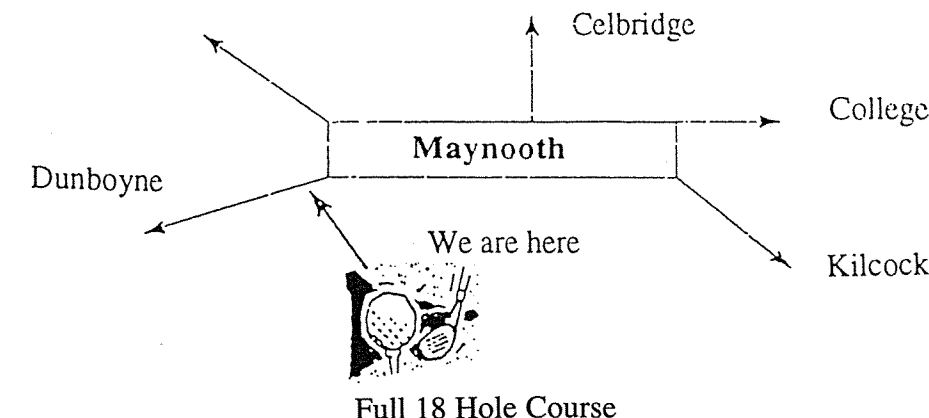
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Party Political Notes

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Bond Bridge, Maynooth

When the County Manager advised the Celbridge Area Committee at our meeting on 11th July that the cost of the new Bond Bridge would be £1.5M, it would be putting it mildly to say that we were astonished. All along we had been told that the cost would be £750,000 to £900,000. Indeed no later than the 16th May we were told that it would cost £850,000. Based on the £900,000 costing the previous County Manager agreed with Cllr. John McGinley on the 18th November '96 that Special Development Levies of £22,000 per acre would be set on the 29.7 acres zoned housing and undeveloped in the area in order to pay for the bridge (£233,000 was already in hand).

Now new management in Kildare has overturned all the hard work that was put into getting agreement on the £22,000/acre levy and residents who did not object to the extra houses in the area because they thought that they were getting a new bridge, are now left with the worst of both worlds - more houses and the same old bridge.

The Manager confirmed his costings to us at a Special Area Meeting on 31st July. He also stated that we had three options:

1. Do nothing until we have the £1.5M costing in hand in around seven years time.
2. Go to the full Council to get their permission to raise a loan for the shortfall of £700,000. (Estimated completion time for the new bridge is two and a half years.)
3. Build a pedestrian bridge now at a cost of £250,000 and put traffic lights on the Bridge at a cost of £50,000. (Estimated completion time is one year.)

In addition he stated that consultants would shortly be carrying out an origin/destination survey of traffic on the bridge to establish where they were coming from/going to. (It is becoming apparent to me that the Council officials now see the Meadowbrook link to the Straffan Road as becoming more important than the new bridge.)

Cllr. John McGinley proposed:

"That we seek permission from the full Council to raise a loan for the shortfall of £700,000 in order to start work on the new bridge now."

The other Area Councillors agreed to this motion despite the opposition of the Manager and it will go before the full Council at the end of September.

The next Area Meeting is due on 5th September and the Manager has promised a written report on the history of the project for the meeting. Cllr. John McGinley's report on the "history" of the project has been sent to the County Manager in a letter dated 6th August 1997 which can be read elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Main Street Improvements

Work on undergrounding overhead wires, paving footpaths with concrete flags, carpeting Main Street and installing new Public Lighting is due to begin in mid October. Tenders

were invited for the work on August 6th and the successful contractor will be appointed in September. The work is due for completion by Christmas. Cllr. John McGinley will be liaising with Council Officials to ensure disruption to the community is kept to the minimum.

"Landscaping" Straffan Road

Council officials have advised Cllr. John McGinley that they are arranging to have this disgraceful mess sorted out as a matter of urgency.

"Houses for Sale" Signs

The Council have replied as follows to Cllr. John McGinley's Motion:

"I confirm that the offending auctioneers in the north of the County have been written to by the Council and advised that under the terms of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, the erection of the auctioneering signs is prohibited".

As the auctioneers have to-date ignored the Councils letter, Cllr. John McGinley has now asked the Council to take legal action in this matter.

New Pedestrian Crossing for Straffan Road

The Co. Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the provision of an additional pedestrian crossing is warranted on the Straffan Road. The crossing will be located somewhere between the Old Greenfield exit and the Glenroyal exit. The most advantageous location would probably be north of the Old Greenfield and Silken Vale exists and near the train station exit.

E.S.B. Substation in Doctor's Lane Car Park

This building is an eyesore and is attracting the attention of modern 'artists'. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the E.S.B. to pebble dash the building in order to eliminate the problem and improve the appearance.

Silken Vale

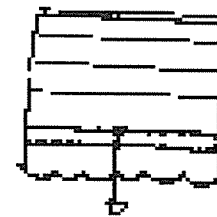
Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

That whatever steps necessary be taken to remove the following conditions of Planning for Silken Vale, Maynooth:

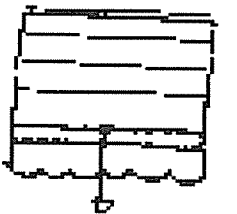
1. Construction of footbridge from estate to Royal Canal.
2. Walkway from the estate to Meadowbrook.

Silken Vale Residents Association are due to attend the next Celbridge Area Committee meeting of the Council on September 5th to outline their legitimate concerns on both of these issues.

Emmet Stagg T.D. has previously advised the Residents Association that the builder should apply for retention planning permission excluding the footbridge and walkway. This should only be done once all other works have been completed satisfactorily in the estate.



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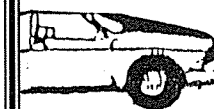


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Sports

INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Maynooth 3-11. Eire Óg / Corrachóill 1-9.

Maynooth secured their second victory in the Championship with an impressive but hard earned victory over Eire Óg / Corrachóill on Saturday evening in Naas 19/7/97. The match was scheduled to start at 6.15pm but due to a cock-up in the appointment of a referee the sliotar was not thrown in until 7.20pm.

Maynooth started the game in a very determined mood but found scores hard to obtain. With limited possession Eire Óg / Corrachóill had scored two points inside the first five minutes before John Lee from fully 60 yards scored a fine point for Maynooth. Two minutes later Maynooth went ahead when after fine ground hurling from Hugh Nevin and Tom Farrell, Mick Barry caught the Eire Óg full back out of position, and slammed the sliotar to the net. Eire óg came strongly into the game midway through the first half with strong performances from their mid-field and half forward line and drew level with two points in quick succession. Maynooth Manager Pat Nevin made a shrewd move in switching Hugh Nevin and Mick Bennett and both benefitted from the moving coming more in to the play. In the last ten minutes of the first half great defensive play by Fergal Scully, Jimmy Cahill and Stephen Noonan held Eire Óg at bay and ensured a plentiful supply of ball into the forward line which yielded a further brace of points from Mick Barry and Mick Bennett. Two minutes later a long delivery from Jimmy Cahill found Tom Farrell who rounded his marker before passing to Senan Griffin who was left unmarked and from 14 yards out gave the Eire Óg goalkeeper no chance with an unstoppable shot to the net. Both teams exchanged points before half-time with Fergal Scully adding to the Maynooth tally leaving the score Maynooth 2-4: Eire Óg 0-5.

The winners opened the scoring in the second half with a delightful point from Mick Bennett who was causing major problems for his opposite number. Gradually however, Eire óg narrowed the six point deficit to two within a seven minute spell with 2 points from play and 2 points from frees. Then a few minutes later Maynooth were rocked back on their heels when a defensive lapse resulted in a goal for Eire Óg giving them a one point lead. However Maynooth's fighting qualities, higher fitness level and greater hunger for victory came to the fore and Fergal Scully showed the way with a fine long range point. From there to the end it was all one way traffic with a further point from Scully before that man Senan Griffin struck again for a fine opportunist goal following good interplay between Mick Barry and Mick Bennett. Indeed Senan was the victim of a very wild pull a few minutes later from his marker who was duly cautioned but luckily was able to continue playing. In the last ten minutes Maynooth added a further four points from Hugh Nevin, Stephen Brennan, Fergal Scully and substitute Padraic Ward to emerge deserving winners.

There is no doubt that manager Pat Nevin had his players well prepared for this vital game with a high degree of fitness and proper mental attitude in evidence. There is no doubt Maynooth will be a force to be reckoned with in the remainder of the championship.

Best for Maynooth were:

Stephen Noonan, Fergal Scully, Jimmy Cahill, John Lee, Mick Bennett, Senan Griffin, Mick Barry and Hugh Nevin.

Team and Scores:

Matt Carroll, Sean Cushen, Stephen Noonan, Mick Gahan, Eoin Nevin, Fergal Scully (0-4), Jimmy Cahill, John Lee (0-1), Stephen Brennan (0-1), Mick Bennett (0-2), Tom Farrell, Senan Griffin (2-0), John O' Brien, Mick Barry (1-1), Hugh Nevin (0-1).

Subs: Padraic Ward (0-1) for John O'Brien
Declan Buckley for Tom Farrell (injured).

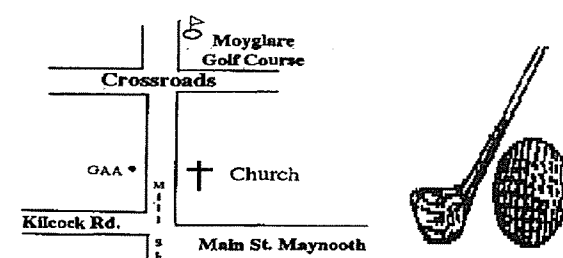
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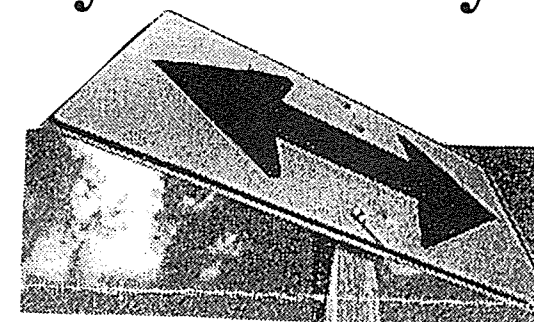
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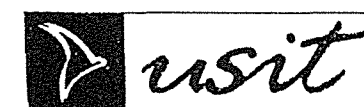
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Sports

MAYNOOTH LADIES G.A.A.

Sunday July 27th 1997. A Red Letter Day in the annals of Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. Team.

On Sunday evening 27th July two teams took to the field in St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge to contest the final of the Kildare Ladies Gaelic Football Championship. Maynooth V Eadestown.

Maynooth were without Antoinette Mooney (Captain) who is injured. For the first 5 minutes Eadestown were in control but then Maynooth settled down and in the seventh minute

Mary McClean, Catherine Fitzpatrick and Irene Kearney, Maynooth kept the lead. Having failed to get the goal Eadestown contented themselves with taking two more points from Mela Reynolds and Barbara Delaney. With only one point in the difference, Emma Kilduff put another point over from a free and although Mela Reynolds had a few shots on the Maynooth goal Maynooth finished two points clear on the final whistle.

This was a great and deserving win for Maynooth who worked so well together and have been League Winners in 1996.



Maynooth Ladies G.A.A. Team winners of Kildare County Championship. Back Row, L to R: Maebh Flood, Mary McClean, Marie Grehan, Emma Kilduff, Aisling Bryant, Ginny Breslin, Sinéad Tolan, Brid-Anne O'Shea, Leah Newman, Rob Stelling (Trainer), Michael Kelly (Manager). Front Row, L to R: Pamela Byrne, Laura Kearney, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Paula O'Shea, Tricia Purcell (Captain), Fionnula Heaney, Irene Kearney, Ann-Marie Purcell, Ann-Marie Farrell and Karen Mulhern.

Maynooth opened the scoring with a bad clearance by Eadestown coming to Fionnula Heaney who made no mistake in right footing this gift into the net for a great goal. Two minutes later Eadestown replied with a goal from Claire Dowling. The game continued with great play from both teams and with inspired play from goalkeeper Paula O'Shea, Fionnula Heaney, Emma Kilduff and Maebh Flood who scored a fine point on the 16th minute, with Emma and Fionnula adding points in the 18th minute, 23rd minute and 3 minutes of injury time. Eadestown only managed 1 other point in this half, half-time score, Maynooth 1-4, Eadestown 1-1.

Eadestown started the second half again in attacking form scoring 1 point in the 1st minute of this half. Fionnula Heaney added one for Maynooth on the 4th minute but Eadestown replied with 2 more before Virginia Breslin put one over in the 11th and Fionnula Heaney scored again in the 15th minute.

Eadestown who were now only 3 points adrift mounted a bombardment on the Maynooth goal but Paula O'Shea was equal to her task and with great defending by Sinéad Tolan,

Team: Paula O'Shea, Laura Kearney, Mary McClean, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Pamela Byrne, Sinéad Tolan, Irene Kearney, Fionnula Heaney, Patricia Purcell, Marie Grehan, Virginia Breslin, Bríd/Ann O'Shea, Emma Kilduff, Maebh Flood, Aishling Bryant.

Subs: Ann-Marie Farrell for Laura Kearney, Tracey Kearney, Leah Newman, Ann Purcell, Anto Mooney, Karen Mulhern, Josephine Byrne.

The Ladies Committee and team wish to thank all those who have supported them throughout the season. Thanks is also extended to the GAA Club and Londis Supermarket who provided the "after-match" food and drink for the celebrations. Thanks also to Noel Brady of the Clock House for his continued support.

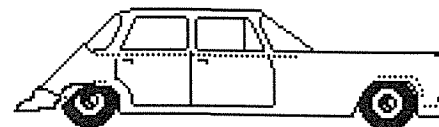
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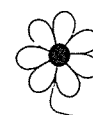


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Sports

MAYNOOTH TOWN AFC SOCCER CLUB

The Joe Murphy Memorial Cup was held at the Harbour Field and once again proved a great success. There was a high standard of football throughout the tournament and the main feature was the exemplary behaviour of all the teams taking part. With just a few yellow cards and no sendings off it was an indication of the true sporting attitude of the players involved.

Played on a League System through to the Semi-Finals Knock-out stage saw some great games during the seven nights. Group One saw Sosso's 7 emerge as winners with Kilcock Red coming second. Group Two saw Town Sundaes come out on top with Bobby Dazzlers taking the second qualifying spot.

Group One results saw Sosso's 7 defeat the Glenroyal HLC 3-1 with the Flood Brothers playing a leading role.

Kilcock Red - 2 Town Saturns - 0

Ray Lynch helped Kilcock to a win over local side Town Saturns.

Hoggy's 7 - 0 Glenroyal HLC - 1

Glenroyal got themselves back on track with this narrow win over an enthusiastic Hoggy's 7 who put up a spirited performance

Kilcock Red - 0 Sosso's 7 - 1

Sosso's 7 gained their second win with this close fought win over Kilcock who had little luck and were unlucky not to get a draw.

Town Saturns - 1 Glenroyal HLC - 2

Glenroyal emerged victorious over Town Saturns in one of the best games of the tournament. The Cahill Brothers led the Glenroyal with great skill but Saturns Stephen Hallinan took the honours with the best goal of the tournament.

Sosso's 7 - 3 Hoggy's 7 - 2

An understrength Hoggy's 7 were no match for the Tommy Fay inspired Sosso's 7 despite the whole-hearted efforts of Shane Burke and David Hawkins.

Hoggy's 7 - 1 Town Saturns - 2

Two "Doc" Carrolls goals gave Saturns a narrow win over Hoggy's 7 where Brian O'Connor was in top form in goal for the luckless Hoggy's.

Kilcock Red - 2 Glenroyal HLC - 1

In a game which was crucial to both sides Kilcock came out on top after a first class game. Glenroyal took the lead but Kilcock fought back and got on terms with a Kenny Cribbin penalty. A late Kilcock goal put Kilcock through to the knock-out stage and end Glenroyal's campaign.

Kilcock Red - 0 Hoggy's 7 - 2

Both sides completed their Group games with Hoggy's 7

gaining a deserved win. With qualification already assured Kilcock were not too despondent in defeat.

Town Saturns - 1 Sosso's 7 - 2

This game closed the group with Sosso's 7 just shading it. Having gone through the Group undefeated Sosso's 7 easily topped the Group with Kilcock taking the other qualifying spot over Glenroyal on goal difference.

Group 2 Results

Town Sundaes - 2 Kilcock White - 0

Local side Town Sundaes defeated Kilcock White after a close fought game despite the scoreline.

Hammy's 7 Kilcock White 1

Kilcock got back on track with this narrow win. Ger Lynch inspired Kilcock and kept their groups hopes alive.

Kilcock White - 1 Bobby Dazzlers - 3

Last years winners had to come from behind with three late goals. Kilcock took an early lead and looked like holding out but were overcome in the latter stages of the game.

Town Sundaes - 0 Bobby Dazzlers - 0

Both Sundaes sides showed each other great respect and the game ended in a draw which kept both sides hopes alive.

Town Sundaes - 4 Hammy's 7 - 0

Town were just too good for Hammy's 7 and ran out easy winners.

Hammy's 7 - 1 Bobby Dazzlers - 0

Hammy's 7 gained a notable victory in this thriller. Keeper "Hammy" Cunningham led his side by example and inspired a deserved victory for his side.

Semi Finals

Sosso's 7 - 0 Bobby Dazzlers - 0

Holders of the Cup Bobby Dazzlers fought hard to retain their title but to no avail. Extra time failed to separate two evenly matched teams before the penalty shoot out came into operation. The deadlier accuracy of Sosso's 7 saw them emerge victors and book their place in the final.

Town Sundaes - 1 Kilcock Red - 0

This eagerly awaited pairing proved to be another close game with defences on top. Town Keeper Michael Kelly earned his side an extra time chance with two good saves late in normal time. With three minutes remaining in extra time a Martin Byrne throw in was hammered to the roof of the net by William Farrelly from close range.

Final

Town Sundaes - 3 Sosso's 7 - 0

The greater all round strength of Town Sundaes proved the major factor in this victory. An early Paul Byrne penalty

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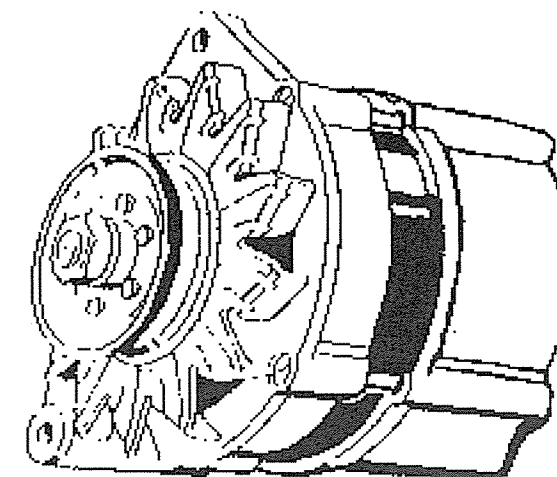
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Sports

helped to settle Town Sundaes who gave a superb display of free flowing football. Further goals by Martin Byrne and Fergal Barton were just reward for their overall play.

Winning team: Michael Kelly, Brian McCall, Eamon Dunne, Joey Dempsey (Capt.) Paul Byrne, Michael Murphy, Fergal Barton, Martin Byrne, Dermot Myles, William Farrelly.

Town Sundaes went through the tournament unbeaten a feature of which no goals were conceded with a total of thirteen scored.

The Joe Murphy Memorial Cup was presented to winning Captain Joey Dempsey by Mrs. Annie Murphy wife of the late Joe Murphy.

Club Chairman Michael Dempsey presented the Heineken sponsored runners up trophies to Sosso's 7.

Club sponsor Noel Brady presented the winning trophies to the victors on behalf of Tournament Sponsors Heineken. The club would like to thank everyone who helped to make the tournament another success. Without the help of those people the tournament could not run so efficiently.

The Club wishes to extend deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of Richard Naughton who died so tragically. Richard was the father of Club Goalkeeper Niall who was an integral part of the last seasons promotion winning Sunday team.

Congratulations to Club player Dermot Myles on his recent marriage to Ann O' Riordan.

With Leagues about to commence for season 97/98 it is hoped that results will be favourable for all club sides.

School Boy Soccer

Maynooth Town AFC held their soccer marathon on 13th July in the Harbour Field. The marathon was run in conjunction with the Community Festival and a great day was had by all. Many thanks to all who helped out on the day and a very special thank you to all the children for their fund raising efforts. The winner of the £25.00 sports voucher for the highest sponsorship was David Baxter. Garreth Dooley and Daire Sweeney must merit a special thanks for their fabulous effort. The funds raised on the day totalled £377.05. This money has been used to buy equipment for the schoolboy teams. The kit purchased included 40 training balls, training cones, bibs, kit bag and first aid kit. Lets hope the new kit will help the teams improve on their tremendous achievements last year when our under 8's and two under 9's finished runners-up in their divisions. This year we will have 8 teams at schoolboy level (2x8's, 2x9's, 2x10's, 1x11's and 1x13's) all teams are now back in training for the new season and new players are welcome for all squads. Sponsors are required for some schoolboy teams.

For further information on any matter relating to the Club contact John Doogan on 01-6289720 or Gerry Folan on 01-6286994

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Daughter, sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of Nancy Hayes (nee Coyne), Carton Court, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mrs. Nan Tracey, Mariaville, who celebrated her 88th birthday. August 11th. A party attended by family and friends was held in G.A.A. Club for the happy occasion. Best wishes, Nan, from all.

Sandra Thompson, Greenfield, who celebrated her birthday, July 14th. A get-together was held in "The Glenroyal" with her pals and friends and a good time was had by all.

A Happy Birthday to Adam Nyland who celebrates his 4th birthday on September 2nd, love from Nannie Nyland, Maynooth.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tony and Nuala McTernan, Silken Vale, who celebrated their 23rd Wedding Anniversary, July 16th.

Also Raymond and Noelle McTernan, Moyglare Village, who celebrated their 18th Wedding Anniversary, August 25th.

Also Peter and Jackie McTernan, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne, who celebrated their 26th Wedding Anniversary, July 23rd.

Gearóid and Ita McTernan who celebrate their "Golden Wedding Anniversary", September 3rd.

Paddy and Mary Nolan, Castlebridge, who celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary, August 27th.

Ann O'Riordan, daughter of Lily and Michael O'Riordan, "The Bungalow", Greenfield, Maynooth and Dermot Myles, son of Joan and Derry Myles, Castletown, Leixlip, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on 25th July. Honeymoon spent in Cyprus. Best wishes from your families and friends.

Congratulations to Kevin and Helen Kilduff of Courtown Park Kilcock on the birth of their baby daughter Elaine, a little sister for Aisling and Ciarain. Love from the Kilduff family.

Congratulations to Rowena Howard-Williams and Mark Meadon, who are getting married on the 13th September in Maynooth.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Gormally Family - Carton Court, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, and those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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