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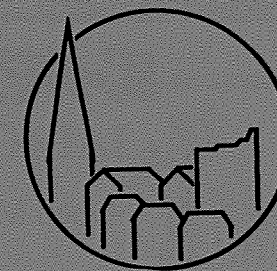
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### DIARY DATES

#### Friday 4th December:

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band  
St. Mary's church of Ireland, Maynooth Arts Forum.

#### Friday 4th December:

Country Game and Shooting Club Chairty Event  
Race night. Kildrought Lounge Celbridge @ 9pm.

#### Monday 7th December:

G.A.A. AGM in Club House @ 7p.m.

#### Friday 11th December:

Launch of Booklet entitled "Maynooth and 1798"  
in the Library main st. @ 8p.m.

#### Saturday 12th December:

St. Mary's Brass and reed band.  
Aula Maxima, Maynooth Christmas concert.

#### Sunday 13th December:

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band St. Mary's Church  
Carol Service.

#### Sunday 13th December:

Maynooth Senior Citizens, Christmas Party in Maynooth  
post primary @ 3.30p.m.

#### Monday 14th December:

Maynooth Senior Citizens, Special shopping night in  
Super Valu.

#### Monday 14th December:

Maynooth Community Council meeting in Maynooth Post  
Primary @ 8pm.

#### Sunday 20th December:

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band St. Mary's Church of  
Ireland Carol Service.

**Friday 25th December:** St Mary's Brass and Reed band  
Christmas Morning Mass Parade 11.30a.m.

## EDITORIAL

Dear Santa

All we want for Christmas is....

New footpaths for Maynooth sometime before the new millenium and preferably before some elderly resident comes a cropper on the obstacle course of cars and potholes which pass for footpaths at the moment.

A first aid service on peak time trains to and from Connolly Station. We know it's too much to ask for an adequate train service but at least let's take care of the passengers as they faint from claustrophobia and lack of air.

More playing pitches for Maynooth's young footballers and hurlers. Both the GAA and soccer clubs have had great success with their underage teams in the last year. It's time they had the facilities they deserve. Some of our local publicans to go mad and spend a lot of money on doing up their premises. We've heard rumours that all sorts of renovations have been planned so what's the delay? One premises has recently brightened up it's act but Maynooth's hard pressed drinkers deserve the best. That no one in Maynooth will have to spend this Christmas on their own.

P.S And a Happy Christmas to all our readers.

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# Community Council Notes

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

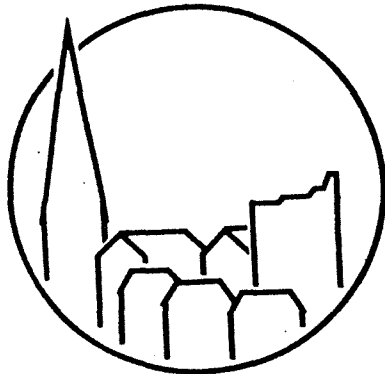
### COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP 1998

Community Council meetings offer the opportunity for members to raise matters of local interest in their area. The current members of the Community Council are listed below together with the area they represent. If you want to have an issue discussed at the Community Council you can bring it to the attention of your local representative.

Town Centre	Tony Bean
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Kingsbry	Susan Durack, Willie Saults
Old Greenfield	Anne Birchall, Dominic Nyland
Beaufield	
Meadowbrook/Brookfield	Brendan O'Flynn, John Doogan, Paul O'Malley, Dominic Ward
Cluain Aoibhinn	Susan Corbally, Tom McMullon
College Green	Peter Connell
Moyglare	Paul Croghan, Gerald MacCann
Newtown, Woodlands, Ashleigh Court	Des Matthews, Padraic O'Murchu
Newtown Court	
Parsons Street, Lodge, Court	Christina Saults
Silken Vale	Elaine O'Connor
Castlebridge	
Parklands	Elizabeth Stoll, Paddy O'Connor
Rockfield	Peter Flynn, Tom Moore
Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown	Senan Griffin
Corbally, Moneycooley, Ballygoran, Barrogstown, Kilmacradock, Donaghmore, Griffinrath, Toolestown	
Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Newtowncabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johinstown, Derrinstown, Donaghstown, Kealstown, Graiguelin, Cowanstown	
Timard, Laraghbryan, The Maws, Treadstown, Crinstown, Cormickstown, Ballycurraghan, Laragh Demesne	

### CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTATIVES:

Maynooth Tidy Towns	Mattie Callaghan
Maynooth G.A.A.	



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# Community Council Notes

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES (Cont.)

Students Union

Moss Garde, Eamonn Carroll

Church of Ireland

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Gardai

Sgt. John Keane

Maynooth Mortality Society

Gerard McTernan

Maynooth I.C.A.

Dorothy Dornan

Maynooth Town Soccer Club

Lenny Murphy

Seats remain vacant in a number of areas and these can be filled by co-option. Nominations should be addressed to the Secretary, Maynooth Community Council, Main Street, Maynooth.

### Community Council - December Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday 14th December 1998 at 8.00 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School. All members are welcome to submit items for inclusion on the agenda. Please forward them to the office, for the attention of the Secretary, at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

### Christmas 1998

Another year is over and thoughts turn to looking back over another eventful one in Maynooth. Many signs of the season of goodwill are apparent around the town. The year must not pass without a special thanks to all the people who played a role in improving community life for us all during 1998.

On behalf of Maynooth Community Council may I wish each and everyone who call Maynooth their home a very Happy Christmas and best wishes to have everything you would wish for yourself in 1999.

Paul Croghan  
P.R.O.



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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From




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# Community Council Notes

## MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

The Annual Presentation of awards for the best Estates/Shop Fronts took place on Thursday 12th. November in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The Event and Competition was sponsored by Coonan Property and Finance Maynooth. Robert O'Reilly, Chairman Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomed all to the presentations and called for a minutes silence in memory of Fr. Brendan Supple P.P. who was president of Maynooth Tidy Towns, Eileen Coonan, mother of Willie Coonan and former members of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee who have died. Fr. Alex. Stenson P.P. led the minutes silence. Fr. Stenson has agreed to be our new President. Elsewhere you will read of the winners and the adjudicators comments. Robert O'Reilly thanked all who have helped with the Tidy Towns work. He paid tribute to the work of the Fás Community Employment Project and regretted its closure due to the problems with SIPTU and Kildare County Council. He thanked the Voluntary Sunday morning clean up crew.

Sue Tuite, Marketing Manager Coonan Property and Finance, said they were delighted to be associated with the best Estates and best Shop Fronts competition again this year and looked to its future development. Also present was the Kildare litter warden Noel Geoghegan and Joan Shannon, Environmental Section, Kildare Co. Council. Both gave an outline of the litter wardens duties and distributed leaflets. We will give a fuller report in the next edition of the Newsletter together with our plans for the future.

In the meantime if you require any information on Maynooth Tidy Town's Committee, please contact us care of Maynooth Community Council.

Tidy Towns Committee wish to thank Coonan Property & Finance, Residents Associations & Businesses in Maynooth for their co-operation in the Tidy Estates and Best Shop Fronts Competition held recently.

Richard Farrell  
P.R.O.

### ADJUDICATORS COMMENTS MAYNOOTH 1998

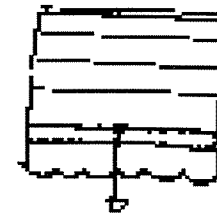
Yet again the standard has improved. It appears to us however, that the older estates need to make a greater effort if they are to compete with the newer ones. Another way of dealing with this would be to have a separate category for older estates. The following are our observations:

The most common failing was grass areas not edged, and weeds and litter at the kerbside. Trees are an asset and should be maintained properly. This involved cleaning around the base and removing side shoots. This improves the appearance of the area and gives it an overall tidy look. Sadly of late, flower beds seem to be out of favour to be encouraged to look again at this.

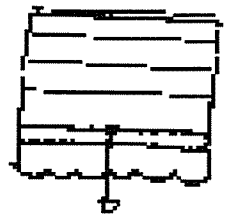
On the town and shop fronts, we found that the standard has improved again since last year, with shop fronts painted and colour added. We would like to compliment the 'Mona Lisa' chip shop. It looked very well, clean and fresh, with green and pine colours. A few hanging baskets and a litter bin would have completed the picture. Other shops to catch the eye were 'Hula Bou', 'The Pepper Mill', 'Centra supermarket', 'Just Gifts', 'Elite' restaurant and the E.B.S.

There is still no significant improvement in the Tesco/Quinnsworth exterior area since last year, which is a pity, as the area is very important to the cityside of the town.

In conclusion, we would like to congratulate the winners and say 'well done' to all who participated in the competition.



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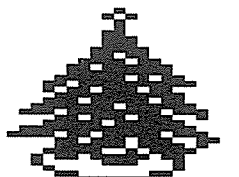
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# MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS



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|-----|---------------|
| 1st | Rockfield     |
| 2nd | Parklands     |
| 3rd | Newtown Court |

### BEST SMALL AREA

- |     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 1st | Charter House             |
| 2nd | Castlebridge              |
| 3rd | Parson Street/Lodge/Court |

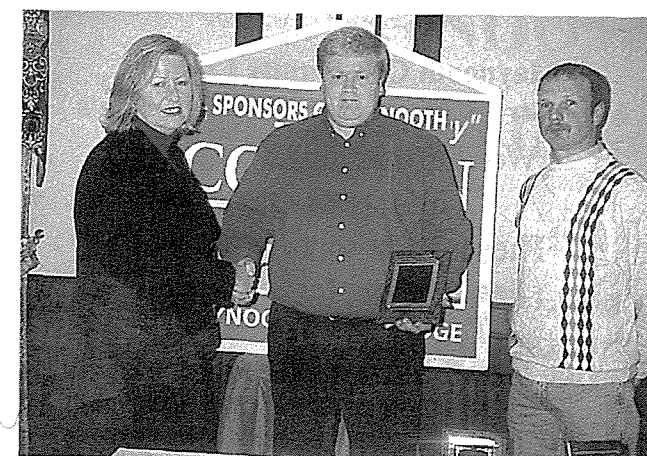
### BEST SHOP FRONT

- |     |                      |
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| 1st | Katies Florists      |
| 2nd | C.P.L. Motor Factors |
| 3rd | The Mill Wine Cellar |

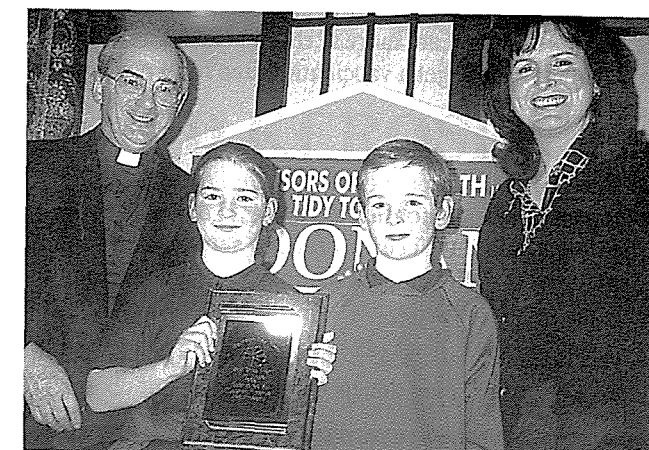


## Community Council Notes

### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS



*Sue Tuite presents Paul Lanigan and Niall Leavy with 2nd prize for Best Shop Front for C.P.L. Motor Factors*



*1st Prize winner of Best Shop Front, Katie Delaney of Katies Flowers pictured with Monsignor Alex Stenson and Aisling and Alex Delaney.*



*Ray Grehan receiving prize for Best Small Area on behalf of Charter House from Sue Tuite.*



*Chairman, Robert O'Reilly presents Miriam Ahern of Rockfield with 1st Prize in Best Large Estate awards.*



*Robert O'Reilly, Chairman presents Mary Fitzgerald of Parklands with 2nd prize for Best Large Estate.*



*Berna Hatton pictured with Monsignor Alex Stenson after receiving 3rd Prize in Best Shop Front awards.*

# Community Council Notes

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### Question:

I am a 68 years old widow and in good health but my daughter thinks that I am more at risk from flu this winter. She said that I could get a vaccination free from our family doctor. Is this true?

### Answer:

Older people can be more at risk of complications if they develop influenza and for this reason it is advisable to avail of the flu vaccination. The best time to get the vaccination is in September or October and the protection will last for a full year.

The vaccination is available from your family doctor and if you have a medical card the vaccination is free of charge.

If you are not entitled to a medical card your doctor may charge a consultation fee for administering the vaccine.

For further information about the flu vaccination it is advisable to consult your family doctor.

### Question:

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Further information about this allowance and about other benefits and entitlements for older people is available in 'Entitlements for the Over 60's', an updated edition of which was recently published by the National Social Services Board.

Copies of the booklet are available, free of charge from your local Citizens Information Centre (see Golden Pages) or from The National Social Service Board, 7th Floor, Hume House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Tel: (01) 6059000.

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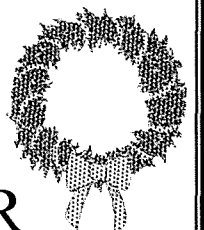
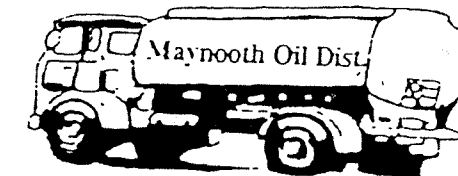
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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

As our "Sale of Work" had not taken place before the Newsletter went to print we will have to wait until the next issue for a report on that particular event. In the meantime our Christmas Party will take place on Sunday Dec 13th starting with Mass at 3.30p.m. in the post primary school.

The next day Monday 14th Super Valu will extend the hand of friendship once more to all our Senior Citizens in the form of a special Shopping night in a party atmosphere followed by tea, sandwiches and entertainment and of course a Christmas drink. This has become an annual event to which we all look forward.

Our next event will be our annual dinner on Sunday Jan 10th generously given to us each year by "Peter O'Brien Catering" to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

Our morning club will close for holidays on Thursday Dec 17th and will re-open on Tuesday Jan 12th.

Christmas is a very enjoyable time of year for most of us with families all coming together, but for some it can be a lonely time with just memories for company. Nobody should be alone at this time of year but many of our older people are, so if you live near someone on their own, why not drop in, we all benefit from company, reach out and be a good neighbour this Christmas.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Coonan family on the death of their mother Eileen and to Patricia Nolan our vice Chairperson on the sudden death of her father, Patrick Lyons. May they both rest in peace.

Finally, may I remind our Senior Citizens and their Carers once again about safety and security in the home over the winter months in general and Christmas in particular. Just keep four safety checks in mind spark guard, smoke alarm, chimney and door chain. Keeping these in mind could be the difference between joy and tragedy, meanwhile may I wish you all a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

*Josephine Moore*

### MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB.

Training has resumed every Wed. night at 7 o'clock at the G.A.A grounds on the Moyglare road. Tribute must be paid to the good attendance, who are braving the elements. The Cross Country season is well under way and the results so far are most encouraging.

Ciana Ennis is improving week by week and got medals in the Kildare under 10 and 11 championship. She also finished 2nd in the Dunleer open race but her highlight so far was a brilliant performance to finish 2nd in the Leinster.

Muire Ennis also got a medal in the Kildare under 12 and finished 4th in the Leinster, which got her a county team bronze medal.

David Comerford and Marc O Murchú got a county team medal in the Leinster boys under 12 and David also won 2nd place in the Kildare under 12 championship.

Awut Ni Mhurchú got 2nd in the Kildare under 14 and under 16 and ran well in the Leinsters.

David Campbell has won all four of his races this season, coming home first in Kildare under 16 and 17 and Leinster under 16.

In the adults section John Campbell won the Kildare vets and was 2nd in the Leinster. David Jolley won the over 50 Kildare and was 2nd in the Senior.

New members will be welcomed any Wednesday night, so come along and get ready for the indoor and track season. We cater for girls and boys from under 8 up to senior.

Next month will be a big one, and we wish all our athletes the best of luck in the All Irelands.



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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The November Guild meeting of the Maynooth I.C.A. was held in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth, on Thursday the 5th of November.

Our President, Rosemary, welcomed us all.

Sympathy was extended to Ann Broughan on the death of her father, Joseph Murphy, and to Theresa Mooney on the death of her mother-in-law.

As per usual, in November we had an Ecumenical Service at the meeting to pray for our departed members and friends. This was organised by Eilish O'Malley, and a lovely service was conducted by the Reverend Adrian Wilkinson and Monsignor Alex. Stenson. We would like to thank Eilish for all her hard work.

The Guild activities continue....

Crafts continue on Monday nights at 8.00 p.m.

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

The Guild competition for November was "The Oldest Newspaper".

1st - Theresa Brennan - 1916

2nd - Betty Moore - 1935

3rd - Mary Halton - 1972

#### Raffle results:

1st - Ann Broughan

2nd - Jo O'Connell

3rd - Mary Halton

Guild members will attend Kildare Federation Christmas Party in the Red House Hotel on December 15th.

Our next Guild meeting will be held on December 3rd at 8.00 p.m. The December competition is "Decorative Christmas Candle".

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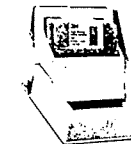
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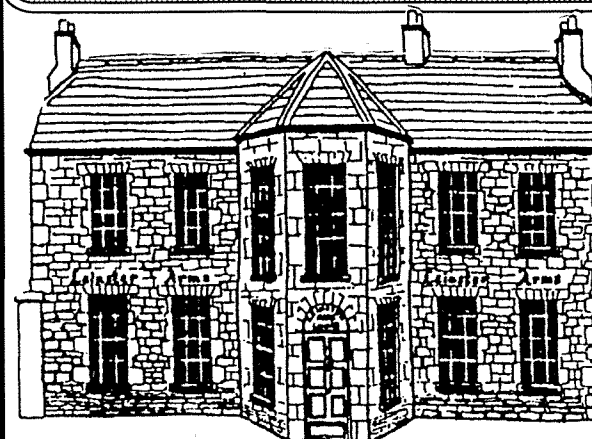


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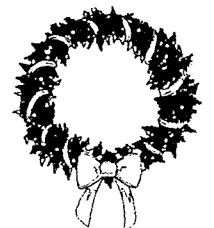


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## MAYNOOTH KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club is back in action again with a very special year ahead for 1998 and 1999.

We are honoured to be selected to host the National Youth Awards to be held in the Stand House in the Curragh in April 1999. This event coincides with the 21st Birthday of the National No Name Clubs of Ireland.

We will also be hosting the finals of the Cabaret Awards and look forward to meeting all our friends from other clubs around the country. Our hosts and hostesses will find themselves busy throughout the year ahead with various events to mark this 21st birthday.

We are delighted to have so many adult leaders, only too willing to give their time so freely as always to their club, and may we take this opportunity to invite any past adult members and host and hostesses who may wish to become involved for the forthcoming 21st Birthday celebrations.

Our Disco's have began again successfully and we remind all young people to have a valid membership for the Club. Membership application forms are available from all schools or Committee members.

### Reminder for Parents/Guardians

Disco's are for fourteen years upwards with a valid membership.

To ensure the safe arrival we welcome parents / guardians to bring young people to the disco. The disco finishes at 1.00 p.m., if you wish to collect your young person early please just call to the door.

We wish to thank the schools for all their help and co-operation and the local businesses for their support. A special word of thanks goes to the N.U.I. Maynooth and the Students Union for all their assistance.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Joan Dixon, Secretary in Maynooth Post Primary.

As Christmas approaches again we wish committee members, hosts, hostesses and all involved with the club a peaceful and happy Christmas.

*Evelyn McGrath and Pat Farrell,  
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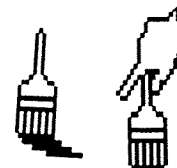
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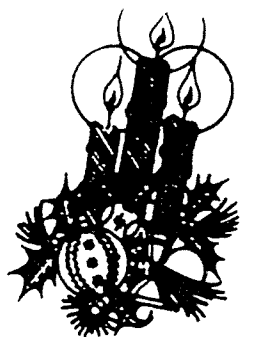
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### FLOWER CLUB

At our A.G.M. on the 20th. October in the Loftus Hall, St. Patricks College, Maynooth. The following members were elected on the committee and nominated to the following positions for 1999.

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Margaret Howe
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Moir Baxter
<b>Secretary:</b>	Felicity Satchwell
<b>Ass. Secretary:</b>	Rosemary Smyth
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mary McInerney
<b>Ass. Treasurer:</b>	Noeleen O'Brien
<b>Sales Table:</b>	Imelda Desmond & Joe O'Connell
<b>Charity Sales:</b>	Mary Cleary
<b>Librarian:</b>	Toni Read
<b>Raffle Sales:</b>	Mary Doyle
<b>Competition Sec.</b>	Elsa Lawlor
<b>A.O.I.F.E. Rep.</b>	Noeleen O'Brien
<b>Hostesses:</b>	Carmel Owens and Sarah Angel
<b>P.R.O.</b>	Maureen Fagan

That night the demonstration was on the "Art of Pressed Flowers" given by Aliciacrafts. It was very informative and creative. They provided us with beautiful framed exhibits of their work and helped us on our way to create our own creations.

A great night was had by all at the Glenroyal Hotel on the 27th. October. Ann O'Hara proved to be an excellent demonstrator. Her exhibits under the title "Autumn Tapestry" were very inspirational. The show raised funds for St. Mary's Church of Ireland and the blind. A special thanks to all the members and the public for supporting these worthy causes.

December's meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th. in the Loftus Hall, St. Patricks College at 8pm. Competitions that night are "Christmas Sparkle" an exhibit, A. space 30' B & C space 24' Artificial plant material also allowed. Plant Competition: 1 stem of Holly Demonstrator for the 15th. December is Emily Whitford MacDonald. There will be a bumper sales table at our December meeting and many Christmas items for sale.

There is a Christmas Flower Festival in St. Patricks Hospital, James St. Dublin 8, on Saturday 5th. and Sunday 6th. December 10.30 am. - 5.30pm. Entry Fee. £5.00 Our Annual Christmas dinner will be held as usual in Moyglare Manor Hotel on the 19th. January 1999. details at our next meeting.

Non-members are always welcome to attend our meetings. Entry Fee £3.00. Finally, I want to wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Maureen Fagan  
P.R.O.

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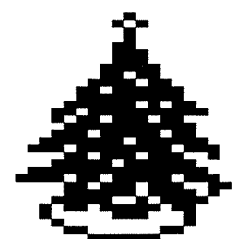
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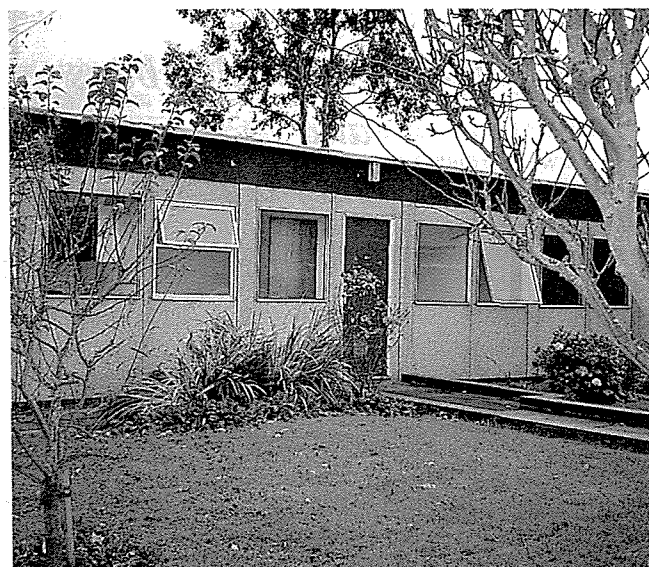
## GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

### Seó Faisean

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Fashion Show again this year. Without this support our school would not be where it is today. We ask you to support all the local businesses who advertised in our brochure or who sponsored us in some way. It would be virtually impossible to thank individually all those who organised the night, but both Máirín and I are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed their talents and time on the night. Míle Búiochas libh ar fad.

### Ranganna Feadóige:

Our Ranganna Feadóige have started for Rang a hAon and are proving to be both great fun and a great success. Go n-éirí libh a phaistí.



*Our new premises  
at Harbour View, Maynooth.*

### Resource Teacher:

We are extremely lucky to have our own Resource Teacher in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. Imelda, a retired school principal has volunteered her expertise to the school. She is a wonderful teacher and is proving to be an invaluable asset to the páistí and múinteoirí. Her love for the children and for teaching is evident in all the extra work she does with them and in the great strides they are making with her help. They all look forward to Tuesdays and Wednesdays when Imelda comes in.

Táimid fíor-bhuíoch díot Imelda.

### Cártaí Nollag:

We have designed our own Christmas Cards in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. The cover has a picture which a child drew and the greeting inside is 'As Gaeilge'. The cards are of excellent quality and all proceeds go to the school. If you are interested in buying any cards please contact the school @ Telephone No. 6290667

### San Nioclás:

Since the páistí in our school are so good that Santa told us he will make a special trip to see us! Bí go máith, tá an Nollag ag teacht!

### Cúntóir Ranga:

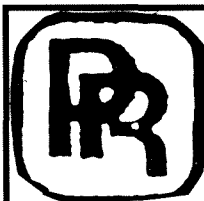
Rang a hAon now also have a Classroom Assistant. Celine, a student from the College, comes in every Thursday to do some extra work with Rang a hAon and to give Máirín an extra hand! Go raibh maith agat Celine.

### New Premises:

Our 'Coiste Pleanála' has worked very hard in order to speed up the planning process and to secure a date on which we can move into our new premises at Harbour View. We are very hopeful that we will be moving in after our Christmas Holidays and can all look forward to our big Opening in the New Year! Máirín and I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding and assure you that the wait will be worth it!

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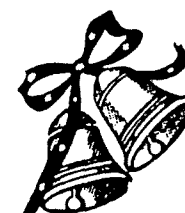
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### MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT / TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the new committee for 1998/1999 took place in the School on Tuesday, 10th November last.

The meeting was chaired by Josephine Moore in the absence of Mary Byrne, Chairperson.

The first item on the Agenda was the election of officers and they are:

**Chairperson:** Mary Byrne  
**Vice Chairperson:** Geraldine Tobin  
**Treasurer:** Mercedes O'Rourke  
**Secretary/P.R.O.** Mary Oliver  
**Assistant Secretary:** Iris Hildebrand

Margaret McLoughlin was thanked and complimented on her excellent work as Secretary for the past three years.

As the main business of this first meeting was to elect the officers, the only other noteworthy item discussed was fund raising.

We hope to run a Social Evening towards the end of January next. We have organised a similar function at this time of year for the past two years and both nights, besides raising valuable funds for the School, were very enjoyable. They were a great opportunity for parents to meet in a pleasant, social environment, - particularly parents of first-years who have not had a child in the school previously.

We will advise you of the full details of the night as soon as possible.

The annual Mass for first year students and their families was celebrated in the school on Wednesday, 11th November last. The celebrant was Fr. John Sinnott and a Blessing was given by Rev. Adrian Wilkinson. Religion teachers Ms. Keyes and Mr. McDonagh organised the night and first year students sang and did the readings for the Mass. Special awards were made to Declan O'Rourke and Eloise MacAinarchainigh in recognition of their outstanding Leaving Certificate results.

Mary Oliver,  
P.R.O. Maynooth Post Primary Parent/Association.

### LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The new Committee has been elected for the upcoming year and we look forward to hopefully completing a number of outstanding issues, some of which have been long overdue. In fact it would be a positive thing to remark that the public lighting in the area has only recently been upgraded to the sodium type lamp and this is indeed a welcome improvement. We will press to have some additional lighting installed in some other essential locations.

The announcement of the pending relocation of Kavanagh's Mill has been welcomed by the members of the Association and the new proposals for the site are ambitious, diverse and should help to retain a focus on developing around the town centre. There are certain parts of the plan that we would question but overall we have a positive view on the proposals for this site.

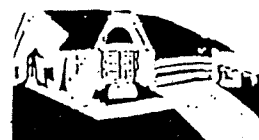
No doubt if one looks back on notes from this Association there is one item that runs through all of the correspondence and that is the problem of traffic using the back lanes as a 'rat run'. This problem has deteriorated over time and is now an issue of great concern and annoyance to us. The basis of the problem is the speed at which vehicles pass through the area. The 'no entry' signs have helped reduce traffic but may have inadvertently caused the speeding up of those vehicles who do break the 'no entry' signs. We will now pursue proper speed control measures for the lanes that will effectively make our area safer for pedestrians and indeed for those vehicles that do have occasion to pass through. To this end we will be meeting with the local representatives to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion. We will keep these notes up to date on this matter.

For now may we wish all our residents a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to a productive 1999.

Tony Bean.

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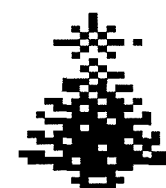
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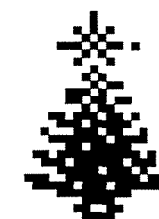
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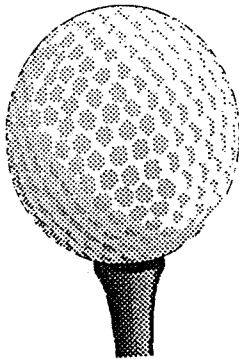


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- 1st overall - Tom O'Haire - 37 pts.
- 2nd - Ray Delemere - 30 pts. (back 3)
- 3rd - Michael O'Regan - 30 pts. (back 9)
- 4th - Sean O'Connell - 30 pts.
- 5th - Mick Flynn - 28 pts.
- 6th - Alan Dolan - 26 pts
- 7th - Sean Tracey - 25 pts.

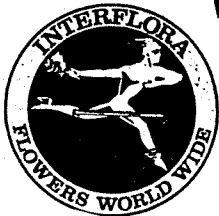
Front 9 - Mick Fahy - 14 pts.  
Back 9 - Tom Flatley - 12 pts.  
Nearest the Pin - Domnick Nyland

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Tom wins his first overall



Near gale force winds greeted the players when they visited Castle Barna on Saturdat 7th November for our Annual Challenge V Lysters and our own Turkey outing. Thankfully the rain held off and despite the blustery conditions Vice-Captain Tom O'Haire with 37 pts. (playing in the last 3 ball) stormed home to collect his first overall prize. 7 points the winning margin was a record win so well done Tom. Sponsor for the day was Jerimac. In the Annual Challenge local knowledge proved the deciding factor with home team Lysters re-gaining the Shield on a margin of 34 to 27.



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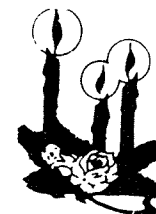


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## BAND BULLETIN

I don't believe it, do you? The last Bulletin of 1998. It seems just a couple of months ago since we were doing the Den pictures of the 'crew' for our Kansas City trip and here we are now in the throes of preparing for an absolutely packed Christmas programme.

Looking back at November we had two major successes. Firstly our annual Mass for deceased members was once again a huge success. The ovation at the conclusion of our final piece was heart warming and encouraging and the requests for more "Band in the Church" music from the departing congregation was even more welcome. We hope our presence at the Christmas carol service will fill this need, and sure maybe we might do something with the choir and folk group for Easter.

Our second success was the amazing response to our enrolment sessions for our new music classes which get under way after Christmas. Our special thanks to Sr. Catherine and Peter Mullen for allowing our conductor and a few of our members to show the budding musicians in their respective schools what the various instruments look and sound like. The total enrolment was almost 90 if all of these boys and girls last the pace we just might find ourselves fund raising for an extension to the band hall. And so to December! Its a funny old world you know. When Niall O'Connor joined us almost two years ago one of his ideas was to give the Band more exposure. By the look of our December programme we could easily have a terminal case of over exposure. The line up is as follows:

Fri.4th	St. Marys Church of Ireland. Maynooth Arts Forum
Fri.11th	Town Hall Naas- Christmas music recital
Sat.12th	Aula Maxima Maynooth Christmas concert.
Sun.13th	Blanchardstown shopping centre 11.30-1.30pm
Sun.13th	St. Marys Church- carol service
Sun.20th	St. Marys Church of Ireland- carol service
Mon.21st	Westland Row railway station- Christmas recital
Tues.22nd	Westland Row railway station- Christmas recital
	Christmas Day, Christmas morning Mass parade 11.30am.

In addition to these performances we hope to provide our traditional Christmas recitals in the Maynooth Shopping Centres over the pre Christmas period.

We would like in particular to publicise our **Christmas Concert** in the Aula Maxima N.U.I. Maynooth on Saturday 12th December. This is an experimental event where we are joined by some of our young beginners and some members of the Narraghmore Pipe Band. As a gesture to the people of Maynooth for their support during the past year tickets are being sold for £1.00 (Yes one Pound) each of which is available from Maynooth Office Supplies, Dublin Road or Maynooth Post Office. Please do book early as all the signs point to a full house.

Finally our small number of dedicated members will once again meet in the square on New Years Eve to greet 1999. See you there.

Once again a sincere thank you to all who have supported us throughout the year. On behalf of the committee and members of St. Mary's Band we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and health and happiness for the New Year.



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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Planning Alliance

Before the end of this month, a team of consultants are scheduled to report on a major planning study on the future of the Greater Dublin Region. It is intended that this report should recommend strategic planning guidelines which should underpin future Development Plans for the Dublin and Mid-East Regions over the next ten years. This is a long overdue exercise, since no real long term approach to coping with the expansion of the Greater Dublin region has been attempted since the famous Myles Wright report commissioned by the government in April 1964 which laid the basis for the establishment of the three new western towns of Tallaght, Blanchardstown and Lucan- Clondalkin. A more recent effort by the now defunct Eastern Regional Development Organisation was never acted upon, and, as a result, the past decade has seen largely uncoordinated urban sprawl in the towns and villages within commuting distance of the city. North Kildare in general, and towns such as Maynooth in particular, has borne the brunt of this building bonanza as a result of the copious availability of development lands rezoned in the last round in 1985. Over 800 new houses have been added to this town during the past 3 years, and approximately 1200 new cars. If we have learned anything from the past few years it is surely that a continuation of 'rezone and sprawl' policies have not resulted in benefits for the vast bulk of society in this part of Ireland. Rather they have left a legacy of congestion and amenity shortfalls which it will take a generation to clear up.

You may have seen the questionnaire in the public libraries which the group distributed to seek opinions on a number of important issues. The questions were rather simplistic e.g. "Heritage and amenity locations should be protected by strong environmental policies". Maybe there are people who would disagree with this statement, but they must be lonely individuals. Equally, "High quality agricultural land should be conserved for amenity value and productivity" would seem a reasonable statement. How about "Public transport should be favoured over the private car"? Now we begin to get to areas where principles are fine for other people as long as they don't affect my way of working. We also get to the difficult areas of reconciling the rights of communities to maintain a reasonable quality of life with the rights of individuals to maximise their quantity of life in material terms. It is the view of this Alliance that that balance has been missing in planning much of this part of Ireland as a consequence of a democratic deficit at local government level which has stemmed from a failure of some local representatives to represent the wishes of the vast majority of their electorate on these matters.

How have the local authorities responded to the imminent arrival of the strategic guidelines? Essentially they have been engaged in an undignified rush to complete expansionary plans by the end of the year before the drawbridge falls. The controversial schemes in Fingal, in Wicklow and nearer home in Lucan are the products of this

rush. Kildare also has been endeavouring to pass its County Development Plan before the end of this month after a series of spectacular failures over the past few years. The latest effort The Draft County Development Plan envisages increases in population for Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip, Maynooth and Straffan amounting to just under 10,000 people by 2006. Though this sounds reasonable, the plan is already under threat as a consequence of the blatant disregard of the target population by the councillors of Kildare's largest town, Naas. If this sets a precedent for Maynooth we may as well write off this effort at county planning in Kildare as well. The 1996 population of Maynooth was 8,500 and it is targeted to rise to 11,500 in 2006. But this target is also under attack at present from some quarters. The credibility of a Draft Plan already being undermined by those who proposed its adoption must be seriously questioned.

The Minister for the Environment and Local Government has publicly affirmed his intention to support changes to future Development Plans arising from the publication of the Strategic Guidelines if these are found to be in conflict. To quote him directly:

*"As part of my legislative reforms, I intend that local authorities in reviewing their development plans, must have regard to strategic planning guidelines relevant to their areas. These guidelines will be crucial to the adoption of a sustainable approach to future development in the Greater Dublin region."*

It will be interesting to see how this commitment is followed through, particularly in the case of Co. Kildare which as a result of its misdemeanours, loses its ministerial permission to pass any development plans on the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve.

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- Be careful regarding your cheque books, cheque cards and pin numbers etc.
- When paying for goods, try not to expose large amounts of cash in your possession.
- Do not carry wallets, purses, etc. in easily accessible pockets and be aware of pick pockets in crowded shopping areas.
- When in restaurants, be careful with regard to your bags and purchases.
- Prior to leaving your vehicle, ensure you have locked all the doors and windows are rolled up tight. Make sure the steering lock, if fitted, is engaged and if you have an alarm, ensure you have it on.
- Never leave any possessions/purchases on view inside the car. If you have to leave them, discreetly lock them in the boot.
- Do not hide spare keys within the wheel.
- Be vigilant when returning to your car with your purchases.

### B. SECURITY OF YOUR HOMES

- Be security conscious with regard to your home, in particular, when you will be absent, try and make it appear as if your home is occupied and have someone look after it. Contact the local Gardai and let them know when your home will be vacant over the Christmas period and be vigilant with regard to your neighbour's security, also the elderly and those living alone.
- Check out callers to your home fully and ask for identification. Do not admit strangers to your home.
- Be alert and report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to your local Gardai immediately.
- Careful consideration should be given to the use of audible or silent alarms, a silent alarm system is favoured in high risk situations as local bells/sirens may cause panic and injury to staff/customers.
- The alarm should be installed to a current Irish standard 199 and ideally have a connection to a

Central Monitoring Station. Consideration should also be given to having a radio link back up on the alarm system.

- Consider, where possible, that vulnerable rear door and windows be alarmed on a 24 hour basis with built in access/egress facilities if desired and that risk areas are adequately protected by a combination of good physical and electronic security.
- **For further information/advice contact your local Garda Station**

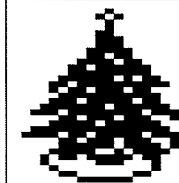
## WINNERS OF TESCO MASK AND COLOURING COMPETITION

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Runners up: Katie Dunne and Niamh Richardson.

The mask competition and the painting competition were judged on Saturday 31st. October.

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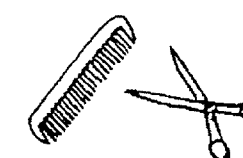
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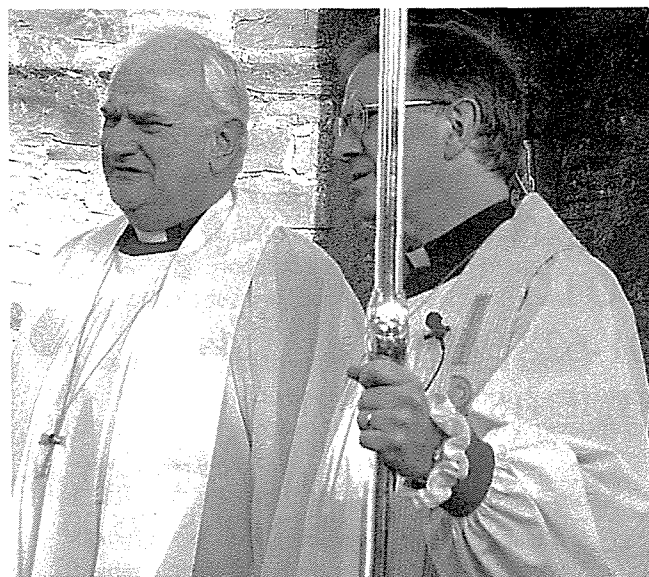
### ST MARY'S CHURCH 750TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

St. Mary's Church Maynooth celebrated its 750th anniversary with a concert on Saturday 14th November organised by the Rector Adrian Wilkinson with the help of the 750 Committee.

The first half of the concert was performed by 'The Dublin Waytes' who have assembled again after some 400 years. They specialise in the performance of medieval and renaissance songs and texts and their presentation 'The Court of Silken Thomas Fitzgerald' was particularly relevant to the Church's history. The programme traced the rise and fall of the House of Fitzgeralds, Earls of Kildare from 'uncrowned Kings of Ireland' to the execution of Silken Thomas Fitzgerald in 1537, after the ill-fated rebellion of 1534. It included readings from 'Holinshed's Irish Chronicle (1577)'. The Dublin Waytes had performed previously in St. Mary's Church and the audience were once again treated to a great rendition of their wonderful talents.

The King's Hospital choirs and Ensembles filled the church with melodious sounds for the latter half of the concert. Their programme, called 'Lord for the years' featured the musical talents of a number of separate choirs performing both English and Irish hymns and songs including the Beatles 'Here, There and Everywhere'. The finale was a combination of the choirs singing 'Lord for the years' - T. Dudley-Smith and Speed Your Journey - Verdi (from Nabukko).

As a further part of the 750th Anniversary Celebrations a service of thanksgiving and re-dedication took place in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 15th November.



*Bp. Clarke and Archbishop Eames entering the Church for the Service*

### St. Mary's Church of Ireland Notes

#### Services for advent and Christmas

Readers of the "Newsletter" may be interested to note the times of services for this month. Each Sunday there is a service at 10a.m.. During Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, the Candles on our Advent wreath are lit at the start of the service.

Our Carol Service this year will be on Sunday 20th December at 7.30 p.m. As usual this is an ecumenical service and we look forward to welcoming the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and some singers from St. Mary's (R.C) Church. This service on Christmas Day will be at 6. 10.am and all visitors are welcome.

#### A prayer in Preparation for Christmas

Our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, you have come as the Light of the World to shine in our lives and illuminate our hearts and minds. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for banishing our darkness with your eternal light. As we celebrate your birth this Christmas time show us how we can share our joy with those who have no joy and to share our wealth with those who have no comfort. Help us to make your love real to them and let us reflect your light as we proclaim the good news. Amen.



*Parishioners with friends from Armagh who travelled to Maynooth for the Celebration Weekend*



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## Features

### HISTORY IN THE MAKING

One has only to scratch the surface to expose the talented face of literary Maynooth. One such face is that of Maeve Mulryan-Maloney, local historian, retired school teacher and now esteemed author. "A History of Saggart and Rathcoole Parishes", written by Maeve and published by 4 Districts 1798

Association, was launched by Kathleen Watkins (a native of Saggart) in the City West Hotel, Saggart, on Thursday 5th November 1998. The launch, which was hosted by the 4 Districts 1798 Association Committee, was hugely attended and it must be said that an air of immense pride and expectation abided.

The book itself is as the title suggests, an in-depth history of the Rathcoole and Saggart Parishes, spanning the First Millennium to the Present Day. There are numerous stories of human interest, like that of Fr. James Harold, the only priest in the Archdiocese to be transported to Australia for alleged involvement with the United Irishmen. Fr. Harold served in Kilcullen for 5 years prior to his posting in Rathcoole. Of particular interest to Maynooth is the story that Lord Edward Fitzgerald made a present of

his favourite mare to Felix Rourke, a Colonel in the United Irishmen. At the outbreak of the 1798 Rebellion Felix was Colonel of the Kildare insurgents. He was later executed for his part in the 1803 uprising.

The author, who is a native of Williamstown, Co. Galway has lived in Maynooth for the past 6 years. Maeve taught in the Holy Family National School, Rathcoole for 25 years and she maintains strong links with the area. Maeve is actively involved in local history affairs and is currently undertaking a Masters in Local History at N.U.I., Maynooth. Notwithstanding all of this, she is also organising a Past Pupils Reunion for Polredmond National School, Williamstown Co. Galway. In her "spare time" Maeve enjoys Bridge and is an accomplished Artist!



At the launch of "A History of Saggart and Rathcoole Parishes" (L to R) Maura Gibson, Maura Durkan, Maeve Mulryan-Maloney and Tina Williams.

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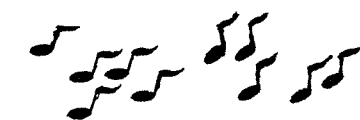
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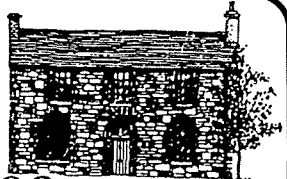
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## AND SO GOD WAS STRONGER THAN LARRY A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE LARRY McEVOY R.I.P.

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For memories of you our hearts ever bind.  
The Autumn leaves turn gold 'fore they fade;  
No apples fall 'til in ripeness are laid.  
The swallows all gathered and flew off south,  
The signs of Gods gatherers were all about.  
As all earthly beauty was borne away,  
An original like Larry was not meant to stay.

They christened 'Elvis' on your dark locks,  
When you rolled in the bucks and wore the bright socks  
To roll down the highway it was your great joy,  
To the place of your birth the Valley of the Moy.  
Pride in your people and the spirit of celebration  
Are two of the things that have formed our nation.  
Though they can destroy the case which them bear  
They always thrive over ruinous despair.

Oh how he did pray when he looked at the skies,  
In the cold and the rain with dust round his eyes.  
The whipping stings of frost he knew  
And the suffocating heat when no wind blew.  
A skilled workman and machine driver,  
Concerned for his mates - a selfless giver.  
Never a man to miss a days work.  
No kind of difficulty did Big Larry shirk.

In Tug-O-War Larry was the best,  
A giant of a man in his bright white vest.  
His heels set in with fierce force  
His unbridled strength his deep inner source,  
With mighty will and nerves well steered,  
Never did brave Larry yield.  
The "Big Eight" bet every team around,  
Their sweat has blessed this earthly mound.  
But when it came to trophies or prize-giving,  
Larry preferred the riches of living.

In every place where folk all gather,  
His presence was felt; a wise noble father.  
Well he was known and he knew his patch,  
For humour and jest he had no match.  
Full generous he roused the mirthful tongue,  
'Til every ounce of sport was wrung.  
Like a meteor shot from Heavens port  
As though he knew his time it was short.  
All moping thoughts he dispersed like chaff,  
For all Larry wanted was a laugh.

Larry liked to live in the old style,  
Old decency and comradery in toil.  
He reared his turf at Timahoe  
And 'Roches' knew his autumn glow.  
Ever obliging to people in trouble,  
Aid and fellowship came on the double.  
Despite the hardships that he bore,

The gentle giant was to the fore.

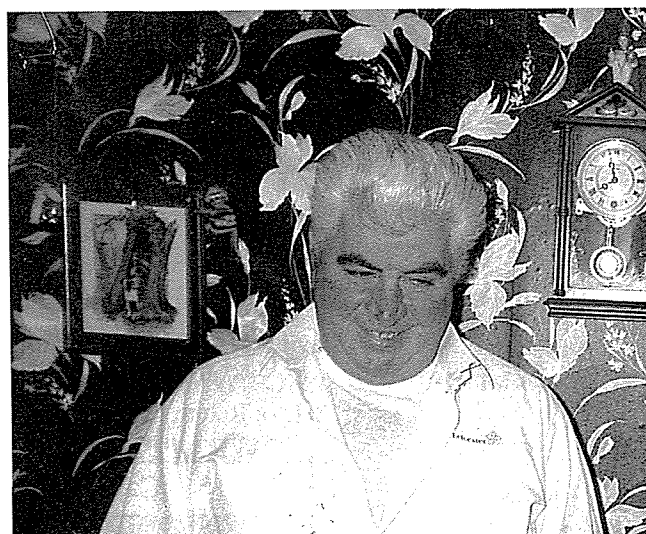
As the stars fly with the moon,  
To Larry's side did so many swoon.  
A very good father, ne'er idle was he,  
At five in the morn the sunrise did see.  
His little dog 'Rod' he saw him away  
He once wrecked Larry's van to keep him at bay.  
In his little grand-children he took great delight  
They sat on his knee at the coming of night.

God challenged Larry of whom he was fond,  
For he could break ropes but not their bond.  
Larry dug deep and kept the rope low,  
Hoping that God might let him go.  
The voice of his ancestors spoke in his ear,  
Saying "If you lose Larry, we will be here".  
Soon the rope turned bright gold and starry  
And so it proved God was stronger than Larry.

"Come rest on my breast you daughters and sons,  
Live life to the full like I have done.  
Neath the cloak of my memories lie down to sleep  
And in your dreams may our greeting hearts leap.  
Farewell to my good wife faithful and true,  
I've found a new place to share with you,  
I'm free from all pain in Heaven above  
Sending you all my happiness and love."

So if in the sun new brightness you see,  
Its just Larry polishing his golden JCB.  
And if you see a grey cloud in the bright dawn  
Its only Larry heading off in his van.

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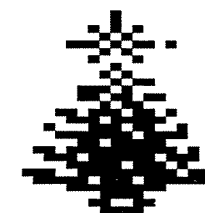
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### A DIRTY BUSINESS - LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

December 6th is the anniversary of an important event in Maynooth's history. This time last year the residents of Maynooth and surrounding area waited anxiously for the decision of Meath County Council on a planning application for a 'recycling plant' close to Maynooth. Only a visit to a landfill site such as Kill will bring it home to people the effect the granting of permission would have had on the heritage town of Maynooth. From the traffic point of view alone convoys of dirty trucks through the main street would have caused chaos in a town already gridlocked. The South Meath and North Kildare Environment Group worked tirelessly to convince the people of the enormity of the threat to their environment and quality of life. Businesses and individuals throughout the area rallied behind the Group and protested strongly to Meath and Kildare County Councils. Meath County Council were inundated with letters in protest. After what seemed an eternity, on December 7th the Council announced its decision to refuse planning permission. However it was not until six weeks later that the nightmare was finally over when it became known that the applicant Mr. Padraic Thornton had decided not to appeal the decision. Looking back on the past year, not much has happened in Maynooth as a result of this experience. No connection has been made between the threat just avoided and the litter problem in Maynooth. Do householders of the area even give a thought to what happens to the contents of their bin when it leaves them? Waste disposal is however, a national problem. Recent documentaries on television have shown the actual proportions of the problem. It is obvious that we must change our way of regarding rubbish, that we must be more responsible for the waste we produce. We cannot continue to put it all into landfill sites. They are simply not available anymore.

It is interesting to know that most of the waste we produce can be used again. If we can recycle more of our domestic waste, we'll be helping to protect our environment from further damage, by keeping our glass, cans, plastic and paper out of the ground while conserving more of our energy.

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During this time a Kerbside truck parks in Riverforest car park. They will be happy to take all your glass bottles (unbroken), all food, petfood and drink cans, plastic bottles and containers such as milk, soft drinks and mineral water bottles, detergent containers, and shampoo bottles. Just rinse and remove caps. This company supply a weekly collection service to 50,000 households in Dublin City suburbs. Kerbside can be contacted at 01 459 7677.

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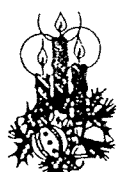
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## Features

### MY OWN VIEW OF A DAY IN COURT AND ITS PROCEEDINGS

I attended Kilcock District Court on Tuesday 27th October. The court was to begin at 10.30 am and I had arrived five minutes before simply out of curiosity.

I entered the main entrance and was suprised to see that the place was absolutely congested with people. The Judge sat in his chair facing the crowd who had managed to find a seat. I had to spectate over the shoulders of others at the entrance.

The court proceedings began and I was eager to see how a Court actually went about its business. The court clerk read out the first case. I began to listen to each case and waited for one that would be best suited to my task. I acknowledged every procedure taken in each case and found it to be quite intriguing. One case in particular appealed to me and I began to take notes. I had gathered all the relevant information and details and wrote them down in my note pad. After I had taken my notes I had the option of leaving but decided to stay as I found it to be quite entertaining as well as informative.

I found the Judge to have quite a good sense of humour and I wasn't the only one. There was a stage in the court where the Judge was informed that his name was mentioned in an argument, where one defendant was in "Breach Of Peace". The guard was in the witness box and the court clerk had called the case to the court's attention. The Judge questioned the guard on this incident. The guard told the Judge that on the night in question he told the defendant that if he didn't quieten down he would have him up in front of 'yourself'. The Judge told the guard not to beat around the bush and tell him what he was called. The guard hesitated and then replied "He called you a Wanker Sir". The Judge sat up straight and asked "Where is he?" (the defendant), his solicitor informed the Judge that he had not turned up. "Right" the Judge said "I am issuing a warrant for his arrest. We'll talk about this matter on the 11th of November, thank you". The crowd and the guard in the witness box broke down with laughter. The Judge had a sarcastic grin on his face which encouraged his audience.

The court kept going through each individual case and I began to learn more and more about the court procedures. There was even one case where I guessed what the Judge's verdict would be. I truly had a most enjoyable day and would recommend to anybody to go at some stage. I know I will go again. As a spectator of course.

I honestly can't say that everything was to my satisfaction. I thought the court was too congested and the defendants should enter through a separate door when announced, instead of pushing their way through the crowd. I was also surprised to notice that the court in Kilcock was used as a clinic for patients. With all the money the court makes in fines and seizures you would think the government would build a separate court house. I also thought the Judge was a bit lacksadaisical on the noise in the court. Some of the whispers, murmurs, and quiet conversation blurred out some of the Judge's speech. I really thought the judge would have a strong opinion on this matter, whilst he did call for silence sometimes he didn't all the time. Overall, a valuable learning experience.

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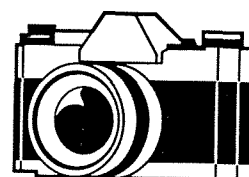
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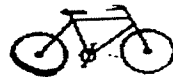
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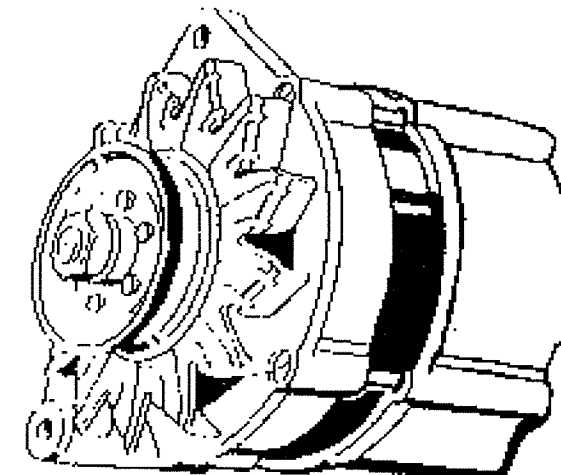
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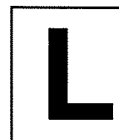
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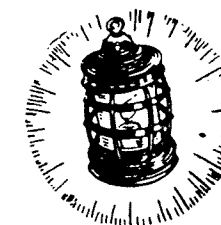
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Cashmere mix knits from £40.00 - very suitable for Christmas gifts

Also from leading Italian Fashion House Emmedue - Navy Silk Beaded two-piece £399

Hula-Bou also stock a wide selection of trouser suits available with option of matching skirt. A very chic black crepe skirt suit with satin trim from Gerry Weber at £189.00 is available with option of matching trousers.

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Also from the Gil Bret collection a limited edition luxurious alpaca wool full length coat is available at £349.00.

Mix and match ensembles are always available in Hula-Bou and a visit to this boutique is most definitely recommended.

Another boutique which has been in Maynooth for a long time, 22 years to be exact, is **Moulin Rouge** on the Dunboyne Road. This boutique stocks some lovely designer outfits for the Christmas season. These include:-



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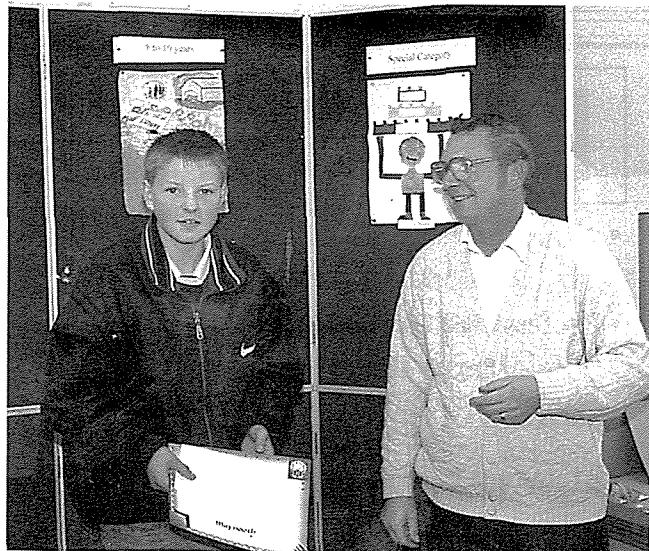
Jersey mix skirt and tunic top: £ 76.00  
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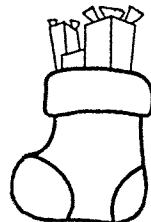
Moulin Rouge also have a selection of costume jewellery, scarves, tights and belts, which can be ideal Christmas presents or simply accessories to compliment any outfit.

Once again this is a fine boutique providing a wide range of outfits suitable for the party season.



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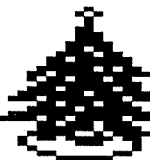
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## A Tribute to Joan

I am honoured and privileged to have been asked by Martin to pay this tribute to Joan. I find it hard to talk about Joan in the past tense so I ask you to bear with me.

I have known Joan since 1992 when she joined us at Maynooth Post Primary School as Secretary/Receptionist. Joan packed what would be a life time achievement for most into those short few years. To give you some indication of Joan's achievements I mention the following:

- Joan's first task at Maynooth Post Primary School was to implement a new software package to establish a student record system. She did it so effectively that we received a letter from the Department of Education and Science congratulating us on being the first school to have the returns made and that they were 100% accurate. We continue to receive such letters since.
- Four years ago Joan started a Fás Project and took on the role of supervisor. The main achievement was the re-skilling of those who joined the Project and then the placement of the participants in permanent employment, she did this with singular success as is evident from the number of past and present participants attending here today.
- At National level she acted as secretary/co-ordinator for the Irish Mathematics Teachers Association training programme, in the process managing £250,000 in State funding. When those accounts were audited they were accurate to the penny.
- Joan typed-set and prepared the final school report for a prestigious European Project which brought much acclaim to the school.

These are just a few of Joan's many accomplishments with us.

On a personal level words fail me in trying to record Joans commitment to my predecessor as Principal Mr. Tom Ashe and to myself. Our common phrases when we had a difficult question to answer or wanted a difficult task carried out were:

"See Joan about that"  
"Wait till Joan comes in"  
"Joan will do that"

Such was Joan's level of expertise, we relied on her totally, Joan's work ethic was exceptional, Joan was unique.

Joan would phone me at home on a regular basis to brief me on some important issue or remind me of a meeting or to clarify the contents of a report Joan was preparing for me at home. Joan saw to it that everything was done to perfection. Joan could read any mind on most issues.

I hope you will pardon me if I introduce a bit of humour at this point, in the office we often called Joan "Jessica" after Jessica Fletcher in the TV series. Joan could spot a forged

note from a student a mile away, I am convinced Joan had a photographic memory such was the amount of detail she stored on any issue. Invariably when Joan went to the bank she spotted some students "on the hop." When she reported back Joan was able to give me the names of the students, their year and class. When I then challenged the students concerned they, as is normal for students, denied all knowledge until I describe to them the following "you left Barry's Newsagents, you lit a cigarette took two drags from it and then gave it to your pal, both of you then looked up and down the street and then entered the snooker hall" - They knew then the game was up!

Joan's greatest asset was her personality and her devotion to Martin, Damien and David. I had the privilege of sharing the same office with Joan for 5 years and her first chat each day was about Damien and David, what they got up to, how they got on at school etc. or what Martin was working at. Joan wanted the best for them, and at the end of the day rushed home to be with them and Martin. If in her rush she may have forgotten something Joan would always ring me, such was her commitment. When she left us last Tuesday she borrowed some educational software for the lads. Her devotion to Martin, Damien and David knew no bounds.

I find it hard to find words to describe her personality. She was full of life, had boundless energy and partook in many activities both in Maynooth and Longwood/Broadford.

Fr. Joe has borne testimony to Joan's work for himself and for Broadford N.S.

Her colleagues in the scout movement will pay their own tribute to Joan after me, in particular her work as a Scout Leader.

Joan enjoyed and participated in many sports, in particular badminton and GAA.

I think all who were involved with Joan in these areas know what I mean when I refer to her happiness and boundless energy.

To Martin, Damien, David, Joan's Mother, Father, Sisters, Brothers, Martin's family and Joan's legion of friends, I cannot describe to you your personal loss and all I can offer you is our support in the weeks /years ahead. When the time comes, I know I speak for all my colleagues when I say we will give Damien and David the best second level education we can offer, which was Joan's wish.

We will always treasure Joan's memory. I know she is in heaven with the best of them, not because we wish it for Joan, but she is there as of right.

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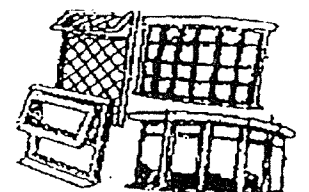
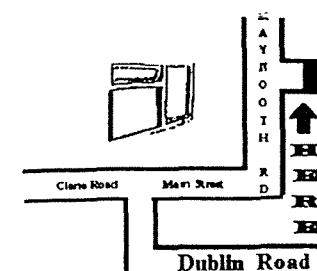
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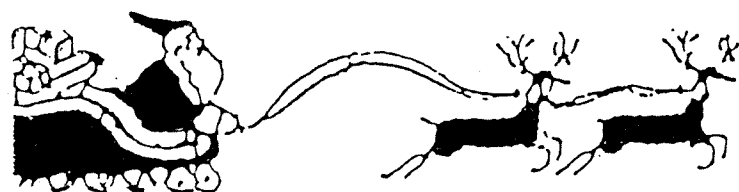
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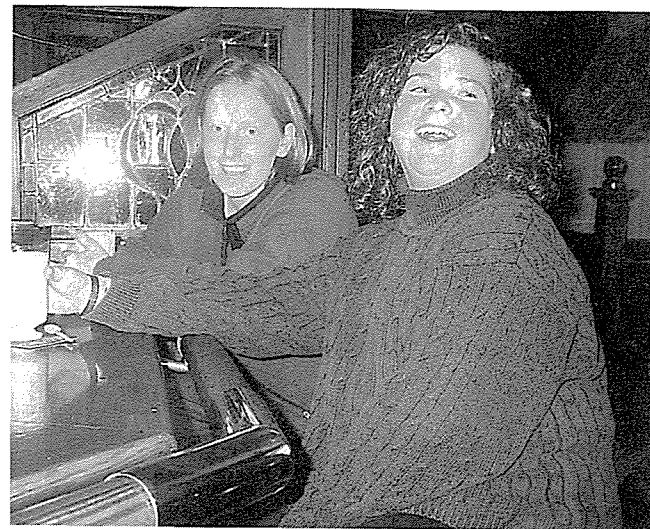


## Features

### 'An Ideal Christmas'

The Newsletter took to the streets in search of 'the ideal Christmas' and the following is the response we got when the idea was put to the people of Maynooth.

Caroline Gannon is a student studying history and Irish in Maynooth College. Her ideal Christmas would be "no assignments, lots of money to go on the beer and a few nice men" - she's got three weeks off. It's Caroline's 21st this Christmas and she wants lots of presents and a trip to France to meet the man of her dreams.



*Caroline Gannon and Margaret Mulhall*

Martin Brady of the Leinster Arms worries about the old folk at this time of year. Martin's ideal Christmas would be if everyone would go to see one old person. He believes that Christmas is about others, not ourselves.

An ideal Christmas for Kevin Freeney, Signwriter, of Parson Street, Maynooth would be to go back to when he was a child waking up on Christmas morning. It was a very happy time for Kevin, but he finds that like many others he enjoys it now through his own children.



*Darren Moran*

Margaret Mulhall - a student studying history and geography in Maynooth College would have a whale of a time if she had her ideal Christmas. She would like no less than 150 tickets to Jamica so that she could bring all her friends with her. They'd "drink beer and dance on Bob Marley's grave". On the way back Margaret and her buddies would land in Liverpool on Christmas Day, go back in time to 1960, meet the Beatles and do a gig with them. She wishes that Santa would bring Budweiser to all cold taps and blue label vodka to hot water taps. Margaret's advice to all and sundry is "Eat, drink and be merry or you could be run over by a 66".

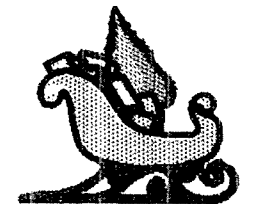
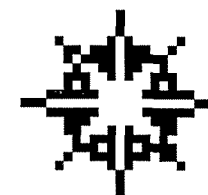
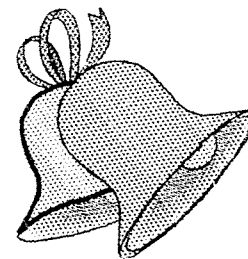
An ideal Christmas for Darren Moran, Barman, The Clockhouse, Brady's Maynooth would be plenty of drinking and partying with no trouble. He would like to have an enjoyable day with family and friends. Darren thinks that Christmas is a time for thinking of elderly neighbours and dropping into them to say hello.

Marie McGovern of The Roost would like to spend Christmas somewhere nice and sunny. She hopes to win the lotto for Christmas so she can have a ball over the holiday season.



*Marie McGovern*

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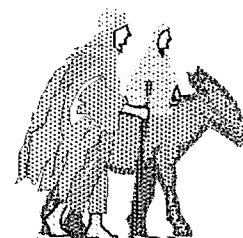
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## Features

### Maynooth Post Primary

#### Success for Maynooth at the Michael Rigby-Jones first round debate

"That we do not agree that it should be a criminal offence for a parent to smack a child on the hand" was the motion hotly opposed by Maynooth Post-Primary's Shaunta Guha, Karen Hildebrand and Therese Mac Ainairchinigh in the first round of the Michael Rigby-Jones debate in the Curragh Post-Primary school on Thursday 22nd October. Their opposition hailed from St. Kevin's Community College, Dunlavin.

#### Maynooth Post-Primary's pupils on Kildare Panel

The following fifth and sixth year pupils in Maynooth Post-Primary are currently players on the Kildare Vocational Schools panel:

George Beirne, William Farrelly, John Fagan, Alan Geoghegan, Karl Ennis, Conor Diggins and Andrew Dalton. Training takes place in Newbridge on Wednesday's from 4.30-6.00pm.

#### First Year Pupils of Maynooth Post-Primary have a welcome Mass

Maynooth Post-Primary formally welcomed its new first year pupils and their parents to the school on Wednesday 11th November last. The pupils, along with their teachers Mr. John Mc Donagh, Ms. Shauna Keyes and Ms. Annmarie O' Farrell and Chaplain Fr. John Sinnott, prepared and delivered a wonderful Mass for their parents and teachers. Fr. Sinnott stressed the importance of nourishing the talents hidden in each pupil to produce responsible adults - Maynooth's future!

The annual Mass also celebrated and awarded the two top Leaving Certificate students of 1998: Declan O' Rourke now studying Medicine, and Eloise Mac Ainairchinigh, student of History and English, both in Trinity College. Well Done!!

#### School Tour to Italy - Hallow'een 1998

68 pupils and 7 teachers went on tour which took in Verona, Venice, Florence and Rome during the mid-term break. The group flew to Milan and, en route to Venice, visited Verona's ancient Arena and Juliet's house. In Venice we had beautiful weather, expensive coffee in St. Marks Square and visits to the Basilica of San Marco and the Ducal Palace.

A whirlwind tour of Florence took in the Galleria Academia to see Michael Angelo's 'David' and the Ponte Vecchio and then Rome was ours - so many highlights - such a beautiful city. Former chaplain to the school, Fr. David Boylan, now living and studying in Rome took us on a tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel and we felt very important as he swept us by the Guards through the V.I.P. entrance into St. Peter's, where his vast knowledge was of huge benefit to us all.

Reluctantly, we flew home from Rome Airport with the hope

in all our minds that we would return again to the Eternal City.

#### Cadets cap the lot

Maynooth's Post-Primary's cadets have qualified to the zone semi-finals in the basketball next week. Teams they have opposed and conquered have included Tullow, Athy, Prosperous and Kilcullen. The team is made up of the following players: Claire Keogh, Yvonne O' Shea, Gillian Corbally, Lorraine Dunne, Emma Dowd, Emma Flemming, Ruth Cahill, Annmarie Doyle, Gillian O' Hurley and Pamela Lucas.

#### German Exchange - a 'rolling' success

Each and every year a valuable opportunity to exchange cultures, language and interests between students of German in Maynooth Post-Primary and students of English in Mullheim, Germany, is made available to all senior students. The format of the exchange is unique. It is called a 'rolling exchange' because it requires that each of the two cooperating partners - one from Maynooth, the other from Mullheim - spend one month in the foreign country with the partners family, attending school and experiencing life in the foreign country. Both partners are also required to complete a project (handbook containing up to 50 exercises) together - the Irish student must do them in German, the German student in English. A time gap of a few months is kept between the partner's return visit to allow for written/oral communication to take place.

Such has been the success of this project that the numbers opting for it have increased in the past number of years and this opportunity has fostered many life long friendships. There is no such exchange anywhere else yet. The experience gained by Frau Mechtild Schlang-Redmond, Ms. Carmen Creighton and Ms. Anna Wafer over the past 6 years has now encouraged some 20 institutions in England, Germany, France and Spain to go further and apply for Lingua funds in Brussels to establish a similar format in their schools.

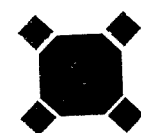
The exchange has proven the best way for students of German to improve their language skills and indeed the success is mirrored in the results attained at Leaving Cert. Level by students who have participated in the project.

Mr. Senan Griffin

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### 400 to Y2K

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#### The people

The low hills featured daily in the lives of the people. The rearing of cattle and sheep was the most important part of the local economy. Shepherds lived in the hills for months at a time - often for a whole lifetime. Sometimes they were on their own. In the milder weather their wives and families had shelters there. Some of these shelters were in groups when perhaps the extended family lived near each other. The shelters were made from tree branches with long posts hammered into the ground and lighter branches, forming a kind of basketwork, through the posts. Then they were covered with clay sods. They were not very durable but they were easy to erect and the materials were nearby. The floors were strewn with rushes.

#### Forts

Wealthy farmers erected ditches around their farm houses and farm buildings. A fort is a ditch around the early farmsteads. There are several forts in the parish. The forts show us that the people who lived here two thousand years ago were well organised and worked together. Rath is the Irish word for fort.

#### Rathcoole

We have no definite explanation for the name Rathcoole. It could well be Rath Coole meaning the rath of Coole the father of Fionn; coole may come from the Irish word the forest-coill. The word rath is in some local place names as at Raheen, Rathcreedan. The rath associated with Rathcoole is in a field between Rathcoole and Saggart. It is to be preserved in any future development of the area.

#### Wolves

The hills could be dangerous places especially when covered in snow in Winter. In the daytime the well forested hills were a cover for wolves. The shepherds with their wolfhounds frightened them off and protected their sheep and lambs. They also had sheepdogs, spaniels and terriers. The deer and goats rambled freely. The hens and chickens were in plentiful supply but they too had to be guarded.

#### Weather forecast

*Red sky in the morning is the shepherds warning  
Red sky at night is the shepherds delight*

Men could gauge the weather forecast by seeing how high or how low the clouds were on the tree covered hills. In the mornings when the mist hung low over the hills and the sheep scattered out uphill over a wide area they made their

plans to go food gathering. The animals could sense a change in the weather.

When the farmer saw his sheep come together on the commons and look for shelter under the trees he knew that it was time for him to make sure that his shelter was secure against the storm that was coming. The moon and sun governed their days and seasons.

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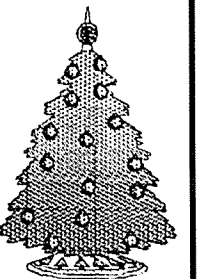
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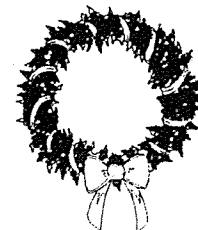
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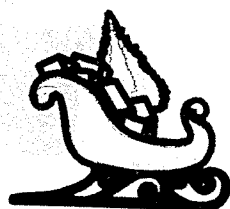
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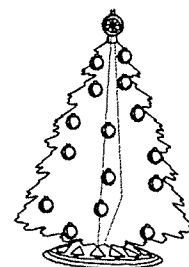
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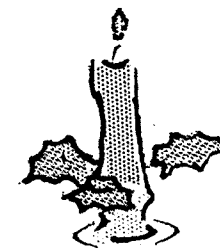
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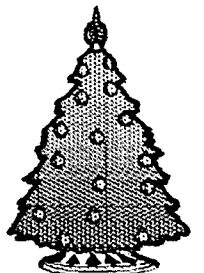


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## DANNY CARTHY STORY

Danny Carthy "The Irish Connection"/"The Irish Connection 2" Gnome Records Gncd 001/002

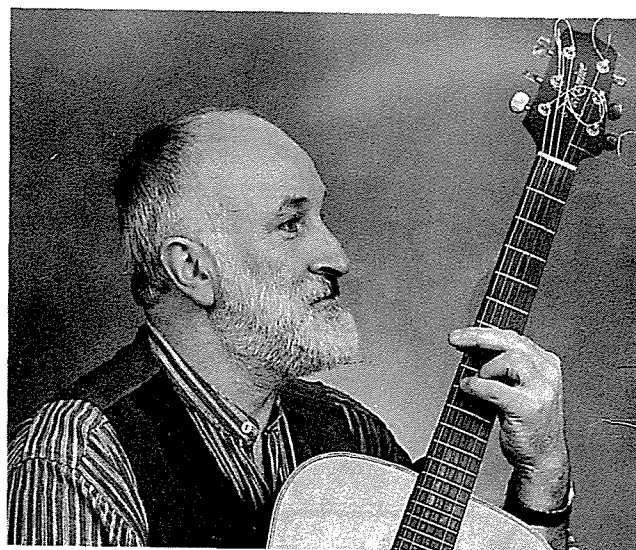
Danny Carthy is well known both in Ireland and Europe as a balladeer of both power and distinction. "The Irish Connection" features both sides of his work as a singer songwriter and an artist with an eye for quality material. "He will be remembered" is dedicated to the Sligo flautist/singer Josie McDermott a great traditional musician. "The Butcher Boy" and "The Hills of Connemara" show him giving new life to hackneyed favourites and his version of "My own dear Galway Bay" gets its definitive version. "The Irish Connection" opens the door on an underestimated talent.

"The Irish Connection 2" is where Danny Carthy's talents really come into play kicking off with a turbo charged "Paddy would a wooing go". Here Carthy's gifts of storytelling and balladry reign supreme in a dynamic arrangement from Peter Eades and ex Clannad drummer Paul Moran. Christy Sheridan's mandolin, and banjo add an ethnic touch while the arrangements are both high tech and imaginative. "Carlingford" and "Streedagh Sands" are both evocative ballads while "Punchestown Races" recalls Christy Moore's gift of social observation. Danny Carthy's updating of the art of the Irish balladeer in the modern world is both

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Danny Carthy c/o Gnome Records 46 Lawrence Avenue, Maynooth Co. Kildare Ireland.

Distribution through Gael Linn and the albums will be on general release for Christmas, available in most Record Shops. Nice presents for Christmas.



## MAYNOOTH LIBRARY, MAIN ST. MAYNOOTH. CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL 1998.

Pauline Devine, the children's author visited the library. Several classes visited, to hear stories and rhymes.

### Joint Winners of the Junior Fiction Crossword Challenge:

Keira Hayes and Mark O' Connell

### Halloween Art Competition Winners:

First Prize: Eoin Curran  
Second Prize: Peter Mc Nevin  
Third Prize: Matthew De Barra  
All entries will be displayed in the library.

### Magazine Workshop

- resulting in 'Wicked', our magazine that contains the work of seven children, aged between Ten and Twelve. A copy of this Limited Edition is available in the Library for all to see.

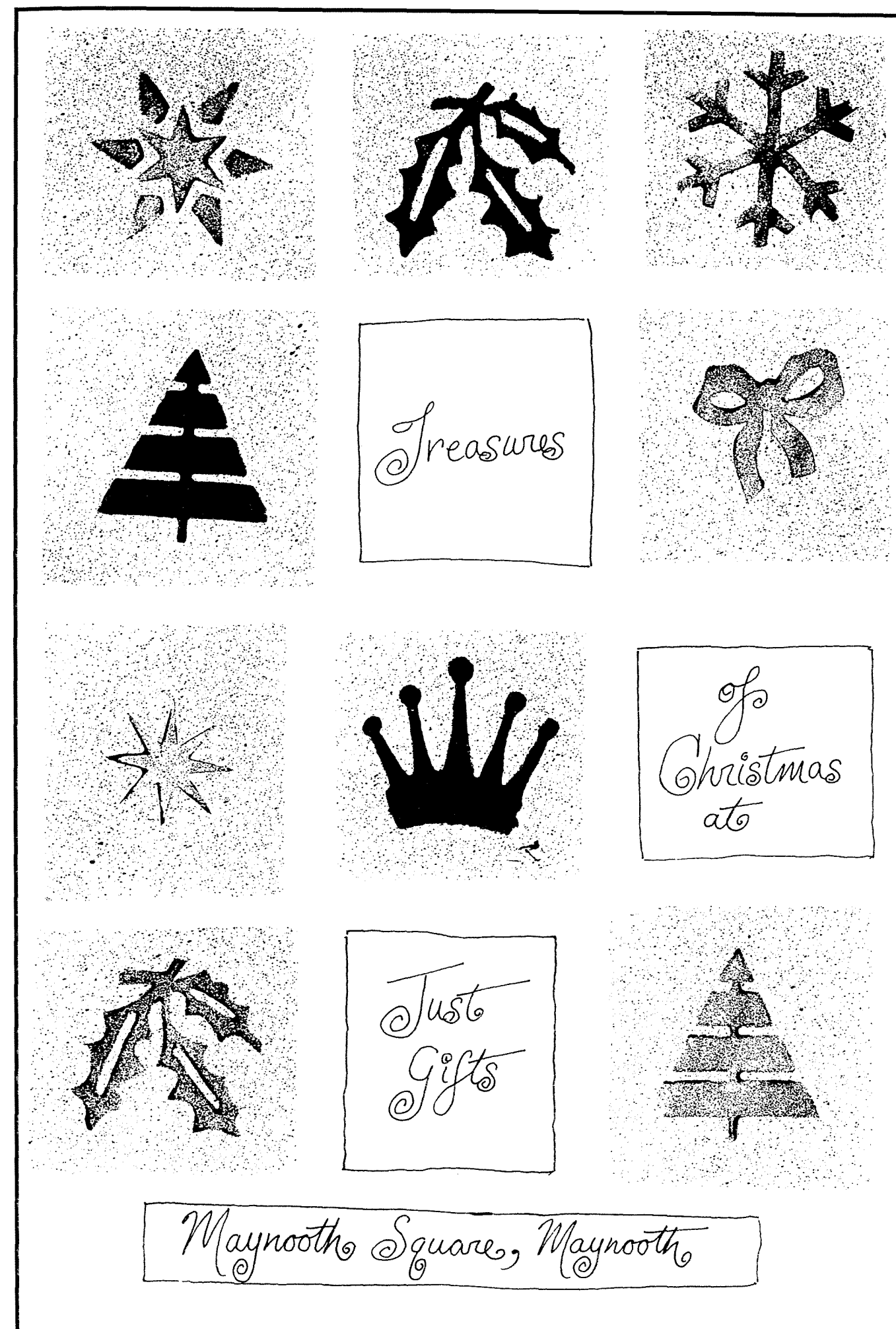
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Best wishes to all that supported Children's Book Festival from the Staff at Maynooth Library.



# Features

## CREDIT UNION NEWS

December, the last month of 1998 and by the time this is published Maynooth Credit Union will have held our AGM. A new board of volunteer Directors and officers will have been elected to manage our affairs for the next year and there will be some new faces, new challenges and some changes in the coming year. All of the time we will be working to improve our service to you, the member.

At this time of year, almost everyone is looking forward to Christmas and the joys that come with it. We would advise any member thinking of taking out a loan to cover expenses for this period to apply as soon as possible as we do not wish to disappoint anyone.

As well as catering for our adult members, we will be looking after our school going juniors, the next generation of credit union members. Photographs of the prize winners in our poster competition, may be seen in this issue.

On the 22nd of January 1999, we will be holding our annual school Table Quiz. An enjoyable night-out for the children and their parents. Nearer the date, the schools will be sent a reminder of the event.

Over the Christmas period our office will remain closed from 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd until Tuesday 29th of December and again from 5 p.m. on Thursday 31st until Saturday 2nd January 1999.

We would ask members to make a note of these opening hours as they may save you a journey.

Maynooth Credit Union wish all our members both young and old, a very,

**Happy and Joyful Christmas.**

*Ken Loane. P.R.O.*



## Leonards School of Gymnastics

L.S.G. would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members to the club. Since the club opened back in '96 we have catered for all ages and all different standards. We also had Gymnasts compete in the National Community Games Finals in Mosney.

L.S.G. have recently purchased new competition equipment to the value of £7,000 so that the Gymnasts may gain the experience of learning new elements. L.S.G. has developed such a good reputation in all aspects of dealing with children that five National School Principals are currently availing of their Gymnastics Services for their many students. Currently L.S.G. are taking on new members, I welcome all enquiries on 087-2462885. Our venue is St. Mary's Parish Hall in Maynooth on Mondays from 2pm-3pm and 3pm-5pm.

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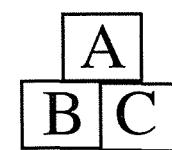
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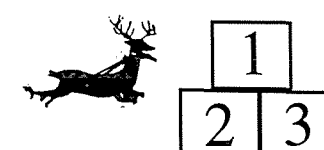
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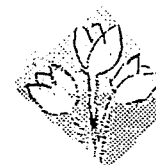
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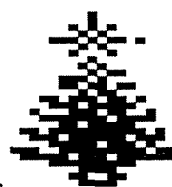
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## Features

### MAYNOOTH LIBRARY'S MAGAZINE WORKSHOP BY CAROLINE FARRELL

As part of **Maynooth Library's** activities for *Children's Book Festival Week*, I set up a Magazine Workshop that was geared towards children in the age group Ten to Twelve years. The response was excellent, and seven young writers, poets, and artists took part.

Each child was given an assignment, either in the area of Artwork, Features or Short Stories and Poetry. Their enthusiasm was not surprising, given their respective talents, and was most rewarding from my point of view.

All of the children met their deadlines with a professionalism that would put some seasoned journalists to shame, which made my job of putting the magazine together a pure joy. The finished work, titled **Wicked**, is proof positive of the talent that our young people possess. The budding talents that feature in **Wicked** are, **Jessica Whelan**, Artist, who designed our super cover. **Alison Murphy**, Critic, who wrote some excellent book reviews. **Declan Kavanagh**, a master Story-teller and Poet. **Elizabeth Fox**, who also wrote a very competent Short Story, and devised a Joke Page. **Ross Cullinane**, Poet and excellent Sports Writer. **Elaine Mc Donald**, Features Writer, who compiled our Puzzle Page and our Feature, 'What's in a Name?', and last but not least, **Megan Jermaine**, who wrote a wonderful story for Halloween.

I sincerely hope that all the above writers and artists keep up the good work, and who knows, perhaps we will see their work in print once again! Finally, a copy of **Wicked** is available for all to read at Maynooth Library.

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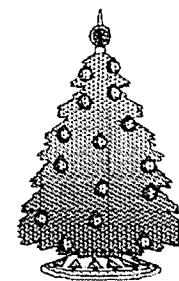
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# Features

## MAYNOOTH 1798 COMMEMORATION GROUP COMORADH '98 MAIGH NUAD

### "From this town all is confusion ....."

No, this is not a comment on the ability of the people of Maynooth to order their affairs, not even an assessment of the traffic flows through Main Street, but rather it will be an extract on the cover of our booklet entitled Maynooth and 1798 which will be launched in the library, Main Street, on Friday 11th December at 8p.m.

The extract is from a letter written in 1798 by a loyal government supporter a Mr W. Wilson in Maynooth, to Dublin Castle. The letter is now in the National Archives and with their kind permission the entire letter will be republished in our booklet.

The centrepiece of the booklet will be an extended article by Liam Chambers, author of a recent book Rebellion in Kildare - 1740-1803, published by Four Courts Press. The centrepiece analyses eighteenth century Ireland: the impact of the French revolution; the defenders; the foundation of Maynooth College; the growth of the United Irishmen; the rebellion in Ulster, Wexford, Co. Kildare and especially the Maynooth area; the French invasion under General Humbert and the aftermath of the rebellion.

The booklet will also include eighteenth century maps, extracts from a pamphlet written in 1800 by the President of Maynooth College on the College's attitude on the rebellion and a listing of 11 other publications on Co. Kildare and 1798.

We will be keeping the price of the booklet to a minimum and we hope that Santa Claus will include it in many Christmas stockings throughout Maynooth.

The launch will be open to the public and we invite you to come along to have your copy signed by the author.

Michael Quinn.

## COUNCIL GOES TO MAYNOOTH

Maynooth is to be the home of a "One Stop Shop" providing all of Kildare County Council's services to communities in North Kildare.

Minister for the Environment, Noel Dempsey, allocated £200,000 to the establishment of the office in Maynooth on Friday 10th July.

Cathaoirleach of Kildare County Council, Liam Doyle welcomed the announcement and said the "One Stop Shop" is a major coup for the people of Kilcock, Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and North West Kildare in general.

"It will deal with everything from rates, planning and refuse. All of the business that is conducted by people in Kildare County Council's offices in Naas will be able to be dealt with in Maynooth once the office is opened" Cllr. Doyle said.

Leader, Oak and KELT and all other groups associated with the Council will be located at the new office.

"As of yet no location has been decided for the new office but no site has been ruled out".

"Now that we have the allocation the Council will have to take a very serious look at the project over the next number of months" Cllr. Doyle said. He said the £200,000 allocation is relatively small when compared to other counties. Co. Donegal was allocated £1.8 million for its "One Stop Shop". Cllr. Doyle congratulated Kildare County Council official Donal Dalton who made the submission for the "One Stop Shop" in Maynooth.

"Now that the merits of the "One Stop Shop" for Maynooth have been recognised we have got to tease out the final details" Cllr. Doyle said.

Cllr. Doyle believes it will be 1999 before the office opens its doors to the general public in Maynooth.

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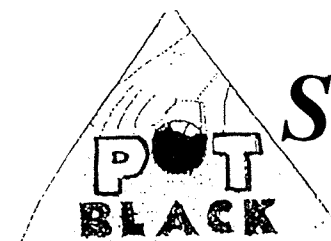
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I would tickle him when he rolled on his back  
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A major part of Christmas is the atmosphere created by the decorative displays both inside and out so what could be more appropriate than the traditional holly wreath.

Maynooth Flowers has a beautiful selection of holly wreaths on display for all to see. Proprietor Ann Doohan has enlisted her creative assistant Claire Shorthall to make up this wonderful array of greenery with colours to suit the customers' wishes as requested. Claire has completed a two year course in the School of Floristry in Dublin and is putting her talents to good use at this special time of year.

Claire has made up holly wreaths, door swags and grave wreaths using the old fashioned method of moss frames and wire mounting. This method has proved more durable than oasis frames and the arrangements are priced from £10.00 upwards, depending on what the customer requests. Business wreaths are available for hotels or restaurants at £25.00 each with table centres and candle arrangements also on sale at various prices. Everything is made to order and samples can be seen in Maynooth Flowers where the Christmas spirit fills the shop.

Ann Doohan will be displaying all her arrangements at the Craft Fair in the Liffey Valley Hotel, Leixlip, on 13th December and orders can be taken in the shop or by phoning 6291376.



*Claire Shorthall and Ann Doohan displaying some of their  
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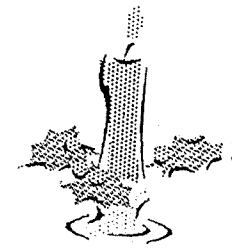
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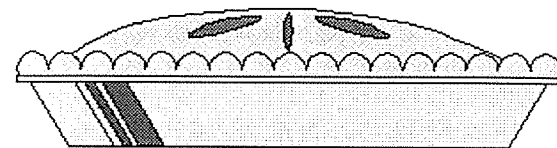
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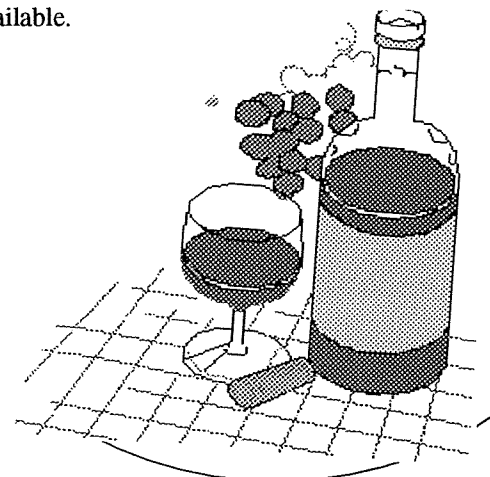
The A Lá Carté has a wide variety of starters, main courses and desserts available, prepared by the capable hands of David and Bernie. Prices run from £1.50 - £4.95 for starters and £5.00 - £10.50 for main courses.



#### THE ORANGE TREE

The Orange Tree is situated at the back of the Mill Wine Cellar. It has two special menus on for Christmas, a Dinner menu of six courses for £25.00 and an A lá Carté menu which has starters from £3.50 - £5.25, main courses £10.95 - £14.50. The restaurant also offers an Early Bird Special from Monday to Friday from 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

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### RAILWAY BRIDGE

Last Thursday the Suburban Rail Manager visited N.U.I. Maynooth Students Union. The Students Union were due to stage a protest over the absence of a footbridge.

The Rail Authorities were more than honest and gave the whole truth.

This is what is happening:

- £200,000 has been allocated for the footbridge which will begin construction in March. There is no funding left for it to be completed this year.
- Weekly work sheets will be faxed to the Union which will be passed on to the Community Council.
- The construction work will facilitate as much as possible exams, festivals etc.
- Train times will, if possible, be moved by five minutes to facilitate students.
- The possibility of retaining the old iron footbridge was discussed but it would be too costly to build foundations.
- New carriages are on order, but due to the fact that the railway lines are a different size to the rest of Europe, they have to be specially made.
- Completion date for the whole project is 2002 and the bridge will be completed by next Easter.
- Things will get worse before they get better.

I found the Rail Authorities to be very up front and honest. They seem to be doing the best they can.

In the light of this, there is no point in going ahead with a protest as it serves no purpose.

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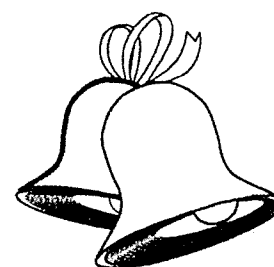
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# Features

## VIDEO REVIEW

### Scream 2 (18's)

With the blockbusting original having both celebrated and parodied the horror film, Scream 2 naturally sets out to do the same. While most sequels fail to live up to the promise of the original, thankfully this is not the case here.

Those left standing at the end of the first movie return to find their little adventure with the masked serial killers has been turned into a movie, 'Stab', turning the survivors into media figures.

Courtney Cox returns as the manipulative news journalist-turned-author, while David Arquette is back as her dupe, deputy Dewey Riley.

Playing up to all the usual clichés, Scream 2 is a well crafted blend of horror and comedy, never sacrificing one for the other.

But if this was as intelligent a horror film as the makers would have you believe, then you wouldn't have a girl, who's been terrorised for the second time by a masked killer, joining a school production of a play that has her surrounded by cloaked and masked extras!

Nonetheless, if you enjoy watching movies from behind the sofa, this one will certainly do the trick.

**Verdict:** Brilliant!

### The Man Who Knew Too Little (15's)

This latest offering from Bill Murray is a lightweight but extremely enjoyable espionage spoof. While it's not as good as Austin Powers, this is still a worthwhile movie.

Murray plays a simpleton American paying a surprise visit to London to see his wealthy brother (Peter Gallagher) and brought off one night to take part in an interactive street theatre show called The Theatre of Life.

Armed with the wrong instructions, he gets mixed up in all sorts of shadowy trouble involving a call-girl, played by Joanne Whalley, a blackmailed government minister, and a bungling megalomaniac who's planning to bomb a U.N. banquet.

Believing everyone around him is acting, Murray turns into Inspector Clouseau as he inadvertently saves the day.

This film may not be Groundhog Day, but it's Bill Murray's most entertaining comedy since then.

**Verdict:** Excellent.

### The Ripper (15's)

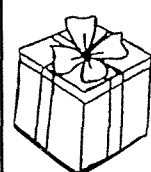
Going straight to video, Patrick Bergin headlines this solid telling of the Jack the Ripper legend.

Michael York is the head of Scotland Yard who puts his top man, Inspector James Hanson (Bergin), on the trail of the notorious serial killer.

Gabrielle Anwar plays the love interest, a former prostitute who witnesses the Ripper in action.

The story has been told and retold and made into films on several occasions, but nevertheless this offering, while it's no masterpiece, is never less than watchable.

**Verdict:** Well worthwhile.



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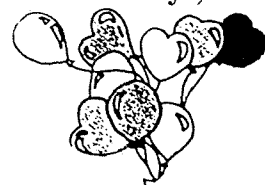
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## Party Political

### MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

#### BOND BRIDGE

The Council have advised Cllr. John Mc Ginley that construction work on Bond Bridge is likely to start next November. Finance has been allocated in the Council's Book of Estimates for 1999 for this major project which will take from 12 to 18 months to construct.

To ensure that there is no slippage in the project programme Cllr. Mc Ginley will be supplied with quarterly updates on progress.

Running parallel to the Bond Bridge project will be the Meadowbrook Link to the Straffan Road. The route has been approved by the Celbridge Area Committee and design of the road is presently progressing. Cllr. Mc Ginley has insisted that traffic calming measures must be incorporated in the design.

The new link road will have a two fold positive effect - taking traffic out of the Town Centre and allowing easy access to the Motorway for Newtown residents. It will also allow unhindered construction work on the new Bond Bridge.

#### POUND LANE/BACK LANE

Following representation from the Lyreen Residents Association Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion for consideration by the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council;

*That speed cushions be put in place in Back Lane/Pound Lane, Maynooth, in order to improve safety, and that money be allocated from the 1999 Discretionary Grants for this purpose. Furthermore, following completion of the speed cushions, the 'No Entry' signs should be removed from both ends and be replaced with a 'One Way' traffic system from the Dunboyne Road to Mill Street on Back Lane/Pound Lane'.*

#### REPLACEMENT BRIDGE OVER CANAL

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Chief Executive of C.I.E. that Iarnrod Eireann will provide a replacement pedestrian bridge over the Canal by March 1999. Whilst not regarded as a safety risk issue Iarnrod Eireann recognise the positive effect the Bridge has in allowing commuters direct access to the Town Centre.

#### CARTON COURT/CLUAIN AOIBHINN

Following representations from the Residents Association in Carton Court and residents in Cluain Aoibhinn in connection with the botched job the Council carried out in surface dressing the roads in both estates, Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion for consideration by the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

*'That the roads in Carton Court and Cluain Aoibhinn estates, Maynooth, be carpeted with bitumen macadam and that money for this purpose be allocated from the housing estates road budget.'*

#### FOOTPATH/LIGHTS FROM DILLONS ROW TO LYREEN PARK

Arising from representations by Cllr. John Mc Ginley the Council advised North City Builders on the 29th. October that they had two weeks to begin the work on laying a new footpath and installing lights from Dillons Row to Lyreen Park or else pay the Council £12,250. It is now over a year since the developer stated that he was going to do the work which is a planning permission requirement.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING - KILCOCK ROAD

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has requested Kildare Co. Council to install additional public lighting along the Kilcock Road which is highly pedestrianised. He has also requested the E.S.B. to repair the 6 public lights along the road which are at present not working.

#### TELECOM EIREANN INACTION

Following demands from Cllr. Mc Ginley, Mr Paddy Harrington of Telecom Eireann attended the Celbridge Area Committee meeting held on 6th. November. Mr Harrington gave an undertaking to immediately attend to the non reinstatement of footpaths on Straffan Road, Old Greenfields, Newtown and Convent Road areas.

Cllr Mc Ginley has also submitted the following motion for consideration by the full Council:

*'That the cost of reinstatement of footpaths/roads be lodged in cash with the Council before utilities get a licence to open roads/footpaths'.*

#### SPEED LIMITS EXTENDED

As a result of Cllr. John Mc Ginley's recommendation the 40 MPH Speed Limit is being extended beyond Kildare Bridge on the Dunboyne Road, to Carton Wall on the Leixlip Road and to the Motorway on the Rathcoffey Road.


#### OLD GREENFIELDS

Serious damage is being done to the green at the bottom of Old Greenfield by construction lorries and other traffic using it as a roadway.

Cllr. John McGinley has demanded that the Council takes immediate action to stop this illegal activity.

Likewise the Council has agreed to erect bollards to stop


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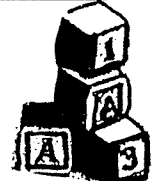

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## MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES (Cont)

traffic illegally using the pedestrian walk between Greenfield Close and Kingsbry following representations by Cllr. Mc Ginley.

### OLD GREENFIELDS - HOUSES 822 TO 859

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John Mc Ginley, Kildare Co. Council Architect Brian Swan accompanied Cllr. Mc Ginley and Deputy Emmet Stagg on a walk around Old Greenfield with residents on Monday November 2nd.

The object of the exercise was to agree on Environmental Improvements required in the area adjoining the Square at houses numbered 822 to 859. Residents identified the following necessary improvements:

1. A Roadway to the front doors of houses 822 to 840
2. Landscaping of the Green Area with diagonal footpaths and rockeries.
3. Provision of two new house sites at square behind house no 837.
4. Tarmacadam roadway and footpath behind houses numbered 826 to 837.
5. Tarmacadam the square behind house number 826
6. Reinstatement of footpaths at pedestrian walks and provision of decorative bollards to prevent vehicular access.
7. Re-laying of footpaths where necessary.
8. Landscaping of area behind houses numbered 844 to 859

The details of the Environmental Improvements will be prepared by the County Architect and go before the Celbridge Area Councillors for approval. They will then go on public display for one month and residents will then have a further opportunity to make submissions.

Cllr. John Mc Ginley and Deputy Emmet Stagg would like to thank the Residents of Old Greenfield for their very positive contributions and for taking the time to attend the meeting.

### RECREATION AND AMENITY FACILITIES GRANTS

There were two applications from Maynooth organisations for these grants from the Council:

\* Maynooth Town Soccer Club and Maynooth Development Committee

The County Development Officer stated that 'Both initiatives proposed were worthy of consideration. However, they clearly highlight that a strategic approach is necessary in Maynooth towards the disbursement of grant aid. The Harbour Field is in a pivotal and strategic location in the Centre of the Town and investigations are warranted in relation to the best and most beneficial use of the property from a Community perspective.'

It was agreed that £15,000 would be ringfenced for Community agreement on the proposals for the Harbour Field and likewise £15,000 ringfenced for the Soccer Club on receipt by the Council of a definite proposal from the Club.

### PUBLIC LIGHTS NOT WORKING IN MAYNOOTH

Maynooth Labour Branch Members carried out a survey of Public Lights in Maynooth on November 9th. and 10th. Over 60 lights were not working in the Town.

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted a list of those not working to the E.S.B. for their immediate action.

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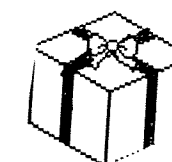
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# Party Political

## FINE GAEL NOTES

Deputy Bernard Durkan, Cllr. Senan Griffin and members of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael wish all our supporters and friends, a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### Footpaths - Dunboyne Road:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed concern to Kildare County Council about the delay in laying the new footpath and public lighting at Dunboyne Road, which serves Nagle Court, Pebble Hill and Lyreen Park. Cllr. Griffin is now seeking the assistance of the Construction Industry Federation (CIF) in an effort to get the developer to comply with the conditions of the Planning Permission, or else compel the developer to pay the levies to Kildare County Council so that the footpaths can be laid and lights erected by Kildare County Council.

### Footpaths - Main Street:

The footpaths should be well on the way by the time these notes go to print. Cllr. Griffin said that the promised starting date is now the 16th. of November, and it is hoped that Main Street will be in splendour for the Christmas period.

### Kavanagh's Proposed Development:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed concern that the demands being made by the planners at Kildare County Council could jeopardise the proposed £35 million development. The current Mill is a health hazard, and it is the view of a large number of residents that it should be removed from the town. It is important that the planners and the architects meet to sort out the existing planning problems so that the project can be advanced for the people of Maynooth, he said.

### Amenity Grant:

Cllr. Senan Griffin welcomed the development to allocate the sum of £15,000 for the future development of the Harbour Field/Geraldine Hall. This money will only be allocated when proper plans will be in place for the Field and Hall.

### Meadowbrook Link:

The consultants appointed by Kildare County Council have proposed to the Area Committee that the Meadowbrook Link be proceeded with as a matter of priority. The next stage is to design the road with its proper traffic calming measures.

### Tidy Towns Proposal:

A proposal has been put forward by Cllr. Senan Griffin to the County Manager that he make available the sum of £100,000 in the forthcoming estimates to the participating towns in the County for a Millennium Project. The Project requires planning, costing and that it be completed for January 1st. 2,000.

### Speed Limit:

The speed limit of 40 mph will be extended out the Straffan Road to Dowdstown Hotel. This will be done for safety reasons.

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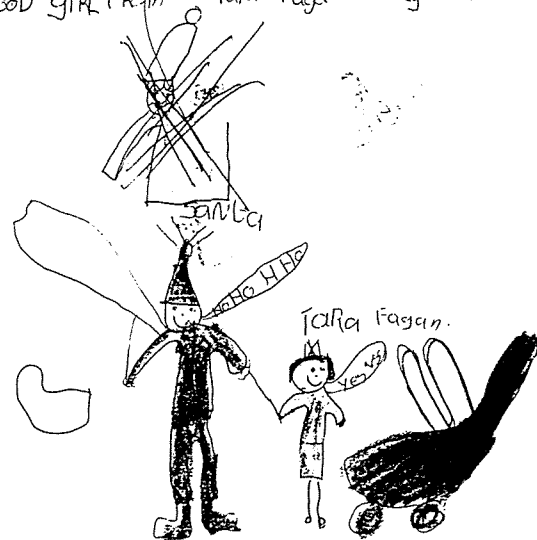
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Thank you for The  
CARD you gave me and  
Steven XXX I Love you  
Santa

Dear SANTA PLEASE May I Have A  
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FOR CHRISTMAS I promise too Be A  
very good girl From Tara Fagan Age 6



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Please will you get me a real rabbit

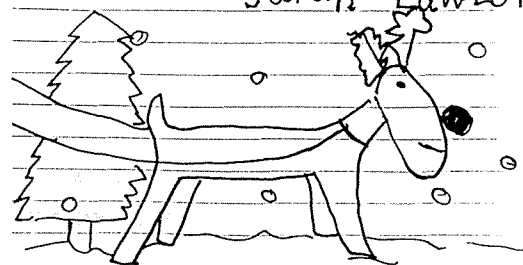
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a very good girl during the year I  
am seven years old This year I  
would like a new bike because my  
old bike is too small I love you  
very much and I am looking  
forward to christmas eve  
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please for Christmas.  
I will leave you cookies  
and milk and carrots for the  
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thanks,  
Sarah Lawlor



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Guinness and an apple pie  
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a cala set?  
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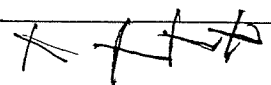
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well. people get bicycles  
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other stuff. we leave  
Santa cookies, milk, and  
a carrot for rednose  
Reindeer. people do be  
very EXCITED because  
they get lovely toys  
every year. We put up  
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Emmet  
P.S. my little brother  
Loran might leave you  
a can of beer and a mince  
Pie and a carrot for your  
red nosed reindeer  
named Rudolph

# Dear Santa



Address 65 acarton court Kildare Ireland  
 Dear Santa I was helping my mam around the house  
 And I was very good. So can I have  
 a surprise. And I know you are a  
 good man and please leave My Mam  
 a dishwasher so she dosen't have  
 to wash up. you don't have to  
 leave me anything. Merry Christmas

Age 8 Daniel O Mahony

1 Beaufield Drive  
 Maynooth Co. Kildare



Dear Santa



This year may I have  
 a pool table and  
 little surprise.

I do my homework every  
 day. I try to help  
 teacher. I help clean  
 up at home for my  
 Mum and Dad. I do cooking  
 also.

Thank you.

Peter Murphy

Age: Eight

Maynooth,  
 Co. Kildare Nov. 20th 1998.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good  
 boy over the Summer holidays  
 The best thing I love I have taken  
 care of my brother. Please can  
 I have a remote-control car  
 and a small surprise for  
 Christmas. please love and  
 best wishes Love Dean  
 McAviner.

Address Kilmacradock The Birches  
 Co. Kildare Maynooth Tim Quane

Dear Santa I have

been a very good boy and was

hoping to get a surprise Christmas

gift because I have been helping

my mam and dad by cleaning

corner and making my bed every  
 morning. Thank you Age 7

Maynooth  
 Co. Kildare  
 Nov 20th 1998

Dear Santa, I have been good  
 I would like a toy please San  
 How is Rudolph and how are y  
 Santa. I am fine. My Name is Brian  
 Kern. I can't wait till Christmas  
 Will you get me a toy please  
 Santa.

Best wishes

Brian  
 Kern

# Happy Christmas



Extra copies of this page are available in the Community Council Office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Hobbies & Interests



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### DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

#### Flowers

Prepare the beds or borders for sowing or planting in the spring, digging the soil thoroughly and adding compost or manure.

Leave the soil rough dug to allow winter frosts and weather to break it down

Slightly tender herbaceous perennial plants are best covered with straw or bracken to protect them from frost.

Protect Christmas roses (Helleboursniger) from weather damage by putting dry peat round the plants and covering them with cloches. Apply slug pellets among herbaceous plants.

If lily bulbs are received, either plant them if the ground is workable or store them.

In mild weather, hoe among spring bedding plants and herbaceous perennials to remove any weeds.

#### Vegetables

Harvest vegetables as required. Check vegetables in store and remove any that are diseased or rotten.

Continue to lift chicory and rhubarb for forcing.

Clear up the vegetable garden of finished plants and fork over all vacant soil in preparation for next years crops.

#### Fruit

Check all stored fruits and continue to pen pears indoors.

Prune established and new fruit trees and bushes. Remove rotten fruits left hanging on the branches and burn them to prevent the spread of disease.

Spray with tar-oil winter-wash to kill winter eggs of pests.

#### Trees, shrubs and climbers

Continue planting trees, shrubs, climbers and roses. Hamamelis Mollis - Witch Hazel has distinctive fragrant yellow flowers displayed on bare stems during dullest winter months.

Prune back about half the growth of hybrid tea and floribunda roses to prevent gale damage (final pruning is best done in March).

Protect with straw, or screens of polythene, plants that are not fully hardy and could be damaged by cold winds and frosts.

Tread and firm soil raised by frosts in the root area of recently set out plants to avoid pockets in the soil.

#### Under glass

Keep the greenhouse temperature at the minimum required level, ventilate carefully and water the plants according to their needs. Check resting plants and do not let them dry out.

Cover the lights of cold-frames during frosty weather to prevent damage to plants.

Dust, spray or fumigate the greenhouse to prevent pest and disease attacks. Take into the home plants in flower, such as primulas, winter cherries (Solanum Capsicastrum) and azaleas.

Forced bulbs which flower earliest, such as hyacinths and narcissi, can also be taken into the home; continue to take in other bowls of bulbs as they reach the correct stage of growth.

With all flowering plants at this time of year, water sparingly to keep the soil just moist. Lightly spray the leaves daily with water if the atmosphere is

very dry, and remove dead flower heads.

Pot-grown chrysanthemums in the greenhouse which have finished flowering can be cut down. Remove them from their pots, and put in boxes. Water them occasionally, and store until brought into growth in spring. Continue to bring into the home or greenhouse chicory for forcing. Prune greenhouse grape vines and, if not detrimental to other plants, paint with tar-oil winter-wash. Sow cauliflower seed for early cropping next year.

Sow mustard-and-cress seed and mung beans at regular intervals to give salad material.

#### Greenhouses

A greenhouse greatly enlarges the scope of one's gardening, saves the costs of buying many kinds of plants, and provides plants for the living-room, as well as enabling one to propagate particular subjects which are costly or in scarce supply, or may not be generally available in plant form.

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Every permanently placed greenhouse must have a proper foundation.

.....and don't forget

Repair broken lawn edges by turning the damaged edges inwards. Continue to rake up leaves and debris. Prepare orders for plants, bulbs and seeds for next year, and plan on paper any new ideas for the garden layout.

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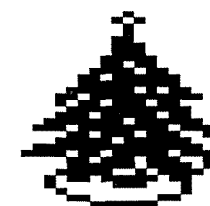
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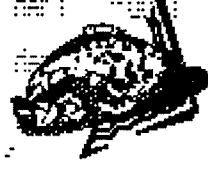


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### Mince Pies

#### Ingredients:

175g(6oz) Shortcrust Pastry  
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Icing Sugar for dusting  
Add a dash of brandy or rum or a little lemon juice to bought mincemeat for improved flavour  
Makes 12

#### Method:

Roll out the pastry very thinly. Cut out 12 rounds with a plain or fluted cutter and line pastry pans. Prick the bottom of each pie and put a teaspoon of mincemeat in each. Dampen the edges. Cut out 12 more rounds with a smaller cutter and cover each one. Press down so the lids are secure. Cut a small cross in the centre of each lid to allow steam to escape. Place tarts on a baking tray and bake in a preheated oven at 220° C/425°F, Gas mark 7 for 12 to 15 minutes or until well risen and golden. Dust generously with icing sugar and serve hot. When cold the tarts can be stored in an airtight container, or frozen.



### Christmas Cake

#### Ingredients:

225g(8oz) butter  
225g(8oz) castor sugar  
grated rind and juice of 1 lemon and 1 orange  
4 eggs, beaten  
250g(9oz) plain flour  
175g(6oz) sultanas  
100g(4oz) glacé cherries, chopped  
75g (3oz) glacé pineapple, chopped  
50g(2oz) candied orange and lemon peel  
100g(4oz) crystallized ginger, chopped  
50g(2oz) walnuts, chopped  
50g(2oz) blanched almonds, shredded  
3 tablespoons sherry

#### Method:

Line a 20cm/8 inch round cake tin. Cream the butter and sugar with the lemon and orange rind until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs a tablespoon at a time. Fold in the flour alternately with the fruit, peel and nuts. When thoroughly mixed, stir in the orange and lemon juice and sherry. Turn into the prepared tin and make a deep hollow in the centre. Tie a band of brown paper round the outside of the tin and 2 inches above it to protect the top of the cake. Place in a preheated oven so that the top of the cake is in the centre and bake at 350°F/180°C, Gas Mark 4 for twenty minutes. When the cake starts to brown, put a sheet of greaseproof paper over the top to prevent it over browning. Reduce the heat to 300°F/150°C, Gas mark 1 for a further 2 hours and 40 minutes. A skewer inserted will come out clean when cake is cooked. Remove from tin and cool on a wire tray.

### Marzipan

#### Ingredients

275g(10oz) ground almonds  
275g(10oz) castor sugar  
2 egg yolks  
2 tablespoons lemon or orange juice  
1 egg white beaten

Sift almonds and sugar into a mixing bowl. Beat egg yolks with fruit juice and stir into dry ingredients. Work into a stiff paste and knead until smooth.

### Royal Icing:

#### Ingredients

3 egg whites  
750g icing sugar  
1 teaspoon glycerine  
3 tablespoons lemon juice

Beat egg whites in a large bowl and gradually stir in the icing sugar and glycerine. Add sufficient lemon juice to make a thick spreading consistency. Beat until smooth and glossy.

#### To Decorate:

Spread a little icing in the centre of the cake board and place the cake on top. This will prevent it slipping. Fill in any gaps in the icing between the bottom edge of the cake and the board. Put a little ruffled icing in the centre of the cake and arrange the Christmas figures and trees on the icing to make an attractive snow scene.



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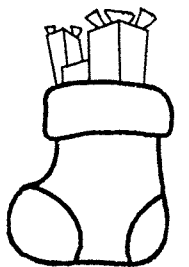
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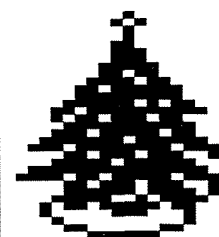
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. RESULTS

DATE	LEVEL	RESULT
26th October 1998	Intermediate B Football C'ship Final	Maynooth 4 - 14 Castledermot 0 - 8
31st October 1998	Higgins Cup Football Semi-Final	Maynooth 0 - 10 Kilcock 0 - 8
8th November 1988	Higgins Cup Football Final	Clogherinkoe 1 - 11 Maynooth 0 - 6

MATCH REPORTS

MAYNOOTH 4 - 14 CASTLEDERMOT 0 - 8

In what can only be described as a totally one sided affair Maynooth footballers put in a masterful performance and totally outclassed their opponents from start to finish. Maynooth were 1-5 to 0-0 in front by the fifteenth minute with Danny Casey getting the goal after good work by Aidan O'Dea and Karl Ennis. Peter Burke and Niall Naughton were completely dominant at midfield and ensured a plentiful supply of ball to the forward line.

Further points from Joey Edwards, Niall Naughton and Peter Burke eased Maynooth into an eight point lead by half time on a scoreline of 1-8 to 0-3. The second half followed the same pattern as the first and Castledermot never threatened to get back into the game. Further goals from Niall Naughton, James Delargy and Karl Ennis put the result beyond doubt. The Cup was presented after the match to Maynooth Captain Noel Reilly who paid tribute to the Team Management who prepared the team so well and the panel of players who worked so hard and showed such great skill and determination.

**Best for Maynooth were:** Hugh Nevin who never put a foot wrong in goal. Derek Fleming, Tom Farrell and Marty Byrne were razor sharp in defence. Peter Burke and Niall Naughton excelled at midfield while in attack Karl Ennis, Mark Nugent and Danny Casey played well.

**Teams and Scores**  
Hugh Nevin  
Alan Nugent Derek Fleming Noel Reilly (Capt.)  
John O'Toole Tom Farrell Marty Byrne  
Peter Burke (0-3) Niall Naughton (1-4)  
Karl Ennis (1-0) Aidan O'Dea (-1) Mark Nugent  
James Delargy (1-0) Danny Casey (1-2) Joe Edwards (0-4)  
**Subs:** Eoin O'Neill for John O'Toole Liam O'Toole for James Delargy

MAYNOOTH 0-10 KILCOCK 0-8

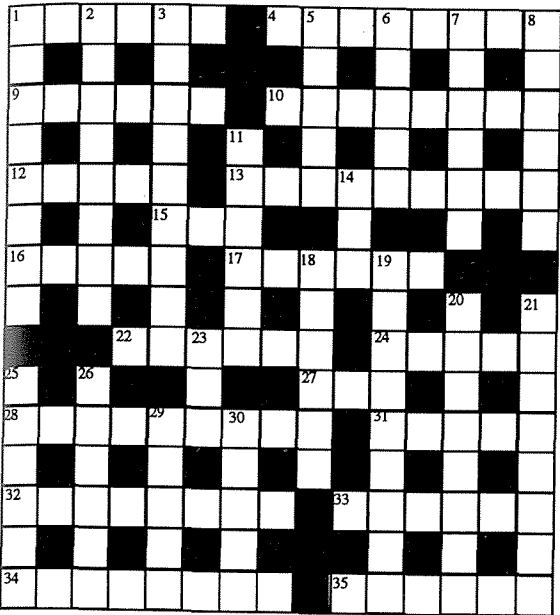
Maynooth intermediate footballers pulled off a surprise victory over neighbours Kilcock to reach the Jack Higgins Cup Final. Maynooth were by far the superior team in the first half leading by 0-8 to 0-3 at half time with the scores coming from Joe Edwards (3), Peter Burke (2), Sean Molloy, Liam O'Toole and Niall Naughton. Kilcock made a determined fightback in the second half and reduced the deficit to two points midway through the second half. However Maynooth fought with great determination and two points from Karl Ennis and Joe Edwards enabled Maynooth to hold out for a deserved victory.

**Best for Maynooth were:** Derek Fleming, Alan Nugent and Marty Byrne in defence. Peter Burke and Niall Naughton worked tirelessly at midfield while Karl Ennis, Mark Nugent and Liam O'Toole were the pick of the attack.

**Teams and Scores**  
Hugh Nevin  
John O'Toole Derek Flemming Noel Reilly  
Alan Nugent Tom Farrell Marty Byrne  
Peter Burke (0-2) Niall Naughton (0-1)  
Karl Ennis (0-1) Sean Molloy (0-1) Mark Nugent  
Liam O'Toole (0-1) Danny Casey Joey Edwards (0-4)  
**Subs:**  
Aidan O'Dea for Mark Nugent, Mark Nugent for Tom Farrell (injured)  
Mark Faherty for S. Molloy

Cont./

Crossword No. 133



Entries before Monday 14th Dec

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Across:

- 1. Contend (6)
- 4. Backers (8)
- 9. Chairs (6)
- 10. The cost of breaking up? (8)
- 12. Cancel (5)
- 13. U.S. State (9)
- 15. Craft (3)
- 16. Utensil (5)
- 17. Land Description (6)
- 22. Glanced (6)
- 24. Another U.S. State (5)
- 27. Urchin (3)
- 28. Control (9)
- 31. Gusset (5)
- 32. Flourished (8)
- 33. Money lender (6)
- 34. Parts (8)
- 35. Abscond (6)

Down:

- 1. Anxiousness (8)
- 2. Automobile part (8)
- 3. Reprisal (9)
- 5. Simple (5)
- 6. Din (5)
- 7. Musician (6)
- 8. Designs (6)
- 11. Set upon (6)

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- 14. Point (3)
- 18. Account inspections (6)
- 19. Light standards (4,5)
- 20. Australian city (8)
- 21. Regenerate (8)
- 23. Epoch (3)
- 25. Fold (6)
- 26. On land (6)
- 29. Limit (5)
- 30. Dormant (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 132

**Across:** 1. Claire; 4. Stoppers; 9. Exhume; 10. Canister; 12. Turin; 13. Punctured; 15. Dea; 16. Ounce; 17. Carers; 22. Ascent; 24. Totem; 27. Tri; 28. Ancestral; 31. Cargo; 32. Mercedes; 33. Enlist; 34. Rudeness; 35. Merger.

**Down:** 1. Creation; 2. Adherent; 3. Reminders; 5. Train; 6. Print; 7. Entire; 8. Stride; 11. Apache; 14. Cue; 18. Rattle; 19. Reticence; 20. Starling; 21. Imposter; 23. Cut; 25. Hammer; 26. Scared; 29. Stern; 30. Reeks.

Winner of Crossword No. 132  
Mary Callaghan  
145 Kingsbry  
Maynooth

## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. RESULTS (Cont.)

CLOGHERINKOE 1 - 11      MAYNOOTH 0 - 6

While they battled bravely all through, in the end the winners were the better team and their greater forward potency paved the way for victory. Maynooth trailed at half time by 0-5 to 0-2 but had they taken more of their scoring opportunities the scoreline could have been reversed. Maynooth needed the better start after half-time but it was Clogherinkoe who dominated and three points in a ten minute spell for Padraig Graven left Maynooth with an uphill battle. A goal by Clogherinkoe ten minutes from full time sealed Maynooth's fate. In fairness Maynooth never gave up the fight and finished the stronger with two points from frees by Joey Edwards.

**Best for Maynooth were:** Hugh Nevin, who made a number of fine saves, Owen O'Neill, Thomas Farrell and Marty Byrne in defence. Niall Naughton played his heart out at midfield while Karl Ennis, Aidan O'Dea and substitute Mark Nugent impressed in attack.

### Teams and Scores

Hugh Nevin  
Derek Fleming   Owen O'Neill   John O'Toole  
Alan Nugent   Thomas Farrell   Marty Byrne  
Peter Burke   Niall Naughton (0-2)  
Karl Ennis   Aidan O'Dea   Noel Reilly  
Liam O'Toole   Sean Molloy (0-1)   Joe Edwards (0-3)  
**Subs:** Mark Nugent for Noel Reilly, Declan Buckley for Sean Molloy

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Please note the Annual General Meeting of Maynooth G.A.A. will be held in Club House on Monday 7th December at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.

*Tom Coffey, P.R.O.,  
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*Maynooth Intermediate B Championship Winners 1998*

**Front Row:** Joe Edwards, Mark Nugent, Derek Fleming, Marty Byrne, Hugh Nevin with son Adam, Noel Reilly (Capt.) Alan Nugent, Karl Ennis, John O'Toole, Owen O'Neill, Mick Faherty (Manager) with Andrew, Mick O'Riordan (Selector).

**Back Row:** Aidan O'Dea, Martin Donnelly Senior (Selector) Martin Donnelly Junior, James Gilligan, James Gallagher, Niall Naughton, Sean Molloy, Danny Casey, Aiden Burke, Liam O'Toole, Thomas Farrell, James Delargy, Declan Buckley, Gerry Delaney

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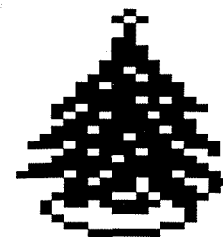


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15 Nov. 98	1, 3, 23	£500	Anto Edwards	Ollie Bright	Alan Dolan		

Due to the recent wet weather there has been disruption to the Maynooth Town F.C. fixture list. We hope to resume normal match reports next month. The Committee and members of the Club would like to extend seasons greetings to all and thank them for their support throughout the year.

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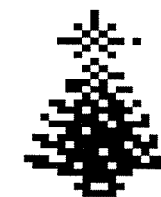
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Happy 21st birthday to **Elaine Flood** of O'Neill Park, Maynooth from Mammy, Daddy, brothers and sister.

Happy birthday to **Martin and Sinead Conway** on the 6th and 8th December, from Mammy and Daddy, Laura and Chloe.

Belated happy birthday to **Lauren Edwards**, who was 2 on the 19th November. Lots of love and kisses from Nanny, Grandad, Sandra, Darren and Elaine.

Happy birthday to **Jody Connolly** who is fifteen on the 3rd December. Best wishes from your mates.

Belated happy birthday to **Norah McDermott** who was \*\* on the 20th of November from the fantastic staff at Maynooth Community Council.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

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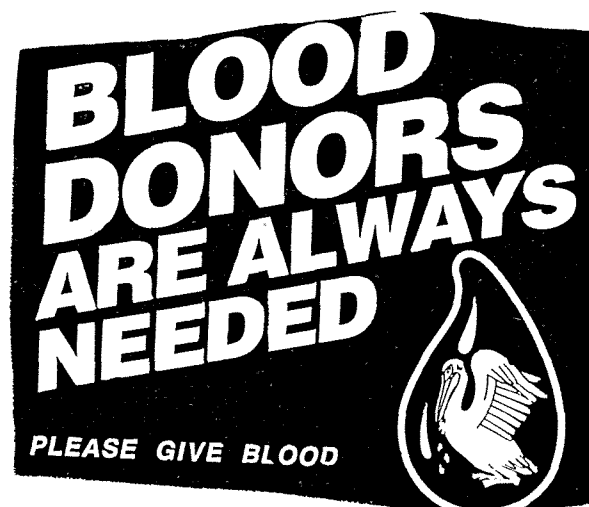
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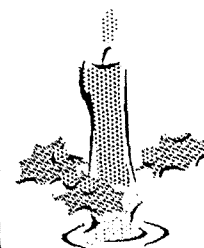
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**Coonan:** Sons, daughter, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Eileen M. Coonan (nee Geraghty), Leinster Park, Maynooth.

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**Scanlon:** The wife and family of the late Michael (Mick) Scanlon, Maynooth Park, wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who shared in their recent sad bereavement. Those who attended the removal and funeral Mass. Those who sent Mass cards, perpetual enrolments, telemessages and floral tributes, and supported and comforted the family in so many ways. To Dr. Cowhey, Josephine Neary, District Nurse, the doctors and nurses of James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown, Fr. Sinnott, Fr. Liam Ryan, Mass servers, Ita McCormack and organist, those who formed a Guard of Honour, the GAA club, Reilly's Undertakers, and our great neighbours and friends. A special word of thanks to his many friends who visited him during his illness. We trust this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our deep appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

## NOVENA

**O Most Beautiful Flower** of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God assist me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary Conceived Without Sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Thank you for your mercy to me and mine. Amen. This prayer must be said for 3 days and after 3 days your request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

Grateful thanks.

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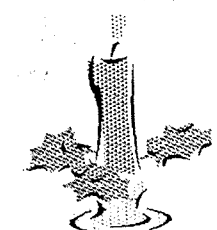
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