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With deepest sympathy to the sister, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends of Hannah McGoldrick (Nee O'Neill) Dublin formerly of Maynooth and Clonmel.

With deepest sympathy to the husband, sons, daughters, sister, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Breda Brady (Nee Conway) Clock House, Maynooth.

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With deepest sympathy to the sisters, brother, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Albert Phoenix, Maynooth formerly Pheopoistown, Kilcock.

With deepest sympathy to the nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, Dominican brothers and colleagues of St. Patricks College former pupils and friends of Rev Fr Michael T. Casey O.P. M. Sc. Ph. D. F.I.C.I. Emeritus, Professor of Chemistry St. Patricks College, Maynooth.

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With deepest sympathy to the brothers, sister-in-law, nieces, nephew, relatives and friends of Martin Cosgrove Tallaghan Dubh, Geesala Ballina Co. Mayo late of Maynooth and London.

With deepest sympathy to the wife, sons, brother, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Bernard (Benny) Martin, Maynooth late of Stradone Street, Ballyjamesduff.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Birthday wishes to Linda Conway, Greenfield who celebrated her 21st Birthday on January 2nd. A party for the happy day was attended by her family and friends in the River Forest Hotel, Leixlip and a joyful time was had by all.

Birthday wishes to John Sauls, Laurence Ave, who celebrated his birthday on January 10th. A surprise party by family and friends for John was held in The Roost, and what fun was enjoyed by all.

Birthday wishes to Mrs Ita McTernan, Parson Street, (January 11th), her sons Gerard, Greenfield (February 25th), Larry, Kilcock (February 27th), Larrys wife Marie (February 1st), their daughter Gillian age 16 (January 24th) and son Paul (February 4th).

Birthday wishes to Phil Brady who celebrated his 91st birthday on 19th of January, from friends and family.

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**Letter to our Readers:** This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

*Community Council & Newsletter Staff*

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Birthday wishes to Sean Durack, Kingsbry, age 7, who celebrates his birthday in February, love Mammy, Daddy, Grandad, Aunties, Cousin Connor and Pal Rikki.

Birthday wishes to Maeve McTernan, Silken Vale who celebrates her 21st birthday on January 24th, also good luck and God bless to Maeve as she leaves home for New York, January 16th from Daddy, Mammy, sister Deirdre, Granny, Grandad and her many friends.

Birthday wishes to Anne-Marie Burke, Newtown who celebrates her 17th birthday on February 21st, best wishes Daddy, Mammy, brother Shane and Granny.

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**Tue Feb 3rd:** Senior Citizens A.G.M., Health Centre 8pm.  
**Thurs Feb 5th:** Maynooth I.C.A. Meeting 8pm.  
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**Mon Feb 9th, 16th, 23rd:** Maynooth Branch Library Lectures.  
**Tue Feb 10th:** Immigration Control Meet. Glenroyal 9pm.  
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**Mon Feb 16th:** No Name Club A.G.M., Arts Building, Maynooth College 8.30pm.  
**Tue Feb 17th:** Maynooth Flower and Garden Club, First Meeting 8pm.  
**Wed Feb 18th:** Summer Project AGM - ICA Hall 8.30 pm.  
**Fri March 6th:** Boys National School Fund Raising Night, G.A.A. Club 8.30pm.  
**Fri March 20th:** Irish Night, Glenroyal Hotel.  
**Fri 24th April:** Telethon 1998 RTE.  
**Fri 15th May:** Golf Classic.- Knockanally Golf Club.

EDITORIAL

Apartheid Maynooth Style

Nelson Mandela is a hero in most people's eyes. He has devoted his life to fighting apartheid and spent over twenty years in jail for leading opposition to a system of blatant discrimination in his country. Many black and coloured people in South Africa may still be poor but at least they don't have to carry the hated 'pass cards' and they can look any white person in the eye and know they are equal under the law. So what has all this to do with Maynooth? Unfortunately it seems that a form of apartheid operates in Maynooth. Over the Christmas period, the season of goodwill to all men, residents from our local halting site were refused service at a number of business premises in the town. To be more specific, they were refused service in some of our public houses. A number of witnesses have confirmed that the only possible reason for the refusal was that they were travellers. They were sober, quiet and reasonably dressed and yet were asked to leave. Customers were embarrassed and the travellers themselves were deeply hurt. The residents of Maynooth who happen to live in the halting site have as much right to drink in one of the town's public houses as you or I. The **Newsletter** asks Maynooth's publicans to reconsider this policy of discrimination.

Main Street Standards

The last meeting of the Community Council had a useful discussion on the condition of the Main Street and the fact that a number of premises are in breach of the planning laws in displaying neon signs. Over the next few months we're all likely to suffer as the Co. Council get down to work beautifying the street. It would seem a pity if at the end of all that work illegal signage is allowed spoil the overall effect. So traders, get them down!

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was appalled on reading the feature on the proposed Carton Development which appeared on the January edition of the newsletter. To begin with the article was neither signed or acknowledged and the pro development bias contained in the article is totally at odds with what is needed in the North Kildare area. Carton Estate is one of the few remaining 18th century landscaped parklands remaining in Ireland., created on the backs of toiling Irish peasants, and the proposal now to hand it over to a commercial developer to create not one, but two additional golf courses, a luxury hotel, a conference centre and 78 houses to be built as "Ireland's foremost luxury resort with global recognition" is scandalous and utterly short-sighted. The estate is an integral part of our heritage and should be preserved intact for future generations of Irish people to enjoy and reflect on this period of our history. In the year of '98 what better way to honour the memory of Lord Edward Fitzgerald than for the people (read Government) to acquire his birthplace for the nation.

Yours sincerely,

*Padraig O Murchu*

Dear Editor,

The Legion of Mary would like to thank most sincerely Fr. Supple P.P. for facilitating them with use of the church for Fr. Aiden McGrath's excellent talk.

We would like to thank also Fr. Sinnott for co-ordinating procedures. The Legion are indebted to both of them. The Parish of Maynooth is indeed fortunate in having two such excellent pastors. We encourage all to keep them in your prayers, so that God will grant them health and grace to continue in their ministry.

In the talk itself Fr. McGrath gave a glimpse of the untold story of China. In the words of the Pope, China experienced "the greatest Martyrdom in history" under Mao Tse Tung.

He related his own miraculous survival in China.

For 3 years he was incarcerated in a cell so small that he could not lie down. He had no bed or no chair "just a bucket that stank". If he was caught with his eyes closed he was taken out and punished. Yet he survived while his torturers went crazy.

Today at 92 he is a man of amazing energy. He travels the length and breath of the Phillipines promoting the Legion of Mary.

Yours sincerely

*John Tighe*

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you, the members of Maynooth Community Council to inform you of my necessary decision to resign from representing the Main Street area on your Council.

I unfortunately have had to leave the wonderful town of Maynooth, to take up a doctorate position here in the University of Limerick.

Thanks to my involvement in Maynooth Community Council I feel I have learnt quite a lot about the power of community spirit and co-operation. I hope I can bring these valuable gifts to where ever I settle in the future.

I hope in the future that the Council will encourage more students to sit on its membership, as it is only through co-operation will the balance be struck between locals and students (as opposed to the term 'scrubber') so that Maynooth can continue to grow and prosper. Mutual respect as opposed to hard-hand tactics is the way forward. I hope that the current tradition of the Chairperson of the Young Fine Gael Branch within the University will always make the effort to gain a seat on your Community Council and work hard in this council role.

Thank you for the opportunity, and hopefully the problems I helped correct with some of the traders on Main Street and the students have been of some benefit.

Good luck with Maynooth and its future looks bright due in no small part to a great community spirit and to the work of your members.

Yours sincerely,

*Shane Morris B.Sc.*

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

### Community Council gives thumbs down to Neon Signs

At the January meeting the Council unanimously passed a motion condemning the use of neon signs by some businesses in the Main Street area. The proposal included that the Council clarify the position regarding the requirement for planning permission and the conditions required to make alterations or erect signage in the Main Street area.

### Maynooth Community Festival 1998

The planning of this year's festival gets under way with the Festival Committee holding their first meeting on February 10th in the Community Council offices at 8.30pm.

### The Railway Footbridge and Parking in the Harbour Area

Community Councillors expressed their annoyance at the inconvenience caused as a result of the closure of the footbridge over the Royal Canal to the Railway Station. It was a general opinion that the Council write to Iarnrod Eireann seeking that a new bridge be built. It was also agreed that the Council write to the Bord of Works seeking public use of the former temporary carpark in the Harbour area.

### Community Council Co-options and resignations

The co-options of Ms. Carol Courtney and Ms. Francena Kavanagh both to represent Silken Vale was agreed. Mr. Adrian O' Donovan remains on the Council as a student representative. As a result of relocation to Limerick, Mr. Shane Morris has resigned from the Council.

### Community Councillors annoyed over the condition of the Rathcoffey Road.

Community Councillors are loosing patience with the Developer involved and Kildare County Council over the condition of the Rathcoffey Road. The poor state of the road surface and footpaths follows work to provide the services to new housing developments in the Newtown area.

### Community Council AGM

The Community Council Annual General Meeting will take place during March. All Community Councillors will be notified of the details nearer the date.

Paul Croghan  
PRO

## CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE

### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

There is now no qualifying period required for holidays and all employees regardless of how long they are in the job are eligible for paid holidays. Holiday pay will be earned against time worked. Part-time workers previously had to work for 8 hours a week for 13 weeks to qualify; this is no longer the case. The Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 which came into effect from September '97 repeals the 1973 Holiday (Employees) Act and sets out the legally enforceable entitlements for all employees to holidays and public holidays. This Act also sets out statutory rights for employees in respect of rest periods and maximum working hours.

Under the Act the minimum holiday entitlement for employees will be increased on a phased basis up to the year 2,000. (Note: the legislation sets out minimum entitlements only; an employee by virtue of their contract of employment may have a greater entitlement to leave).

Part-time workers entitlement to annual leave will be improved on a pro rata basis. By 1999, part-time workers will be entitled to 8% of time worked, in holidays, for e.g. 8 hours per 100 hours worked. In the leave year 1997/1998 they are entitled to 6.4% of hours worked subject to a maximum of 16 days, the entitlement of full time employees. In 1998/1999 they will be entitled to 7.2% of hours worked in a leave year. The leave year for holiday entitlement is 1st April to 31st March.

**Note: Whilst the requirement to work '8 hours per week, and 13 weeks' for part-time workers is no longer required for holiday entitlement or maternity leave it is still required for protection under other areas of employment legislation such as unfair dismissals or redundancy etc.**

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Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm (Leixlip Library)  
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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

BAND BULLETIN

The final count-down to USA ’98 is nigh and the excitement is really mounting. It will be so strange marching down the Main Boulevard in Kansas City on March 17th and wishing you could have been in Maynooth at the same time. It will be the first time in many many years for us to miss our own parade but we will be flying the flag for Maynooth in the USA.

Annual General Meeting  
There was a full house for our AGM last December and a very successful meeting elected the following committee for the New Year.

Presidents:	Fr. B. Supple, Phil Brady
Chairman:	Paddy Boyd
Vice Chairman:	Michael Dempsey
Secretary:	John Curran
Asst. Secretary:	Michael Dempsey
Treasurer:	Elaine Bean
Asst. Treasurer:	Jennifer Quigley
Committee:	Cliff Murphy, Niall O’Connor Tara Boyd, Helena Healy, Colm Carroll, Mick Murphy, Peter Brazil, Rachel Alcorn, Seamus Nevin, Paddy Maher.

All correspondence in connection with the Band should be addressed to our Secretary John Curran, 34 Beechdale, Dunboyne, Co. Meath.

**On the Right Track**  
In an unexpected ‘departure’ for the Band, we were invited to play some seasonal music at Pearse Station Westland Row by Iarnród Eireann in December to wish a merry Christmas to travellers on their way home for the festive season. The feedback was extremely positive and we hope to receive further invitations over the coming year.

**Pre-Valentine’s Disco**  
We hope you will keep “Friday 13th” February free for our pre-Valentine’s Disco in the Glenroyal Hotel. The Resident D.J. provides the music and there is a bar extension to see you right into St. Valentine’s Day. The usual admission charges apply. Hope to see you there.

**USA Fund**  
Once again we would extend a huge thank you to all who have supported our fund. It is indeed a wonderful boost for Maynooth and we will do everything to put the town (and County and Country) on the map during our visit. Thanks again.

**Good Luck Niall**  
Finally our best wishes to our conductor who has been extremely busy of late between Band rehearsals and doing his pre-marriage courses in Waterford. We are sure he will apply himself in his usual efficient way to the theory part of the nuptials and will have absolutely no problem with the practical side of things when he does his “Finals” next Easter.  
See you all here next month for the final send-off.

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## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### MAYNOOTH HANDBALL

Sean Donovan, the chairman of the Maynooth GAA Handball Club, expressed satisfaction with the years work just completed by him and his committee. The alley got finished, several players participated in the County Championships, a start was made at coaching juveniles and the year ended with club tournaments at both adult and juvenile level, while he complemented the full committee, he singled out Declan Quigley as the one who really kept the show on the road.

Appropriately enough, the prizes for the tournament in December were turkeys. The runners up got a drop of the hard stuff. There were twenty eight entries for the competition. The draw was made in such a way that each pair was made up of a strong and a weak player, Des Fitzgerald and Pat Carroll were the first to enter the fray against Mick and Patrick Duffy. The strength and experience of Fitzgerald proved too much for the Duffys and they were resigned to playing in the plate. Francis Conway and Joe Walsh, my tip to win the turkeys, defeated Daragh Kelly and Larry Cummerford 21-19 21-13, Declan Quigley lost his partner

before the competition even started. He was out of the country. In stepped Joe Nevin. The new partnership were a bit slow to get going and lost their first game to Anthony Fingelton and Joe Gorey. However they picked up the pace and won the second game by one ace. They also won the tie breaker 11-7. Des Lyons and Kevin McGuinness looked like title winners when they brushed aside the challenge of Mick Galvin and Eamon Toomey. Nicky Cunningham and Simon Laurence defeated Niall Leavy and Matt Carroll by the narrowest of margins 21-20, 11-21, 11-10. Leavy sustained an injury which may well have cost him the game.

The experienced Paul Hand ably assisted by Michael Barry outclassed Christy Stokes and Seamus Boylan but Stokes showed good class for the future. Sean Molloy and John O'Shea, my outside bet to go all the way, proved too strong for Des Fitzgerald and Pat Carroll in the quarter final. This was a keenly contested and close encounter. Paul Hand and Mick Barry also bowed out at the quarter final stage to Martin Brambrick and Pat

Nevin. With Declan Quigley and Joe Nevin in one semi-final and Martin Brambrick and Pat Nevin in the other there was always the chance that the Nevin brothers would meet in the final. However, Des Lyons and Kevin Mc Guinness had other ideas and they progressed to the final at the expense of Brambrick and Pat Nevin. Joe with partner Quigley made it to the final after a dour struggle against Sean Molloy and John O'Shea.

The Final had everything. Quigley and Nevin got off to a slow start and lost the first game 21 - 16. Lyons and McGuinness faded slightly in the second game and lost it on a score of 21 - 18. The stage was now set for a grand finale but some strong words passed during the interval which had seemed to take the edge off Lyons and partner. Quigley and Nevin took advantage of this and ran out easy winners. I expect both pairs had much to ponder over while eating their hard earned Christmas dinner. Does this make Joe Nevin a super sub?

*Joe Rossiter  
Sec and PRO*

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

The Annual Dinner on 20th January was in Moyglare Manor Hotel. Sixty members and friends enjoyed a beautiful meal. After dinner Toni Read had organised a quiz - most enjoyable and the evening ended with everyone receiving a small gift from "The Surprise Basket".

After all the festivities its back to work now that Spring is here. Our first meeting of '98 will be on Tuesday February 17th at 8 p.m.

The venue as usual, Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. Everyone welcome to see Mary Glynn on her first visit to our club. Springtime is such a special time in the garden. I'm sure their work will reflect this in the beautiful arrangements.

Competitions for the 17th. "My Favourite Container".

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*Moirá Baxter P.R.O.*

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# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## Scoil Uí Riada News

### A word from our Cairde Committee

Many thanks to all who attended the Scoil Uí Riada Christmas Party held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the North Kildare Club. It turned out to be a very successful event with over 160 children "passing through" Santa's Grotto. Santa Arrived on his Harley Davidson motorbike much to the delight of many of the children who had gathered outside singing Christmas Carols while awaiting his arrival. Drinks, popcorn, goodie bags and a disco and raffle kept the children (and adults!) amused while they waited for their turn to see the man himself.



*L-R: Curtís Mac Treinfhir, Ciara Ní Raghallaigh, Clár Nic Chonmara agus Eoin Ó Báille ag tabhairt bronntanas do Daidí na Nollag.*

Many thanks to the following (my apologies if I forget anyone!). Daidí na Nollag and his co-driver - thanks for taking the time out to help us!; Cairde Committee - round of applause for a job well done; Eimer Crehan & Robert Mc Donald - two overgrown elves on loan from the North Pole for the day!; Séan O'Callaghan & his father for a brilliant disco Highly recommended; North Kildare Club for the use of the facilities; Pat Hendrick for his help with the shopping and advice on the day; John Fox for the popcorn machine; thank you to all those who helped to wrap presents, Courtown Residents Association; Pepsi and Mc Donald's for

sponsoring some of the drinks; All the Mammies, Daddies and children for supporting the day!

### Upcoming Events

Friday 7th February Table Quiz GAA Hall, Maynooth

Friday 20th March Irish Night Glenroyal Hotel No excuses for not attending will be accepted, book the baby-sitter now! Further information re tickets, etc, will be sent out shortly via "schoolbag post". Guaranteed night of ceol agus craic.

Friday 15th May Golf Classic Knockanally Golf & Country Club.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to join the committee please do not hesitate to contact any of the following representatives:

Kilcock Area:	Peig Bailey and Karen Crehan Reilly.
Co. Meath:	Mary Jo & Michael Mc Gowan,
Maynooth Area:	Paul Broughan, Áine Traynor, Emer Sherwin, Michael O'Corcora and Máire Ní Linn.

### Enrolments for 1998

Scoil Uí Riada is now enrolling pupils for September 1998. enrollment forms are available from the school or by telephoning 01-6287906

Karen Crehan Reilly, Cairde Committee.

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## BOND BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

The Bond Bridge Action Group continue to press for the realignment of Bond Bridge, Maynooth. The motion from the Celbridge Area Committee to raise a loan to proceed with the project is still on the agenda at full Council level. Due to pressure of business the item has not yet been reached but it has now reached the top of the motions listings and is expected to be discussed at the January meeting. The decision reached at this meeting will decide where our campaign will go from here.

Replies have been received from Mr. Harry Lyons (County Secretary K.C.C.) and Noel Dempsey T.D. (Minister for Local Government) to representations made on our behalf, of our three local T.D.s. Although both letters are far from adequate responses we would like to express our thanks to our Dail representatives for their efforts and hope they will continue to press our case until we have reached a satisfactory conclusion. An update is published elsewhere in the Newsletter.

## SCOUTS NEWS

Happy New Year!!!! It's 1998 and Maynooth Cubs and Scouts are still rocking the mountains.

Our last outing was a joint "effort" with Confey Scouts i.e. we had an overnight stay in the Den finishing with a hike along the Canal Banks finishing at Louisa Bridge - with all our fit leaders bringing up the rear - hence the effort. No stretcher was needed for our Tony although some thought oxygen would be required. He managed quite well for an elder lemon!

Also, our investiture was a great success with many thanks to Fr. Sinnott, who is now an honorary scout, (God help him.) But on the day all the Cubs and Scouts showed up without a hair out of place and it was great to see how many parents are interested in what their children are involved in and effort they put in to it.

### Names of Scouts Invested

Sinéad Brady	Cathal Fitzgerald
Jessica O'Connell	Niamh Higgins
Justin O'Connell	Jessica Penny
Alice Cunningham	Brian O'Rourke
Laura Cunningham	Patrick Byrne
Sarah Fitzgerald	

Our next expedition is hopefully a weekend in Larch Hill with our intrepid leader Dervla.

More news soon and all the best for 1998.

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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

Tapaigh an deis / Seize the opportunity.

La Féile Bhríde heralds the start of Spring and the end of winter. It is now time to consider the Educational options for your children. We, in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, are pleased to announce that there is a choice of primary education now available in Maynooth. Our school, which was established two years ago, is now accepting enrollments for 1998 and subsequent years. The children who enter Junior infants this year, like their predecessors, do not need to have Irish as a prerequisite for entry. The children are gradually introduced to the language and over time gain a natural proficiency in the language. An enrollment form is attached for your convenience and an early application is desirable. We strongly recommend that you come up and visit our school in Beaufield in the afternoons between 2.30 and 3.30. You will have an opportunity to meet the Principal, staff, and parents who will be happy to answer any queries you may have regarding the Gaelscoil.

Aifreann na Bhliana.

The annual school mass was celebrated in the Gaelscoil before the Christmas holidays. The celebration was broadcasted live on Radio na Gaeltachta. We wish to thank the celebrant An tAth. Oirm Padraig O Conchúir for making the event a unique occasion and for his genuine interest in the children and the school, gurbh fada buan tú. The

children played an active part and the contribution of the local musicians did us and Maynooth proud in a national forum. The pièce de résistance came from our own Laura Ní Dhuibh, múinteoir to the Junior Infants, when she sang the Psalm.

Dramaí na Nollag

We are all amazed how Máirín and Laura managed to co-ordinate the children to produce a magnificent nativity play. We have some budding actors and actresses in our scoil.

Míle buíochas do Lucht Mhúchta Tine Mhaigh Nuad.

A belated thanks to Maynooth Fire Brigade who transported Daidí na Nollag to the Gaelscoil. The excitement was palpable as the children heard the siren heralding the man from the North Pole. Chief Fire Officer Lenny Murphy explained how his sleigh was too big for Beaufield, so the wise man landed in the Harbour field and was transported to scoil by the Maynooth Fire Brigade team. All in the school are very appreciate to the Fire Brigade.

Ranganna Oíche

There have been a number of applications for the adult conversational classes in Irish. There are some places left, so get your name in as quickly as possible. Slán go Féill.

Colm ó Cearúil

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

After the Christmas break all teams are now back in training. Under 8's, 9's and 10's are training in the North Kildare Club at 7pm on Thursday nights. All other team members should contact their manager's for time and venue. At the half way point two of the schoolboys teams are in pole position at the top of their leagues and all other teams are holding their own. Good luck to them all and here's hoping the success will continue through to the end of the season. Below are the weekly results to date. Thank you for your continued support.

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### MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

We would like to thank all those who supported us on our recent Flag Days. The money will go towards our day trips during the month of July.

We would also like to hear from any persons who are free during July and would like to give us some of their time voluntarily to helping us out on these trips.

A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday 18th February at 8.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall. Please contact: Norah McDermott, Community Council Office or any Committee member. Phone: 6285922

All help is very much appreciated.

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

### MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

David Campbell continued his winning series on the track, at Nenagh on Saturday 10th Feb.

Leading from the gun, he won the Junior N.A.C.A.I. 800 metres title in 2.00.88., which was an amazing 11 seconds ahead of a good field. It will be interesting to see if he can maintain this form in the National Junior 1,500 metres in a few weeks time.

Also expected to be in contention for honours in Nenagh will be Muireann Ennis, Elaine Mac Namara, Kevin Comerford, Awut O'Murchu and Phil Campbell, who finished just out of the medals in the 600 metres under 15 at Nenagh last Saturday.

Training continues every Weds. evening at 7.00 at the G.A.A. field on the Moyglare Road.

New people are welcome from juveniles through to veterans. Please come along.

*David Jolley*  
P.R.O. Phone 6286187.

### ST. MARY'S BOY'S SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION MAYNOOTH

We are holding our Annual Fundraising evening on Friday 6th March at 8.30 p.m. in the G.A.A. Club, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

There will be Music, Dancing and Spot prizes. We hope all parents and friends will support us generously. Tickets £3 each or 2 for £5.

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### MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

Maynooth I.C.A. Guild held it's first Meeting of 1998 in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 8th January. Mrs. Marion Souhan, President welcomed the ladies and wished all "A Very Happy New Year."

There was a minute's silence for Patsy Lawlor who had died over the Christmas period. She was a former National President and a former Federation President and also a member of Kill Guild. May she Rest in Peace.

A very interesting article was read out by our Secretary Rosemary Hanley.

The heading of the article was "Change of Name for I.C.A.?"

Eva Coyle became President of the I.C.A. in May, and the Donegal woman predicts a busy three years.

"I want the I.C.A. to be meaningful for the younger people. Life has changed, people are out working now." She says pointing out that formerly the I.C.A. gave women an opportunity to get out of the house, but that now it must offer more. And she points out that this may even involve a change of name. The organisation will consider this.

Eva has encouraged county federations to apply for leader funds for training courses and her immediate New Year priority will be to keep an eye on the eleven further such courses which are in the pipeline.

Some of the courses have focused on public relations and communication, an area which Eva feels must be embraced fully by the organisation if it is to succeed with it's big aim for 1998: Recruitment.

Also coming up is the I.C.A.'s new Tip Top Variety Show, which is to be run along the lines of Tops of the Towns. This is intended both to give the organisation a higher profile, and as a means of getting more people to join.

The January competition was a "Slice of Christmas Cake" which was won by Rosemary Hanley. 2nd was Irene Matthews and 3rd was Maryse Killian.

Our contest Secretary Margaret Houlihan told us about the upcoming competitions.

"An applique wall hanging." All the entries have to be in by March 6th 1998.

A.I.B. Guild Competition which has four categories:

- (a) Floral Exhibit
- (b) Humorous Sketch
- (c) Wall Hanging
- (d) Enterprize

The ladies are working on these at present.

The Competition for February is "A Word Search."

#### Activities:

Badminton resumed on Tuesday 13th January in the Parish Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Crafts resumed on January 12th in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.00 p.m.

On a happy note we would like to send our congratulations to our fellow member Catherine Rossney on the birth of a baby girl.

The raffle winners for January were:

- (1) Rosemary Hanley
- (2) Connie Harpur
- (3) Teresa Brennan

The meeting for February will be on February 5th at 8.00 p.m.

*May Haren,  
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### MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

January is always a month we Senior Citizens look forward to, because it draws together a greater number of our age group than at any other time of year, apart from our summer outing.

I am referring to our Christmas dinner which was held on Sunday 11th January in the Post Primary School.

For the past 15 years this event has been provided by Peter O'Brien, catering. He served an excellent 4 course meal with a drink of ones choice. We had about 150 present, including members from Kilcloon, Mulhussey and Pagestown. I feel sure every one enjoyed their meal.

Afterwards our Chairperson spoke highly of Peter's generosity, thanking both him and his staff, and on his behalf Thomas Lawler accepted a token of our Committees gratitude.

Grateful thanks was extended to Mr. Ashe and his school staff for the use of the school for all our parties, to Pat Barton for his continuous generosity, supplying transport for our outing each year, to Eugene O'Reilly for his help every year with our Financial records, Kevin M<sup>c</sup> Govern, Vinnie Mulready and Owen Byrne who are always there for us, and the committee for their support and work throughout the year.

The Clergy and other guests including Dr. Finola Grogan, Nurse Nora Campbell E.H.B., Mr and Mrs Doyle, Moyglare Nursing Home and Mr. and Mrs Tom Ashe.

After all that, the floor was cleared for dancing. Excellent music by "Bourbon Street". The highlight of this part of the



*L-R: Pat Collins, Dick Kearns, Leo McGlynn.*

evening was the "Old time waltz competition" and Surprise Surprise !! A new senior citizen is on the floor in the form of Norah M<sup>c</sup> Dermott.

Norah came to report and take photographs of the party, she was asked to dance, takes the floor and then takes 1<sup>st</sup> prize, partner Mary O'Reilly. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, Angela Caffrey and Ita M<sup>c</sup> Ternan, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize went to Matt and Peg Smith, well done to all.

Our A.G.M. takes place Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 8 p.m. in the Health Centre.

We wish to extend sympathy to Nan Fleming on the death of her sister Mollie. The family and friends of Tom Richardson. To the wife and family of Benny Martin.

May they Rest in Peace.



*L-R: Kitty Thompson, Rita Thompson, Janet Hayes and Mary Murtagh*

Valentine party takes place Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, usual Mass at 3.30, followed by party.

Competition best Valentine verse or card.

Finally I wish to thank the staff of the Newsletter for bearing with me for the past year, and for all the functions they attend with camera and notebook.

Grateful thanks to all concerned.

More photos on opposite page.

*Betty Farrell  
P.R.O*



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### MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION NOTES

Maynooth Credit Union held its Annual General Meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday 2nd of December. A new Board of Directors was elected for the forth-coming year and included three new members to the board.

Those elected were Betty Costigan, Matt Doran, Pat Dunne (new), Pat Harney, Ann Higgins, Pat Holmes, Liam Farrell (new), Ken Loane, Michael Mooney, John Read and Michael O'Reilly (new)

The three retiring Directors, Mary McInerney, Sheila Kevitt and Michael O'Riordan were thanked for their services to Maynooth Credit Union.



*Winner of Bike - David Greally being presented with his Prize by Ken Loane.*

very high, indeed making it difficult for our independent and unbiased judge to pick the winners, presentations were made to the winners and runners-up at A.G.M. The overall winning entries were forwarded to represent us at the next stage of the competition Chapter, hopefully we may have a winner there too.

Pat Arthurs, John Butler and John McQuaid were re-elected to the supervisory committee.

The Board of Directors reported to the Membership of another successful year with the growth of new members, more savings, more borrowing and a new service i.e. Death Benefit Insurance.

We also introduced a School Credit Union within both Maynooth Primary Schools, and gratefully appreciate the co-operation and enthusiasm of the teachers and principals who helped us implement this scheme for the children of Maynooth.

During the year we held a poster competition for our members in different age categories and the standard was

This year during our A.G.M. we held a special draw for our Junior Members and the winners were, first prize of a Mountain Bike and helmet to David Greally, second prize of a Ghetto Blaster to Sarah Flatley and third prize of a Walkman to Sharon McLoughlin. The presentations were made at our offices.

We thank all those who attended the A.G.M. and indeed turned it into a social evening.

New members are always welcome, why not call in to our offices any day Monday to Saturday. We are beside the Garda Station.

Note: At the time of going to press we are preparing for our yearly Primary Schools Table Quiz on Friday 23rd January and we look forward to an enjoyable evening.

### MAYNOOTH KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club A.G.M. on the 16th February 1998 at 8.30 p.m. in the Arts Buildings in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Please note our next night out for a Disco is the 31st January 1998 followed by a bumper Valentine Disco on the 14th February 1998.

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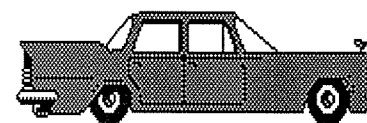
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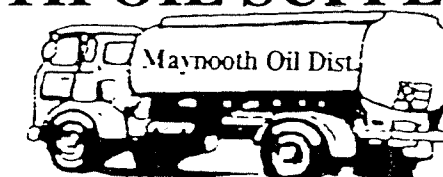


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## Residents Association

### MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

#### General Meeting

Please note that a general meeting of the association will be held this month to bring residents up to-date on the various issues, particularly the boundary with the Moyglare Road. It has been the policy of the committee this year only to hold the minimum number of general meetings, so it would be appreciated if we could have a large attendance. Residents will be notified when the date is agreed.

#### Moyglare News

The next issue will be issued to paid up members during February.

#### North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Protection Group

Congratulations to the North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Group on their success in opposing the recycling facility close to Moyglare. The proposal was rejected by Meath County Council and the applicant did not appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanala within the one month period allowed.

#### Fees 1997

A number of residents have not paid their fees for last year and this puts an extra burden on those who are making their contribution as the fee will have to be increased. At this stage it would be appreciated if people could pay the £20 for residents of Moyglare Village directly to the Treasurer at 26 Moyglare Village.

Paul Croghan  
Chairman

Moyglare Residents Association

### BEAUFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

BARA would like to wish all the residents a happy new year and hope everyone had a pleasant Christmas.

Over the coming year BARA intends to revive the neighbourhood watch scheme, many hands make light work - please enquire from your road rep. Further details will be advertised soon.

It's that time of year again when subscriptions are due, this year's fee is £20. A good response is very important as this fee pays for necessary maintenance of the estate which includes grass cutting, flower and tree replacement, insurance, sports-days etc.

As you know there's a great deal of work in just collecting the subscriptions, it would be of great assistance if you could have the money ready for collection by your road representative during the coming month or two.

Many thanks to all of you who supported the upkeep of the estate last year.

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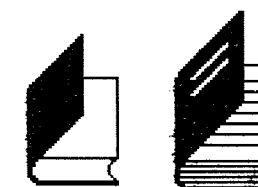
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## MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

Over the past three years some 800 new houses have been built in Maynooth, making the town one of the fastest growing urban centres in Ireland. In 1971 Maynooth was a village of 1,300 people, currently it is a large town of over 10,000. But who are its new residents? What do they work at? Where do they send their children, if they have any as yet, to school? Answers to these questions are essential to assess what future provision needs to be made in terms of schools, sports facilities, roads, health services, churches, fire services, ambulance services, gardai etc., indeed all of the things which make for a properly functioning town. Appropriate planning policies are required to cater for Maynooths present residents as they live and grow up in the town and it is to be hoped that the forthcoming revised Plan for the town will address these needs in a realistic way.

As part of an extensive investigation carried out over the past several months, Maynooth Planning Alliance has been conducting a survey among the residents of the town on an estate by estate basis. This has been a daunting and time consuming task and Maynooth Planning Alliance expresses its appreciation to its members and to the many individuals who gave so generously of their time to assist with it. In this issue of the Newsletter we propose presenting some initial findings of relevance to one of the largest and newest estates: Parklands. In later issues other estates will be similarly discussed.

### A Profile of the New Maynooth: Parklands

Parklands is a large estate of detached and semi-detached three and four-bedroom houses laid out in a well designed series of circular roads leading off a spinal through road. Over 250 houses exist in this private housing estate, of which questionnaire returns were received from 112. This represents a sample of approximately 45% and gives a relatively good basis on which a number of conclusions can be drawn.

#### 1. *A more diverse population than in older estates*

The housing stock in Parklands is predominantly occupied by new migrants to Maynooth. The survey revealed that 83% of residents have lived for less than three years in the town, with 77% of households having no adult born in Maynooth. It is quite likely that a very high proportion would have been similarly identified as originating outside of Co. Kildare. New housing in Maynooth, as elsewhere in north Kildare, is especially attractive for commuters working in Dublin city or in the new high technology industries close by. Parklands thus epitomises Kildare as a whole where the majority of its inhabitants were born outside the county.

#### 2. *Many families are in the pre children stage*

Less than half of the households in Parklands have children, a very low proportion by comparison with more mature estates in Maynooth. Indeed 21% of households have one child only, with a similar number having two children. Not surprisingly, the average age of children is very low. Half of Parklands children are below the age of 4. Only about one in five children is of primary school age, and a similar proportion is of secondary school age. This is highly significant and means that it is likely that considerably more children can be expected over the next few years in the estate. Certainly the nature of the housing types would suggest that many couples purchased houses with the intention of eventually starting a family, and much of the population growth of Parklands over the next few years will consist of young children. A potential for up to 400 children exists in this estate. Again this is probably similar to the situation in many of the new estates and implies that the school going population will increase sharply over the next few years, even allowing for a decline in numbers from the more mature older estates.

#### 3. *Many schoolchildren are driven to school, probably more than in older estates*

A high percentage of children do not walk or cycle to school from Parklands. For those who go to school in Maynooth, only one in three manage to walk to school. About half appear to be driven the half mile or so every morning by obliging parents, while a further 18% get the school bus. It is perhaps understandable that safety concerns would be the main factor here, particularly with very young children. It may be that older children are more likely to walk to school. However, the survey did not detect a single household in Parklands where any children cycled to school - a relatively safe procedure with the introduction of the new cycle paths on the Straffan road and soon on the Main Street also. Surely there must be at least one child cycling to school from this large estate?

Although figures are small, it would appear that a greater percentage of Parklands' children attend school outside of Maynooth than in most other estates. About 20% of school children travel beyond the town for their schooling, their mode of transport roughly equally divided between the parental car and the school bus. This may in part reflect the unfamiliarity with the local school situation of relatively new residents, but may also be related to their mobility and employment characteristics.

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#### 4. *Car ownership levels in new estates in Maynooth are very high.*

96% of households in Parklands have a car. Half the households have 2 cars. About one in twenty houses have 3 cars or more! These are very high car ownership figures and contrast markedly with some Maynooth estates where almost 2 households in every five have no car. The survey suggests that Parklands alone can muster approximately 400 cars, quite a convoy on the Straffan Road! Clearly any further new estates in Maynooth will contribute over 1.5 cars per household to the roads of the town and this impact must be considered very carefully before any new residential lands are proposed. Perhaps not unconnected to these traffic generating conclusions, the survey revealed that one in six adults and children in Parklands suffers from asthma.

#### 5. *New estates have a high proportion of two income families.*

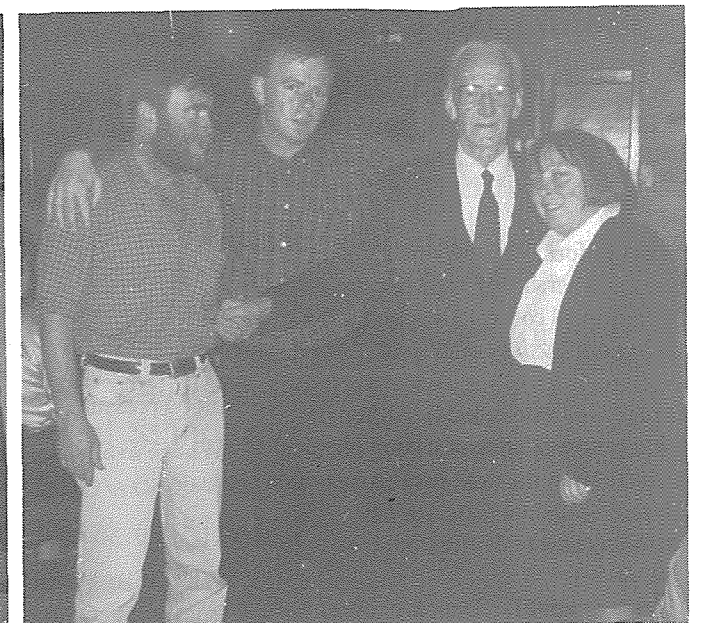
The average number of earners per household in Parklands is 1.65, indicating that approximately two thirds of households have presently both partners working. 60% of these individuals work in Dublin. This is approximately double the comparable figure for other, more mature estates in Maynooth. Indeed only one earner in six in Parklands earns their living in Maynooth, indicating a lower level of integration into the town and a higher level of commuting than the average Maynooth resident. A similar percentage to that working in Maynooth, works in Leixlip, presumably mainly in Intel or Hewlett Packard.

This Parklands profile is not a surprising one for anyone familiar with the recent growth of Maynooth, and is probably very representative of most new estates throughout Maynooth. A young, mobile, well educated population is now putting down roots in the town. Parklands is a vibrant estate with already a good internal community spirit and perhaps the most dynamic residents' association in the town. With the arrival of children and the inevitable greater integration into the wider Maynooth community which this will bring, such new residents will be an enriching and rejuvenating influence on Maynooth.

From a planning perspective, on the basis of this first investigation, clearly future population growth in the new estates of Maynooth will be considerable. Such natural growth will also clearly have major implications, particularly for educational, infrastructural and amenity provision which require the urgent attention of our planners and councillors. Maynooth Planning Alliance emphasises, however, that on the basis of the Parklands results, none of this population growth will need to be accommodated in new residential areas until well into the second decade of the next century.



*Congratulations to Darren McDermott who recently married Suzanne Kinahan, Palmerstown.  
Also in the picture L-R: Anna Marie (sister), Norah (Mother), Tanya (sister) who recently returned from London to celebrate her 21st Birthday and Philip (father).*



*John Sauls 40th Birthday.  
L-R: W. Sauls, J. Sauls, G. McTernan and C. Sauls*

## Features

### DRUGS

In recent years there has been considerable repudiation of the once prevalent, 'dope fiend' myth - which depicted the drug addict as a degenerate and vicious criminal, much given to violent crimes and sex orgies. More and more people are coming to understand the nature of opiate drugs and the meaning of addiction. What is addiction? Addiction to us is somewhat of a mystery.

Its exact causes no-one really knows - but, - nearly all of us fall victim to it in some form or another throughout our lives. Addiction itself is now recognised officially as one of the worlds greatest social problems - estimated as possibly affecting as many people as the common cold. Although we find no problem in admitting to having a cold, very few people are as quick in admitting to being an addict.

**Apart from addiction all these drugs can have serious side-effects.**

**AND SOME KILL.**

**L.S.D.**

**What it is:** An hallucinogenic drug called Lysergic Acid, diethylamide and known as Acid.

**What it does:** Causes restlessness, dizziness, terrifying hallucinations, loss of emotional control, overwhelming feelings of anxiety or despair.

**Dangerous side effects:** Although there is no evidence of lasting physical damage from the drug itself it increases the risk of mental disturbances including severe depression.

**Where available:** Dance Venues.

**Cost:** From £2 to £4.

**AMPHETAMINES**

**What it is:** A stimulant known as speed or uppers which increases mental alertness and physical energy.

**What it does:** Breathing, heart rate speed up, pupils dilate. Dryness of the mouth is common. High doses may cause tremor, sweating, anxiety.

**Where available:** Raves to street dealers.

**AMYL NITRITE**

**What it is:** Known as poppers or liquid gold they widen blood vessels by relaxing muscles surrounding them and improve blood flow.

**What it does:** Increase heart rate, cause intense flushing, dizziness, pounding headache, nausea, coughing.

**Where available:** Legally sold new age sex shops.

**CANNABIS**

**What it is:** Marijuana, usually referred to as cannabis, grass, hash or pot. It is the most widely used illegal drug in the world.

**What it does:** It promotes a feeling of relaxation and well-being and is claimed to improve hearing and eyesight.

**Where available:** Anywhere from pubs/clubs.

**COCAINE**

**What it is:** Known as coke or crack, it is a central nervous system stimulant.

**What it does:** Moderate doses overcome fatigue, produce feelings of elation. It increases heart rate and blood pressure.

**Where available:** At raves, clubs, dealers.

**ECSTASY**

**What it is:** A designer drug derived from amphetamines.

**What it does:** Works in the same way as amphetamines.

**Where available:** Dance venues.

**HEROIN**

**What it is:** Known as horse, junk, or

smack it is the strongest of the opiates which includes morphine and codeine.

**What it does:** Slows down the body functions of physical and emotional pain. Breathing and heart rate are slowed.

**Where available:** Street dealers.

**Costs:** One gram up to £80.

**BARBITURATES**

**What it is:** Known as barbs, or downers, they work by depressing the central nervous system and are extremely addictive.

**What it does:** Effect is similar to alcohol and a low dose produces relaxation while large amounts make the user more intoxicated and drowsy.

**Where available:** Prescription/dealers.

**Costs:** 20 mg. .50p to £6.

**P.C.Ps.**

**What it is:** Known as angel dust. Hallucinogenic drug which has some similarities to L.S.D. but also has anaesthetic properties.

**What it does:** Increases blood pressure and heart rate. High doses can lead to coma or stupor. Heavy users may also develop brain damage.

**Where available:** Rarely used.

**Costs:** Unknown.

**SOLVENTS**

**What it is:** Includes sniffing of glue, gas, and aerosols.

**What it does:** Acts as a central nervous system depressant. Nausea, vomiting, headaches may occur, breathing and heart rate is lowered.

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**Costs:** Varies.

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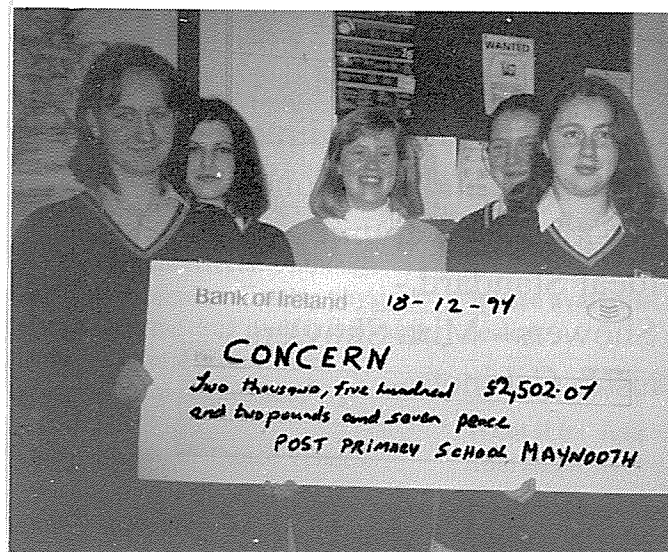
### PEOPLE IN NEED

#### TELETHON 1998 - CO. KILDARE.

People in need Telethon celebrate their 10th Anniversary this year when fund-raising efforts throughout Ireland will culminate on Friday 24th April with a marathon television presentation hosted by Gay Byrne. The "Telethon effort" in County Kildare has been hugely successful. This year it is planned to surpass the magnificent achievement in 1996 when £143,000 was raised. The unique characteristic of the event is that the money raised in our county is reallocated to Kildare in the form of grants. To put a human face on it, one of the many grant aids made in Kildare was to The Multiple Sclerosis Society in the county who were in urgent need of a specialist bed in order to alleviate the distress to one of their members. Telethon Kildare were able to respond. This kind of end result makes the great efforts of everyone from school children to company executives so worthwhile. This year the Telethon is being co-ordinated by Jim Cahill. Jim has his office in John's Lane, Naas (Opposite Superquinn overflow car park). The office has been kindly sponsored by John Dunne Insurances.

So its time to kick-start the Kildare effort once more. Telethon Kildare is urgently looking for activists in Maynooth, Kilcock, Celbridge and Leixlip to form the nucleus of the North Kildare Telethon Sub-Committee. Jim also wants a Maynooth "Think tank" to come up with crazy, unusual and fun ways of raising funds. Please remember all funds raisers must be registered with Jim in the Naas Office.

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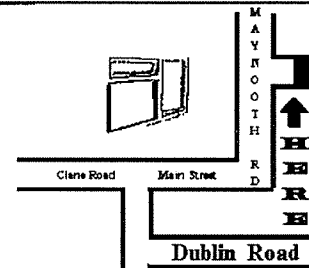
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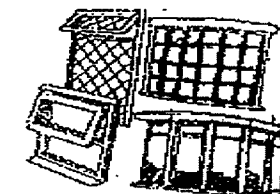
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## Features

### A Tribute to Breda Brady R.I.P. (As requested by some locals)

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Is spoken on the street so wide and shady.  
And the trees stand in guard of honour,  
For someone so spirited, your memory to endure.  
Your smile like the sun sparkled on the river of the mind,  
In few was such strength with gentleness combined,  
A life of duty is missed the most  
The one who stood by her post.*

*You shone upon the deck like stars at mid-night high,  
As Noel he manned the helm you slowly drifted by.  
Your life with Phil the kind and great warrior  
Bore you so many joys to savour.  
Your children know the value of independence and  
education,  
Long before these words were used in political oration.  
Though your loss their hearts do taint  
Now you love them free from earthly constraint.*

*How gracefully you strode among,  
They whose mirth was spoke and sang.  
Of Clarkstown and Maynooth your memories were full,  
Such interlacing dreams made reality so dull.  
When all is accomplished how the long days do annoy,  
Genius and vision needs blurring or else it will destroy.  
You were always surrounded by our joys, sorrow and pain,  
As ever swirls in the populace domain.*

*Your love was like the ocean store  
It washed upon every shore  
Years spent listening and helping everyone,  
In hard times their needs you didn't shun.  
If words were petals and thoughts were roses;  
Your final oration the angels helped compose.  
May you ever rest in sweet repose  
Among the people and place you chose.*



Phil and Breda Brady

### BOND BRIDGE - AN UPDATE

Bond Bridge continues to exercise all three of our local T.D's in North Kildare. The Bond Bridge Action Group has been successful at pursuing the matter at the highest levels but, it has to be admitted, there is still no sign of light at the end of the tunnel. Both Charlie McCreevey and Emmet Stagg have received virtually identical replies from the County Secretary, Harry Lyons. In summary the Council's position as stated is:

- \* The costs prepared in 1987 in relation to the realignment of Bond Bridge are out of date. A consultant, hired in 1997 to prepare new estimates for the work, has come up with a figure of £1.5 million. According to the Council this figure should be regarded as a minimum and advised the Celbridge Area Committee along these lines last June.
- \* Of the development levies collected in the area £250,000 remain for the bridge realignment. Outstanding levies and levies raised from future planned development in the area will bring this figure up to £800,000. This leaves a shortfall of at least £700,000 which might be made up in three ways - loan from the Department of the Environment, grant from the Department of the Environment or some other source and, finally, levies from further, as yet unplanned, developments in the area.
- \* The link road through Meadowbrook is considered necessary to provide for proper traffic movement and management. An origin and destination count is being conducted by consultants and Councillors are to be advised of the results.
- \* The Council is to consider a motion from the Celbridge Electoral Area to the effect that a loan be raised to finance the cost of the Bond Bridge project over and above levies which may be collected.

Last December Bernard Durkan received a written reply from the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to a parliamentary question seeking to find out why funding had not been made available to Kildare Co. Council in relation to Bond Bridge. The Minister replied that in 1996 Kildare Co. Council had applied for special funding of £500,000 for Bond Bridge but had been turned down. More recently the Council had applied for £250,000 for Bond Bridge as part of a request for £2.45 million for the county from the EU co-financed scheme of non-national roads grants. The Council were asked to revise their submission and the new request does not include an application for Bond Bridge.

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## Features

### ROBERT O'REILLY - INTERVIEWED

Robert O'Reilly best known in Maynooth as Chairman of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee talks to Paul Croghan about his personal feelings on the town and about some of the issues that have consumed his attention over the years.

Unlike former U.S. President, Woodrow Wilson, who when speaking at a peace conference once said "Tell me what's right and I'll fight for it", Robert O'Reilly is a man with many opinions of his own. Born in Maynooth, more years ago than he cares to remember, he has watched the town change dramatically in the last two decades.

Robert remembers with fondness the interests of his youth, particularly St. Mary's Choir and the choirmaster and school principal Mr. Frank Walsh. Somehow I formed the opinion that they were mixed feelings. The C.Y.M.S. was also an important social outlet as well as the Kilcock and District Anglers. A failed attempt in the 1950's to form a Maynooth branch of Muintir Na Tire sticks out in his memory as a major disappointment.

His resignation as a member of Fine Gael in 1981 ended a twenty eight year involvements with the party. The reason for his departure, which was the failure of the Fine Gael led coalition government to honour an election promise to provide stay-at-home mothers with their own income, signifies that he is a man of strong principles.

#### Views of the development of Maynooth

Robert welcomes the on-going development of the town. However, in his opinion, the rate of growth has been too rapid. Since the 1970's Maynooth, has had a significant increase in population without altering the infrastructure to meet the increased needs. Between 1993 and 1995 alone, nearly 800 new houses have been built in the town. The biggest single problem according to Robert, has been the lack of local input into the development plans which, in hindsight, showed a lack of practical foresight. It seems to Robert that more notice may have been taken of the needs of homeowners and developers than those of the residents in delivering the aspirations outlined in these plans.

Another disappointment commented on by him was the continuing practice of private houses in the Main Street being turned into unattractive business premises. Judging by the local reaction to some individual premises Robert is not alone. As the renowned economist J.K. Galbraith said "with increasing well being all people become aware, sooner or later, that they have something to protect".

#### Maynooth - the University town

The increase in student numbers attending college in Maynooth to the current level of 4,500, of which approximately half seek accommodation locally, has created a ready market for speculators which have contributed to the

increase in house prices in the town. Robert believes that many of the people who own these houses (most of whom live locally) do not maintain them to an appropriate standard for students. On top of that, in any one year a small number of students cause nuisance to their neighbours. Originally in the 1960's when the College took in lay students for the first time, the majority of them lived with families. This meant an additional source of income for the family and more comfortable accommodation for the students. In Robert's view, St. Patrick's College have lost out over the years in not providing more "on campus" accommodation which would have been a valuable source of income. In the future he suggests perhaps there may be some potential for using some of the beautiful historic buildings presently under-utilised.



*Bob Reilly, 2nd from right, doing what he does best at the Tidy Towns Prizegiving.*

#### Future of the River Liffey

When asked about the biggest single issue that concerns him, Robert immediately identifies the future of the River Liffey. In his opinion the Liffey is an important source of water to the area as well as a resource for electricity generation. However, a number of serious threats exist, such as more intensive farming, water abstraction and effluent discharges. In the case of the latter, the use of the river for waste water and treated sewage discharges from the Osberstown and Leixlip treatment works mean that the ability of the river to provide drinking water is limited.

Robert welcomes the proposal from some members of Kildare County Council to designate the River Liffey as a salmonid quality river. This would mean more careful control of the use of the river and will help the river's value as an angling and tourism amenity.

#### Regional Concerns

Robert welcomed the recent report from the National Economic and Social Council on population distribution and economic policy, which proposed the encouragement of a

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## Features

### ROBERT O'REILLY - INTERVIEWED Cont.

number of new growth centres throughout the country and a more even population distribution. Robert suggests that we must appreciate that the current combined population of Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip is comparable to the population of Co. Carlow. In this context Robert can understand the strong public reaction to proposals last year from some Kildare County Councillors which could have resulted in the equivalent of the entire population of County Mayo being accommodated in County Kildare in the next five years.

Robert believes that the people of Maynooth should play an active part in shaping the future of the town. While acknowledging the good work of others, he welcomes the interest of the newer residents in the future of the town. Maynooth Planning Alliance is one group he feels allows the people of the town an opportunity to voice their concerns. He compares Castlebar, Co. Mayo with a population of 8,500 and Maynooth with a population in excess of 9,000. The former developed gradually over a long period while Maynooth's growth has been telescoped into a decade.

#### The Traffic Problem in Maynooth

Robert had several observations to make on the traffic problems. Firstly, he pointed out that in Maynooth the benefits of the motorway have been eroded by the increase in local traffic. Secondly, he suggested that many people maintain two cars in order to have flexibility because of inadequate public transport. In fact in a traffic survey carried out last summer, an average of 20 vehicles a minute were recorded passing through the Main Street between 8 and 11 am daily. Any further development that would involve an increase in traffic in the Main Street would not be appropriate pending a more radical approach, he suggested. The most urgent traffic problems could be solved by investment in the provision of a road parallel to the motorway, similar to the one in Clonee, Co. Meath near Kepak and linking with the motorway at the Straffan Road. This road should take the traffic from the Newtown area and be extended to Laraghbryan on the Kilcock road to cater for traffic from Kilcock and before any further development takes place in the north of the town.

#### Features of the Town worthy of preservation

Robert has a keen sense of local history and pointed out that Anne's Bridge on the Moyglare Road is two hundred years old this year. Together with Kildare Bridge on the Dunboyne Road, both are of historical and heritage importance. Over the years Robert has fought a battle to preserve rights of way for the future generations who will live in the town. He believes that the Railway footbridge which dates back to the coming of the railway should be repaired and restored. The centre of the landlord town is also very important and should be maintained. As regards

Carton Demesne he regrets that the state did not purchase it in the 1970's when they could have got it for a reasonable price. The Harbour Field, he feels, should be maintained as a green area, possibly developed as a peoples' park and maybe a football pitch. With so few green spaces in the centre of the town it would be a mistake, he feels, to permit any building on it, as it provides a beautiful open space feeling.

#### Chairman of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee

Robert acknowledges the value of the new residential areas in gaining points for Maynooth in the annual Tidy Towns competition. He would like more residents to take an active part in the Tidy Towns committee. When asked about the people he most admired for their work in the town, he included people such as Mrs. Bridie O'Brien Mr. Richard Farrell and Mr. Paddy Nolan. Others who are no longer with us include Mr. Ted Kelly and Mr. Eugene O'Reilly. Robert himself will continue as an inspiration to the people of Maynooth to take a keen interest in the future of their town. Perhaps he would quote the great Irish writer Samuel Beckett, "I have my faults, but changing my tune is not one of them".

*Paul Croghan*

## Every Month

A Roman Festival of purification was held on February 15th, and so giving this month its name. It comes from the Latin word meaning 'to cleanse' 'februare'. Associated with this festival was a sort of ancient dating game, where men would chase the women hoping to catch them and so begin a long-term relationship.

Over the centuries there has been a melting together of various festivals and celebrations. Valentine's day February 14th was at first understood by the ancients as the beginning of the mating season, the beginning of spring. The Roman goddess Juno was linked with this day, for she was the special guardian of women and marriage. Young girls wrote their names on slips of paper which were placed in a drum from which the boys would draw them out.

St Valentine was a priest of the 3rd century, when the Roman emperor, it is said, tried to abolish the institution of marriage. Husbands made poor soldiers! St. Valentine was against this and would marry secretly young lovers. He was later arrested and murdered on the 14th February 269 Ad. As you can see down through the years many different attempts, games lotteries have tried to bring out the best and the blessed for human relationships and marriage. But maybe the ancient sayings are still the best wisdom. Success in love and marriage is more than finding the right person, it is more a matter of being the right person. (Rabbi Brickner)

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- b) **Part-time Job Option**

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or

a Traveller of any age and in receipt of Unemployment Benefit or Unemployment Assistance for any period or on Lone Parents Allowance for 1 year or longer

or

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or

All adult dependants (as defined by the Department of Social Welfare for purposes of calculating Social Welfare payments) of eligible participants from the Live Register. This involves the person and their adult dependent exchanging places, the dependent inheriting the age/entitlements of the person, and ensuring that no losses are incurred in their relative entitlements as a result of this exchange.

It should be noted that in all cases the person exchanging their entitlement should continue to sign for credits.

### Note:

Breaks of the Live Register up to a maximum of 30 days in the 12 months prior to application are allowed in assessing eligibility for the Integration Option.

Time spent on Community Employment, a recognised training course or in prison may count as part of the qualifying period. In the case of Travellers under 18 years of age, a minimum of 12 months spent in a Travellers' Training Centre will suffice for eligibility.

The following will be eligible to participate on the **Part-time Job Option**:

- 35 years of age or over and in receipt of Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance or Lone Parents Allowance for 3 years or longer
- or
- a Traveller of any age in receipt of Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance or Lone Parents Allowance for 1 year or longer
- or
- 35 years or over and referred by the National Rehabilitation Board
- or
- All adult dependants (as defined by the Department of Social Welfare for purposes of calculating Social Welfare payments) of eligible participants from the Live Register. This involves the person and their adult dependent exchanging places, the dependent inheriting the age/entitlements of the person, and ensuring that no losses are incurred in their relative entitlements as a result of this exchange.

It should be noted that in all cases the person exchanging their entitlement should continue to sign for credits.

### Note:

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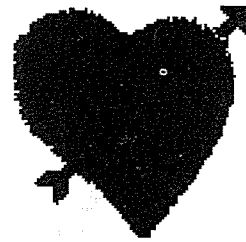
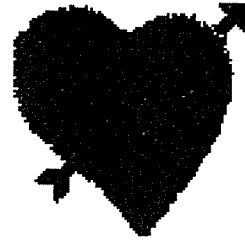
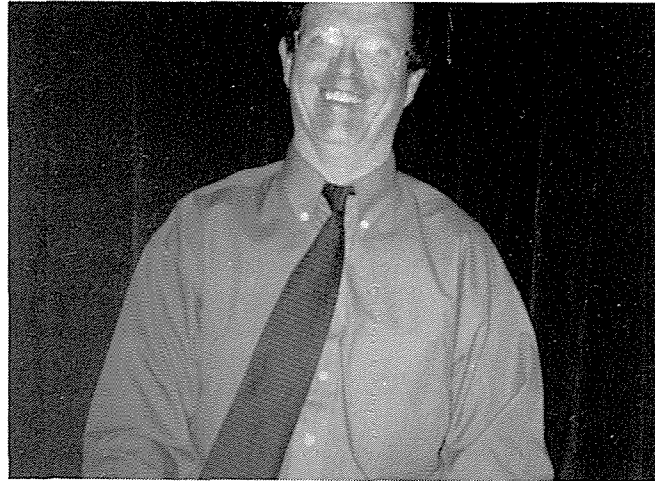
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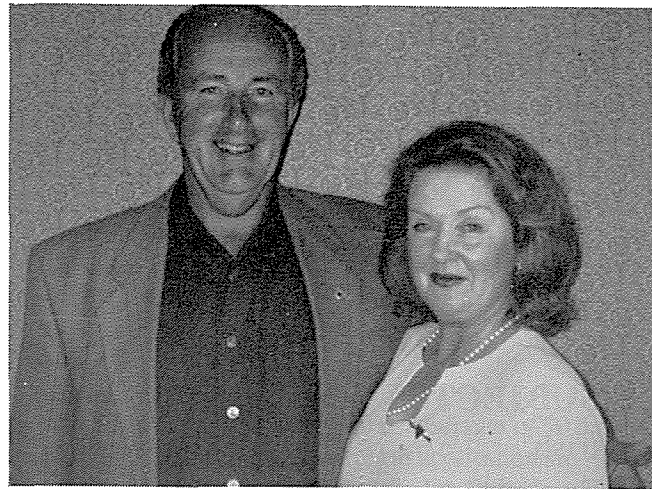
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### VALENTINE'S DAY

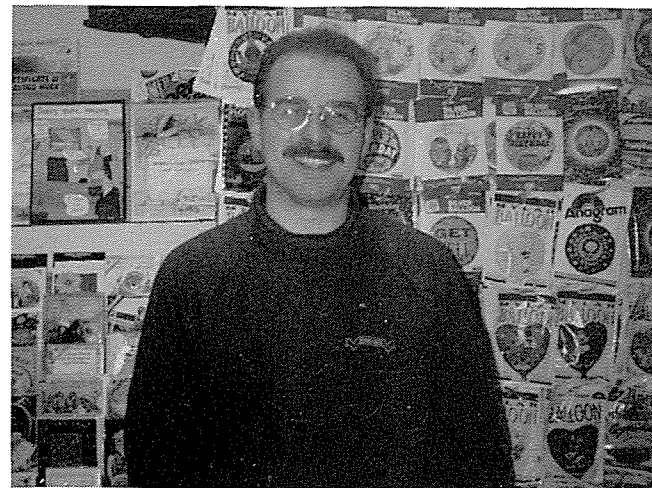
1. **Henry Carty** from the Roost met his wife Trish at a dance in Screen, Co. Meath. Henry and Trish have four children. For Valentines Henry is giving his wife 18 roses, one for every year of their marriage.



2. **Valerie Boylan**, owner of Nuzstop, married to Frank for twenty-eight years, had their first date at a dance in Dublin. Valerie is looking forward to her flowers on Valentine's Day which still, after 28 years, Frank never forgets.



3. **Bernie Hatton** owner, of the Wine Cellar, unfortunately will be working on Valentine's night, but herself and husband Jimmy will celebrate later on that night with an expensive bottle of champagne.



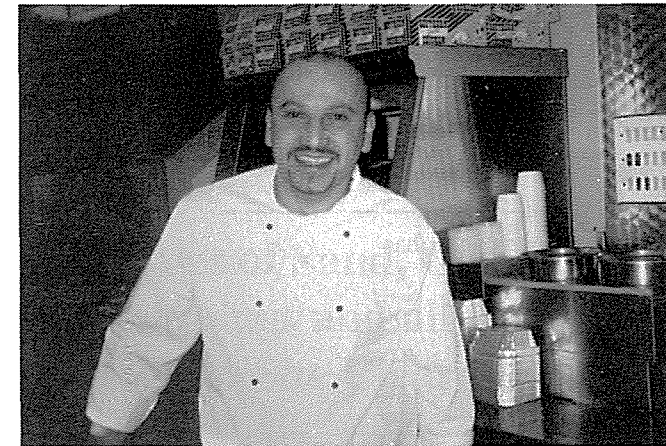
4. **Owen**, the owner of Donovan's Newsagents, met his wife Marion at a bank in Maynooth ten years ago. Owen and Marion have two lovely boys and hope to go out Valentine's night depending on what the babysitter is doing, either way Owen will be buying Marion a bunch of roses



## Features

### VALENTINE'S DAY Cont.

5. Manager of Romayo's, **Celeste Macari**, met his girlfriend Tracey while at work. Tracey, a customer put him on hold for about two months, then finally agreed to go on a date. Head over heels in love, Celeste has planned a surprise for Tracey on Valentine's night.



6. Owner of the Tender Touch, **Fiona Powell**, who recently got married in Rome on the 29th Dec to Anthony Thorpe, have planned a romantic meal out for Valentine's night. Fiona met Anthony 8 years ago at Parks Hotel in Stillorgan. Congratulations to you Both.



### VALENTINE LOVE QUOTES

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart".  
Helen Keller 1880 - 1968

Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction.  
Antoine De Saint - Exupery 1900 - 1944 From "Airman's Odyssey".

"Love is Love's reward"  
John Dryden 1631 - 1700

"You've been in love;  
you know what it's like,  
it's a sense of delight, not just in the person you love, but in all people, in yourself, in life.

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For it sees with the Heart  
And not with its mind!

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That everyone seeks,  
Love is the Language  
That every heart speaks

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It is priceless and free  
Love like pure Magic  
Is a SWEET MYSTERY!

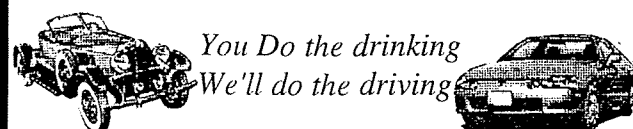
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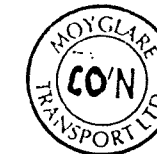
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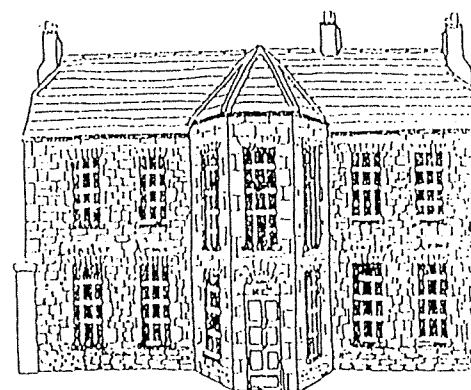
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'Reaping the Benefits' is the second lecture, and it will be held on Monday, February 16th. Joan Boland, a Remedial Teacher will talk on the development of reading from 1st to 4th class and the difficulties that can arise.

The third and final lecture will be on Monday, February 23rd, and it is called 'Moving On' John Treacy, Director of I.E.S., will talk about books for the Young Adult. All these three February Monday lectures will start at 8p.m in Maynooth Branch Library on the Main Street of Maynooth. All are welcome to attend, admission is free. If you have any queries please contact Fiona at Maynooth Branch Library, at 01-6285530. This Lecture series was organised by Kildare Schools Library in conjunction with Maynooth Branch Library, who are part of the Kildare County Library and Arts Service. It was also kindly sponsored by Intel Ireland, Leixlip.

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### VIDEO REVIEW

#### The Fifth Element (15's)

This is an absolute roller coaster ride of a movie. From the opening frames right up to the very end, the action never stops. It will have you knackered trying to keep up with it! The story is quite simple. The innocent bystander Corbin Dallas (Bruce Willis) is caught up in a plot by aliens to destroy the world, and it's up to him to save mankind. Of course, the aliens have a contact man here on earth, in the person of Gary Oldman, who turns in a very good performance as the evil Zorg. Along the way Dallas enlists the help of a priest, Father Cornelius (Ian Holm). Holm as usual is a joy to watch as he hams up the role of the dithering cleric, who's the only one who knows what's going on and how to defeat the enemy. Willis complained recently of being typecast as an action hero actor. This observation is probably true, but when you realise that the late John Wayne made a very good living from being 'typecast' there are worse things that could happen to your career. Take a look at your missus, Brucie baby, and thank your lucky stars!

**Verdict:** Excellent

#### Dante's Peak (12's)

Pierce Brosnan plays a volcano expert who loses his 'one true love' during an eruption. Four years later, he's still living at the bottom of a bottle, when he's called in to investigate some strange rumblings around Dante's Peak, a cute little town just waiting to be turned into matchwood. He's convinced that the volcano is about to blow, but his bosses reckon he's being over-pessimistic and order him to stop alarming the townsfolk with his predictions of doom and gloom. The only one who believes him is Linda Hamilton, the town Mayor and I'm quite sure you can guess the rest. This is really what used to be termed a 'B' movie and falls into the category of 'so bad it's good'. It's chock full of the usual disaster movie cliches, even down to the lovable little dog that, of course, runs right into the path of certain destruction.

It takes almost an hour of your valuable time for the lava to flow and for the action to begin, but the special effects are hardly worth the wait.

**Verdict:** A bit of a 'disaster' movie!

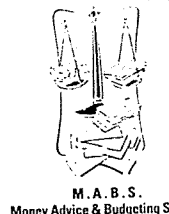
#### The Devil's Own (15's)

Brad Pitt plays IRA man, Frankie 'The Angel' in all too predictable, cliché-ridden movie. He's in New York on a mission to buy stinger missiles for the 'lads', and Harrison Ford is the cop who unwittingly gives him lodgings while he's staying in the Big Apple. After plenty of buddy buddy and male bonding, it finally comes to show-down time for the two protagonists. This film was massacred by the critics (some would say rightly so) but it's the sheer predictability of the piece that really lets it down. It could have been so much better if the Hollywood moguls, in an effort to be seen to be politically correct, hadn't insisted on calling the shots regarding the characters and the story line.

All in all, a very disappointing effort.

**Verdict:** Only just alright

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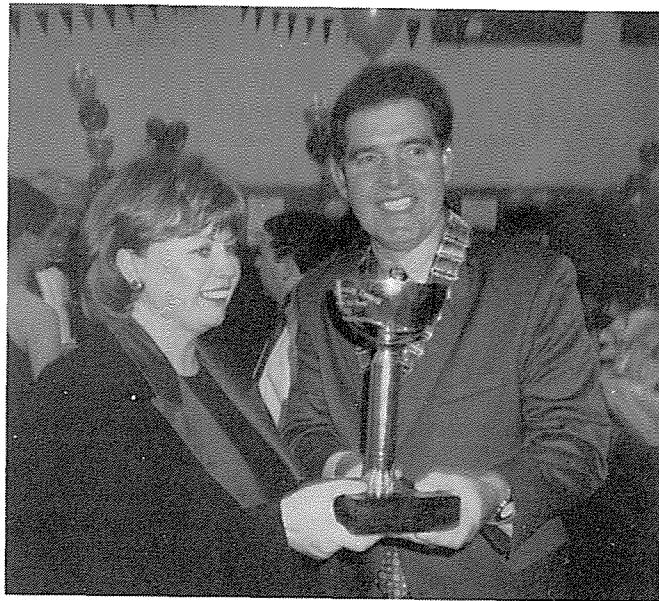
## MAYNOOTH MAN IS TALLAGHT PERSON OF THE YEAR 1997

Community Garda Jim Fleming has been named 1997 Tallaght Person of the Year. Garda Fleming has been a Garda in Tallaght for 17 years and a community Garda for two and a half years.

A native of Killarney, Co. Kerry, Garda Fleming has lived in Maynooth for the past 16 years and is married with two daughters. He is very involved with the young people of Maynooth and over the years he has devoted much of his spare time helping organise and run various sporting events.

Acknowledgement of this work was evident by the amount of letters received by the judging committee from the various committees, clubs and schools in Maynooth. The people of Tallaght nominated Garda Fleming for this award because of all his hard work and dedication to the young people, the elderly and the disabled.

An Tánaiste, Mary Harney T.D. presented Jim with this prestigious award at a gala function held in Dublin on 21st November. Jim appeared on PM Live and was interviewed by Mary Kennedy about his work on Monday 8th December.



*An Tánaiste Mary Harney, T.D. & Garda Jim Fleming at the award ceremony*

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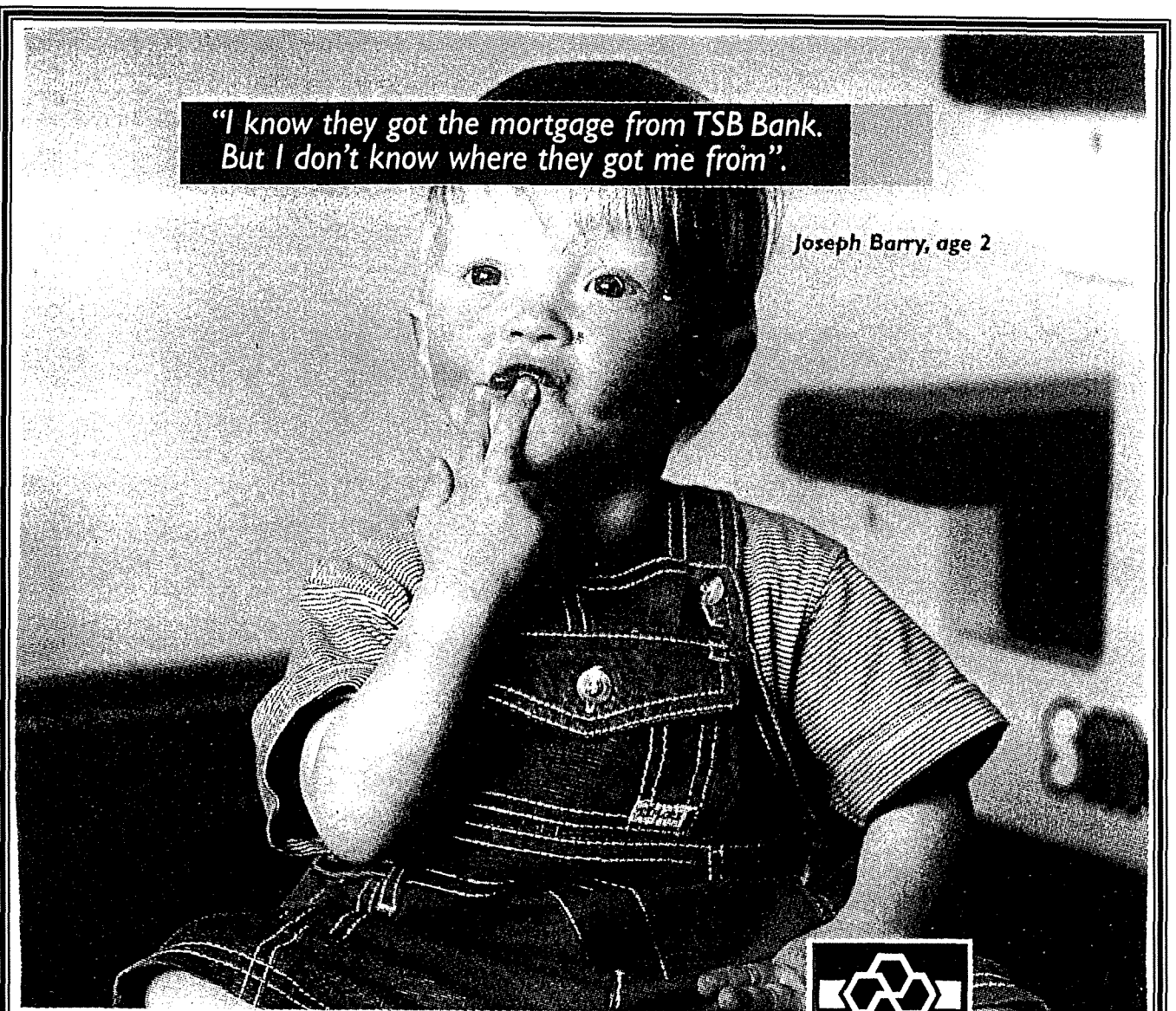
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## EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE

Gerry Kerr, CDSOFT, Celbridge, Co. Kildare

With more households now owning computers, this month we are going to look at educational software.

Basically, educational software falls into 3 categories:

- Reference - Encyclopaediae for example
- Teach Yourself - Typing tutors, various How-To titles.
- Edutainment - These include titles such as Microsoft's Magic School Bus series which aim to entertain children while they learn.

### What Good Educational Software Does

Obviously, the educational goals and means of getting to those goals are going to differ widely from product to product. Good educational software must do the following things:

**Encourage Learning.** In early childhood, the youngest learners begin to form a concept of themselves as competent or incompetent at learning. During this formative time, software can play a vital role. The thing that's very empowering about software is that it's so encouraging. This encouragement gives children the opportunity to learn by trial and error without getting the message that they are wrong. "Failure is also a learning opportunity. The ability to explore and experiment is extremely empowering for children."

**Foster Independence.** Good educational software lets children take responsibility for what they learn and how they learn it. Kids can make choices about whether they want to learn about letters or numbers or play with a character or paint. "Motivation is a critical element of learning. Any time children make self-directed decisions they have a much higher level of motivation".

**Offer Many Levels.** The best educational software caters to a range of abilities and age groups and encourages kids to expand their abilities. Providing multiple levels within a program is important because it means a longer shelf life.

**Adjust to Educational Needs.** While kids need encouragement in the early years to explore and experiment, during the early-school years, kids need requisite skills to advance. When kids have tried and failed a few times, the software should take a child to an appropriate help area to learn concepts before trying again.

**Engage a Child Visually.** As children learn to read, they associate graphics and colour with words; indeed, they notice graphics and colours before they notice words. For this reason, graphics and colour should accompany text in

reading CD-ROMs. The Learning Company's Interactive Reading Journey 2 is both a champion and a transgressor in this regard: Its CD-ROM-based stories are replete with colour illustrations supporting text, but its accompanying hard-copy books contain black-and-white line drawings (which, it should be added, kids may have fun colouring in).

**Engage a Child Verbally.** Parents already know that reading to children is important for their later development. Good educational software gives children the choice of hearing stories read aloud, hearing sections of a story, read or reread, or hearing an entire sentence read to them as it's highlighted. It also offers children the chance to go back and click on a single word if they want.

Even the most educationally sound program can't succeed in teaching if your child won't use it. For this reason, programs need an element of fun to help motivate kids. It's the difference between software kids may be using at school under close teacher supervision and the software they use at home where they can be doing so many other things. So along with humour and plentiful animated surprises to click on, familiar, friendly characters work best for younger kids.

### Some Educational Software Reviewed

**Software: The Oregon Trail II**  
**Published: MECC, 1995**

The interactive game takes you on a journey through the Oregon Trail. It tries to provide you with realistic obstacles, options, and outcomes as a result of your choices. The directions are sparse, but the program is interactive and we caught on quickly. Everywhere you clicked your mouse, you got instructions or choices as to what to do next. It's very self explanatory.

The CD is easy to install and the graphics are unbelievable. I read in 'Time' magazine that when the authors were developing this program, they went out on the trail and took actual photographs and videos. Everything is so realistic, even the voices.

**Software: Thinkin' Things Collection 3**  
**Published: 1995 Edmark Corporation**

There are five sections to this program each highlighting a series of higher level thinking skills. They expose students to such experiences as: analyzing and synthesizing information, inductive and deductive reasoning, predicting, working backward to solve problems, and the list goes on. The children were having so much fun they didn't realize they were working hard.

The program is presented in such a colourful, animated, and exciting manner that it's appealing to the students. The sound and graphics are fascinating and eye catching. I liked

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the multi-levels. When you begin, it's best to start at the beginner level and the level gradually increases automatically. This way the students learn strategy involved at an easy stage, then can progress from there. The manual is easy to read and directions effortless to follow. There is an adult section where you can change the preferences and activity settings.

**Software: Magic School Bus Explores the Human Body**  
**Publisher: Microsoft Home, 1995**

Scholastic's The Magic School Bus Explores the Human Body. This CD ROM based on the popular "The Magic School Bus" educational science book series provides a riveting way for children to explore the wonders of the human body. In it, you become a member of Ms. Frizzle's class and embark on an adventure that takes you and your classmates to a place never before explored by a school bus — Arnold's body. The bus travels through the boy's mouth and allows the user to discover various human organs, including the brain, skin, stomach, liver, etc. This is done through three-dimensional views of the organs' interiors, and various ways of retrieving facts about the parts.

Perhaps the most exciting thing about this software is its superb visuals. The panoramic views that come from the bus' windshield make the child believe that he or she is actually inside a human organ. The detail of the body parts and inside the bus show that this software is not only meant to educate, but also to amaze.

Educational software can teach your kids a subject they need or want to know about.

And while it's not quite like having a math, science, or reading tutor in our home, it may be the next best thing.

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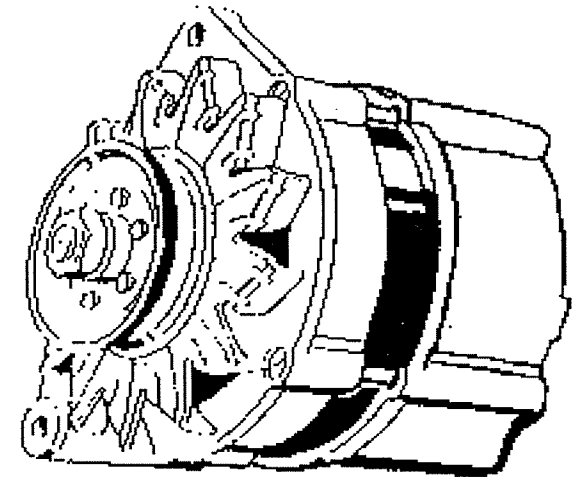
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### ORGANIC FARMING: A SAFER OPTION?

Organic farming is an alternative farming movement which developed in opposition to intensive farming, or "factory farming". It has enjoyed an unprecedented increase in numbers and popularity during the 1990s. Its main aims are to produce safe and healthy food from a healthy soil and to work *with* rather than *against* nature by respecting the environment. Organic farming is not about going back to farming as it was pre-1939, as many techniques and practises are actually modern developments. These practises include the prohibition or great reduction of the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals, as well as balanced rotation systems, the use of organic matter such as farmyard manure, composted waste and green manure to build up soil fertility. Wildlife and the environment benefit from organic farming, as the risk of nitrate and phosphates running off the field and contaminating water reserves is greatly reduced and as many animal species, especially birds are not exposed to pesticides.

Healthwise, organically grown vegetables are chemical residue-free, which makes them safer to eat, especially for children. They have higher vitamin and mineral content, and contain less water than conventionally grown vegetables, so they are better nutritionally and they store longer. On top of that, you don't have to peel most of the vegetables or fruits since there are no harmful residues, which cut off waste and enables you to get all the vitamins and fibre contained in the skin. Another difference is appearance. Since no synthetic pesticides are used, organic vegetables don't look as mass-produced as their conventional counterparts: you probably won't find organic produce that looks spotless, uniform and totally blemish-free. But the difference is in the taste!

Organic farming also includes rearing animals. Very high standards are applied as regards animal welfare. They are given plenty of space to provide for the fulfilment of their natural instincts and the use of antibiotics, growth hormones and other drugs is not allowed. The result is good quality produce which is safe to consume. However, the availability of organic eggs, meat and dairy products is fairly poor in Ireland so far, as production is mainly oriented towards vegetables and cereals.

To protect both the consumer and the producer, a certification system was set up. Every farmer that wants to begin or switch to organic production must go through a two-year conversion period to make sure that all traces of chemicals are gone and to improve soil fertility. Only then can he or she be certified as an organic producer. Strict controls are carried out regularly by inspectors to ensure organic standards are complied with. The two certification bodies in Ireland are: the Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association (IOFGA) and the Organic Trust (OT). Each body has its own symbol which helps identification.

The marketing of organic produce is not easy. Although they are to be found increasingly in supermarkets, they still

represent a very small proportion of total sales. Mostly because they are quite expensive and sometimes not as fresh as they should be. One of the aspirations of organic farming movements is to bridge the gap between producer and consumer, to take the fastest route between the field and the plate. An emphasis is also put on locality, and on community ties. Indeed, the value of organic food is believed to rest on the fact that it is locally produced and consumed, that people know where it comes from and who raised it, and so can trust that it is good to eat. This is why alternative marketing is sought. A lot of organic fresh produce is sold through local open markets or in health shops on the continent, as well as organic vegetable box schemes. Both options make it fairer price-wise for the consumer and the producer too. The box system seems to be more adapted to Ireland, though the concept is just emerging. Getting veggie boxes saves you shopping time since all the vegetables are in the box and you should have for the week. You just have to pick up the box, usually only a few minutes driving from home. You're encouraged to comment on the vegetables and make suggestions for the following weeks: its interactive. (See details in the other part)

An important point has to be made: apparently, most of us underestimate chemical residues in food, not to mention additives. Unfortunately, it was shown that, however hard you scrub, you just CAN'T wash off agrichemicals. I quote Joanna Blythman, from her informative book "The Food We Eat" (1996):

'It is worth remembering that many agrichemicals are potential human carcinogens, and that there is no such thing as harmless levels of carcinogen. Others are teratogenic (affecting unborn children) or are mutagenic'.

I think it is essential that everyone should become conscious about the harmful effects of intensive farming both on our family's health and on the environment so as to be able to act according to our conscience.

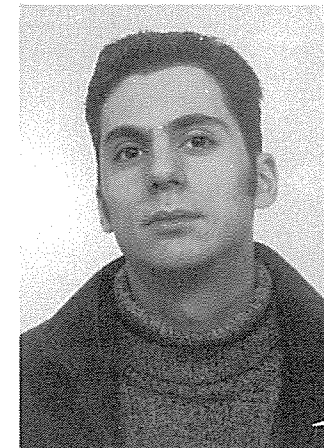
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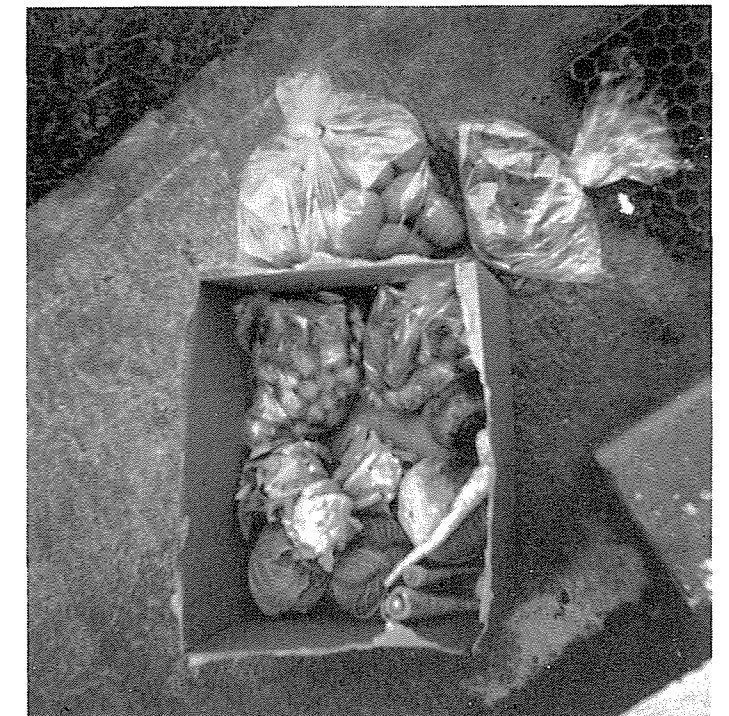
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### SUSTAINABLE EARTH FAIR AT MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY 28th FEB. - 1ST MARCH 1998



#### Aims and Objectives:

The objective is to promote co-operation between individuals, organisations, businesses and Government institutions concerned with sustainable development. This will be a forum whereby proposals and ideas can be shared, discussed and put into action. It is envisaged that all participants will profit from networking with other like minded individuals. On the basis of the conference last year it is expected that between two hundred and three hundred diverse groups and individuals will participate.

The event encompasses talks from two international speakers, one representing the Northern, the other the Southern hemisphere, and encourages representations by various local groups. The incorporation of two international speakers within a framework of local organisations, reflects the aim of the conference to place local issues into a global context, and vice versa.

### HEALTH TIPS

Artificial respiration, applied in time, may often save life in cases of immersion, electrocution, and gassing. A very efficient and simple method, especially for an inexperienced person, is the mouth-to-mouth method, commonly known as the "Kiss of Life", which can be kept up for hours without undue fatigue.

1. Lay the patient on his back.
2. Clear the mouth of foreign matter.
3. Kneel at his side and tilt back the head fully. Place one hand under the chin, and the other on the crown, so as to achieve full extension of the neck backwards.

Experts will be invited to hold participatory workshops in their particular field of experience and guests may attend whichever workshop is most beneficial to them. This will allow an opportunity for networking and for those of common goals and interest to share ideas and plan for future projects. Around 20 workshops will be held over the two days on themes focusing on sustainable development. The workshops will be aimed at empowering and educating participants on more detailed aspects of sustainability.

There will be stalls where different NGO's, community groups and "green" businesses may exhibit their work. Educational events for children and installations promoting sustainable building, appropriate technology and alternative resources will take place in the grounds of the college. All this will be part of the local initiative. Everyone welcome and further information available at • Low Impact c/o The Students Union, Maynooth, University, Co. Kildare, Republic of Ireland. Tel: 01 7083669 Fax: 7083876 e-mail Ioimpact @ maths. may. ie or daviep@iol.ie

4. Pinch the patients nose.
5. Take a deep breath. Place your mouth over the slightly open mouth of the patient and seal it. Breathe into it. Repeat until you see his chest rise.
6. Remove your mouth in order to allow the patient to exhale. Listen for air returning from his lungs.
7. Repeat this process at the rate of ten breaths a minute.
8. Continue until the patient's normal breathing is restored.

#### Note:

Breathe forcefully when treating an adult, and delicately for infants and children.



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### 1998 FIA F1 World Championship.

As the Calendar for 1998 has yet to be finalised, and with some Drivers still to be confirmed, details of this year's Fantasy Formula 1 Game will hopefully be announced early in February. However for the coming year the Game will be divided into two sections. Section 1 will be as previous years with participants drawing their teams and drivers by lot. Section 2 will be for those who wish to use their skill and knowledge. The Rules governing this section are too long to go into here but basically each participant will be given a Budget with which to put together his/her dream Team. The cost of participating will be £5.00 for each section. More detailed information will follow as soon as the Championship is finalised.

## FIA Formula 1



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1998

### Fan Clubs

Maynooth F1 can provide information on a number of Official F1 Fan Clubs including Jordan GP, Williams, Ferrari, McLaren, Benneton etc. We can also supply details on Driver Clubs including Hill, Villeneuve, the Schumachers and many others. Note. Membership of Club Jordan will be restricted this year as Jordan are expecting a huge demand from Damon Hill's Fans. Advice is also available on a number of related topics including where the best F1 Shops are, F1 Model collecting, Memorabilia and even F1 Restaurants in Dublin.

### Other Activities 1998

Maynooth F1 plans to run a number of ancillary events during the coming season including a Karting Night at Kylemore Park, a Motorsport Pub Quiz, (probably taking place during Community Week) and a visit to the Pheonix Park Motor Races in August complete with VIP passes.

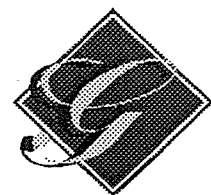
### Join Maynooth F1.

Membership of Maynooth F1 is open to all. Any person wishing to get more information on the Club and its activities should contact either Don Foley or Keith Walsh on 6285230, (after 7PM), most evenings. Refer also to Notice Board in Caulfields Bar for updates etc. A FREE Jordan Screen Saver is available to all Members of Maynooth F1.

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## Hobbies & Interests



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### FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

#### Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Prepare, by double digging, new sites for hedges and evergreen trees and shrubs which are due to be planted in March.

Cut out any diseased, damaged or dead wood.

Continue to plant trees, shrubs and climbers or heel them in if planting is not yet possible.

Prune climbers such as large-flowered clematis, wisteria, honeysuckle etc.

#### Flowers:

In warm gardens, plant gladioli and anemone corms.

Clumps of snowdrops can be lifted and thinned out, after flowering, and replanted immediately.

Herbaceous plants, previously pruned in November or December, can be cut down now. Burn or compost any dead foliage. Lightly fork or hoe the soil, adding a general-purpose fertilizer. Remove all weeds.

Fork and prepare the ground for new herbaceous perennials.

If the soil is workable and an area is free of plants, fork now for setting out summer bedding plants later.

Water outdoor plants in containers in sheltered areas.

Look up catalogues and order stocks from Garden Centre.

#### Fruit:

Finish pruning and winter spraying of fruit trees and bushes. Complete the planting of fruit trees and bushes and stake them securely.

Protect early-flowering fruits from frost damage by covering them at night with a light material or plastic sheeting.

Cover some strawberry plants with cloches if you want some early strawberries. Remove the flowers from strawberries planted this month, in order to prevent them from producing fruit in the first year.

Apply fertilizer to the soil around fruit trees and bushes and hoe it in lightly. Then add a layer of mulching material.

#### Vegetables:

Sow hardy annual herbs at the end of the month.

Prepare any ground needed for planting next month.

Protect rhubarb in order to force early stems.

Bend broccoli leaves over the heads to protect from frost damage.

Continue to sow broad beans and peas and plant shallots.

Plant early potatoes and start sprouting maincrop seed potatoes in a light, frost-proof place.

#### Under Glass:

Begin sowing seeds of summer bedding plants and half-hardy annuals in heat - 10°- 15° C. (50°- 60°F.)

Start to grow chrysanthemums, dahlias and fuchsias and take cuttings when growths are long enough.

Sow lettuce seeds, broad beans, brussels sprouts, cabbages, cauliflowers, carrots, leeks, beetroot, cucumbers, melons, sweetcorn, onions, mustard and cress and another batch of tomatoes for greenhouse cropping.

Thin out seedlings when big enough to be handled.

Water and ventilate the greenhouse to ensure the humidity and temperature is correct and the greenhouse is free from draughts.

Ensure that plants are kept free of pests and diseases.

Bring inside the last of the forced bulbs that have been grown in containers. Gradually harden off those bulbs that have finished flowering and water with a liquid fertilizer to replenish food stocks.

#### General:

Don't forget to tread and firm soil around recently planted trees and shrubs which have been raised by frost.

Improve the draining in waterlogged areas of lawns by forking or spiking.

Rake lawns and give the first mowing when the grass is 5-7.5cm. (2-3in.) high. Brush off leaves and debris. Apply a wormkiller.

Continue to prepare sites for new lawns.

Remember to keep an air hole in the ice on garden ponds.

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR SOIL

The type and condition of the soil is one of the most important contributory factors to successful gardening.

It is better to choose plants that are suitable for your soil than to try and change the soil to suit your plants.

Soil ranges from heavy clays to light sandy soils. Soils also vary in their degree of acidity or alkalinity. This is measured by what is known as the pH scale. The neutral point on this scale is pH7, which indicates that the soil is neither acid nor alkaline. Readings below pH7 indicate an acid soil while those from pH7 upwards indicate an alkaline one. The best soil conditions for the majority of garden plants is slightly acid, i.e., from pH6 to pH6.5.

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2 small lemons  
4 cod steaks  
Salt and pepper  
1/2 cucumber  
25g/1oz Butter  
150ml/1/4 pint Double whipping cream  
4 sprigs mint

Cook the rice in boiling salted water, with half the turmeric and the food colouring if liked. Drain and keep warm. Meanwhile, grate the rind from one lemon and squeeze the juice. Reserve one teaspoon of lemon juice and use the remaining juice to poach the fish steaks, plus just sufficient water to cover and seasoning to taste, for about 10 minutes, until tender enough for the flesh to separate easily from the bone. Drain the fish and keep hot. Slice the cucumber thickly, cut each slice into four and toss in the melted butter until limp. Cut the second lemon into quarters. Whip the cream with the remaining turmeric, salt, pepper and a few drops of reserved lemon juice. Arrange the fish steaks on a warm serving dish and pipe rosettes of seasoned cream down the centres. Sprinkle with grated lemon rind and place the cooked cucumber in the centre. Use the lemon quarters as dividers. Divide the rice between 4 individual dishes, and garnish with the tops of the mint sprigs. Chop the leaves and sprinkle over the cucumber. Serve at once.

### Pancakes

**Pancake batter** can be very simple, based on allowing 1 egg to each 100g/4oz plain flour, and sufficient milk and water combined to make a thin pouring consistency.

It can be enriched by using 2 eggs and all milk without the addition of any water as the liquid, and made lighter by stirring in 1 tablespoon or more of oil to the batter before cooking.

Keep beating the batter as you cook the pancakes, otherwise the flour will tend to sink to the bottom and make the last one or two pancakes stodgy.

### Devil's Food Chocolate Cake

This is a rich dark cake with fluffy, crisp white frosting, decorated with melted chocolate.

100g/4oz plain chocolate, broken up  
125g/5oz butter  
100g/4oz dark brown sugar  
1 tablespoon golden syrup  
200g/7oz plain flour  
25g/1oz cocoa  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
2 eggs, beaten  
100ml/4fl. oz milk

#### American Frosting:

450g/1lb granulated sugar  
250ml/8fl.oz water  
2 egg whites  
1/4 tspn vanilla essence or  
2 tspns coffee essence or  
2 tspns lemon juice

#### To Finish:

450g/1lb American Frosting  
50g/2oz plain chocolate  
2 tspns water

Line the base and grease 2 straight-sided 20cm/8 inch cake tins. Heat the chocolate in a saucepan with the butter, sugar and syrup until just melted. Sift the flour, cocoa and bicarbonate of soda into a mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre and stir in the cooled melted ingredients. Stir in the eggs and beat well, then mix in the milk. Pour the mixture into the prepared tins and bake in a preheated moderate oven at 180°C/350°F, Gas Mark 4 for 30 minutes or until set. Allow to cool in the tins before turning out on to a wire tray to cool.

When cold sandwich together with some of the American Frosting and coat the top and sides with the rest, swirling it with a palette knife, working quickly before it sets.

When the frosting has set, melt the chocolate with the water in a bowl over a pan of hot water. Stir until smooth and trickle it across the top of the cake from the tip of a spoon in a lattice pattern.

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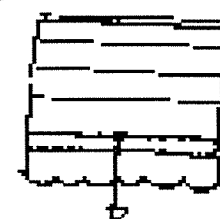
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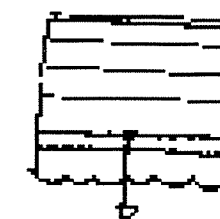
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Most shops do not cause too much of a problem. But "steps" are a problem. Keep the Wheelchair in mind.

All the Malls in Maynooth provide easy access for the needs of the Wheelchair Occupant.

#### Transport

"If you avail of a taxi more often than not you have to ask the driver for assistance because of the shortage of ramps in the Maynooth area. You couldn't even "contemplate using the train station as a means of Transport.



*Kathleen O'Leary,  
Maynooth Post Primary*

The areas for wheelchair parking are: SuperValu, Glenroyal car park, Health Centre, Tesco's and Maynooth University College grounds.

Kathleen O'Leary says as a teacher in Maynooth Post Primary, I can honestly say, my day at school is spent in comfort due to the facilities supplied such as Two Wheelchair toilets, ramps, and the school is all on the one level..

#### For the Wheelchair occupant.

For the Wheelchair Occupant the facts clearly show for an ideal night out for proper facilities, the Glenroyal Hotel "Tops them all."

**On Reflection,** We found that the every day life that we take for granted provided nothing short of a nightmare for the Wheelchair Occupant. We also hope that in publishing this article the effects of what it can mean to everyone it reaches - the young, the old, the people of every race and class will be more aware of the many difficulties that face the life of the Wheelchair occupant.

Many thanks to Kathleen O'Leary who kindly assisted us in this survey.

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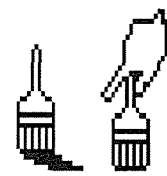
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### DEPARTURE OF CLODAGH O'MALLEY

Clodagh worked on the Editorial Board of the *Newsletter* for the past year. She worked on stories and photography each month and had great journalistic skills. Clodagh spent a year on the Community Employment Project with Maynooth Community Council. She enhanced both her technical and personal skills while working with the *Newsletter* and also took part in the Participant Development Programme. Her training and work experience helped her to find full-time employment with a Security Company. We thank her for all her hard work with the Community Council and *Newsletter* and wish her the very best of luck in her new career.

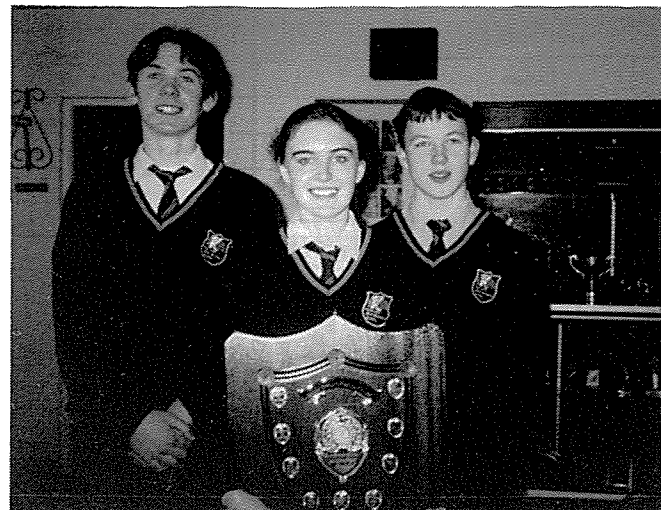


### PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS PROJECT

Stephen McKeon, Sineád Keenan and Eamonn Hodge, Kildare Winners of the Mental Health Association of Ireland Public Speaking Project. This is a Kildare Competition held in Naas Library.

Congratulations to the team, who go forward on 15th February in St. John of God's, Stillorgan with three other schools.

This is the third time Maynooth Post Primary School have won the Kildare Final.



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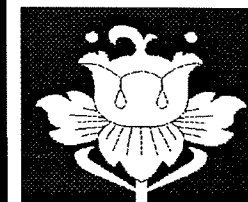
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It has all been brought to stage by the 5th year and transition year students from Maynooth Post Primary School. They have been busy with their lines, with costumes, props and sets. The producers, English teacher, Ms Noreen Barry, Religion teacher, Ms Claire Doherty and Science teacher, Ms Mary Murphy with Musical Director, Ms May Farrell, have brought out the cream of talent for what promises to be a most entertaining show. We can see all this talent and more in early February.

Students: Stephen McKeon, Kilcloon (Tevye); Erica O' Dea, Kingsbry (Golde); Amy Rubotham, Leixlip (Chava); Sinead Keenan, Rail Park (Tzeitel); James Mulligan (Motel); David Campbell, Kilcock Road (Lazar Wolf); Karen Hildebrand, Carton Court (Hodel); John Ashe (Perchick); Maeve Beirne, Kilcloon (Frauma Sarah); Rachel Alcorn, Kilcloon (Grandma); Shaunta Guha, Killeany (Biekla); Therese Nic an Aircinnigh, Poundhill (Yente); Bernadette Keigher (Sphrintze) with a cast of a hundred. The colour and spectacle will lighten the cold February evenings.

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Yvonne McCarron,

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DAYS OUT FROM MAYNOOTH

Kildare:

February the first is the feast day of Saint Brigid. She had associations with Kildare Town. Beside the tower at St. Brigid's Cathedral (Church of Ireland), the stained glass window shows St. Brigid, St. Patrick and St. Columba.

If you want to see the Midlands, well one of the best views is from the top of the round tower in Kildare town. To get there from Maynooth take the road out by Straffan and the Kildare Club to the N7. The tower is a very well preserved 11th century tower about 106 feet high. For a small charge you can climb the stairs to the top. Stretched out before you is one of the best views of the Midlands you are ever likely to get. The tower is open week-days in Summer from 10 a.m. and on Sundays after lunch.

Then take the road south to the Japanese Gardens at Tully. They were founded 90 years ago by a millionaire who also owned the stud farm near it. A Japanese gardener laid out the garden between 1906 and 1910 and they have been kept in perfect condition since. The gardens symbolise "mans' life". There is a tea room and a garden centre. Get a bonsai tree. The gardens are open from 9.30 a.m. daily except in Winter time. The Irish Horse Museum is there as well. Last admission at 5 p.m. There is an admission charge. The National Stud is the main centre for Ireland's racing industry. Horses are kept in the stables and in the fields.

From Kildare take the Rathangan road by Dunmurry Hill to Peat-land World in Lullymore. Lullymore was the place where turf was cut to supply the power station at Allenwood. Now it has a museum and natural history gallery which tells the story of turf and the story of Bord na Mona. Some of the things which were unearthed during turf production are on show.

There is a full size model of an Irish cottage with its turf fire and oil lamp. There are models of a peat briquette factory and a peat fuelled electricity generating station. Visit the very pleasant tea room and picnic area. It is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 a.m. There is an admission charge. The Lullymore Heritage Park is up the road from here. It tells the story of the development of Lullymore with buildings modelled on buildings which go right back to the coming of Christianity.

Come back by Prosperous and Donadea Forest Park.



THE COCKTAIL LEGEND

Mixed drinks, as we all know, have been made and consumed since man first sought escapism by brewing or distilling alcoholic drinks. Generally- speaking, a 'cocktail' is known world wide to us as a drink which contains three or more ingredients, frequently including spirits and bitters.

It is widely accepted but not always advised to have your ingredients in almost limitless quantities, indeed, even the three witches in Macbeth may have marketed their spiritual brew as a livener, in fact, I think many may have consumed it.

The name 'cocktail has been the cause of conjecture for bartenders throughout the modern, drinking world.

The most romantic story is probably the variation on the theme of the Mexican chieftain's daughter. The story tells of a group of Spanish Conquistadors who were captivated by the beauty of this particular young woman.

She further charmed them by preparing delicious alcoholic concoctions from a combination of pulque, an alcoholic drink made from the sap of the native agave plant, and fruit juices.

The Spaniards took away fond memories of the young lady and named the drinks after her, X-Coctel, known more familiarly as 'Cocktail'

Other explanations range from an American lady inn-keeper who served alcoholic drinks in glasses decorated with cock's tail feathers, during the American War of Independence.

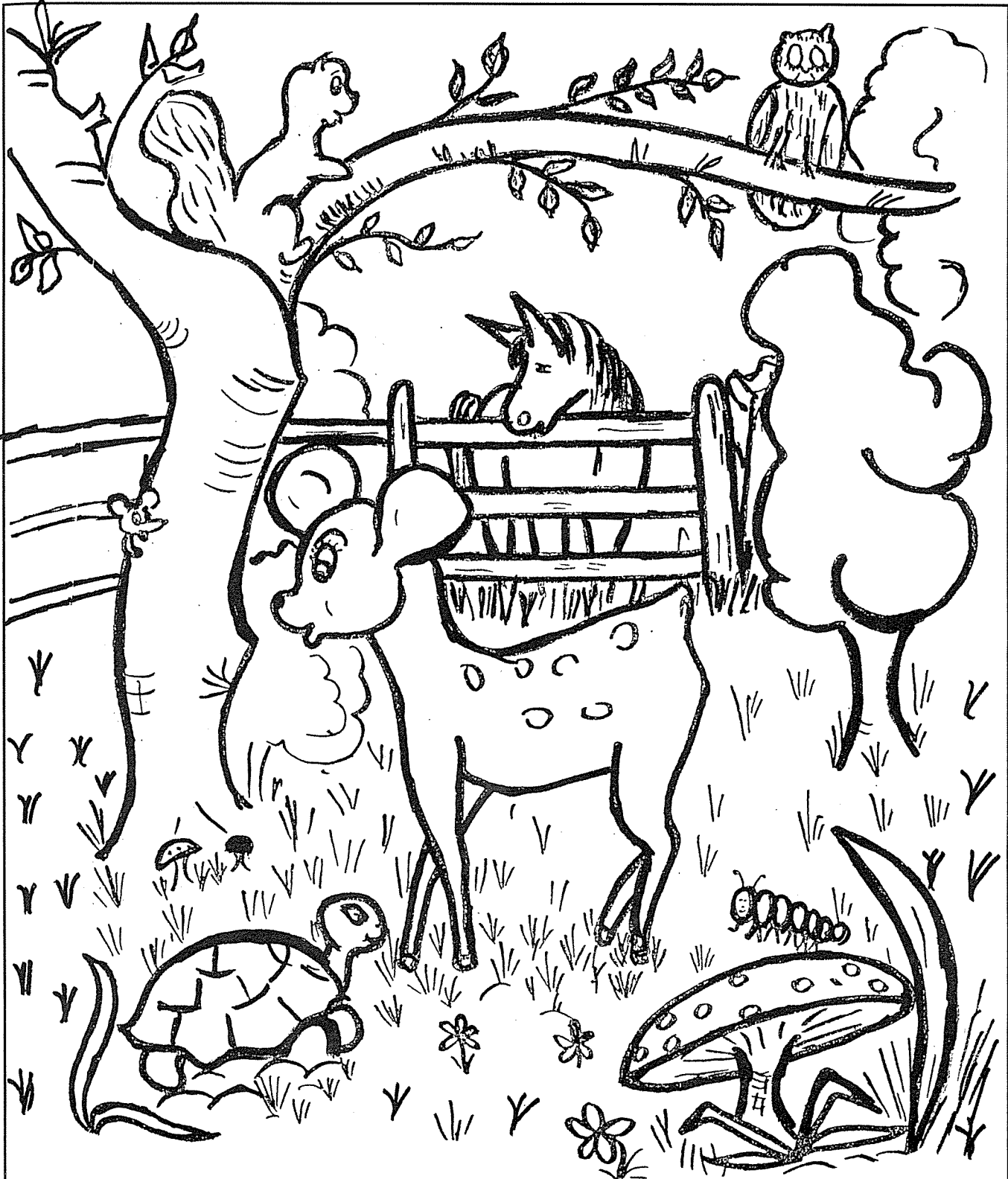
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# Features

## THE GROWING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN OUR CITIES AND TOWNS

For the past few years the motorists of Ireland have experienced very very trying driving conditions. Whilst roads have been improving, time taken to get from A to B has increased. As a result more time is being spent on the road which leaves less time for one to pursue ones business. It is said, 'time is money'. So if time is money why are we endangering a rare animal like the "Celtic Tiger"? Will the Celtic Tiger, as a result of traffic jams, be brought to its knees? Observing present traffic policies and attitudes to the motorists it would appear perhaps that we are endangering our economy and thus the quality of our lives.

### Enhance the free flow of traffic

The object of road improvements is essentially to make a road safe and at the same time enhance the free flow of traffic, which is forever on the increase. Today it would appear that improving a stretch of road means only one thing - the slowing down of traffic by

- (a) placing as many sets of traffic lights as possible on the improved and often widened road
- (b) introducing roundabouts
- (c) introducing roundabouts and traffic lights combined
- (d) introducing zebra crossings
- (e) introducing road markings which prevent any motorist passing another vehicle, no matter how slow the vehicle in front is travelling.

### The eternal roadworks

In Ireland today, for the sake of progress....."that Tiger again....!" we can hardly travel through a town or village that is not being torn up for some reason or other. If it is not the local Council doing some "improvements" on the road, it is the ESB, Telecom or a private company improving the water scheme or putting down pipes to cater for the massive increase in house building. Then there is nice Mr. Good Bear of Bord Gás also digging up the road. Finally, there is the large multi-nationals which must have easy access to their premises.

### Road Rage

No sooner has any of the above organisations commenced work than up goes temporary traffic lights. It is of little wonder therefore why a recent phenomenon known as "Road Rage" is said to be on the increase. Why should we be so surprised. Add a list of bad driving manners, listed below, to the litany of problems stated above and we increase the possibility of this phenomenon. Some of the bad driving habits might include:

- (a) a "Sunday" driver doing about 20 mph on a wide open road
- (b) a driver hogging the road, at a speed of 30 mph on a dual

- carriage way and remaining on the fast lane
- (c) drivers cutting in without signalling
- (d) drivers not dipping their headlights when meeting you
- (e) drivers blinding you with their headlights at night when they are behind you.

### No pleasure in driving anymore

Motorists are fed up to the teeth. There is no pleasure in driving any more. To go on a short journey at any time of day or night one must be prepared to sit at either permanent or temporary traffic lights for ages. You get held up by someone crawling at a snails pace or be almost pushed off the road by the odd mad driver. Finally there may be a Garda checkpoint at the end of a motorway where the speed limit suddenly becomes 40 mph with no houses on either side and the road is clear. (Surely the thousands of narrow winding roads in Ireland with houses on both sides with no speed limits create a far greater danger to life and limb than any motorway).

### Drivers are being victimized

The driver today is being victimized. Why? Is it because they are an easy target? For almost half a century the motor industry was forever blaming the "nut behind the wheel" for the numerous fatal accidents and not the dangerous design of the vehicles being mass produced for just their elegance and high speed potential. Today, the "nut behind the wheel" is once again being blamed but this time by the Government, Town Planners and County engineers.

### Haphazard approach to road planning exasperating drivers

It is the haphazard approach to the planning and development of our infra structure that is exasperating drivers all over the country. Drive through and between almost any town or village in Ireland today and there are temporary traffic lights up - some with a change over delay of more than five minutes - mainly due to the length of road the engineers decide to take on in the one go. A week later, a few hundred metres down the road more temporary traffic lights are erected and the road is being dug up. When this particular job is finished more temporary lights are up in the same area and workers are digging up the same road and sometimes in the same place. This continues on and on.

### Lack of co-ordination

Is this the price of progress? Where is the planning to ensure work is done in such a way as to ensure minimum inconvenience to drivers and pedestrians - who are, at the end of the day, paying for all of this through road taxes etc? Co-ordinating the various works that presumably is of necessity, should be the hallmark of any good planning authority. Quite honestly to the man or woman 'on the street' there appears to be very little in the way of co-ordination at present.

Cont.

# Features

## THE GROWING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN OUR CITIES AND TOWNS Cont.

### A Solution to am/pm traffic jams in our cities

Finally, I should like to make a suggestion regarding am and pm traffic jams in and out of our cities. Would it be possible to take the nearest lane (the fast lane) from the outgoing traffic on a morning (since this is virtually not being used) and reverse the procedure in the evenings? Granted there would be certain alterations necessary but I am sure it would take very little in the way of lighting systems and road markings to achieve this. All those using this lane would be obliged to use their hazard lights. This could be operative from say 6 am to 10 am and from 4 pm to 7 pm and introduced on a pilot scheme first. It would help to maximise road space at its most crucial times. With the help of the Gardai and obviously the co-operation of a grateful and long suffering motorist I believe this idea could work.

*Leo Armstrong, BA, HDip (Hist).  
356 Old Greenfields, Maynooth*

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Contact VSI, 30 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1.

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## GLENROYAL HOTEL ANNUAL TALENT COMPETITION

Thursday night is Talent night at the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Club, Maynooth.

After the hugely successful Talent Competition last year with over 30 different acts ranging from solo singers to bands, the final night saw a capacity crowd to both support and enjoy all the 8 finalists.

The 1998 Competition commenced on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

The competition will have 9 heats in all, two semi finals and the Grand Final will be in April.

The competition is open to all entertainers and novelty acts including singers, comedians, bands etc. with two acts to go through from each heat.

There is no limit to the amount of heats you can enter, so should you be unsuccessful you can always try again the following Thursday.

Entrants must be over 18 years of age and be amateur entertainers. Backing and musical support will be available each week.

Last years winner Paul Kirwan earned himself a regular Friday night spot in the Glenroyal Hotel and appeared at several other venues throughout the year.

The prizes again this year are sponsored by Heineken and includes an overall prize fund of £1000.

As the talent in the area is of a very high standard, the next few months will see many entertaining Thursday evenings at the Glenroyal Hotel.

The heats are every Thursday night from 9 p.m., registration can be made either beforehand or on the night.

Further details can be obtained from either Shaun or Claire at the Hotel on 01-6290909

## PRESS RELEASE

### EDWARD WHITE/ COMEDY HYPNOTIST Friday 6th Feb

Edward White, Comedy Hypnotist is a complex individual who refuses to look in a mirror in case he does a job on himself.

Born by caesarean section, he maintains-has affected him to the present day. Every time he stops a car, he has this uncontrollable impulse to get out through the sun-roof.

"My family were always a bit strange," he says. "For example, our Grandmother has been walking five miles a day since she was sixty-two, she's seventy six next week and we haven't a clue where she is now"?

Edward White, makes no secret of the fact that he has difficulty with the type of work he does.

"As a hypnotist putting people to sleep was easy enough at first", he says, "but now I end up nodding off too which is a bit of a nuisance really when you think about it because I can't just ignore myself now can I?"

Edward firmly believes that whatever talent he has as a hypnotist he does not regard it as a gift handed down from above. "On the surface it may appear that way to the audience", he adds, "but to be honest I think certain people with a bit of training could do just as good a job".

Having said that, I would not encourage people having read up on the subject, to rush out in an attempt to zap their neighbours.

Meddling with peoples heads said Edward, like any form of interference is not recommended. Attempting to hypnotise someone and not knowing the consequences of doing so can be quite dangerous. Persons who suffer from epilepsy for example, are generally unsuitable as subjects and the possibility of inducing a fit is something a lot of stage hypnotists need to watch out for, but as a rule, being hypnotised is about as dangerous as flying through the air and banging your eye off a cloud.

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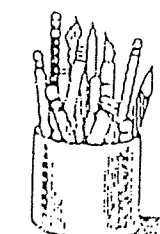
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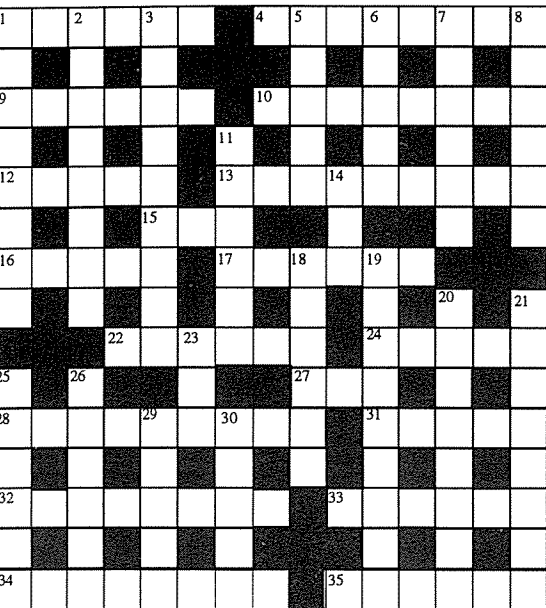
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Crossword No. 123



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- Across:**
- 1. Firm (6)
  - 4. Indolent (8)
  - 9. Suffer from hunger (6)
  - 11. Mad Russian clergyman? (8)
  - 12. Main artery (5)
  - 13. Twilight (9)
  - 15. Heavyweight (3)
  - 16. Mark (5)
  - 17. Depart hastily (6)
  - 22. First course (6)
  - 24. Dance (5)
  - 27. The odd drink? (3)
  - 28. Mark Twain's boy (3,6)
  - 31. Revolving (5)
  - 32. Raised (8)
  - 33. Cheap leather worker? (6)
  - 34. Sunset (8)
  - 35. English river (6)
- Down:**
- 1. Nourishes (8)
  - 2. Liveliness (8)
  - 3. Sea monster (9)
  - 5. Inappropriate (5)
  - 6. Drunkard (5)

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- 7. Praises (6)
  - 8. Muscles (6)
  - 11. Gratify (6)
  - 14. Epoch (3)
  - 18. Fruit (6)
  - 19. Preserve (9)
  - 20. Atmosphere (8)
  - 21. Large pot (8)
  - 23. Marble (3)
  - 25. Greek goddess (6)
  - 26. Obstruct (6)
  - 29. Desist! (5)
  - 30. Submit (5)
- Solution to Crossword No. 122.**
- Across:** 1. Decide; 4. Activate; 9. Dearth; 10. Dumpling; 12. Cater; 13. Imbalance; 15. Gum; 16. Issue; 17. Bantry; 22. Stares; 24. Cadge; 27. Irk ; 28. Heartache; 31. Elect ; 32. Cinnamon; 33. Revile; 34. Strikers ; 35. Prunes.
- Down:** 1. Didactic ; 2. Chastise ; 3. Detergent; 5. Crumb; 6. Impel ; 7. Aligns; 8. Eagles; 11. Limber; 14. Art; 18. Nosier; 19. Racketeer; 20. Adhesion; 21. Restless; 23. Ava; 25. Chicks; 26. Banner; 29. Track; 30. Choir.
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## Party Political

### FINE GAEL NOTES:

#### Parking Regulations Main Street, Maynooth

Councillor Senan Griffin has actively sought an assurance from the County Manager that the proposed bye-laws be put in place in Maynooth. These bye-laws will assist the Gardai in enforcing parking regulations along the Main Street and the side streets in Maynooth. It is essential that the bye-laws are in operation immediately on completion of the street works. Residents of Maynooth, will I am sure, welcome this development which will alleviate traffic congestion in the Main Street and environs.

#### Moyglare Road:

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested the County Engineer to expedite the laying of a proper footpath from the entrance to Moyglare Village to the Nursing Home. The laying of this footpath will provide patients, their families and residents, an opportunity to walk down the Moyglare Road with a greater degree of safety.

#### Straffan Road:

Following continuous representations, Cllr. Sean Griffin has been given assurances, that the failed trees and shrubs which were planted on the green in Straffan Way will be replaced as a matter of urgency by the contractors. This is welcome news for the residents of Straffan Way who had always maintained this green to a very high standard prior to the construction of the wall.

#### Footbridge at the Canal:

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin recognise that the footbridge at the canal is of vital necessity for all those attending Maynooth College. It is therefore of the utmost importance that it be replaced as a matter of extreme urgency. In this regard, both Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have proposed to Kildare County Council that a similar bridge be constructed linking Silken Vale to the Railway Station. It is accepted by the residents of Silken Vale that the finances allocated for this bridge be transferred to the provision of a proper footbridge across the canal. The closing of the footbridge provides an ideal opportunity to transfer these monies for the construction of a new bridge across the canal.

#### Mona Lisa - Main Street Maynooth

Kildare County Council planners are investigating the conditions breached by the aforementioned development and will report back to the Council. The serious breach of the ridge roof line will have to be addressed and the development will have to be corrected.

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# Party Political

## MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

### Maynooth Development Plan

A special 'In Camera' meeting of Kildare Co. Council was held on the 19th January to agree what lands, if any, need to be rezoned in the towns, without a new Development Plan. At the time of writing we are unable to advise residents on the outcome of this meeting. We are not happy with the proposal for a private meeting and will await the handling of the meeting before deciding whether to participate in it. An up-to-date survey of residentially zoned lands, not yet developed, has been carried out by the Council. This shows that Maynooth has 86 acres of such land and not 50 acres as estimated last October. This means that in line with the strategy already adopted no more than a further 50 acres should be rezoned in Maynooth. This means a reduction of 229 acres in the residential rezoning of Maynooth and this will be the position that the Labour Party Councillors will adopt - Maynooth Planning Alliance please note.

### Maynooth Parking Bye Laws

At the Celbridge Area Committee meeting of the Council held on 9th January, the Co. Secretary gave a solemn commitment to Cllr. John Mc Ginley that the Bye Laws would be put in place before the completion of the improvement works on Main Street, this May. With the commitment of the Gardai to strictly enforce the new laws, there should be an end to the traffic congestion that we have at present. Motorists should also co-operate by acting in a responsible law abiding manner.

### Landscaping Straffan Road

As a result of Cllr. John Mc Ginley's motion the Council have agreed to do repair work to the appalling landscaping carried out by the Parks Department of Dublin County Council at Straffan Road. Residents Associations are invited to write to the Co. Secretary or Cllr. Mc Ginley outlining their specific requirements.

### Crash Barrier - Dublin Road

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the Co. Engineer to reinstate the Crash Barrier at Dublin Road, near Carton Lodge. At present this area poses a considerable risk to pedestrians.

### Moyglare Village Boundary

As a result of Cllr. John Mc Ginley's motion the Council Planners have agreed to contact the developer of Moyglare Village requesting him to plant a mature hedge, similar to the one he originally removed, at the boundary with the Moyglare Road.

### Mona Lisa Restaurant

The Council are presently carrying out an inventory of the deviations from Planning Permission granted, with a view to pursuing the issue through the courts.

### O'Neill Park - Public Lighting

Following representations from local residents, Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested Kildare Co. Council to provide additional lights in the square at O'Neill Park.

He has also requested again that the Council resurface the entrance to O'Neill Park and provide proper footpaths.

### Flooding At Laurences Avenue

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has requested the Council to unblock the shores at house numbers 7, 8, 12 and 25 Laurences Avenue in order to stop further flooding in the area.

### Meadowbrook Stream 'River' Flooding

Immediate action to prevent a recurrence of the Christmas period flooding at Meadowbrook has been demanded by Cllr. John Mc Ginley. As residents know the stream was 20 feet wide and 9 feet deep in places. Photographic evidence has been supplied to the County Engineer in order to highlight the problem.

### Footpath - Leinster Street

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested Kildare Co. Council to include a condition in any grant of Planning Permission for renovations at the Roost for the provision of a footpath on Leinster Street from the Main Street to the rear entrance to the Town Centre Mall.

### Pedestrian Walk Between Kingsbry and Greenfield Close

Cars are presently using this walkway. Cllr. John Mc Ginley has requested the Council to install bollards at this location in order to prevent this and make the area safer for pedestrians.

### Back Road - Old Greenfield

Now that the new public lights are in place Cllr. John Mc Ginley has requested the Co. Engineer to carry out the long overdue resurfacing of this road. It is in a disgraceful condition at present and is practically impassable.

### Road Deterioration At Band Hall

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the Co. Engineer to carry out urgent repairs to the road surface outside the School House and the Band Hall. The road has disintegrated here due presumably to utility works at this location.

### Maynooth Park Flooding

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion for consideration at the next area committee meeting of the council.

*'That the surface water channel outside house No. 53A Maynooth Park be connected to the main surface water gully in order to overcome the flooding in the area.'*

### Labour Advice Service

Deputy Emmet Stagg continues to be available to the people of Maynooth every Saturday at 4-00 p.m. in Caulfields (Private Meeting Room). He can also be contacted at the following phone numbers: Home - 6272149 - Office - 6183797.

Cllr. John Mc Ginley continues to be available to the people of Maynooth every Thursday at 8-00 pm. in Caulfields (Private meeting Room). He can also be contacted at the following phone number - 6285293.

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