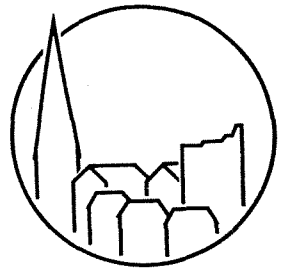


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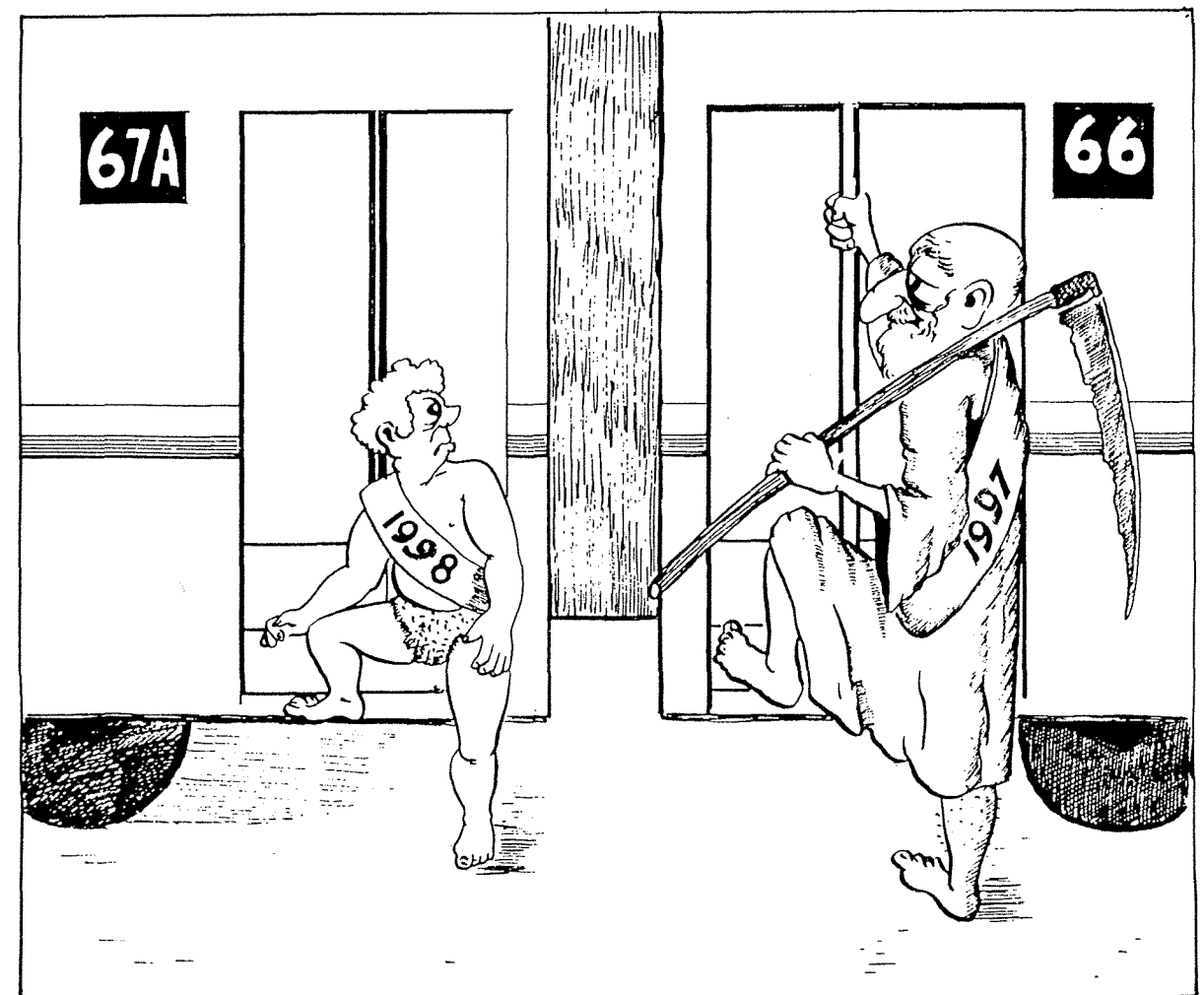
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DIARY DATES

Thurs Jan 8th: I.C.A. Guild Meeting 8pm.

Sun Jan 11th: I.C.A. Crafts Resume.

Sun Jan 11th: Maynooth Senior Citizens Annual Dinner 5pm.

Tues Jan 13th: I.C.A. Sport/Badminton in the Parish Hall 10.30am.

Tues Jan 13th: Maynooth Senior Citizens Club Re-opens.

Mon Jan 19th: Copydate for February Newsletter.

Tues Feb 3rd: Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee, A.G.M. 8pm in the Health Centre.

Tues Mar 17th: St. Patricks Day Parade, Maynooth.

EDITORIAL

As the 1997 model totters on his walking stick into history the bouncing baby that is 1998 comes into view. So what will the New Year bring? If the last few years are anything to go by then Maynooth is set to become a more populous, more prosperous and busier place. What was once a quiet, semi - rural village has been transformed in thirty years into one of the fastest growing towns in the country. There are more houses, more shops, more cars but it is not that obvious that the quality of life for people living in Maynooth has improved at the same rate. Many residents commute into Dublin every day which, whether going by private car or public transport, is something of an ordeal. An overcrowded and unreliable train service means that many people chose to drive thereby contributing to traffic gridlock in the city centre. So, No. 1 on the wish list for 98 is a revamp of the train service. 1998 will see the transformation of our Main St. with new paving, lighting and the undergrounding of cables. No. 2 on the wish list is that this scheme might be extended to other area of the town, some of which have been neglected for many years. Areas such as the back lanes, Pound Park, the Avenue, Leinster St and Parsons St. all have attractive features that would benefit from investment along the lines of the scheme being implemented in Main St. Maynooths schools and sporting clubs deserve a break. The schools, Maynooth GAA and Maynooth Soccer Club all do great work with the young people of the town with scarce resources. Wish No. 3 is that the powers that be recognise the value of sport in the community and allocate resources so that adequate sporting facilities be made available in the town.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our readers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Chara,

I would be grateful if you would allow me, through your Newsletter, to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have wished me well on the occasion of my retirement. Myself and my family are overwhelmed at the many sincere expressions of goodwill, the very many cards and gifts received.

It was my pleasure to serve the people of Maynooth over the twenty six years of my stewardship and I carry with me many, many happy memories. My "Farewell Party" gave me the utmost pleasure and was an occasion I will never forget. For it and all of the very many other pleasant memories, I thank you one and all.

Tom Ashe.

Dear Editor,

In last months *Newsletter*, Councillor Murphy voiced concern that Maynooth Planning Alliance misrepresented her position in their comments regarding the Amended Draft Development Plan. The Amended Draft Development Plan is of course a proposal of Kildare County Council. This proposal was carried by a majority on Kildare Co. Council and represented the decision of County Councillors on the future development of Maynooth. It was to this fact we referred in the context of councillors proposals rather than to the individual proposals, or reservations regarding these by any individual councillor.

At present, the necessary decisions required to implement the County Strategy which Councillor Murphy refers to, have not been taken. When this is done, population targets based on the 1996 Census for individual towns such as Maynooth must be proposed in a new plan for the town. The Newly Amended Draft Plan for Maynooth, or the New Draft Plan, or the Amended Amended Draft Plan for Maynooth (or whatever it will be called!) will determine the future development of the town. Maynooth Planning Alliance has at present no knowledge of either the collective or individual proposals for Maynooth that councillors wish to put forward. We would therefore like to invite all our area councillors, and indeed their colleagues on Kildare Co. Council, to share their proposals with the *Newsletters* readers as soon as they are available. In this way it will be abundantly clear to the residents of Maynooth who is proposing what for their town.

Liz Stoll,
Secretary: Maynooth Planning Alliance

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

At this time of the year in Tidy Towns Committees it is time to reflect and plan for the next year. Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee welcome comments and support. From time to time we are asked what can the people do to help.

We advise as follows:

Recycle: -

Beverage cans, soft drink cans, bottles. In Maynooth in each of the shopping centres there are recycling facilities, covering clothing, bottles, can recycling.

We also hope to try and get a newspaper / boxes recycling skip in the near future sited in Maynooth. This was discontinued due to over supply of paper for recycling in the market.

Please check out the Shopping Centre near you to see what you can do. Also the local schools have commenced recycling projects.

Getting Involved:-

The committee are always looking for people to help us plan for the future. Over the next few months we have to submit a 5 year plan to the Tidy Towns Section. If the Committee system does not appeal to you how about helping for an hour or two at the weekend.

The Sunday morning clean up crew would welcome your support not only would you be helping tidy up your community area but you would also get some exercise for yourself. We meet at the Geraldine Hall every Sunday at 9 a.m. If you are involved in other organisations please place "litter clean up" or "prevention" on your agenda at your meetings.

Every person in Maynooth can help. Finally we thank the following who have helped us over the past year. Gerald Mulcahy Butcher, Greenfield Shopping Centre sponsors of the Tidy Towns float St. Patricks Day Parade, Super Valu National sponsors of the National Tidy Towns Competition, Co- Sponsor of Maynooth Tidy Towns open night in April together with Maynooth Chamber of Commerce and Glenroyal Hotel. Coonan Auctioneers Sponsors of the Best Shop Front, Best Estate Competition. Mary Boyle FAS Employment Officer. S.I.P.T.U. Branch Committee Athy, Community Council Executive and Staff, Kildare County Council Officer and Staff. Johnny Thompson electrician, Security First, Convent Lane, our hard working FÁS Project Group and the people of Maynooth.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

Since we are again in January, our thoughts turn to thoughts of a New Year. For Community Games, this means organising the teams and competitions at local, county, provincial and national levels.

At local level we have now to begin with what is called "indoor games".

Project, Quiz and Culture Corner

Mary O'Gorman is already at work. The themes for this year are:-

- (a) Under 11 years. "Litter at Home, at School, in my Community".
- (b) Under 13 years. "Pollution - its effects on our Health and our Environment.
- (c) Under 15 years. "Recycling - a solution to Pollution".

Mary has already been to the schools but if you have not heard about it already and would like to be involved you can contact Mary at 41 Maynooth Park or contact me (B. Breslin) at the Community Council offices, Phone 6285922.

Basketball

Squads are already practising and training under the leadership of Jim Flemming and thanks to the Post Primary School and the V.E.C. for the use of the Gym. If you are not already involved contact Jim on Friday nights at the P.P. School.

Badminton

Is being organised by the Junior Badminton Club.

Variety

Fiona O'Connor hopes to organise the variety for this year, but she needs the talents of young boys and girls between 10 years and under 16 years (31st July, 1998) who can sing, dance, act and particularly those who can play an instrument. Look out for the notices or again contact me at the

Community Council offices.

Draughts and Chess

We have a lady who "might" be able to help with the Draughts Team so if you are a player and are under 16 years (31st July, 1998) we would love to hear from you. Also Chess players and mentors.

Table Tennis

Again we have an organiser for this event, but are dependent on the Maynooth Post Primary School for the use of their facilities. If you feel you can play and would like to join in the fun, contact me at 6285922.

Art and Modelling

Will be held in possibly February. The response in latter years has been poor. The age groups range from Under 8 to under 16.



Attending Kildare Community Games 25th Anniversary Dance were L-R: Mattie Callaghan, Norah McDermott, George O'Toole, Athy National President, Philip McDermot and Liz Callaghan.

Maynooth have had great success in this event in the past and it is hoped to rejuvenate the interest especially at the u./14 and u./16 levels. So get your skates on and get involved. Don't say "There is nothing to do in Maynooth". There is. Just contact Community Games and you will never be bored.

The Table Quiz held in September was a great success and we thank all those who supported it. Thanks also to the following who provided prizes for the raffle. The Caddy Shack, Gerry Mulcahy, Jims Shoe Repair, Maynooth Photo Centre, The Beehive Hair Salon, House Pride, Sean Donovan (Londis), Coca-Cola. Also, the Baxter family, the Callaghan family, the Cullinane family and the Cahill O'Grady family.

We wish all our supporters and our potential competitors a very Happy and Enjoyable New Year.

B. Breslin,

Secretary/P.R.O.

Cont.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES Cont.

COMMUNITY GAMES SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WEEKEND.

16th, 17th, 18th May 1998.

Programme of Activities

Under 14 Table Quiz

Two teams of 4 (Panels of 6) from each county (Area Teams).

The competition will be held in two sessions. Ten rounds per session, ten questions per round, eight on general knowledge and two on Community Games. Accumulated score of the two hundred questions to decide winner.

Substitutions may be made between sessions, but must be from the submitted panel and the co-ordinator informed of any changes.

Spectators and team managers cannot approach their teams during the sessions and are asked to refrain from answering the questions audibly, any such infringements could result in the disqualification of their teams. Queries re. scores etc., will be entertained by the officials but only from a spokesperson who must be a member of the seated team.

Under 13 Cross Country

1,200 mt (Approx.)

(No spikes allowed).

County Team:- Mixed, five boys and five girls.

Team Event, the score of the first four boys and the first four girls per team past the post to count. There will be two heats and a final, in the event of a qualifying team not been able to take part in the final, the next in their heat will qualify.

There will be Individual placing i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, in the FINAL ONLY, their teams MUST have qualified for the final.

Cross Country Mixed Distance Race

(No Spikes Allowed)

Boys U.12 (over 10 and under 12)

600 mt., 400 mt., 600 mt., 400 mt.

Girls U.12 (over 10 and under 12)

600 mt., 400 mt., 600 mt., 400 mt.

Girls U.14 (over 12 and under 14)

800 mt., 600 mt., 800 mt., 600 mt.

County Teams: Team of 4, Panel of 6.

A boys team and a girls team per county from each age group. The race will be run over the existing Cross Country Course. A runner can only run one leg of the race and can only be on one relay team. A member of a relay team cannot be a member of the under 13 cross country team.

U.12 and U.14 races will be arranged for the subs. Teams will be mixed i.e. made up of the two boys and the two girls who are subs on the U.12 and U.14 panels respectively.

Sports Introduction

Boys and Girls, between the ages of ten and twelve, will be introduced to the Activities in either of the following sections:-

Section 1

Tug of War - Quick Cricket - Cycling - Snooker - Olympic Handball.

Section 2

Bowls - Archery - Rope Jumping (Skipping) - Uni Hockey - Basketball.

The numbers will be limited to about 750, preferably children who are not already actively involved in sport.

Set Dancing

Panel of 10, (all boys, all girls or mixed), 8 to compete. Area Team: One team per county.

Each group to dance any two figures of their own selected set. Each group will dance twice at different times over the weekend, same or different set. Combined score to decide winning teams.

Groups to provide their own music, taped or live (max. two musicians per group).

There will be five adjudicators, the highest and lowest score to be eliminated and the average of the remaining scores to count.

Coaching and Judging Courses. For over 18 year old's.

Gymnastics - for those interested in judging or coaching the Community Games routine.

Project Competition

4 categories as per project leaflet.

Culture Corner

Culture Corner, Live Stage Presentation as per Culture Corner Leaflet.

Conal Duffy, National Games Director.

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The December Guild Meeting was held on 4th December in the I.C.A. Hall with Marion Souhan presiding. Marion wished all members and friends a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

Guild Activities:

Sport - Badminton will resume on January 13th 1998 after the Christmas break, as usual in the Parish Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Craft will resume on January 11th at 8.00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall with lots of bright new ideas for the New Year.

Congratulations to Mary O' Gorman who passed her "Demonstrators Bar" examination. Well Done Mary.

The winner of the Guild competition "Holly Berries" was Marion Souhan. 2nd was Rosemary Hanley. The January Guild competition is, "A Slice of Christmas Cake".

A lovely demonstration "Christmas Table Decorations" was given by one of our members Jo O' Connell. The lucky winners of the "Turkey & Ham Raffle" were Irene Matthews, Dorothy Dolan and Jo O' Connell. The evening concluded with entertainment from some very special guests from the world of sport, politics and showbiz who joined us in their version of "Play the Game".

The Christmas night out is on December 16th in the Red House where we will join with Guild members from Kildare Federation.

The next meeting will be held on January 8th at 8.00 p.m.

*May Haren,
P.R.O.*

MAYNOOTH KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

I would like to thank all the people who helped us during the year. St. Patrick's College and the N.U.I. Maynooth, the Students Union, Bartons Transport, L.S. Autos Maynooth, The Sports Locker, T.S.B. Maynooth and all the other companies who assisted us. I would like to say a special thanks to all the committee members and all the helpers who worked with us so hard during the year. I would like to welcome the new ones and hope that more might come. I say a special thanks to Maynooth Newsletter for their assistance during the year.

On behalf of the committee of the Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club we wish all our patrons, sponsors and helpers a very Peaceful New Year.

Martin Caine

ACHIEVEMENTS OF MAYNOOTH KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

- 15 houses built for the elderly in our area, Day Care Centre, Maynooth.
- 2 coaches, one to Dunfirth House, one to St. Raphaels, Celbridge.
- Substantial contributions on an ongoing basis to Stewarts Hospital, The National Childrens Hospital, The National Maternity Hospital, St. Raphaels and the Kildare Hospice.
- Funds collected have helped to restore Maynooth Castle and the Royal Canal amenity.
- Donations, annually to the Lions Clubs International Projects - Sight First, Youth Exchange, Tacade (Drug Awareness).
- We run yearly competitions for a Peace Poster and Youth Award competitions.

100% of all proceeds raised go directly to the charities, all administration costs are borne by our members. Funds from our Christmas Party will be of great benefit to the Autistic Society. Your support can make this happen.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

NAPPER TANDY

In our notes on the October and November Newsletters we asked if readers could name the two ballads, which made reference to this well-known United Irishman and an original shareholder in the Royal Canal Company. The ballads were "The Wearing of the Green" and "The Spanish Lady."

THE COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

The good news to report is that FAS has approved the extension of the scheme for a further year. Such extensions are not granted automatically, and a convincing case has to be made to FAS whenever an extension is sought.

"VOX POP" IN THE 'LIFFEY CHAMPION.'

This was conducted under the heading "Would you go to Maynooth on holidays" in the issue at the end of November. We were pleased to see that the canal featured prominently in the considerations of most of the interviewees.

THE MAYNOOTH CALENDAR.....1998.

2,000 copies have been distributed free to householders in the Maynooth area, and we ask that you consult it, and support our advertisers throughout 1998.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Regrettably it's now over, but the party for the scheme staff was a tremendously enjoyable evening and night. Thanks to the many talented musicians and singers. Slan go foill and Best Wishes for 1998.

FOOT BRIDGE CLOSURE

The footbridge, which is owned by C.I.E. was closed because of its dangerous state. We will keep you informed to its development.

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MAYNOOTH 1798 COMMEMORATION INITIATIVE

The organising group which was established at the Public Lecture in the Glenroyal Hotel last September entitled, "Understanding the 1798 Rebellion in County Kildare and Maynooth", has held its first meeting to consider a programme of events to celebrate the bi-centenary in Maynooth and surrounding areas.

Consideration was given to a wide range of events including:

A Civic/Ecumenical Ceremony:

This could be held in the Square or at the grave of Richard Turner, in Ladychapel graveyard. Richard Turner was killed at the battle of Ovidstown in 1798.

A 1798 Poetry and Music Night:

Our poetry and music traditions are full of '98: *The Rising of the Moon*; *Who Fears to Speak of '98* and the more recent poem by Seamus Heaney *A Requiem for the Croppies*, are but a few examples. The band could be requested to play some relevant pieces, e.g. *Roddy McCorley*.

Exhibition Week in the Library and Maynooth Book Shop:

Local items of '98 interest, including old newspaper articles could be presented and the range of books and pamphlets, both new and established titles, could be made readily available.

Essay and Poster Competition for Schools:

Pupils at local Primary and 2nd level schools could be invited to enter. Ba mhaith linn cuideadh a thabhairt le daltaí i Scoil Uí Riada agus Scoil Uí Fhiaich freisean.

Lectures or Talks on Wolfe Tone and "Citizen" Lord Edward Fitzgerald:

These could be hosted in Carton House, with the kind permission of the owners.

Erecting a Bronze Plaque and Tree Planting:

Either or both could be done, with sufficient local agreement and funding.

We are keen to select the most suitable and practical events and accordingly we wish to invite suggestions and help from more people in Maynooth. **Please phone Michael Quinn at 6285258.** We have already received £100 pounds from Kildare Co. Council's Special Committee to celebrate the Rebellion in County Kildare!

To finish, may we wish the people of Maynooth a happy and successful bi-centenary year and as a tribute to the brave Kildare men and women of 1798 we republish below Seamus Heaney's above mentioned poem.

Requiem for the Croppies

The pockets of our greatcoats full of barley -
No kitchens on the run, no striking camp -
We moved quick and sudden in our own country.
The priest lay behind ditches with the tramp.
A people, hardly marching - on the hike -
We found new tactics happening each day:
We'd cut through reins and rider with the pike
And stampede cattle into infantry,
Then retreat through hedges where cavalry must be thrown.
Until, on Vinegar Hill, the fatal conclave.
Terraced thousands died, shaking scythes at cannon.
The hillside blushed, soaked in our broken wave.
They buried us without shroud or coffin
And in August the barley grew up out of the grave.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

First I want to say 'thank you' to all who supported our recent Flower Festival in Carton House. It was the first visit for many people from Maynooth to see this beautiful and historic house. They really saw Carton at its best with the magnificent and beautiful flower arrangements throughout the house. The support is much appreciated and the funds raised over the weekend were given to St. Brigid's Hospice and Home-care Services for Kildare and West-Wicklow.

A major event like this could not happen without the help and support of many people. I want to say a special thank you to Pauline Burke of Maynooth Friends of Hospice, and Dr Ena Hanlon, Leixlip Friends of Hospice for their support in selling tickets and getting names of people to help in Carton, to members of the Church of Ireland and I.C.A. for their baking and help. It was much appreciated. Our own club members and finally our sponsors without them this festival could not have happened. I hope you have a very Happy New year, and that 1998 will bring you health and success.

Moirá Baxter.

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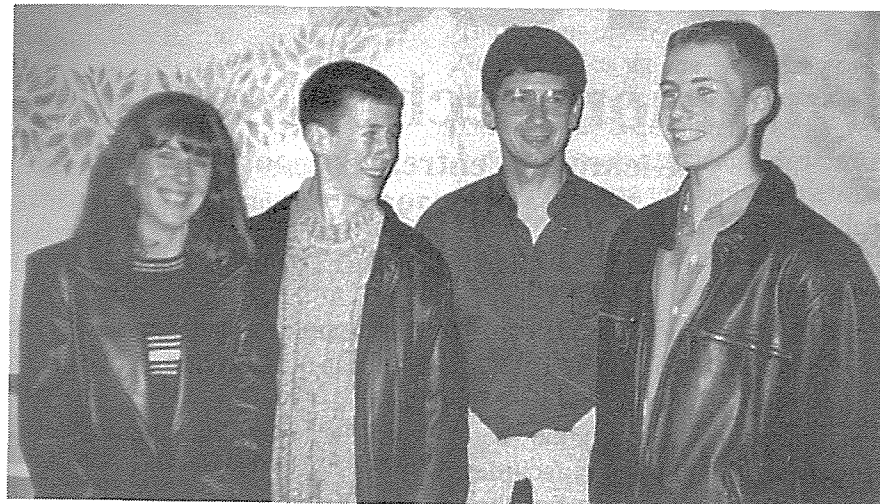
Over the cross country season there has been a good turnout for training every Wednesday night at the G.A.A. field at 7pm.

Thanks to all who turned up and hopefully attendances will increase further in the new year. New people are always welcome to come up and join in. We cater for all ages from juvenile through to veterans.

Our results in the cross country season were most encouraging.

Muire Ennis won the County and Leinster under 11 titles and her sister Ciana got a bronze medal in a great Leinster title race in Dunboyne.

Both girls also won County team medals to round off a brilliant year.



On the right David Campbell who won the Special Award for the Athlete of the Year, with his parents and brother.

Philip Campbell produced his best ever run to get a bronze in the All Ireland Cross-country championships under 13 at Moynalvey.

David Jolley won a Silver vet team medal, as Kildare proved strong enough to take 2nd place in the Leinster vets championship at Newtown. David Campbell continued his

good form by winning the All Ireland under 15 Cross Country Championship.

Other great performances during the season were produced by Awut Ni Murchu, Kevin Comerford and Conor Diggins, who all can look forward to a good track season thanks to their Winter efforts. Niamh Molloy, Edel and Claire Barry, Daryl and Ronan O'Connell all Maynooth singlets to be returned to Marie Gleeson by Wednesday next.

At the Annual National Congress the Association honoured David Campbell by presenting him with the "Athlete of the Year Special Award" for setting a National Record over 1,000 Metres earlier this year.

BAND BULLETIN

Welcome to the first Bulletin of 1998 but alas, due to the early copy date, most of the December news is written in a "yet to happen" vein but we hope to confirm most of these events next month.

Race Night

We would like to extend a sincere thanks to all who sponsored Races and Horses and those who took advertisements in our extended Race Programme. A special word of thanks to our M.C., Eamon Flood, Ramon from Gerry Brady Co. who got the pulses throbbing during the Auction Race and the G.A.A. Club for the use of the clubrooms for the functions. It was our most successful race night ever and will add some welcome funds to our American visits.

Engagements

Talk about the change of seasons and the Global Warming, December has never been as busy before. Quite apart from our Traditional Carol recitals, we also had the All Ireland Juvenile Cross Country Races in Moynalvey on 7th December, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre and our own St. Mary's Church Carol Service on 14th December,

Maynooth University Dinner on 19th and the Church of Ireland Carol Service on 21st. What a programme to wind up the year!

USA

We would like to thank once again all who have contributed to our USA visit in the past few weeks, especially the Community Council who are making a special donation to us. As the big day draws nearer, we find many people wish to contribute to our fund and we are extremely appreciative of your generosity.

We hope to list all of our benefactors in the March Bulletin. We will certainly pass your best wishes on to the people of Kansas City and we intend putting Maynooth on the map in no uncertain manner.

AGM

We have decided to hold our AGM one month earlier than usual this year in order to give our new committee a clear run at preparations for the USA visit but we have just been beaten by the editorial deadline so the new committee will not be available until the February Bulletin.

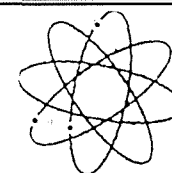
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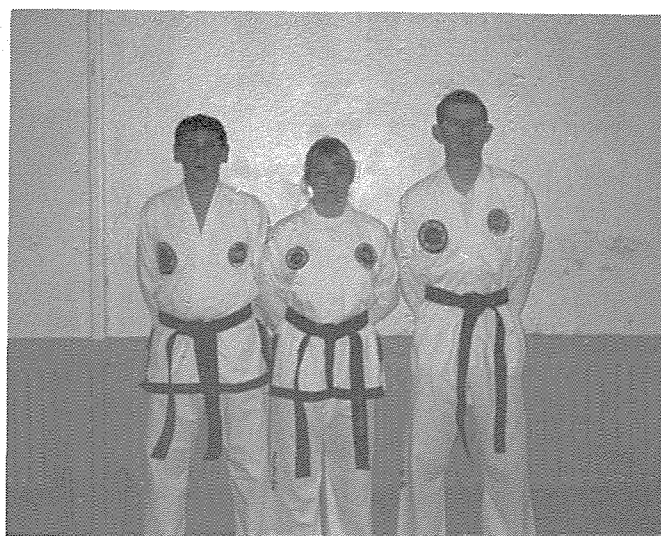
The past few months have been busy ones for Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School.

Three Maynooth students, Stephen Hallinan, Eloise Mac An Airchinnigh and Cian Lennon have been promoted to first degree black belt after their recent grading in the SPA Hotel, Lucan. Among their examiners was one of the founders of Tae-Kwon Do in Ireland, seventh degree black belt, Master Howard. Sixteen students from all over the country attended the grading and there was an excellent standard from all participants. The grading involved a selection of patterns, representing the history of Tae-Kwon Do, breaking techniques using the hand and foot, along with the one-step self defence and some light sparring.

Our three black belts were given great support by other members of the club, who came to watch the grading. There are now seven black belts in the club, and hopefully there will be more in the near future.

There was also a colour-belt grading at the school recently, in which fifteen of our members participated. The grading was examined by fourth degree black belt, Mr. Mc Clelland, who is also the head instructor of Maynooth Tae-Kwon Do. It was a nerve-wracking experience for our white belt members, who were participating in their first grading.

The National Championships, a tournament for both black



Cian Lennon, Eloise Mhac an Airchinnigh, Stephen Hallinan

and colour belts, were held in Coolock at the beginning of the month. Competitors from all over the country attended, including Galway and Waterford. Two out of our seven competing students returned home triumphantly. Aileen O'Brien sported a gold medal for yellow belt junior patterns and Therese Mac An Airchinnigh won a trophy for third place in blue belt junior sparring. Ten year-old Aileen is an example of the great potential of the junior members of our club. In the past two tournaments she has won two gold medals, and will hopefully continue to do as well in the future. Aileen will now be eligible to spar in the next tournament as she duly received her green belt in the recent grading. It is clear that she has the potential to do just as well in this section as she has previously done in her patterns.

The next major event on line is March 1998, when the International Tournament between Ireland and the U.S.A. will be held in the National Basketball Arena,

Tallaght. In the past we have had International Tournaments with competitors coming all the way from India, Russia and Norway, with Irish students triumphing amongst them. In fact, one of Maynooth's black belts, second degree Mr. Mc Ginley, was one of the members on the Irish Team at last year's International. Ireland won the overall trophy, proving that the intensive training the team members underwent to prepare for the tournament was well worth it.

Last year a competition was held in which students wrote a composition under the title, "What Tae-Kwon Do means to me". The two winning entries were included in the program for last year's International. One of those entries was written by a Maynooth student, Eloise Mac An Airchinnigh. Her composition has now been printed in the world wide I.T.F. (International Tae Kwon-Do Federation) magazine as a result. There was also a special two hour class on Monday last, held by seventh degree

black belt, Master Phelan. The attendance for the class was excellent, which benefited junior and senior members alike. Classes are held every Monday and Friday from 7 p.m. sharp until 8p.m., in the Parish Hall, Maynooth. Beginners are always welcome.

The next event our students can look forward to is the annual Christmas Party which will be held in the Leinster Arms, before we break for the holidays. At this event students will receive prizes for "Student of the Year" and "Best Progress of the Year".

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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

As another successful year draws to a close we, like the snow drops, are only beginning and what better way to start than with a very profitable "Sale of Work" as a catalyst for 1998. The amount raised has reached £7,106.94. This phenomenal figure is all down to the co-operation between a very hard working committee, helpers and a responsive, generous and caring community. Many thanks to all who contributed physically or fiscally to this event. We are grateful to Quinnsworth and the Glenroyal centre who allowed us to invade their premises to sell our tickets before the event, and of course to Donovans of whose generosity I always manage to take advantage. Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day, especially Patricia Cahill who won our 'Monster Hamper'. (see opposite page for details of draw). Rest assure all money will be spent wisely on security and safety, social activities, fuel, etc, for our older citizens within our community.

Speaking of fuel, I would like to thank Seán Ashe, our New Principal in the Post Primary School, for the contribution of turf which they no longer needed. Removing and distributing this turf was another matter. There are a lot of people to which I owe a great deal of gratitude for what I now call "operation turf".

Kavanagh's Mill who provided the bags and shovels. The transition year students who spent the whole day with me filling those bags. Mícheál Dunne for his tractor and trailer and storage space. David Geoghegan for the loan of his truck. Vincent Mulready who took a day off work to drive the truck and Dermot Moore, Cian Lennon and Michael Quinn who helped deliver. As you can see "operation turf" once again showed the great community spirit we enjoy in Maynooth. Many thanks and well done to all concerned.

Our Christmas party took place on the 14th of December. We were joined on the day by our friends from the Friday Club in Dunboyne, who incidentally had a most enjoyable party of their own on November 30th to which we were invited. The interaction between all the clubs in the area is a great boost to the morale of our senior citizens. Long may it continue. I wish to thank Fr. John Sinnott for coming along to say our mass and the "Folk Group" who enhanced the 'reverence of the occasion'.

Our thanks to "Old Greenfield Residents Association" who contributed a voucher for our draw on the day, which was won by one of their older residents Ms Ellie Leavy. Many thanks to all who helped make our final party for '97 such a success.

The next event was our shopping night at Super Valu. This is their second year providing such a service which is very much appreciated. Many thanks to Brian, Derek and Ann

and indeed all their staff for their courtesy and kindness to our Senior Citizens. In fact courtesy and friendliness seems to be their hallmark.

Our Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, January 11th at 5pm. If you have not got your name in, do it now.

Remember all senior citizens in the area are welcome along to all our events.

Our Club re-opens on Tuesday January 13th. Our Annual General meeting will take place on February 3rd at 8pm in the Health Centre. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome.

Finally may I wish each and everyone of you a fruitful and peaceful 1998.

Josephine Moore

Sophia Weir, (6290377)

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- 3rd Prize £25 - Josephine Kennedy,
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Draw 2

- 1st Prize Christmas Cake - Patricia Dunne, Pebble Hill,
Maynooth.
- 2nd Prize Bottle whiskey - Alan Filbert, Cluain Aoibhinn,
Maynooth.
- 3rd Prize Basket Fruit - Margaret O'Mahony,
11 Greenfield Close,
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Draw 3

- 1st Prize C.D. Cassette - P.J. Mooney, 2 Coats Lane,
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- 2nd Prize Presentation - Phyl Lee,
Basket Maynooth Park.
- 3rd Prize Bottle of Brandy - Padraig Lee,
Maynooth Park.

Special Draw - Portable T.V.

Winner - Mary Mangan, Kilcock.

Residents Association

BEAUFIELD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

There were more answers than questions at the Beaufield Fun Quiz - that most of the answers were wrong is irrelevant!

The quiz saw a get-together of 50 or so residents on a late November evening at Maynooth GAA Club. The winning team-who knew when Bond Bridge was built but didn't know when it will be rebuilt - came from Beaufield Drive with members Collate and Cathal Murphy, Anne Moloney and Patricia Kavanagh.

Special thanks to compere Paula from the Gardens, question setter Pat from the Green, as well as all who donated prizes including Carmel (the Grove), Grainne, (the Green), Gerry (the Gardens) and Collate (the Drive). Special thanks to Colin and all at the GAA Club for the use of facilities and the spot prizes.

The state of the estate following recent roadworks on the Rathcoffey Road has caused concern among residents, particularly those at Beaufield Lawns where a section of hedge-row was destroyed.

Following correspondence between our Residents

Association and Kildare County Council, we now have an undertaking that the contractors concerned will make good any damage on completion of roadworks.

Thank you to all who took part in the pre-Christmas estate clean-up - the fresh air relieved many hangovers!

Beaufield Area Residents Association were delighted to be associated with the North Kildare South Meath Anti Dump Race Night in early December. The cry from many Beaufield residents is "dump the dump"!

The New Year is looking good for Beaufield... A Neighbourhood Watch re-launch, a spruced up sportsday and a few more social get-togethers.

On behalf of all on the Residents Association Committee we wish all residents a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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First Year Mass:

So many people worked so hard to make it a memorable event, it was impossible to name any individual for praise, however Fr. Michael Cleary who kept the congregation enthralled for over an hour and a half was given a special thank you.

Theatre:

Teachers and pupils alike enjoyed a nights entertainment at the Abbey Theatre to see Hugh Leonard's play 'Madigan's Lock'. Their second trip to the Abbey was to see 'Sarcophagus'.

Basketball:

Their first success was in Leixlip when both 1st and 2nd year teams won both their matches against Colaiste Chiarain. Then on November 24th they played Confey, the score being Maynooth 30, Confey 6. A special thanks was given to all the girls who took part.

Football:

Maynooth travelled to Caragh on the 17th November in search of their fourth County Title. Unfortunately Prosperous had victory on the day.

Final score: Maynooth 1-7; Prosperous 1-8.

Maynooth team who put up a great fight: J. Gilligan, D. Healy, D. Mee, D. Cryan, P. Ennis, J. Curtin, S. Molloy, P. Stynes, P. McNulty, F. Barton, D. McKeon, M. Regan, J. Nevin, D. Clerkin, J. O'Riordan. Subs: G. Toman, F. O'Shea, L. Doherty, P. Reilly, S. Sheerin, F. Ashe.

Cross Country:

A good performance was shown by the girls and boys at the Inter School Cross-Country Championships in Prosperous.

Results: Under 14 Girls - 3rd Team, Under 15 Girls - 2nd Team.

Individual prize winners: Lisa McCloskey 2nd and Carmel Noonan 3rd. Under 16 Girls - 1st Team. Senior Girls - 1st Team and Under 16 Boys - 3rd Team.

Debating:

Congratulations was given to Mary Heanue (5th year) who took the award for Best Speaker in the first round of the Bank of Ireland Debating Competition. Clare Enright also performed well. In the Mental Health Public Speaking Competition, Alvean Duffy, Paul Daly and Garrett Dockery showed great promise. In the Concern Debate a most exciting evening was given by the junior debaters Deirdre Byrne, Christine Nugent, Anita Hogan and Donnachadh O'Brien.

Further Events:

A special word of thanks was given to all who helped out in collecting food and toys for the Sale of Work. Also the carol singers who kindly entertained on Thursday night 17th December 1987.

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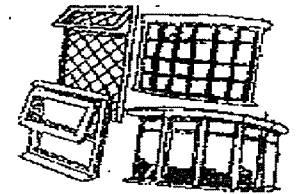
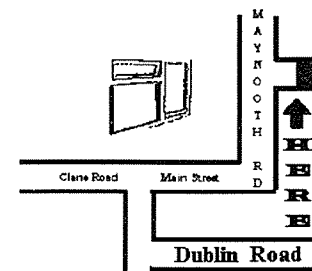
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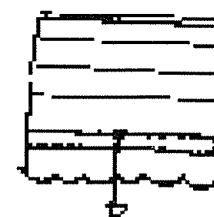
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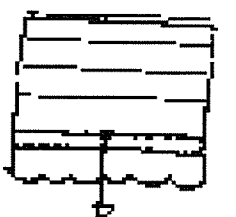
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SOME READING FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

1597:

William Shakespeare -

In sooth I know not why I am so sad,
It wearies me: you say it wearies you;
But how I caught it, found it, or came by it,
What stuff 'tis made of, whereof it is born,
I am to learn: and such a want-wit sadness makes of me,
That I have much ado to know myself. (The Merchant of Venice)

How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank,
Here will we sit, and let the sounds of music
Creep in our ears; Soft stillness and the night
become the touches of sweet harmony.
(The Merchant of Venice)

1697:

Turlough Carolan the well remembered blind harper was composing his pieces in honour of his friends and patrons as he wandered from big house to big house in Connaught. His music is still a joy to listen to.

Jonathon Swift: For if we take an examination of what is generally understood by happiness, as it has respect either to the understanding or the senses, we shall find all its properties and adjuncts will herd under this short definition, that it is a perpetual possession of being well deceived.
(A tale of a tub)

1797:

William Wordsworth

Once again I see
These little hedgerows, hardly hedgerows, little lines
Of sportive woods run wild; these pastoral farms,
green to the very door; and wreaths of smoke sent up in
silence, from among the trees!

But oft, in lonely rooms, and 'mid the din
Of towns and cities, I have owed to them,
In hours of weariness, sensations sweet,
Felt in the blood, and felt along the heart,
And passing even into my purer mind,
With tranquil restoration:- feelings too
Of unremembered pleasure: such, perhaps,
As have no slight or trivial influence
On that best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered, acts
Of kindness and of love (Tintern Abbey)

1897:

Abraham (Bram) Stoker's Dracula was published.

1997:

Maynooth Newsletter has been published monthly by Maynooth Community Council for the past 12 years and numerous years before that by a voluntary group. Let it be your New Year resolution to keep up to date with local events during 1998 through the Newsletter.

A Tall Story

1797:

The top hat was worn in public for the first time, by James Hetherington in London, drawing a huge disorderly crowd. Hetherington was arrested and charged with causing a breach of the peace by appearing "on the public highway wearing a tall structure of shining lustre and calculated to disturb timid people"

The Frenchman Andre Garnerin leapt from a hot air balloon and demonstrated a parachute.
The two events were not connected.

Maeve Moloney

NEED A REFERENCE?

Maynooth Graduate Damian Dowds has been responsible for updating, revising and expanding the 1997 Almanac book which has been dubbed as the Ultimate Irish Reference Book.

The book contains population figures for Maynooth and other towns in this county as well as a historical account of the founding of St. Patrick's College Maynooth. The six T.D.s in Kildare are listed as are their phone numbers and addresses.

The book also deals with short biographies on Domhnall O'Buachalla, Silken Thomas, John Devoy and Minister Charlie McCreevy, T.D. along with publishing the results of the 1997 General Election in the Kildare constituencies.

The book is on sale not only in Ireland but in North America and Britain as well and early in the New Year the book will be launched on CD-Rom.
Damian who graduated from the National University of Ireland Maynooth in 1995 with a degree in English and History has the perfect background for writing with knowledge on the area and its history.

So, for any of you historically orientated people or general knowledge seekers why not treat yourself by buying the new Irish Almanac and Book of Facts 1998.

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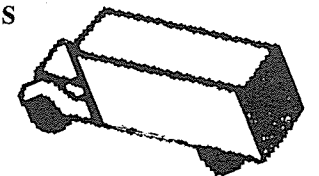
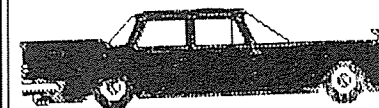
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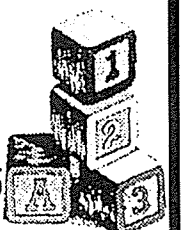
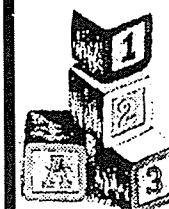
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MASS TO GRIEVE FOR LOST INFANTS

A special service was held in St. Coca's Church in Kilcock to remember all of the children who died before their time, be it before birth, during birth or after. Parents and families of lost children attended the service.

A lot of emotion and heartache was felt by all as they were allowed to say a final farewell to the little ones they loved so dearly. Many tears were shed as songs such as Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven" and "Wonder Child" were sung.

The service was provided for families in Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip. It was a chance to give each child a dignified ceremony in their honour and to allow all to grieve openly.

Fr. Paul Boyle, C.C. of Kilcock said the Mass and he said "being the last day of November it is a very appropriate time to remember with gratitude all of our loved ones, particularly infants and children who died before their time."

Fr. Boyle also said "We remember them with gratitude and remember their names", "The children's memories are here with us today and we pray to entrust them into the hands of a loving and giving God".

Parents were encouraged to approach the altar and light candles in memory of all the babies.

Roma Maloney of the Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society told the congregation that the ceremony was very important as it was a wonderful way to remember the children who died.

"Many years ago there was no opportunity to grieve and remember babies; you were told to put it behind you and get on with things".

"But the reality is that no one can forget a baby or child who dies."

A special quilt carrying names of 680 children was hung over the altar. It is hoped that the service of remembrance for babies will be continued annually, as there is now an organisation committee in place.

O'SHEA TRAVEL

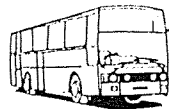
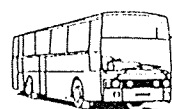
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VIDEO REVIEW

Batman and Robin (12's)

This is yet another Hollywood exercise in throwing 'big names' at a very poor, weak script. Fresh from his triumph (?) in television's ER, George Clooney is completely miscast as Batman, and Chris O'Donnell is just as bad as Robin. This movie makes the t.v. series of the 'sixties (come back Adam West and Burt Ward!) actually look good. The story is the usual tried and tested one. Two villains, Mr. Freeze and, wait for it, Poison Ivy, join forces to take over the world. It's up to our super heroes (super turkeys would be closer to the mark) to stop them. Along the way they pick up an ally in the form of Batgirl, played by Alicia Silverstone. The rest is business as usual. Clooney and O'Donnell are vastly under utilised in the two title roles, as is Uma Thurman as Poison Ivy. But the real laurels for sheer awfulness go to Arnold Schwarzenegger as Mr. Freeze. He is absolutely dreadful! Honestly, the guy should carry a government health warning to the effect that 'Arnie can seriously damage your brain'.

Verdict To be avoided at all costs.

Scream (18's)

Drew Barrymore is alone in the house. The phone rings and what she thinks is a crank call is anything but. She realises that the caller is watching her. When she can't answer a question from the caller, her boyfriend is murdered and left tied to a chair on her patio and then the really nasty stuff starts. This movie makes fun of the horror film genre, and concerns a group of teenagers swapping jokes about the various serial killer type movies they have seen, unaware that there's one running amok in the town. Courtney Cox (who plays Monica in Friends) is a reporter who smells a good story when the kids start turning up in a serious state of dead. Pretty soon she's up to her neck in corpses, and you don't know the identity of the killer right up to the very end, and the jokes and frights will keep you white-knuckled and on the edge of your seat right up to the last minute. It's a funny and very, very scary movie that's bound to be a huge hit with anyone who thinks they have the nerve to sit through it. This is a must-see film, but be warned: don't watch it on your own or late at night. After all, you never know

Verdict Don't look now!

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IT'S NOT PERKY TO HAVE NO TURKEY

I had a great Christmas dinner
And I really felt quite a winner.
I couldn't wait to run to the pub
And tell the lads about this fabulous grub,
But I had to wait until the next day,
As my tongue swam in it's drooling bay.
The turkey meat was sumptuous and dry,
Delightful chewing, munching low and high.
I ate so much my stomach near cracked.
The sprouts in my neck were like silage bales stacked.
I felt like a king upon his throne,
My staff was a giant drumstick bone.

The lads too, had stories to tell
Betwixt various versions of 'Jungle Bells!'
One fellas mother was the greatest cook he had ever seen,
He could never marry a lesser being.
Another had us all in great shock
For it was not turkey that he got.
But the man who didn't know what he ate
Was the saddest one that we had met.
You see some folks try to be different
Even with the simple Christmas dinner they'll experiment.
In the end it was turkey this and turkey that
And I have turkey in my hat!

There was invitations and deliberations,
Rounds of drink and celebrations.
"Shur lads come home with me
I've got turkey spare and plenty".
But the man who caused the greatest concern,
Said his meat tasted like fried fern.
Perhaps it was feathers, did someone suggest,
They can be crinkley and hard to digest.
"Well I had a tickly feeling deep down inside
It was either feathers or a hairy hide".
Drink plenty of stout we said without doubt
That'll flush the feathers out.

"My meat tasted like reindeer's hoof",
Was said in a joking spoof.
"Shur if its not turkey you haven't a hope
Some meat is as tough as strands of rope".
A man said, "I woke up in the middle of the night
And shur I got a terrible fright.
I had fallen asleep at the kitchen table,
For to got to bed shur, I wasn't able.
And all I could see was the skeleton of the turkey,
Glistening in the lights from the Christmas tree
And through the ribs I could see the crib.

So, the lads who had turkey felt most assured
And tried to restore hope to the demured.
Christmas means turkey we all agreed
No other alternative will very succeed.
Later, turkey was being smuggled in;

Shur, I felt like some kind of prehistoric kid".
"You can have some of mine shur, I'll get you again".
Then all the men said the women are great,
Theres no drink in the word that with them would rate.
The Dustin came on the telly and sang a few songs
And then we knew that beneath our laughs were hidden
wrongs.
We faded out as the crowd grew thicker
And girded for home in the street-light flicker.

Willie Healy.

PROPOSED CARTON DEVELOPMENT

Detailed plans for the £25 million development of Carton House and Demesne as a luxury hotel with two championship golf courses have been revealed for the first time by the Minister for Tourism, Dr. Jim McDaid.

The development will comprise of a five star 140 bed hotel including 12 suites, 76 residential conference lodges in 13 units, conference and executive meeting facilities; a Gleneagles Golf and County Club comprising two 18 hole championship golf courses and a leisure centre.

A new entrance will be opened from the Dunboyne Road to the car park. A boat house and shell cottage on the premises will be used as a bar and dining area.

Minister McDaid said the proposed Carton House development involves the provision of an international destination resort at the Carton Demesne. He said full planning permission was granted by Kildare County Council following the completion of a comprehensive impact study. Its overall aim is to create Ireland's foremost luxury resort with global recognition.

The project is expected to generate more than 300 direct jobs and over 150 indirect jobs, hopefully reducing the number on the live register in Maynooth.

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CHRISTMAS IN AN IRISH STATELY HOME

The sun cast long shadows as I drove up the avenue to Carton House. A fine crisp December afternoon - over the 5 arched bridge that spans the river and around the corner stood the Castelli designed house from the eighteenth century. Christmas in an Irish stately home was the theme of the flower festival.

I was welcomed by the Chairperson of Maynooth Flower and Garden Club Noeleen O'Brien. Noeleen had crafted the wreath and bay tree decoration at the entrance. In the inner hall stood the very tall Christmas tree, understated in blue and white with white bows, the work of Alan O'Braoin. Simple, elegant and a charming introduction to the grandeur that lay ahead.

The vibrant reds of the specially painted cones, the gold sprayed poppies contrasting with the hollies, ivies and ribbons and wreathed candles were of another time. The library table was covered in 'snow'. A church and snowman, with the carol singers under the arch, set the mood for quiet in the peaceful surroundings. The library spiral stairs and gallery were garlanded. A partridge in the pear tree - it was all so peaceful. A little girl named Hannah, in her fairisle jumper and fair hair tied back in pink, overcame by it all called out 'Santa'.

Still more peaceful were the subtle creams in the drawing room decor. The artistry of Eve Kennedy in the arrangement with harp and french horn were special. In the dining room was the result of the Maynooth Club members' worknight when they prepared the Victorian floral chairbacks from silk and dried flowers. The



dining table with its pedestal arrangements of poinsettias, Singapore orchids, euphorbia elegans, lotus seed heads and red roses was wonderful. The fire mantles in each room were swathed with flowers and greenery.

One felt that the Duke could round a corner at any minute especially as slippers were warming beside a log fire in the music room. This was a happy occasion, in a house which had seen happy times, as when Queen Victoria had visited. I wondered if the floral arrangements could have been as spectacular for her visit. Sad times came too, as when the occupants were in shock 200 years ago, as word reached them

that one of their members was in a Dublin jail and under sentence of death for his part in the 1798 rising.

The flower festival had taken a year to organise. The Maynooth members were joined by members from other clubs. The end result was a feast for the eyes. The plant stalls had

fresh, silk and dried flower arrangements for sale.

After the tour of the house over to the servants quarters for a delicious tea. It must be the first time that the quarters saw such floral grandeur. The kitchen range the shelves, the bell room and corridors were a delight to behold.

It was all in aid of the Kildare hospice movement.

Those taking part were Noeleen O'Brien (Chairperson, Maynooth), Margaret Howe (Vice Chairperson), Sarah Angel (Secretary), Imelda Desmond, (Treasurer), Moira Baxter P.R.O., Pam Acton, Carol Bone, Phyllis

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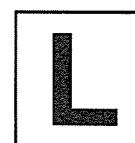
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SEARCHING FOR UPDRAUGHTS

Evaluation by Mary O'Donnell

Patrick Devaney was born in Croghan, Co. Roscommon. He has published two novels for teenagers, *Rua the Red Grouse* and *The Stranger and the Pooka*. He lives in Maynooth and teaches in the local Post Primary School.

"Many poets in their work explore the solitary moment of revelation within the context of their lives. Patrick Devaney is no exception and the poems in *Searching for Updraughts* are the product of a sensibility fully alert to epiphanies within human experience. The poems inhabit the narrow divide that separates pain and joy, hurt and healing, reminding the reader that nature and its landscapes - fierce, cruel, but beautiful - inform every moment of human activity. That the poet's response succeeds is obvious, that his poetry speaks with such insight, patience and quiet persistence is all the more admirable. The tremulous beauty of these poems mark a very welcome debut from an already accomplished writer."

Mary O'Donnell, poet, short-story writer, novelist, critic and presenter of *The Darkness Echoing* on RTE Radio 1.

Some of Patrick's Poems:

BY THE ROYAL CANAL

The patient, ordered mind
Of Pre-industrial man
Shows in this watery road,
Abandoned now to reeds and swans.
It parallels the iron track
That beat it in the race with Time
And on its tranquil face
The cloud-boats sail in silence.
Trains thundering by at breakneck speed
Do not disturb the Mute Swan or her brood,
While children fishing from the bank
Are unaware that once behind their backs
The pathway rang with horses' hooves
Towing the cargoes of a day
When pick and shovel, staff and plummet,
Set the boundaries for consenting water:
Men did not conquer Nature then
But wooed her as her peers
And now, no doubt in gratitude,
She takes their undefiling handiwork
And makes it hers.

THE HEDGE CUTTER

With concentration
He guides along the hawthorn hedge
His tractor's blade,
Cutting cropping shearing
Buds leaves branches boles,
Reshaping filigree.
How many nests and webs
Are in an instant ruined?
No time to think!
The blade makes birdsong
And bones of saplings
Confirm that he is being creative.

THE BRANCH GATHERER

Slow, stopped, solitary as a heron,
He daily leaves the new estate
With its production - belt array
Of matching houses, matching gardens,
Matching couples with pre-teenage children
And climbs into the pasture field
That still holds out
Against the systematic spread of concrete.

Here he seems at home following
A hoof-scored path, lingering by a thorn hedge,
Examining the sky for signs of rain;
He must be someone's father
Brought from a rushy farm in Connacht
To spend his closing years in comfort.

He gropes among a pile of cuttings,
Selects a gnarled branch,
Then patiently drags it back
Across the threatened pasture field,
Across the strip of seeded green,
Dragging the memories of rural Ireland
Into his Esso-heated exile.

MAYFLIES

Surely despite our adult wisdom
Children know best.....
Their joys are not made sharp by memory,
Nor do they sense how anguish-fraught
To adult minds
The Mayflies' buoyant dance
Above the shining, rushing river.....



Mona Lisa



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Parklands:

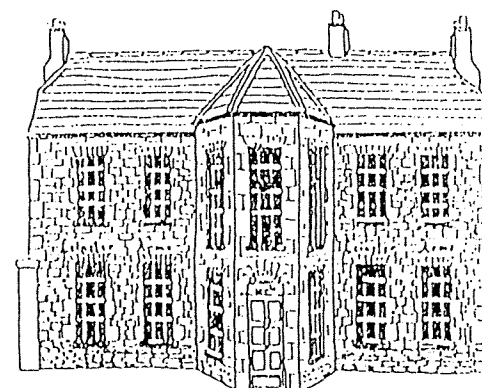
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SUMMARY OF THE 1997 TOP STORIES

Jan: "Farewell Sister Aquinas"

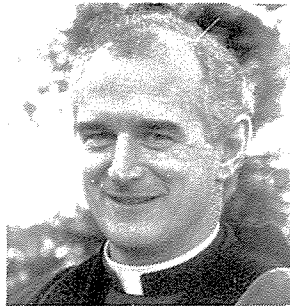
Sister Aquinas left Maynooth after 25 years service in at the Presentation Convent. She has taken the post of "Teaching Principal" in Kildare Town.

"Opening of M.A.B.S. in Maynooth"

M.A.B.S. — Money Advice and Budgeting Service opened its doors at "Deroon House" on January 17th. This is a free service helping and advising people with their finances, be it debt problems, money management, mortgages etc.

Feb: New President, St. Patricks College, Maynooth.

Very Reverend Dermot P. Farrell, B.Sc., D.D. was appointed President of St. Patricks College. He succeeded Monsignor Matthew O' Donnell who died suddenly on 27th September '96. Dr. Farrell is the 27th President of the College.



Mar: Adidas award for the Sportslocker.

The Sportslocker, Quinnswoth Shopping Centre, Maynooth, was one of three sports shops in Ireland to receive the Adidas Athletic Shoe Specialist Award, from Adidas U.K.



Apr: Non National Roads Funding.

For Maynooth, the following monies were agreed for 1997.

Dublin Road, Maynooth - £80,000 For Drainage.
Convent Lane, Maynooth - £20,000 For Surfacing.
Barberstown, Maynooth - £120,000 For Improvements.

Crinstown, Maynooth - £12,000 for Surface Reconstruction.
Maynooth - Leixlip - £18,000 surface dressing along Carton Wall.

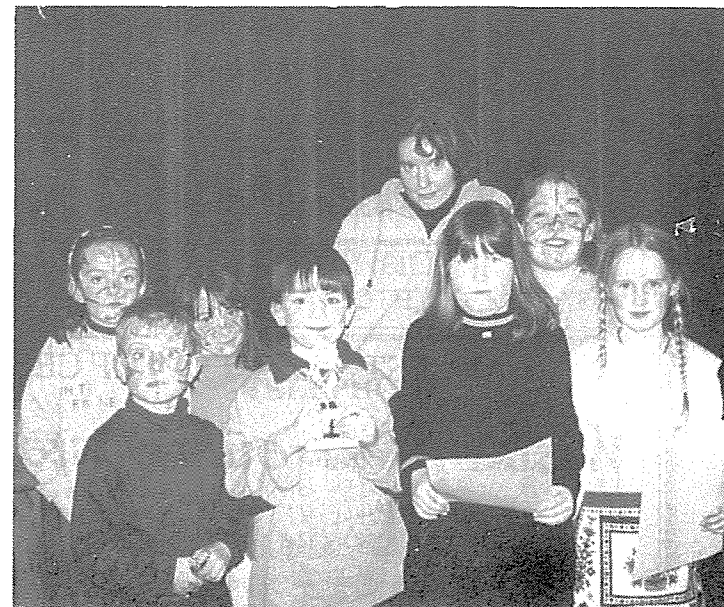
May: M'Lady Kildare '97.

The Glenroyal was the venue for "M'Lady Kildare '97" contest. The contestants are all members of voluntary work organisations such as old peoples committees, I.C.A., Community Games etc. The winner for 1997 was Margaret Delaney, Sallins.



June: Maynooth Speech and Drama go from strength to strength.

1997 has been a golden year for the Maynooth School of Speech and Drama. In January, students taking the prestigious Guildhall Speech and Drama exams all succeeded in passing.



Features

SUMMARY OF 1997 TOP STORIES Cont.

July: Launch of the Kildare Internet Web Site.

A Web Site for Kildare was created by the Cyber-X-Cafe. This will allow information on Maynooth to be accessed by any of the 200 million internet users world wide.

Maynooth Says Farewell to Father Denis Cogan.

Fr. Cogan has been a curate in Maynooth for the last 14 years. He became the new Parish Priest of Porterstown/Clonsilla on the 14th June.

Maynooth Community Festival.

Maynooth Community Festival 1997 was sponsored again this year by Guinness. The launch was held on the 4th July in the Glenroyal Hotel and an array of events followed beginning on 11th July and ending on 20th July.

Aug: Royal Canal Amenity Group.

Congratulations to Michelle Lynam, representing Quinnswoth in Maynooth, who was the winner of Miss Royal Canal 1997. This was the 8th contest of this type to date.



Sep: The Maze in the Maize.

This was an opportunity to have the time of your life in a field of maize. The maize is just 4.4 miles outside Maynooth on the Moyglare Road.

Tom Ashe Retires.

After 26 years being the Principal of Maynooth Post Primary, Thomas Ashe took the town by surprise with the announcement of his retirement.

The New Curate.

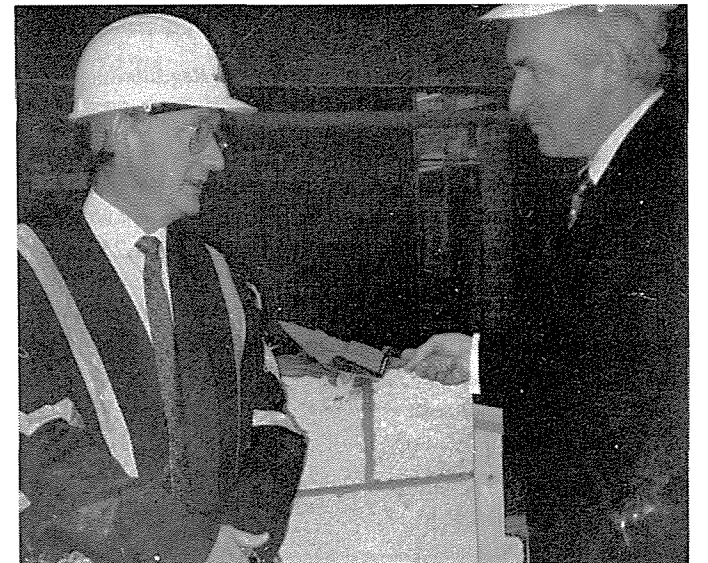
The new curate to Maynooth Parish, Fr. John Sinnott received a great welcome from the town of Maynooth. Father Sinnott was Chaplain for the last six years in U.C.D. previous to taking up his new position in Maynooth.

Oct: Farewell to Fr. Boylan.

A gathering of over 250 friends, colleagues and parishioners bade a fond farewell to Fr. David Boylan at a function in the Glenroyal Hotel. After 6 years in Maynooth Fr. Boylan has left to undertake a 2 year study programme in Rome.

Nov: New Status for University.

Maynooth College receives University Status. For a town of its size Maynooth is probably unique in Western Europe in having a fully fledged university in its midst, now known as the National University of Ireland.



December: New Principal for Maynooth Post Primary

Sean Ashe the previous vice-principal of Maynooth Post primary has now been appointed principal after 5 years in his former position.

Sean graduated from Maynooth College with a science degree and then went on to teach in 1973 and has held a position as a teacher in Maynooth since 1976. Sean has stayed in Maynooth because he feels the "school is excellent to work in" and there is "an excellent team of teachers and a very supportive parents association in Maynooth".

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MAYNOOTH RAIL SERVICE - IS MONEY THE ONLY SOLUTION?

Traffic density on the provincial national primary roads is increasing by five per cent a year, but on the outskirts of Dublin an increase of twenty-one per cent has occurred. However, the volume of traffic recorded on the N4 which serves Maynooth, shows an increase of 150pc in the nine years between 1986 and 1995.

Population Growth

This growth in vehicle numbers from 18,000 a day to 45,000 results from a number of factors which have taken place in the North Kildare region over the period. The biggest single factor to impact on these figures is the huge growth in population experienced by the villages of Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip as well as the continuing expansion of the Lucan area. In Maynooth alone 800 new homes were completed between 1993 and 1995. In fact, over 1,250 new homes were completed in the town during the nine years of the traffic survey. The second factor which has not yet been fully reflected in the figures is the growth in employment in the region following the expansion of Intel and the arrival of Hewlett Packard.

Maynooth Railway Station was re-opened in 1981 to serve the ever increasing numbers who were travelling to the city centre to work as well as providing a strategic stop on the Sligo line outside Dublin and facilitating the increasing number of students travelling to the town. There has been a major increase in passenger numbers using the commuter service over the past five years with the increase estimated

at over 25% in the last three years alone, along the line. Growth in numbers in Maynooth dramatically exceed these figures where the estimated increase in passenger numbers is between 15%-20% annually for the last five years.

Councillor Catherine Murphy, who chairs the Western

Suburban Rail Upgrade Group, whose membership represents commuter groups from Kilcock, Maynooth, Leixlip and Dublin 15, believes that the western suburban service is not being given the priority it deserves. Mr Michael Murphy, Manager DART/Suburban Rail acknowledges that the service has shown phenomenal

growth in the last three years. Iarnrod Eireann has responded with providing the maximum capacity available to them.

It's two way traffic - single line not the only problem.

Passengers acknowledge that the cross-city services like the 8am service from Maynooth and the evening service from Pearse as well as the extension of night services are all evidence of Iarnrod Eireann responding to the increased demands from its customers, however, many complain that particularly

during the winter they feel it is necessary to leave Maynooth at 7am in order to guarantee that they will be in the city centre for the 9am meeting.

At a recent meeting with the Minister for Public Enterprise, Dublin 15, Community Council accompanied by

representatives of both Intel and Hewlett Packard put forward the benefits for employment opportunities as well as the positive impact on traffic congestion that would accrue from the provision of a second line between Maynooth and Clonsilla. Iarnrod Eireann's Mr Michael Murphy believes that the doubling of the line alone is not the only answer. The completion of a south city station at Barrow Street together with work at the Ossary Road junction will help improve the service on the Maynooth line, the automation of signalling and the purchase of additional

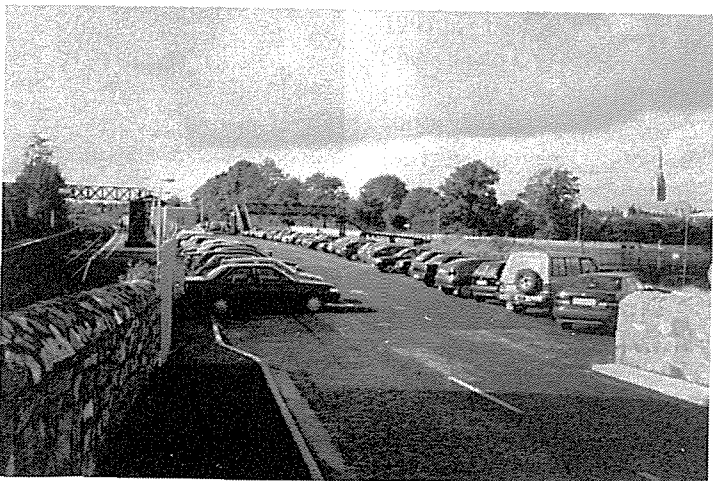
rolling stock are all essential for the service.

Political support necessary - but it's all down to money.

One daily commuter believes that if Irish Rail is privatised to-morrow, that there would be fierce competition for the



Regular Scene at Maynooth Train Station



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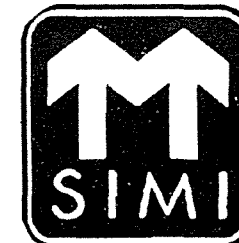
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MAYNOOTH RAIL SERVICE - IS MONEY THE ONLY SOLUTION? Cont.

Maynooth Line franchise. What other service has the same potential of an increasing population base along the line, passengers travelling both directions with a large industrial base along the line as well as a University town at one end.

The real answer to the overcrowding on the trains as well as the restraint of the single line is money. Finance Minister Mr. Charlie McCreevy recently confirmed his support and a promise to talk to Minister O'Rourke. Meanwhile, Iarnrod Eireann have engaged consultants to advise them on their proposals for European funding for the project. Deputies Mr. Emmet Stagg and Mr. Bernard Durkan have both confirmed their support and have promised to make representations to Minister O'Rourke as has Dublin West deputies particularly Mr. Brian Lenihan.

Murphy Project Team essential

Councillor Catherine Murphy who is also vice-chair of the consultative panel of the Dublin Transportation Initiative intends to raise the deficiencies of the Maynooth service at their January meeting. The upgrade of existing infrastructure especially the Maynooth line was part of the original proposals to the European Commission commented Councillor Murphy. She believes that the failure of the Dublin Transportation initiative (DTI) to appoint a project team has meant that the Maynooth Line has lost out to other projects such as LUAS and Quality Bus Corridors. In Maynooth people have voted with their feet and as a result, many of the services are virtually full leaving for Dublin resulting with only standing room from other stations along the line.

Road Rage fear for Train Passengers.

The first recorded case of road rage occurred in 1897 in New York when two men fought over a parking space. In Maynooth, where the Railway Station carpark designed for less than sixty cars can daily have as many as eighty cars, leading to the blocking of the turning area and parking on the slope into the carpark may well witness a similar event in the near future. It can now take up to fifteen minutes to leave the carpark as a result of the heavy traffic on the Straffan Road. There must be a viable business for an enterprising Taxi person to provide a local service from the residential areas to the station and reduce the need for people to leave their cars in the station carpark all day.

Dublin Bus will shortly visit Maynooth to review its services in the area. It is important that the integration of both Bus and Rail services would be considered. Presently, if a problem occurs with the trains, the next Bus could be thirty minutes away.

All Aboard the 8am Virgin Express

With the N4/M4 fast approaching its capacity, the only viable option for travelling between Maynooth and Dublin City is the expansion of public transport. While the upgrade of Maynooth rail service is at the top of many political agendas, all parties have been in Government and yet failed to deliver. 1998 is yet another year where the chance to grab hold of a viable business exists for the government and the service provider. Maybe I should just call Richard Branson.

Paul Croghan.

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PRESENTATION TO TOM ASHE

250 Students from 5th and 6th year in Maynooths Post Primary gathered together along with a number of their teachers to say a final farewell to their one time Principal Mr. Thomas Ashe.

The function was held in the gymnasium of the school and a great night was had by all.

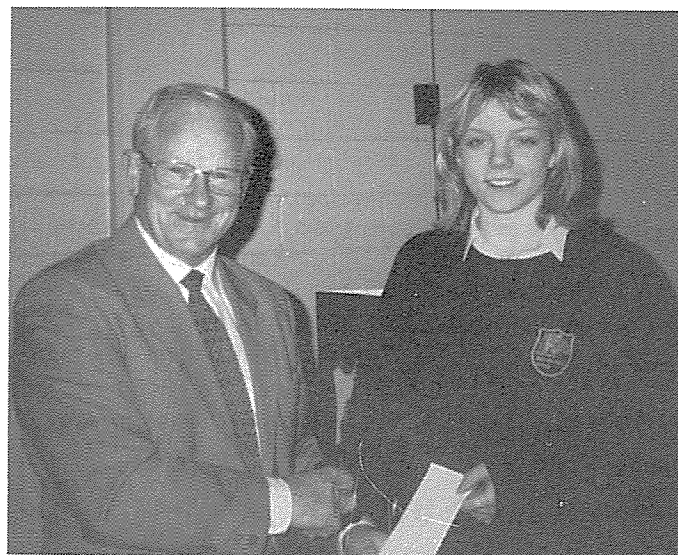
Mr. Ashe donated £500 to the students council out of



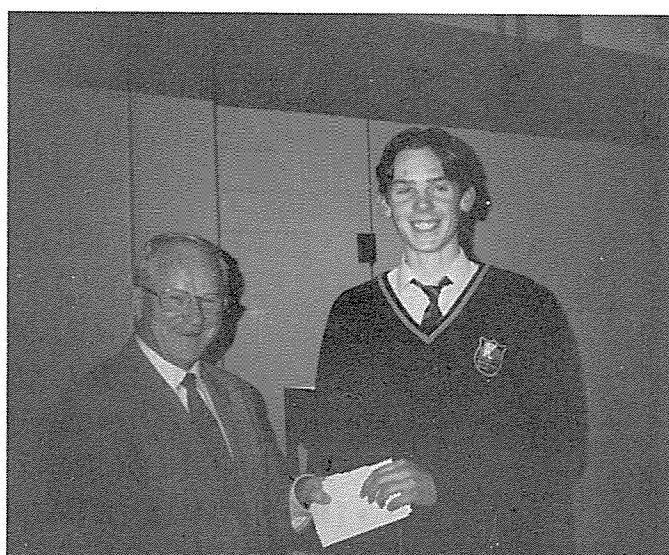
the many presents he had received on retiring.

This was a great surprise to the students as they were the ones who had arranged the night in order to show their appreciation of Mr. Ashe by giving him some tokens to remember them by.

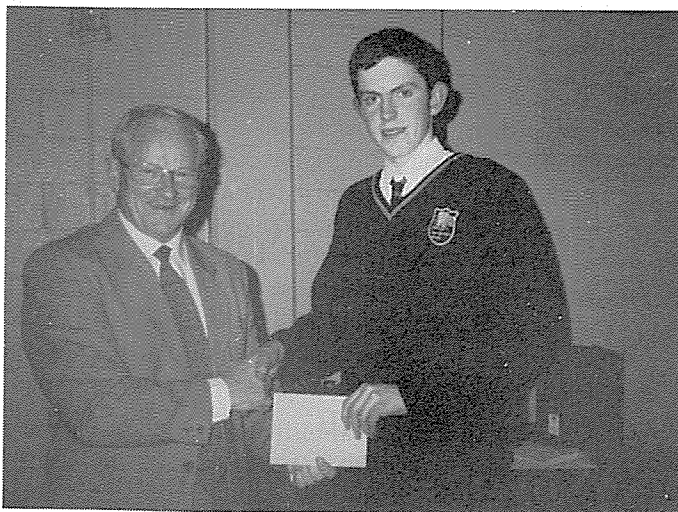
A party was then held in the school assembly area to finish the night off.



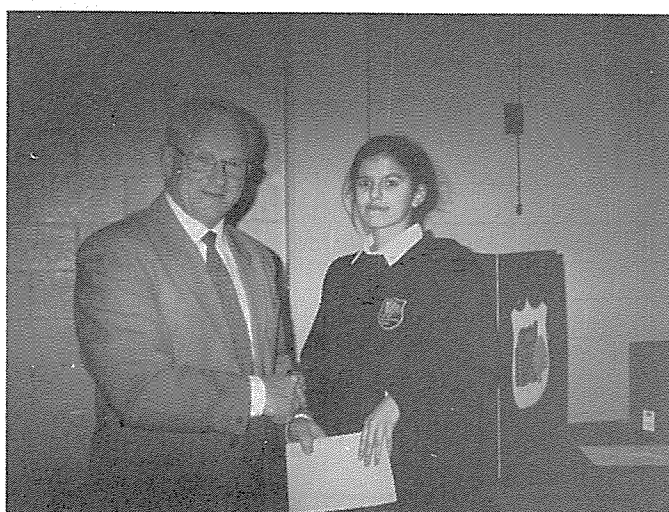
Eloise Mac AnAirthinnigh Junior Cert of the Year 1996 and Mr Tom Ashe.



Stephen McKeon Junior Cert of the Year 1996 and Mr Tom Ashe.



John Cunningham Junior Cert of the year 1997 and Mr Tom Ashe.



Shaunta Guha Junior Cert of the Year 1997 and Mr Tom Ashe.

THE COLD WIND DOTHS BLOW

As the days get cooler now is a good time to look and see what can be done to make our homes more comfortable. The first thing to look at is the lay out of the house. In some older houses a lobby was inside the hall door. This served a very useful purpose in keeping the cold where it belonged and not allowing it to enter the house. A hall door curtain will do the same.

Heat escapes from a house in four main ways - through the roof, walls, floor and through badly fitting doors and windows. Nowadays most houses have fairly good loft insulation. About 25% of heat escapes through single glazed windows. Double glazing would reduce this by half. A much cheaper alternative is to get seals supplied in strip form to fill the gap between the fixed and moving edges of doors and windows. If you do fit draught seals make sure you leave space for a small amount of air to get through or you may get condensation. Heat loss can also be considerably reduced by hanging heavy curtains both lined and interlined. Up to 50% of heat may be lost through the walls. Rolls of insulation can be applied to the walls inside the wallpaper. Kitchen foil behind the radiators will reduce heat loss through the walls.

Some very simple ideas can reduce our energy bill. A door snake will stop that cold breeze from creeping in and a door spring will close the room door after you. A door snake is a three foot long tube made from material and filled with whatever e.g. tights. Set the central heating timer to suit the weather. A saving of half an hour or one degree can be substantial. Switch off or reduce the heat in rooms not being used. Is the boiler regularly serviced? Have you got a lagging jacket on the hot press cylinder? An electric casserole or fry pan or microwave uses very little energy. Showers are more economical than baths. Never leave an open fire unguarded and never use the fire guard for drying clothes. We want to keep warm but not so warm that we need to call the fire brigade. By the way did you check your smoke alarm this week?

Freds Fashions in the Greenfield Shopping Centre on Straffan Road has lots of bargains to help us keep warm.

We should pay particular attention to the heat needs of less mobile people. A woollen knee rug, a cape, cap and bed socks will make the person comfortable. As much as possible should be done to increase blood flow. Simple exercises will help the body to withstand the cold.

All these suggestions should help us to look forward to warmer times ahead.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S

The parishioners of Maynooth and Ladychapel participated in a beautiful and moving Carol Service in St. Mary's Parish Church on Sunday 14th December. Everyone was in good voice, and all agreed that it was a very fitting preparation for the holy season of Christmas.

Leading the Service were St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, the Parish Folk Group and the Parish choir. A small childrens' choir from the parish also took part.

The Parish Priest, Fr. Brendan Supple, and the curate, Fr. John Sinnott, were joined by the Rev. Adrian Wilkinson, Rector of the Church of Ireland.

Following an Opening Prayer by Fr. Supple and a candle ceremony, the congregation joined in the singing of many traditional hymns: "O Come, Emmanuel", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "Adeste Fideles" and "Hark, the Herald Angles Sing". These were interspersed with readings from Isaiah and Luke.

The children sang such moving hymns as "How far is it to Bethlehem?" and "Such a Tiny Child", as well as joining in the well-known "Away in a Manger". "Rorate Caeli" was performed by the parish choir, and the folk group sang "Save Us O Lord" and "The People that walk in Darkness".

Throughout, the Band played beautifully. Their renditions of "Christmas Festival" and "The Coventry Carol" were very well received.

Rev. Wilkinson read from the Gospel of St. Luke, and the closing Prayer and Advent Blessing were given by Fr. Sinnott and Fr. Supple.

A very moving Carol - "O Little One Sweet" - was performed by the parish choir towards the end, and the service concluded with the traditional "Silent Night".

Thanks were expressed to all who participated and to all those who helped to make the service a success. Particular thanks went to Niall O' Connor, Eithne Bean and Bernie Harkness, Directors of the band, Folk Group and Parish Choir respectively, and to the parish organist, Mr. Patrick Devine.

All who attended were loud in their praise and appreciation, and many expressed the hope that the Christmas Carol Service would become an annual event.

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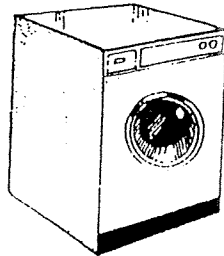
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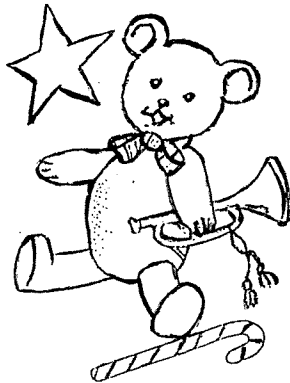


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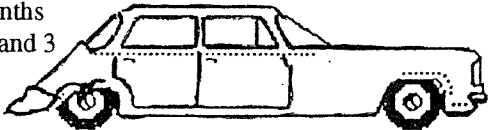
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MAYNOOTH BOOKSHOP

The Maynooth Newsletter wishes to sincerely thank the Maynooth Bookshop for their very generous sponsorship of the crossword prizes throughout the year.
The Bookshop owned by John Byrne, is situated in Maynooth Square. So anyone who has made a New Year's Resolution to expand their minds by reading, perhaps you should pay the shop a visit, open Mon-Sat from 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

All of the local schools, Book lists can be catered for. For those of you with younger children there is a wide variety of books for the small child, all of which are beautifully designed and in bright vivid colours.

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If you are looking for the perfect present for yourself or a loved one why not give them a book or a book token from The Maynooth Bookshop which could result in hours of pleasureable reading and relaxation.

Take your mind off your troubles and allow yourself to be lost in a book for a few hours out of a busy week.

Go on - treat yourself!

GET MOVING NOW

After all the fuss it is over for another year. We won't have half the fuss next year - how many of you said that? But it was worth it or was it?

Have you made all your New Year resolutions? In those few days before life gets back to normal, many of us will decide to slot more exercise into our daily routine. Exercise will improve strength and muscle tone. Of course you know all that: - but there is a good programme on the telly -so tomorrow first thing - don't kid yourself, tomorrow may never come!!

It is very hard to get up and go. 30 minutes of brisk walking 2 - 3 times a week will make all the difference - walk to the shops and do your shopping. Ask if the local supermarkets will deliver home for you. Come to think of it not only will we get fitter but the local community will also benefit from your custom.

Diet is also important. As we get older foods containing calcium are essential. Milk, butter, cheese and yoghurt all are rich in calcium. Calcium helps to prevent bones breaking. With those slippery road surfaces, take care not to

end up in hospital with a broken limb. Bone breaking can be lessened by exercise. Use it or lose it.

Here are some ways in which physical activity improves health:-

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Reduces feelings of depression and anxiety
Helps control weight
Helps build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints
Helps older adults to become stronger and move without falling.

So on with your walking shoes.
Have a day out. You don't have walking shoes. Go to the sales. Feed the ducks down by the canal. Visit some one who can't get out. Maybe they need to have some messages done. One good turn deserves another.

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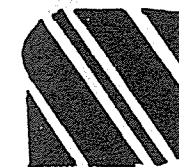
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BEWARE OF UNWANTED FAT

Facts you may not know!

1. One egg yolk contains a whole days allowance of cholesterol.
2. Any exercise burns calories but the more intense the exercise the more calories you will burn off.
3. Swimming burns 9 calories per minute.
4. Skimmed milk is virtually fat free, yet it contains more calcium than full fat milk.
5. Meringue is virtually fat free.
6. Toning exercises will never burn off fat, they will only tone up the muscles you are working on. Aerobic exercises will increase circulation and pulse rate and burn off fat all over the body.

Do you realise just how much fat you are consuming?

Food Type	Fat Content
• Olive Oil	• 100%
• Salted Peanuts	• 50%
• Prawn Cocktail	• 40.4%
• Ritz Crackers	• 27.6%
• Mince Pies	• 14.4%
• After Eight Mints	• 13.3%
• Basted Turkey with Skin	• 10.9%
• Luxury Christmas Pudding	• 9.8%
• Christmas Cake	• 9%
• Roast Ham	• 7.1%
• Roast Potatoes	• 5.2%
• Gravy	• 2.4%
• Brussels Sprouts	• 1.3%
• Paxo Stuffing	• 2.2%
• Bread Sauce	• 1.8%
• Carrots	• 0.4%
• Cranberry Sauce	• 0.4%
• Turkish Delight	• 0.01%

ESAT MAST FOR MAYNOOTH!

The proposed erection of ESAT digifone masts at Garda Stations in North Kildare towns such as Kilcock, Maynooth, Celbridge and Clane could be avoided if the Minister for Public Enterprise and Employment introduces the relevant E.U. directive according to Deputy Emmet Stagg.

Each of the proposed masts would be 30 metres high and triangular in shape. These structures could have serious repercussions for the environment. Deputy Stagg has said that "the present position where two separate telecommunication infrastructures are developing is unacceptable in view of the adverse environmental impact of such masts".

If the Minister for Public Enterprise were to introduce regulations under the E.U. Directive 97/33/EC telecommunication stations such as Eircell and Esat would have to share facilities and properties in relation to masts and other telecommunications infrastructure.

The Directive would provide co-location or facility sharing between the two stations. If the new regulations were implemented numerous applications for planning permission for masts at Garda Stations in North Kildare could be avoided.

IS YOUR NAME BEAN

I am looking for some family information on an Irish Dominican Sister - Mother Bean. She was in Cape Town, South Africa for many years. I have her Golden Jubilee card 1880 - 1930. She is possibly from the Celbridge/Maynooth area. Another person, Charlotte Mary Magdalen Bean, born at Celbridge 20 September 1853 and died at Bruxelles 3 July 1907, was possibly a relative. Any information can be left, Mary, c/o Maeve Moloney at the Community Council offices.

Features

MAYNOOTH OFF-LICENCE - A WINNER!

The Mill Wine Cellar in Maynooth is the Leinster Regional winner of the Gilbey's National Off-Licence of the Year Award.



The Mill Wine Cellar, Mill Street, Maynooth.

The Mill Wine Cellar was the only off-licence in Kildare to be included in the top 26 finalists. The Leinster region did not include Dublin.

The Mill Wine Cellar Proprietor Berna Hatton was presented with a specially commissioned hanging sign for outside her shop.



Berna with her winning award.

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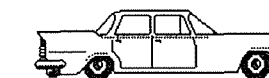
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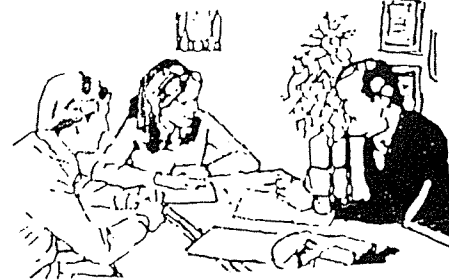
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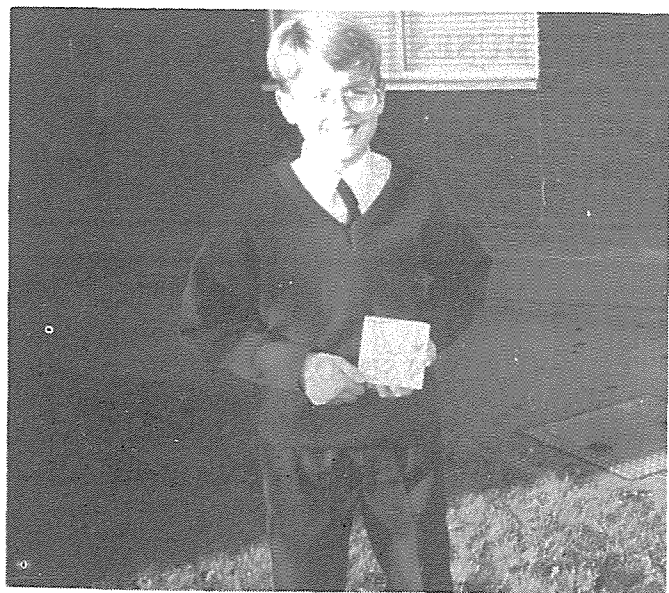
LUNCH TIME BASKETBALL LEAGUE IN MAYNOOTH

For the past five weeks the boys of St. Mary's B.N.S., Maynooth, have been enjoying a Lunchtime Basketball League which concluded on Thursday 27th November.



John Kelleher, Teacher Mr. Grundy, Patrick Byrne, Captain Barry Keenan, Alan Sweeney and Stephen Broderick.

The league of 16 teams was organised by a committee of boys elected by the classes. All games were refereed by Richard Bruton and Daniel Murphy and supervised by Mr.



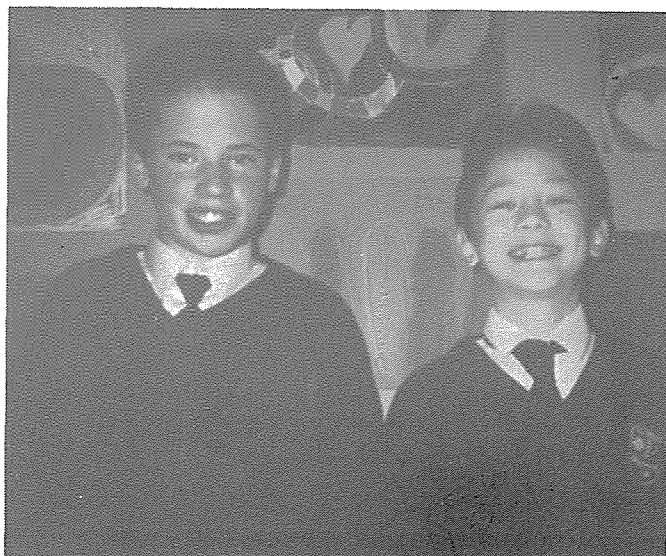
"Most Valuable Player" Andrew Robinson Grundy.

Thursday's final was attended by the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes and a large group of parents and teachers all enjoyed the sporting game from two very eager teams. In the end the winners were Team 1 under captain Barry Keenan.

At Friday's assembly, trophies and medals were presented by the Principal Mr. Peter Mullan to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places and a trophy for "Most Valuable Player" to Andrew Robinson.

A similar league for 3rd and 4th classes in January will be organised by the senior pupils.

BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL



Brian Dunk won £20, Keith Wong won £25

Two young boys from St. Mary's Boys National School won prizes for their work on the Credit Union Poster Competition. The winners were Keith Wong who received £25.00 and a Certificate and Brian Dunk who received £20.00 and a Certificate at the A.G.M. on Tuesday 2nd December.

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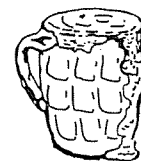
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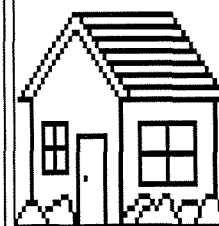
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SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

Scoil Uí Riada end year on a winning streak

Scoil Uí Riada go forward to the Leinster Finals of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann's Ceol an Gheimhridh competition having won the Kildare Heat in the Banna Cheoil and Musical Quartet categories on November 29th. All-Ireland story telling champion, Tomás Ó Báille, also won through to the Leinster Scéalaíocht Finals with his fine storytelling abilities as gaeilge. The following week, pupils from Ranganna I agus II, who make up the school's Junior Choir, took part in the area finals of Slógadh 1998 in the Cór Aonghutha section.

Performing a repertoire of traditional Irish songs they succeeded in reaching the second round of the competition. Under the watchful eye of múinteoir Máire Ní Riathnaigh the pupils performed exceedingly well and acquitted themselves handsomely. It

was hard to believe that this was the first occasion that many of the choir had performed in public.

On stage that day also, performing in the Agallamh Beirte category were Ruth Ó hEarcáin and Seán Ó Muirí from Rang II together with Cormac Ó Mórán and Tomás Ó Báille from

Rang V. All concerned did the school proud and we are delighted to report that both groups progressed to the next round of the competition. Special thanks to Múinteoir Seosamh Ó hEarcáin and parent Peig Bácaoir Ó Báille for preparing the pupils so well.

Web site for Scoil Uí Riada

Scoil Uí Riada are now contactable by e-mail at Scoiluiiriada@tinet.ie. It is hoped to continue to make information about the school, the school calendar of events, past issues of the newsletter, features about the school and the pupils work accessible through the Internet. To this end the school is endeavouring to establish a Home Page in the New Year. This will be built upon in time and updated by the pupils so that the Web site will allow the browser to access current information on the school. Since this is really

a new departure for the school, any help, advice or assistance in this area would be gratefully appreciated. If you can offer some assistance please telephone the school at 01-6287906 or e-mail the school at Scoiluiiriada@tinet.ie.

Visit to Trinity College Dublin

As part of their course curriculum Ranganna III and IV have been studying the phenomena of earthquakes, volcanoes and plate tectonics. This study has developed into a project with

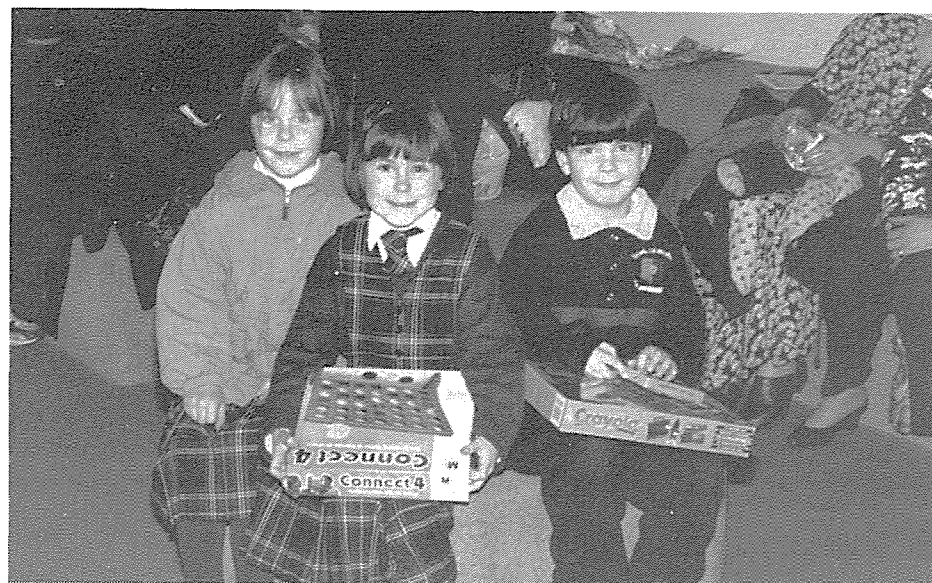
the students building scale models and painting wall murals augmented by information which they had downloaded from the Internet. This information included animated models of the mechanisms involved in the generation of earthquakes and a real-time download of data and pictures from

active volcano sites. No journey to the centre of the earth would have been complete without a trip to the Geology Department of Trinity College where the students, accompanied by their Múinteoir Colm Ó h-Anluáin, were treated to an interesting and informative lecture given, kindly, by Prof. Patrick Wise-Jackson. Prof. Wise-Jackson was able to show the pupils samples of lava and vitreous rock which helped to practically re-inforce the material which the students had covered in class. Prof. Wise-Jackson praised the children highly and said he looked forward to seeing some of them completing their third level studies in Trinity College.

The school would like to thank Prof. Wise-Jackson and the staff of the Geology Department TCD for their help in organising this visit.

The Board of Management would like to wish the staff, parents and pupils a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Miriam Ahern, PRO



L-R: Alison Ní Bhraóin, Emma Ní Bhraóin and Dónal Mac Giolla with their prizes won at the Maynooth Library Colouring Competition.

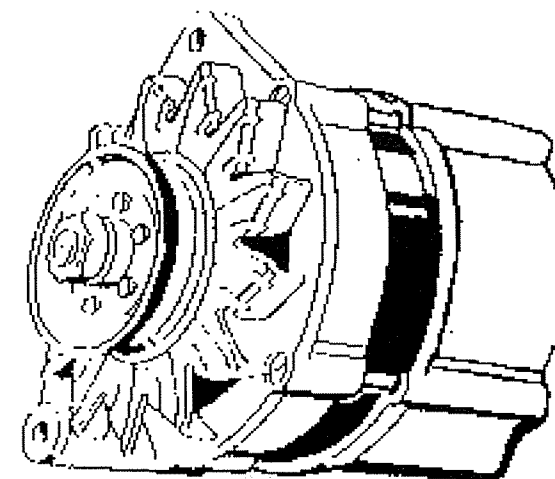
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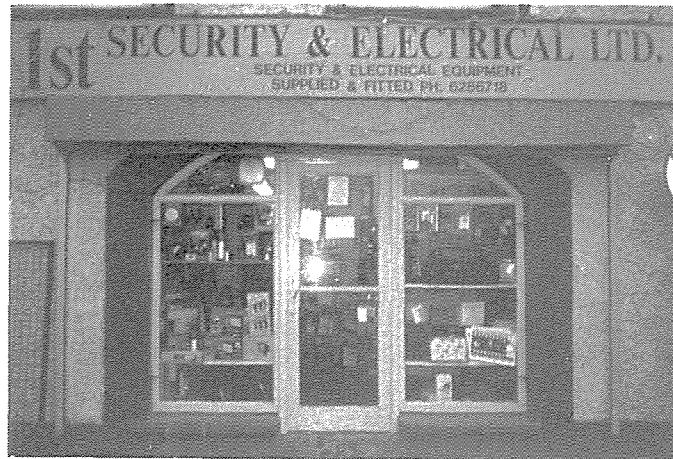
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Anne graduated from the Dublin school of Floristry.

She specialises in fresh flowers as in bouquets, silk arrangements and dried flowers.

She works with drift wood and bog oak and creates the loveliest dried flower arrangements in combination with both, and has even been commissioned to design a flower display for President Mary MacAleese for the Áras An Uachtarán.



Anne Doohan in her new shop

Anne caters for all wedding needs. Later on she intends to extend her business to include a hat hire service for all occasions.

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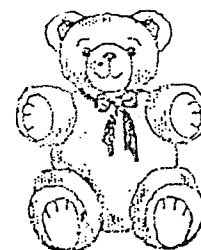
For Valentines Day, remember in order to avoid disappointment, it would be wise to order your flowers approximately 2 weeks in advance.

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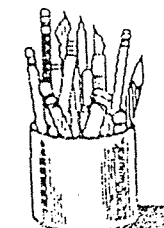
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Serves 6

1 lb sausages
2 tbsp oil
1 large onion, sliced
1 lb/1.4 kg potatoes, cut into large chunks.
2 tbs paprika
1 tsp chilli powder
1 tsp caraway seeds
1 oz/397 g. can chopped tomatoes
p./600 ml beef stock
1./450 green cabbage, shredded
paprika to garnish.

Method

Halve sausages, prick and grill until brown but not thoroughly cooked. Set aside.

Heat oil in a flameproof casserole dish, add onion and fry until softened. Add potatoes and fry for 5 mins, stirring occasionally.

Sprinkle paprika and chilli over and cook for 1 min. Add caraway seeds, tomatoes, stock and plenty of seasoning. Bring to the boil, stirring.

Add sausages, cover and cook at Mark 4/350°F/180°C for 1 hour. Stir in cabbage and cook for 30 mins or until potatoes are tender. Sprinkle extra paprika over and serve in soup bowls.

CHEESY POTATO ROSTI

Serves 4

1 lbs (900g) potatoes, grated
1 red-skinned onion, grated
1 packet fresh chives, chopped
1 oz (100g) emmenthal, grated
2 tbsp (60ml) corn oil
4 cherry tomatoes
4 shiitake mushrooms
4 eggs, size 3.

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 40 mins.
Calories per portion: 390

Method

Mix together grated potato with onion, chives and cheese. Season with

freshly ground black pepper. Divide mixture into 4.

2. Heat 2 tbsp (30 ml) oil in a small nonstick frying pan. Spoon 1 quantity of rosti into pan and press down with the back of a spoon. Fry for 3-5 mins, turn and cook for 5 min. more. Remove from pan and keep hot.

3. Repeat with remaining rosti mixture. Meanwhile, cut crosses in bases of tomatoes and put in a grill pan with mushrooms, drizzle over remaining oil and grill for 5 min. Fry eggs and serve rostis each topped with an egg. Serve with grilled tomatoes, mushrooms and crusty french bread.

BAKED PRAWN COURGETTES

Serves 4

4 thick courgettes
3 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, peeled and chopped
1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed
225 g./8 oz field mushrooms, wiped clean and chopped.
225 g/8 oz peeled prawns, (thawed if frozen)
Greated rind of 1 lemon
3 tomatoes, sliced
Crusty bread to serve

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 30 - 35 min.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/ 375°F /Gas Mark 5. Cut the courgettes in half lengthwise and, using a teaspoon,

2. Heat 2 tbsp of the oil in a large frying pan and cook the onion and garlic for 3 - 5 mins. until soft. Add the mushrooms to the pan. Cook for a further 5 mins.

3. Remove from the heat and stir in the prawns and lemon rind. Season with salt and black pepper. Spoon prawn mixture into the courgette shells and place in an ovenproof dish, piling the courgettes in 2 layers if necessary. Spoon any remaining prawn mixture around the courgettes.

4. Randomly arrange the tomato slices

on top. Drizzle remaining oil over the top and bake for 20 - 25 mins. until the courgettes are tender. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper and serve immediately with crusty bread.

UPSIDE DOWN PEAR CAKE

Serves 8

1 oz (25 g) demerara sugar
822 g can pear halves in syrup
3 oz (75 g) glacé cherries, halved
8 oz (225 g) butter, softened
8 oz (225 g) caster sugar
4 eggs, size 3
8 oz (225 g) self-raising flour, sifted
4 oz (100 g) walnuts, chopped
2 tbsp (30 ml) milk
3 tbsp (45 ml) maple syrup

Method

1. Grease and line an 8in (20.5 cm) deep loose-bottomed cake tin. Sprinkle demerara sugar over base. Drain pears, reserving syrup, and pat pears dry on kitchen paper. Put a cherry half in hollowed core of 8 pear halves. Arrange, rounded side up, in base of tin.

2. Cream together butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one by one. Toss remaining cherry halves in flour and fold into creamed mixture with the flour, chopped walnuts and milk.

3. Spoon mixture into cake tin. Level surface and cook on the top shelf at 350°F, 180°C, Gas 4 for 1 1/4 hours, or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean. Cover top with foil if over-browning during cooking.

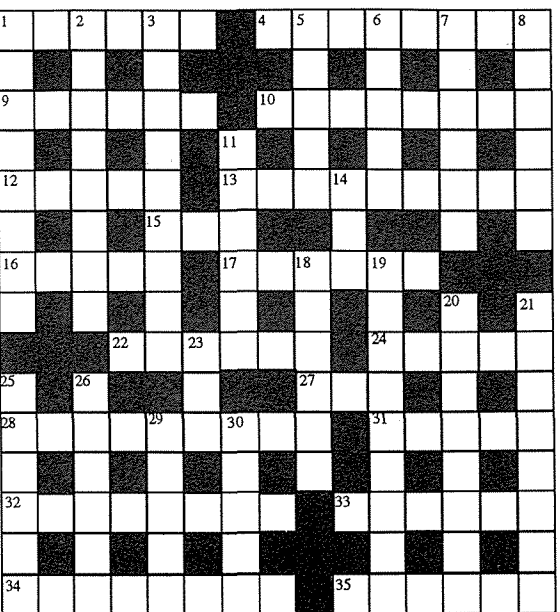
4. Leave cake to cool in tin for 10 mins. Meanwhile, put 8 fl oz (227 ml) reserved pear syrup and maple syrup in a saucepan. Bring to the boil and simmer for 10 min or until liquid is reduced by half.

5. Turn cake on to plate and drizzle over hot syrup. Serve hot or cold with cream.

Calories per portion: 650.

To store: put in polybox and store in a cool place for up to 2 days.

Crossword No. 122



Entries before Monday 19th January

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Across:

- 1. Resolve (6)
- 4. Set in motion (8)
- 9. Scarcity (6)
- 10. Doughball (8)
- 12. Supply (5)
- 13. Lack of proportion (9)
- 15. Paste (3)
- 16. Progeny (5)
- 17. Irish bay (6)
- 22. Gapes (6)
- 24. Sponge (5)
- 27. Annoy (3)
- 28. Sorrow (9)
- 31. Choose (5)
- 32. Spice (8)
- 33. Vilify (6)
- 34. Goal-scorers (8)
- 35. Cuts back (6)

Down:

- 1. Pedantic (8)
- 2. Punish (8)
- 3. Cleaning agent (9)
- 5. Morsel (5)
- 6. Motivate (5)

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- 7. Arranges (6)
- 8. Birds of prey (6)
- 11. Agile (6)
- 14. Craft (3)
- 18. More inquisitive (6)
- 19. Gangster (9)
- 20. Stickiness (8)
- 21. Agitated (8)
- 23. Ms. Gardner? (3)
- 25. Young birds (6)
- 26. Pennant (6)
- 29. Course (5)
- 30. Singing group (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 121.

Across: 1. Poplin ; 4. Scheming ; 9. Sprite ; 10. Bachelor ; 12. Tenon ; 13. Intersect ; 15. Tod ; 16. Okapi ; 17. Direct ; 22. Ingest ; 24. Virgo ; 27. Toe ; 28. Potentate ; 31. Ravel ; 32. Operetta ; 33. Borneo ; 34. Entrench ; 35. Assert.

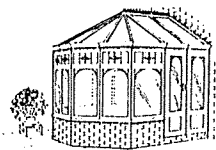
Down: 1. Position ; 2. Parental ; 3. Intention ; 5. Chart ; 6. Ether ; 7. Inlieu ; 8. Gyrate ; 11. Fiddle ; 14. Ere ; 18. Ratted ; 19. Cavernous ; 20. Provence ; 21. Goalpost ; 23. Gut ; 25. Oppose ; 26. Street ; 29. Niece ; 30. Attic.
Winner of Crossword No. 121:
Connie Harpur, 11 Woodlands, Maynooth.



1998 Gardening Planner

JANUARY

- 1) Sow salad vegetables and lettuce.
- 2) Rhubarb can be brought in for forcing under staging.
- 3) Summer-autumn flowering pot plants and plants that require long growing periods, such as F1 hybrid geraniums, can be sown in a propagator.
- 4) Some bulbs already in the plunge may be ready to bring in.
- 5) Propagate chrysanthemums and carnations from cuttings.
- 6) Pot on actively growing pot plants such as primulas. Keep greenhouse glass clean. Be careful with watering. Ventilate freely if there is a mild spell.



CONSERVATORIES

Not since Victorian times has the conservatory enjoyed so much popularity. Some conservatories are used for stylish extra living space, but for the plant enthusiast these light and airy structures usually become a valuable extension of the garden.

Apart from offering year-round gardening opportunities, a conservatory appeals because it allows a wider range of plants to be grown. Exotic species spotted on holiday probably won't prosper if planted outside in many parts of Ireland but they will flourish under glass. Plants that need protection from the frosts and chills of winter will also do well in a conservatory.

Being able to enjoy unusual and attractive plants up close and in a controlled environment is becoming more popular with more and more gardeners.

Choose an east or west-facing conservatory which gets a more measured dose of sun. A south facing structure that captures the most sunshine may seem ideal, but it can become unbearably hot. A north-facing site is better suited to plants such as ferns and ivies.

Watching the seasons changing is one of the great pleasures of gardening - except when the weather is bad. If you add a conservatory to your home, gardening can be carried on all year round, sheltered from the elements.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE ESTABLISHED GARDEN

Lawns:

Treat established lawns with mosskiller. Turf new lawns.

Shrubs and Trees:

If the soil is not frozen now is a good time to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. Prune deciduous summer-flowering shrubs, e.g., clematis, buddleia and hardy fuchsia. Once blooms are over, prune winter-flowering shrubs, mulch, and then apply a general fertilizer. Cut any suckers growing from the base of trees.

Fruit:

Plant fruit trees and bushes during mild spells. Feed all fruit trees with fertilizer. Paint tar oil on apple and pear trees every third year. Prune raspberry, gooseberry and red and white currant bushes. Prepare beds for rhubarb crowns and plant.

Vegetables:

Place cloches in position to warm soil for seeds sown in early spring. Plant shallots outdoors and transplant autumn sown onions.

Herbs:

Cut back frost damaged sage. Plant or divide chives, thyme, sage and mint.

Bulbs:

Pot lily bulbs for early display indoors or under glass. Spray stored dahlia tubers that show signs of mould. Deter birds from eating crocus buds by stretching dark cotton, supported on sticks across the area occupied by the bulbs.

Roses:

Prune rose bushes in sheltered gardens. Continue planting roses in suitable weather.

Annuals:

Sow half hardy annuals in a cold frame or greenhouse late in the Winter. If weather is suitable, dig and manure sites for sowing. Lightly fork over ground dug in autumn and work in a general fertilizer, if it wasn't manured.

Biennials:

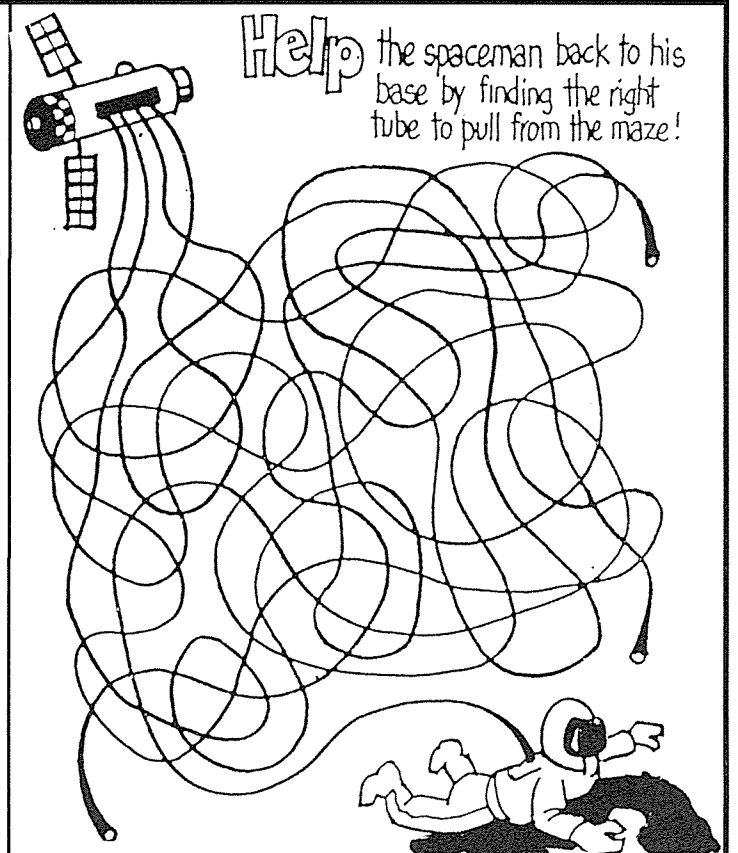
Lightly fork soil around biennials. Firm any plants that have been lifted by frost. Dress with a general fertiliser.

Perennials:

Lift and divide lupins, michaelmas daisies, delphiniums, and any other hardy border plants that have been left for three years. Apply general fertilizer to other hardy perennials. Firm any plants lifted by frost. Fork over soil between the plants.



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2nd Prize

Lauren Eddery
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3rd Prize

Eoghan McCartan
Smithstown
Maynooth

Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

Maynooth Development Plan

The Minister for the Environment has approved the Planning strategy for the County and has granted Kildare Co. Council an extension of time to the end of March 1998 to complete the County Development Plan. It is likely that the Maynooth Plan will be agreed in January or February. As stated in the last issue of the **Newsletter** this will mean that the present proposals to rezone 279 acres residential will have to be reduced to between 50 and 80 acres.

Footpath and lights - Dunboyne Road

As stated in the June issue of the **Newsletter** Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion to Kildare Co. Council asking that developers be asked to carry out certain works themselves instead of imposing development levies. The provision of a footpath from the new houses at Lyreen Park to the existing footpath at Dillons Row as well as public lighting is one such case. The Council have finally agreed to this proposal and the developer will be asked to carry out the works instead of paying over levies to Kildare Co. Council. This work should be completed shortly.

New Pedestrian Lights on Straffan Road

The Council agreed to provide these new lights as a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion. However the Council advised the Area Committee on 5th December that the new lights would be located close to the entrance to the Glenroyal Centre. Cllr. John McGinley stated that this location was totally unsuitable and that the lights should be located between the Silken Vale entrance and the Bridge. This was agreed to by the Councillors present at the meeting.

Meadowbrook Lawns

Sherwood Homes have applied for planning permission for eight four bedroomed houses behind the Eastern Health Board houses. Cllr. John McGinley objected to this application at the area meeting on the 5th December as the developer has not yet completed the estate at Brookfield. Also these houses are premature as Bond Bridge would have to be completed before they are built.

Mona Lisa Restaurant

Cllr. John McGinley has objected to this premises as built for two reasons:

1. The roof of the rear extension projects above the front building. Cllr. John McGinley has demanded that the owner be requested to rebuild the roof as it ruins the street scape.
2. The lit up sign is not in accordance with the planning permission granted.

Romayo's Take Away

Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the Council to demand the removal of the neon sign on this premises. Its removal should be pursued through the Courts if necessary. It is

unfortunate that this new entrant to the business community of Maynooth ignores the wishes of public and the Community Council.

New Public Lights

Following Cllr. John McGinley's motion the new lights at Backlane, Old Greenfield and Pound Park are now in place. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide two further lights in Pound Park as the E.S.B. believe that the three new lights will not be enough.

Extension of 30 MPH speed limit on Dunboyne Road

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested Kildare Co. Council to extend the 30 MPH speed limit on the Dunboyne Road to beyond Lyreen Park. The entrance to Lyreen Park is presently outside of the speed limit area.

Footpath to Pitch and Putt

Arising from a number of requests Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested Kildare Co. Council to provide a footpath from the 1998 Discretionary Grants on the Dunboyne Road as far as the entrance to the Pitch and Putt Course.

Thornton Refused Planning Permission

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the decision by Meath Co. Council to refuse planning permission for a waste recovery facility on Thorntons land. Ideally such a facility should be located on industrial land in Co. Meath.

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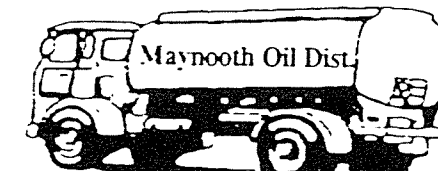
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DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

Rezoning Threat to Maynooth Recedes

At its October meeting, Kildare County Council agreed to adopt a planning strategy which would provide for an overall population increase of 12,000 in the county over the next five years. Of this, only 4,000 would be located in the north of the county, embracing Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock and Straffan. This decision was made after strong interventions, in the interests of proper planning, by both the Minister for the Environment and the County Manager.

The finer detail of what this strategy entails at local level has still to be worked out. While some rezoning in Maynooth is still likely, it clearly will be nothing on the scale originally proposed by the Council's Rezoning Majority, which could have seen Maynooth's population alone being increased by up to 10,000. At the moment, council officials are working on updating the audit of rezoned land in the county, originally prepared earlier this year on the proposal of Councillor Catherine Murphy. The main function of this updating is to identify rezoned land which is already serviced, and therefore best placed for early development.

It is likely that every attempt will be made by developers and builders, in conjunction with their friends on the county council, to whittle away at the new planning strategy in order to have additional land rezoned. Catherine Murphy will continue to spearhead the campaign for planning in the community interest, not in the interests of private profit.

Main Street Improvement Work

By the time this appears in print, the long-awaited improvement works in Maynooth Main Street should be well under way. The first phase of this work involves placing overhead cables underground. The second phase will include the long overdue repaving of footpaths and better facilities for pedestrian crossings, especially at the Main Street, Mill Street and Parson Street junction. Maynooth, mainly because of its status as a University town, experiences very high levels of pedestrian flow on its streets, and these improvements will provide welcome recognition of this fact. The work is being jointly funded by the National Roads Authority, Kildare County Council and the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) and has been welcomed by Councillor Catherine Murphy, who is Vice-Chair of the DTO's Consultative Council.

Pedestrian Safety on Straffan Road

Councillor Catherine Murphy has welcomed Kildare County Council's plan to install a signal-controller pedestrian crossing on the Straffan Road between the entrance to the railway station and Silkenvale. Earlier this year, Councillor Murphy had put down a motion seeking improved pedestrian crossing facilities on the road. In the absence of such facilities, pedestrians were regularly taking their lives into their hands in trying to cross a road where high (and illegal) traffic speeds are the norm. Catherine Murphy will continue to press for the installation of illuminated pedestrian islands at the entrances to the Glenroyal Centre and Rail Park.

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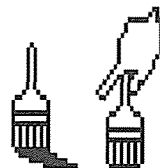
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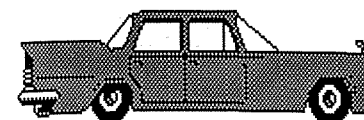
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City Speed

Following consistent representations by Cllr. Senan Griffin to Bus Atha Cliath to run the early morning city speed bus into town via the motorway, as from 1-12-97 the 7.28 am, city speed is now going up the Straffan Road and joining the motorway at Dowdstown. The bus is now arriving in town at 8.35am., a saving of approx, 30 mins. It is possible that a number of commuters may not be aware of this welcome change by Bus Atha Cliath. Cllr. Senan Griffin is of the opinion that both the early morning buses should travel via the motorway and a swift service should be available to cover the local area of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge.

Co. Development Plan

The Co. Development plan of 1985 has been granted an extension until March 1998, this information was conveyed by the Co. Secretary on Dec. 5th to the Celbridge area committee. The contents of the Ministers letter is not to hand at this time but should be available by the time this Newsletter is printed.

Bond Bridge

Dep. Bernard Durkan recently asked the Minister for the Environment whether his Department has received from KCC, communication seeking funding for the realignment of BOND BRIDGE. The Minister replied as follows. KCC, applied to my Department in 1996 for special funding of £500,000 for the reconstruction of this bridge. The council were informed that additional funds were not then available from which a special grant could be allocated.

More recently KCC have submitted for funding under the EU co-financed scheme. These amounted to £2.45 million in total and included funding for Bond Bridge. The Minister informed KCC that the funding requested exceeded the council's expenditure guide-lines and was therefore returned to KCC. It is to the disbelief of Dep. Bernard Durkan that KCC have now made a new application to the Minister for the required finance and that Bond Bridge is not included in this new request. Dep. Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin are adamant that KCC will have to make a new request which will include finance for Bond Bridge.

Footpath at the Dunboyne Road

Following a motion submitted by Cllr. Senan Griffin KCC, are to lay a new footpath at the Dunboyne Rd. This footpath will be of help to the old folks and the new residents at Pebble Hill and Lyreen Park.

Doctors Lane

KCC informed the area committee that bollards will be erected at the top of Doctors Lane when the work on the Main Street is completed.

Barberstown Road

The Co Manager has sought finance of £100,000 from the

EU co-financing scheme and this finance is expected in 1998, to upgrade the Barberstown Road.

Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. Senan Griffin has been successful in obtaining £5000 by way of a special grant for the improvement of the cemetery and a further grant of £1500 will be forthcoming for the erection of a barrier.

Pedestrian Traffic Signals on Straffan Road

The proposed location for the traffic signals beside the Glenroyal Hotel was deemed unacceptable to the area committee and a point closer to the Railway station and Silken Vale was decided as the better option.

Happy New Year

Dep. Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin wish all the people of Maynooth and its environs a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous 1998.



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THRILLING VICTORY FOR MAYNOOTH MINORS

Maynooth 1-8

The Crom ABU spirit is alive and well in Maynooth after the minor hurling team secured an impressive victory over a gallant Celbridge side in the Division 2 League final played at Leixlip on 6/12/97.

Maynooth had the advantage of a strong breeze in the first half, but found the going tough for the first ten minutes and were held scoreless by the Celbridge boys. Finally in the 12th minute Lorcan O'Brien opened their account with a fine point from a 65. The best score of the game was scored by Conor Diggins when he secured position on the half way line, beat three players on a dazzling solo run and struck the sliotar over the bar from 30 yards out. Indiscipline in the Celbridge defence led to two quick frees which were duly pointed by ace marksman Mikey Gleeson. The Celbridge defence were put under severe pressure for the remainder of the first half and conceded two 65's within 3 minutes from which Lorcan O'Brien pointed superbly. The losers secured their only score in this half with a pointed free in the 25th minute. Maynooth continued to dominate and a massive 80 yard free from Lorcan O'Brien went all the way to the Celbridge net to leave the halftime score:

Maynooth 1-6

In the second half, Maynooth were under sustained pressure from Celbridge and gradually whittled away Maynooths'

Celbridge 0-7

lead with 4 points inside the first fifteen minutes. Lorcan O'Brien settled his team's nerves with another point from a 65. Celbridge added a further two points before Mikey Gleeson pointed a free after a foul on Chris Arthurs to leave 4 points between the sides with 5 minutes remaining. Celbridge needed a goal to win the match, but superlative defensive play by Eoin Nevin in particular at centre back and Tommy Masterson at corner back kept the forwards at bay to ensure a hard earned but well deserved victory for Maynooth.

1997 has certainly been a very good year for the hurlers with the minors doing the double in winning the league and Championship. A lot of credit must be given to Team Manager Pat Nevin who has prepared this team so well and instilled in them the confidence to believe in their own ability. Best for Maynooth were Karl Ennis who was soundness personified in goal, Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Conor Minogue and Eoin Nevin in defence, a man of the match performance by Lorcan O'Brien at midfield ably assisted by Alan Nugent and in attack Conor Diggins Mikey Gleeson and John O Shea were most impressive.

Teams and Scores

Karl Ennis, Mark Mc Carron, Matt Callaghan, Tommy Masterson, Conor Minogue, Eoin Nevin, Rory Kelly, Lorcan O'Brien (1-4), Alan Nugent, Mikey Gleeson (0-3), Ken Dooley, Conor Diggins (0-1), Chris Arthurs, Seamus Cummins, John O Shea.

Subs: Sean Lennon for Chris Arthurs, Chris Arthurs for Seamus Cummins.

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Maynooth G.A.A. Hurling Committee

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Happy Birthday to Noelle McTernan, Moyglare Village, Maynooth on December 10th, from Raymond, Aoife, Aileen, Sean, Mammie, Gearoid, Ita and all your family and friends. Birthday wishes to Catherina Crow, from Mammy and Daddy.

Birthday wishes to Michael Lennon, from Killmacredock, Maynooth, who is celebrating his 43rd Birthday, from his loving family.

Birthday wishes to Rebecca Sullivan from Mammy, Daddy and brother Stephen.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Helena Redmond and her sister Jackie in Celbridge on the birth of their babies, from all your family.

Congratulations to Pat O'Connor, who is celebrating 25 years as a Chef in Maynooth College, from all your work mates.

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