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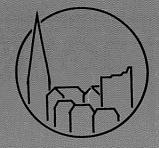
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27th Feb: Maynooth Community Games Table Quiz G.A.A

28th Feb to 1st March: Low Impact Society Seminar in Maynooth College.

4th March: Greenfield Res. Ass. A.G.M. in I.C.A Hall

5th March: Tidy Towns Ass. Meeting in Community Council Office 8.30 p.m.

5th March: Fianna Fail A.G.M. in Glenroyal Hotel, 8.30 p.m. 5th March: I.C.A. Meeting - I.C.A. Hall, 8.00 p.m.

6th March: Maynooth Mortality Soc. A.G.M. in I.C.A. Hall 8.30 p.m.

6th March: Girls School Irish Night in Glenroyal Hotel 9pm 6th March: "1798" Seminar in the Irish School Rathcoole at

7th March: Maynooth Community Games Art & Modelmaking Competition in the Post Primary School 10.30 a.m.

8th March: Children's Céile - 3-5 p.m. Parish Hall.

Children £1 and Adults free.

10th to 14th March: Kilcock Musical Soc. "Sound of Music" in St. Joseph's Hall 8 p.m each night.

13th March: St. Mary's Band American Night - Glenroyal Hotel. From 10 till late, bar extension, Food, Music and Craic. 13th March: Scoil Uí Fhiaich 70's Night G.A.A. Club.

15th March: Bishop's Visit to St. Mary's Church of Ireland

17th March: Parade from Greenfield S.C. Start 11 a.m. 19th March: Confirmation in Parish Church, Maynooth.

21st March: Boy Scouts Teen Disco in St. Coca's Hall Kilcock 9 p.m to 1 a.m Adm £3.

22nd March: Mother's Day.

24th March: Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Talk in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, at 8.00 p.m.

30th March: Maynooth Task Force Information Meeting Glenroval Hotel 8 p.m.

1st April: Telethon Table Quiz & Disco, Glenroyal Hotel 8pm. 3rd April: B.N.S. Fund Raising Night in the G.A.A. Club

Moyglare Rd. 8.30p.m.

EDITORIAL

We just have to hope it's all worth while in the end! Maynooth's footpaths, or what's left of them, resemble a fairly stiff obstacle course as the Main Street Improvement Scheme takes its toll. For those of us who are reasonably agile the barriers, holes and mounds of earth represent an inconvenience. But for the elderly, the disabled or mothers with prams attempting to negotiate their way from one end of the street to the other is downright dangerous. Some of our correspondence this month makes this point and other pieces in this issue refer to the great difficulty disabled people have in Maynooth simply getting from A to B. The Newsletter's own survey of wheelchair access in the town suggests that local businesses and those managing public buildings have, in general, failed to address this issue. For most people it is something that they simply don't have to deal with. High steps and doors opening the wrong way don't affect the vast majority of residents and so wheelchair access remains a minority cause.

As the improvement works continue and the chaos around Main St. gets worse by the day we will just have to imagine how it will all turn out in the end. Paved footpaths - with no car parking, attractive lighting and no unsightly overhead wires is the vision of the future. Anyone any ideas on how to solve our traffic problems? A by-pass maybe?

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Re: Work in Progress in Maynooth

Residents of Maynooth, those shopping in Maynooth and other using the local facilities in the vicinity cannot have failed to notice that the footpaths in the town have been in the process of being dug up for months on end for various reasons

Most people would reasonably acknowledge that various works have to be carried out and indeed people are campaigning to have better footpaths, and Kildare County Council have a duty to improve the footpaths. Many types of works, including pipe laying, water and sewage works, electricity cable laying, footpath construction and reconstruction have to be carried out.

I would like to look at these works from the perspective of a person with a disability:

If you tried to walk down the street on either side of the town last week, you will know what I am talking about. Have you tried to negotiate the holes, the piles of rubble, the pipes, the bits and pieces left around? Perhaps you found it difficult. If you are a mother with a baby buggy you will have found it extremely difficult to get down the town. If you are a senior citizen you will have had great difficulty. Consider then if you were a person with a disability - a wheelchair user, a person with a walking aid, a person whose balance is not too good due either to physical or neurological difficulties. If you had a visual impairment then I very much doubt you could use the facilities in the town recently. These people are all at risk if they go out. Do they have to stay in to stay safe - it would seem that Kildare County Council do not appear to have considered these very vulnerable members of the community.

There is no co-ordinated effort to try to keep the footpath on one side intact, while working on the other, or to work on a section at one time, out of consideration for pedestrians. There just seems to be work in progress no matter where you walk. Some premises in the town are now not accessible for many people. I am able bodied and it took me a long time to get safely down the town last week.

Does Kildare County Council have a responsibility to ensure that there is adequate and safe re-routing of pedestrian traffic while these works are in operation? Who is responsible if a person sustains an injury while trying to get to the local shops, library, post office, bank, etc? I am now calling on Kildare County Council to take action to ensure that the footpaths in all towns and villages in Kildare are made safer for all pedestrians, but especially those who have disabilities. Those who support this call for action should write to the County Council and this newspaper about the situation.

The following is a copy of a letter from The NRB to Kildare County Council:

"Representation has been made to me regarding a number of hazardous situations involving pedestrians with disabilities when attempting to negotiate around road/footpath works on Main Street, Maynooth. People with disabilities are particularly vulnerable in such circumstances and particular

care is needed to maintain clearly defined and level alternative routes. I appreciate that this is often difficult to maintain, however, I would be pleased to advise in this regard if you deem it necessary."

Mary Farrell - Headway Kildare and Member of Kildare County Network Irish Council of People with Disabilities

Dear Editor,

Although I am relatively new to Maynooth and, in a way, cut off from the mainstream life of the town, I love to read "Maynooth Newsletter".

I fully agree with the opinions expressed by Padraig O Murchu in his letter (February 1998) re: Carton Estate. The house and parklands are treasures that few, if any other town could boast of. What a lovely park Carton would make for the people of Maynooth and the surrounding countryside, like Ardgillan near Balbriggan! Think of its connections with Leinster House where our Dáil meets!

Recently I read a book entitled "Aristocrats" by Stella Tillyard, which I found most interesting and of particular interest to the people of Maynooth and Celbridge. The book gives a vivid picture of day to day life at Carton in the 18th century. The impression I got was that Carton was the great centre where everything happened - it was self-sufficient with a mill, granary brewery, tannery, bakery, etc., etc., and employed up to 100 people, while another 200/300 might be employed there when major works were under way. Ms. Tillyard says: "even the largest linen manufacturers in the country had not yet grown to that size. Only armies and fighting ships, with their crews of 400 were bigger." The town of Maynooth was only peripheral to this great centre of life and industry. Names of employees are mentioned and I wonder if any of their descendants are in Maynooth - a steward called Bere, a butler, Stoyte, housekeepers, Mrs. Clarke or Mrs. Lynch. Other locals are mentioned as intruders into the park - Mary (Cocker) Kelly, Anne Strong, Mary McDannett!

Lord Edward Fitzgerald spent much of his childhood here the home of his parents, the Duke and Duchess of Leinster. He was probably born in Leinster House. Are we aware that Lord Edward was a great-great-grandson of King Charles II through his mother, Emily? - that he was one of twenty-two children born to Emily, most of whom died in infancy or childhood? - that she invited Rousseau to be tutor to her children, a position Rousseau turned down.

Castletown House in Celbridge gets as much coverage, as it was the home of Emily's sister, Lady Louisa Connolly.

Louisa Bridge in Leixlip was probably called after her! I often wonder who Anne Bridge (Moyglare) is called after - built in 1798?

I wonder if your readers would be interested if extracts from "Aristocrats" were published in the Newsletter? Many, I know, would find the present more relevant, but, for me, the more I know about the past of a place the more I love it.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Community Councillors invited to join Sub-committees
An invitation to join the community council sub-committees
was sent to all members in the last few weeks. This follows
a discussion about the level of participation by the members
in the community council sub-committees, at the community
council meeting in November 1997.

Community Council AGM - 23/3/98

The Community Council AGM will take place on 23/3/98 at the Post Primary School, Moyglare Road at 8pm.

Paul Croghan PRO

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ARRANGEMENTS

The Parade leaves Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11 am. This year it will be led by the Naraghamore Pipe Band as St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band will be representing Maynooth in Kansas, USA.

The Reviewing Stand will be at the Irish Permanent Office on Main St. and the Parade will turn right at the Square heading towards Quinnsworth Supermarket where they will fall out.

Motorists:

While most motorists obey the stewards and appreciate that it is our National Holiday, there are a few who act as if they never heard of St. Patrick's Day or the Parade. If motorists obey the following rules the parade will pass off peacefully:

- From 11am no cars will be allowed down the Straffan Road towards Main St. from Greenfield Shopping Centre.
- 2. No parking allowed at the entrance to Greenfield Estate outside Greenfield Shopping Centre from 10.30 am.
- 3. No parking on either side of Main Street from 11am to
- 4. No cars allowed up the Straffan Road from Main St. from 11 am to 12 noon.

John McGinley Parade Secretary

CAUTIONARY REMINDERS FROM THE GARDAI

Please refrain from parking on the Main Street overnight and until the parade is finished.

Be aware that the parade will be taking place and make arrangements to travel to Mass earlier than normal.

All traffic will be held up from passing through the Main Street from 10.55 until the parade is finished approximately an hour and a half later.

The Gardai again appeal to parents to take extra care with their children on the day.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee's next meeting will be on the 5th March 1998 at 8.30p.m. in the Community Council Offices, Main St., Maynooth.

Please look out for our St. Patrick's Day Parade entry sponsored by Gerard Mulcahy, Family Butchers, Greenfield Shopping Centre.

Our Sunday Morning Clean Up continues every Sunday - assemble at The Geraldine Hall.

See you on St. Patrick's Day.

Richard Farrell P.R.O.



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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

Where is the time going? Here we are now in March. This month sees the culmination of the training for Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton Project, Quiz, Art & Model Making, Table Tennis, Set Dancing, Culture Corner.

Local Events

The Art & Model Making will take place in the Post Primary School on Saturday March 7th at 10.30 a.m. There will be an entry fee of £2 per child or £5 for family (3 or more).

Fiona O'Connor is now picking her "stars" for the Variety Production, and rehearsals will be on-going in the Boys' School on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

County Competition

The First Round of Indoor Team events must be completed by 27th February. Quarter Finals by 6th March. Semi Finals 20th March and Finals 27th March.

County Finals

Cross Country: Saturday March 14th The Curragh 12 noon.

Project:

Saturday March 28th Nurney Hall 10 a.m.

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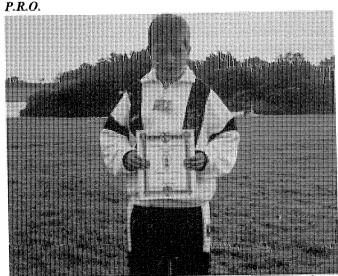
Friday April 3rd Allenwood 7.30 p.m.

Judges are required at County level in the following events: Art, Choir, Gymnastics, Variety, Project, Culture Corner, Athletics and Swimming.

Anyone with expertise in any of these disciplines please contact Marie Gleeson 6285246 or Maynooth Community Games at 6285922, or myself Bríghidín Breslin at 6286254

Good luck to all our competitors and mentors.

B. Breslin,



Mark Cummins, 4th place Winner in 1997 Long Puck in Mosney, National Community Games Finals.

PRESENTATION CONVENT GIRLS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Irish Night.

The Parents Association are holding their annual Irish night in the Glenroyal Hotel on 6th of March 1998 from 9.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Music by Gealtra as in previous years.

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Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before 6/3/98 or phone Freda Kelleher (office hours - 6285922) or John McGinley (6285293 - After office hours)

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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

How is it the song goes again ... Love is in the air every time I look around ... Well it certainly was in abundance at our Valentine's Party on Sunday, February 15th. Whoever said "romance is for the young" has never seen Pat Doonan or Leo McGlynn in full flight. There is no substitute for experience I always say. Although men were in short supply, nevertheless we had eight couples taking part in our fun competition. Pat Doonan and Carmel Reilly were deemed our "most romantic couple" of the evening taking first prize of flowers, chocolates and bottle of whiskey. Leo and Eileen McGlynn came a very close second and Eileen Coogan and Matt Brannigan (Leixlip) came third.

Of course the fun didn't end there, as we had a competition for the most romantic card and verse. We had a huge amount of entries for this, so we passed the judging on to Margaret Maher from the Newsletter office who did an excellent job. The winners of this competition were as follows:

"Most Romantic Verse"	1st	Joan Branagan
1.1000	2nd	Margaret Walsh
	3rd	Josie Wicks.

I have loved you for many years
and all that time I've hidden my tears
We parted over something small
which I cannot even recall.
You went your way
I went mine
I still loved you all that time.
Maybe some day we'll meet again
And become the best of friends.
Perhaps the good Lord will look down from above
And grant us our day of love.
And even though we're old and grey
you are still my Valentine to this very day.

Joan Branagan

VALENTINE

St. Valentines Day holds lots of memories of days that are long gone by.

When I sneaked out at night to meet him under a starry sky.

We talked and we laughed for hours until the moon disappeared,

and then hand-in-hand we made our way home and are together for years.

So three cheers for my faithful and true love from now till the end of time,

His step is much slower his shoulders have dropped But he's still my own Valentine.

Margaret Walshe

"Most Romantic Card"

1st Chris Feighery
2nd John O'Reilly
3rd Mary O'Reilly.

A big thank you to all who entered into the fun and spirit of the evening, and to Leixlip Golden Years Club who always enhance our parties by their presence. Congratulations and well done to all.

February is also the month for our Annual General Meeting, which took place on Tuesday 3rd in the Health Centre. The Chairperson in her report thanked the general community for their support throughout the year and in particular Peter O'Brien, Pat Barton, Eugene O'Reilly, the Post Primary School, the I.C.A. and all those who help at our annual Sale of Work and the Morning Club, too numerous to mention. Without the support of so many, our organisation would have a very difficult task indeed. 1997 was a most successful year both in terms of our on-going work with our older people and from a financial point of view.

The Secretary, Patsy O'Rafferty in her report gave a comprehensive account of our years activities which seems to get bigger with every passing year. However, it is rewarding work and with such community support, how can we go wrong?

The Treasurer, Catherine Mulready, gave a detailed account of the years finances, carefully audited by Eugene O'Reilly to the satisfaction of all. These accounts are presented in turn to the E.H.B. which keeps us all in 'check' so to speak.

I thank all those who attended this meeting, members and non-members alike, including Peter McNamara, representing the Pastoral Students from the College who assist us in visiting our less mobile and sometimes house-bound people.

With all reports and discussions over, the elections were next on the agenda. The committee for the coming year is as follows:

Josephine Moore
Patricia Nolan
Patricia O'Rafferty
Joan Lennon
Catherine Mulready
Patricia Cusker

Chairperson and P.R.O.
Vice Chairperson
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Min. Secretary
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I take this opportunity to thank all these members for their loyalty and dedication through many years. Except for the occasional change of officers, membership has remained more or less the same over the years. It is to this fact that I attribute the success of this committee. Consistency and stability are very important in our lives, young and old.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS

Our next event will be our Annual Collection which takes place this year from March 5th to the 8th inclusive and once again we ask for your support.

Sunday, March 22nd we will be guests of the afore-mentioned students. This trip to the College has become an annual event to which we all look forward.

Well, that's the year so far. Still to come, our Easter Party in April, our May Party and Sponsored Walk (Courtesy - Labour Party), our Annual Outing in June, Community Week 'Cabaret' in July and Holidays in August, and Inter Club trips in between. How is that for a full calendar.

Our sincere sympathy to the Bean and Keys families on the death of Tom (Deuce). To the Presentation Sisters on the death of Sr. de'Lourdes who died in Clondalkin having spent twenty-five years in Maynooth, and to Mary Murtagh on the death of her brother in England.

Finally, may I ask those who oversee the work on the footpaths of our Main Street, to put themselves in the position of those in wheelchairs, partially sighted, old or infirm who have great difficulty coping with these un-user friendly areas at the best of times. While I fully appreciate the importance of this work, however, diligence should always be tempered with care and consideration for others. And when all this work is complete and those long awaited by-laws are in place, I trust the powers that be will create a more user friendly walk-way, by confining the cars and trucks to where they belong, on the road and in car parks or do I indulge in fantasy.

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Bishop's Visit

Reflection for Lent

touch up the x-rays.

with the help of God.

We look forward to having the Bishop with us for a United Service in St. Mary's, Maynooth on Sunday 15th at which seven of our young parishioners will be confirmed. We pray for them as they take this step in their faith. Also at this service the Bishop will dedicate a wooden cross which has been given in memory of Revd. James Hammond, a former Rector who died last year.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

It's that time of the year again, Lent. As much as we may

beneficial. We just wish there were an easier way. It is like

the man who once went to the doctor, who took x-rays that

pointed out, however, that for much less money he could just

Real change takes a firm commitment and Lent provides us

with forty days to start off on this road one step at a time

showed some problems. The operation suggested by the

doctor would be very painful and expensive. The doctor

find it uncomfortable, deep within us we know it is

Services for Lent

At 10.30 am each Wednesday a service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Church. Details of Holy Week services will be available next month or from the Rector.

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Josephine Moore

Happy St. Patrick's Day



to all our



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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the pupils and staff on the wonderful production of "Fiddler on the Roof" which ran in the Parish Hall from Thursday, 5th to Sunday, 8th February.

The musical has now become part of the school's tradition since "Oliver" in 1995, "Calamity Jane" in 1996 and "Oklahoma!" in 1997.

The dedication, commitment and hard work of pupils and staff alike was so evident.

Once again, on behalf of the Parent/Teacher Association, I wish to thank all the local businesses for their sponsorship in the form of advertisements for the Programme for the show.

For very many of them this is the fourth year in which they have lent their support in this way and it is greatly appreciated. They are all listed here-under. We hope that they benefit from your custom in the coming year:



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Mary Murphy, Claire Dorrity, Laurene Barry - Fiddler on the Roof.



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You should also be aware that from January 1st 1998 the charge at the Accident & Emergency Department of a hospital to those without a referral letter from their GP will be increased to £20 - it is currently £12. It applies to the first visit only - of any episode of care; for subsequent visits for the same condition, etc. There are no further charges.

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BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Due to a clash of dates we have had to change the date of our fund-raising event to the 3rd April, it will be held in the G.A.A. Club, Moyglare Road at 8.30 p.m.

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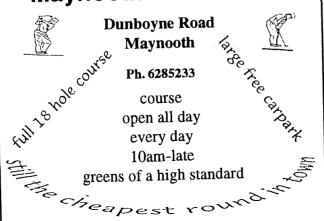
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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

Decision time is fast approaching for our local councillors as the Maynooth Development Plan nears finalisation. Maynooth is one of only eight towns in the county for which the plan for the period 1996-2001 remains to be agreed. The cause of the delay is essentially the failure of the County Council to pass the County Development Plan, from which individual town plans should stem. This is despite a recent concession by the Minister for the Environment in lifting his suspension of their activities in this area, and allowing them until the end of March to complete the task. This concession has however been abused, and further extensions are currently being sought by county councillors to complete their revision of a County Development Plan dating from 1985, which is required to be updated every five years under the various planning acts.

Strategic Plan

Councillors have, after over a year of procrastination, decided to accept the strategic plan drawn up for the county by the consultant Jonathan Blackwell. This specifies that a projected growth of population for the county as a whole of 12,000 people over the period of the next plan should be accommodated mainly outside the hard-pressed north eastern towns of Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge etc. For Maynooth, the appropriate share which our next plan should seek to accommodate is 1,472 people. This represents a population increase of 17% on present levels. In a recent audit of what lands are currently available in Maynooth it transpired that 86 acres remained undeveloped from the 1985 plan, enough for a further increase in population of 1,806 people. This is far in excess of what is required under the Blackwell Plan agreed by councillors.

Acute Stresses

So what can the residents of Maynooth expect from their local councillors? During the period 1991-96 Maynooth increased in population by 41%. This has imposed acute stresses in many areas as the burgeoning town outgrows its resources. Despite the building of 800 houses between 1993 and 1996 many estates have a long way still to grow before they reach their full complement. Can we expect that the further 17% increase which the existing land bank provides for will be considered enough? Well publicised comments have recently been circulated to the effect that a further tranche of 50-80 acres may be foisted on the town. This would provide for 3-4,000 extra residents over the next few years. Of course this would means 5-6000 extra cars on the streets of Maynooth, and, down the line a bit, pressure on schools, recreational amenities and further rapid expansion of the built up areas around the edges of the town.

Town	1996 Population	Unused Residential (land acres)	Potential Population from unused land	Planned Polulation Growth (Blackwell) 1996 - 2001	Projected % increase
Maynooth	8,528	86	1,806	1,472	17
Celbridge	12,289	255	5,355	1,211	10
Kilcock	1,825	55	1,260	675	37
Straffan	341	35	714	159	47
Clane	3,126	136	2,856	1,074	34

It is clear from the table above that the plight of Maynooth is not unique. Similar fates are in store for several other north Kildare towns, with in every case an available land bank which exceeds the projected need agreed to by the councillors themselves.

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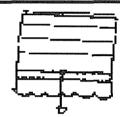
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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

Maynooth athletes had a successful trip to Nenagh on Sat 31st for the N.A.C.A.I. Junior and Juvenile championships.

First into action was Elaine MacNamara who finished 2nd in her 300 metres heat under 15, which was good enough to get 8th place overall.

Next under 13, Kevin Comerford, also finished 2nd in his heat of the 300 metres, which coincidentally placed him 8th.

Muire Ennis won her under 13 girls 300 metres heat convincingly which took her into 5th place.

In each of the above three events there were 8 heats, with 8 athletes in each, so the performances were most encouraging for three athletes making their first appearance on Nenagh's tartan track.

Finally in the last race of the day, David Campbell produced another strong run in the 1,500 metres under 17 to claim another title.

His time of 4.12.44 was just .5 of a second outside Dunboyne runner John Reilly's N.A.C.A.I. indoor record set in 1991

All athletes must now be encouraged to continue the good turnout at training every Weds. evening at 7.00 in the G.A.A field on the Moyglare Road, as now is the time to lay the foundation for a successful track season.

Anyone interested in starting the sport is welcome to come along or contact DAVID JOLLEY P.R.O. at 6286187

LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The above Association was formed over a year ago to improve the up-keep of our Cemetery.

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming new members onto the Committee: Breda Ward, Ann Nugent, Lil Hyland, Patricia Malone, Owen Donovan, Dick Sheehan, Michael Kelly, John Saults, Peter Flynn, Pat McDonnell and Larry O'Brien. Also, I would like to bring you up to-date on our progress for 1997 and our plans for 1998.

In 1997 our first priority was to raise funds which was very successful thanks to all our parishioners, Fr. Supple, Kildare Co. Council and local businesses. The money raised helped us immensely in allowing us to: hire skips; buy top soil; Archeologist report; purchase lawn-mower and plants/ shrubs, indeed we were very disappointed that all the winter shrubs and plants that were planted in November were stolen over the Christmas.

1998 looks a very promising year due to the fact that in the November estimates, Kildare Co. Council allocated to us (a) barrier for the entrance to the Cemetery and (b) money to help us carry on with our plans for the cemetery. These are a few of our plans: tree pruning; laying of new paths and repairing old; improve and provide extra water stations; erect an altar and provide seating.

Help is our main problem, even though our Committee is now larger we could do with extra help. The Committee have agreed to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month between 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m., help on these days would be greatly appreciated.

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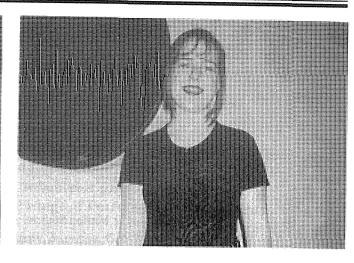
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Photo Scene

Happy Birthday to Ali Williams who will be 3 on 12th March. She enjoys swimming, painting and being with her friends. She wants to be a firefighter and ballerina when she grows up.



Heat Winner in Talent - M. Fitzgerald.



Irene Kearney, Aidan Doyle, Peter Finnan, James Mulligan, Karina McGovern. Front - Eoin Fahy - Fiddler on the Roof.



Back Row - Erica O'Dea, Stephen McKeon, Sinead Keanan, Karen Hildebrand. Front Row - James Mulligan, David Cambell.



Maynooth Post Primary School Social Dance held in Glenroyal Hotel. Mona and Vincent Murphy, Cathleen and Leo McAtamney.



Maynooth Post Primary School Social Dance. Iris and Nigel Hildebrand and Ann and Mossey Flynn.

I.C.A. NOTES

The February Meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. took place on Thursday 5th February in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Our President Marion Souhan welcomed all the ladies.

Congratulations were extended to Mary Flynn on receiving her Golden Jubilee Certificate from Country Markets Ltd. Mary achieved this Certificate for her handcrafts.

The February Competition was a Word Search.
The results were:

Joint 1st

Rosemary Hanley & Marion Souhan.

Shared 2nd

Viva Kerins, Mary O' Gorman &

Margaret Houlihan.

3rd

Maryse Killian.

The March Competition is "A Dessert" with the theme of St. Patrick's Day.

There are quite a few competitions coming up.

Rose Bowl Applique Wall Hanging.

The Competition is to design and make an applique wall hanging measuring 24" x 32" showing a good amount of machine applique. Closing date is 6th. March and the entry fee is £3.

The Brownmann Cup for Art. You must use the theme "Irish Country Scene" for your painting. It can be water coloured, oil or acrylic painted. Entries by 21st March.

Creative Writing Competition. "Ready Brek" Children's Writing Competition. This is open to children or grand-children of I.C.A. members. Entries are divided into three categories.

Ist/2nd Class

"My School"

3rd/4th Class 5th/6th Class "My Own Place"
"What I Want To Be"

Entries to be with Federation Contest Secretary by Friday 20th April.

There will be a Table Quiz in Maynooth G.A.A. Club for Community Games on 27th February.

Community Council have invited I.C.A. to have a representative on the Council. The A.G.M. is on 23rd March.

Crafts:

Jo O' Connell keeps our ladies busy on Monday night with her craft-making. The ladies make a wide range of items from cuddly toys to purse making to embroidery and also cross-stitch.

Badminton:

Bernie tells us that the badminton is going very well at present and continues on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall from 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

Ann O' Neill gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on Aloe Vera products. There are a wide range of these products now readily available.

The winners of the raffle were:

1st

Helen Doyle

2nd

Ann O' Neill

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Helen Finn Bernie Doyle

4th

Next meeting will be March 5th at 8.00 p.m.

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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

It's that time of year again when we have our 'Garden Talk'. which will be held in The Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on March 24th. This year the guest speaker is Sydney Conneff. He has a beautiful garden and is an expert plants man. So, everyone interested in gardening will enjoy his advice. A limited amount of rare plants will be for sale, that night.

Competitions for 24th - Classes A.B.C. - Petite "Down the Garden Path".

Plant Competition - Best collection of Spring Blooms.

Details for Spring Show and Schedule will soon be available. Date of show is Saturday, April 18th.

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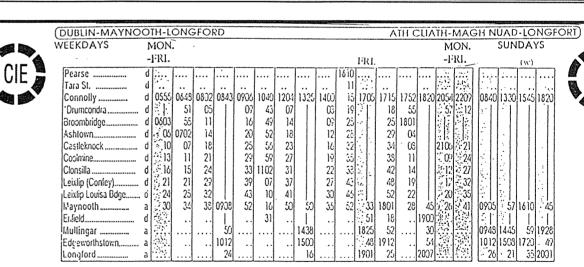
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KILCOCK MUSICAL & **DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

Kilcock Musical and Dramatic Society are proud to announce that this season's production is that perennial family favourite, "The Sound of Music" which will be staged in Kilcock from March 10th - 14th inclusive. Those who enjoyed our production of "Fiddler on the Roof" last year will no doubt be keen to experience this entertaining show which is in a much lighter vein and which contains so many popular musical treats.

It is heartening to realise that in these days of "push button" entertainment, live performance art is still alive in our small town of Kilcock and that it can give so much pleasure to performers and audience alike. Kilcock as a small rural town has a tradition that many larger towns would envy. It is several years since the Kilcock Musical and Dramatic Society celebrated their 25th anniversary and still the band plays on!!

The cast are currently rehearsing under the watchful gaze of producer Eithne McManus who is new to the Musical Society but who brings many years of Dramatic experience with her. Musical Direction is provided by newcomer Vincent Thorpe who brings a wealth of musical experience with him from his career as a music teacher and his background as a musician currently fronting the band "Jigsaw" who are providing music for the show.

Chorus Mistress for this show is Laura Duff who is also an accomplished teacher and singer. Laura is well known locally for her work with the Church Choir and has graced the stage with the Society in past years. The Choreography is provided by Grace McGrath of Maynooth, who has proved capable of getting graceful movement out of even the most awkward feet in her many shows to date with Kilcock.

This show has provided the opportunity for some of our younger talents to shine as the seven children of the Von Trapp family are played by a capable group of young people, several of whom are new to such productions. As any Musical group knows, it is essential to nurture such young talent as they will fill the adult roles of tomorrow.

The leading lady in this show is such an example as the by now extremely accomplished Sharon Murphy plays Maria. Sharon has been taking leading roles on stage since she was 14 and now at the ripe old age of 22 she brings all this experience to bear as she sings and dances her way from the Abbey to The Captain's Heart. The said Captain is played by Paul Fitzgibbon who is only treading the boards for the second time ever. Paul draws on his teaching experience for the stern and regimental Captain but of course we can see from an early stage that he is a softy with a heart just waiting to be melted. Eldest daughter Leisl is played by Louise Cassidy who is romanced by Willie Bermingham as Rolf.

The other children are Nuala Lynam, Jenny Seery, Bernadine Carroll, Denise Brady, Ciaran Cullen and Carlie McCourt.

Maria's love rival is ably played by Olivia (Libby) Murphy. Returning to Kilcock for his second production is Robert Healy from Ballyfermot Theatre Workshop who plays the flamboyant Max. This show sees the welcome return of Brid Anglin to the role of mother Abbess assisted by Lorraine Murphy, Bernie Byrne, Jean Ryan, Catherine Ryan, Niamh Anglin and who all make the most unlikely group of nuns ever to be seen in Kilcock. Finally Carol Ryan plays the Housekeeper and John Greenhodge and Kenny Cribben make their stage debut as the Butler and the Gestapo chief respectively.

A set designed by Noel Murphy provides the backdrop to this musical with Art Work by Joe Keirnan. The venue of St. Joseph's Hall in Kilcock has been extensively redecorated in the past few months and provides an excellent facility for cast and audience. The show previews on Tuesday March 10th with tickets at £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. Wednesday night is patrons night when the Society takes the opportunity of thanking its Patrons and Sponsors.

Major Sponsor this year is "Joe Mallon Motors" of Naas who sponsor the programme for the show. Tickets for all other nights are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children with special rates for Students, OAPs and Families. It promises to be a popular show so those wishing to book tickets should phone either Paul at (01) 6284850 or Lorraine at (01) 6287828.

Curtain up is at 8 p.m. each night, so forget about the video and television, for a change and head on down for some real live entertainment. You may already know the story and the ending etc. but this show will provide a great night out for all ages. It is guaranteed to have plenty of people humming "Doe a Deer....." and "Edelweiss" around Kilcock and North Kildare for many months to come.

MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the I.C.A. Hall on Friday Night March 6th 1998 at 8.30 p.m.

The Annual Mass for Deceased will be celebrated on Sunday March 1st '98 at 1p.m.

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1st from right, Larry marching in St. Patrick's Day Parade

FAITH FRIENDS A **GREAT** SUCCESS!!

For the very first time, the Parish of St. Mary's Maynooth and Ladychapel have completed a very successful and rewarding Faith Friends programme.

During the months of January and February, Confirmation candidates from the Boys' and Girls' Primary Schools, and other candidates in the parish, met with twenty-two Faith Friends. These parishioners shared faith and friendship with the candidates, in small groups of six or seven.

On behalf of the parish, the Faith Friends showed the young candidates that they had the support and prayers of an interested and welcoming faith community.

When did I feel close to God? How do I pray? What does Belonging to the Church mean? What does it mean to Care for others? The young candidates were loud in praise of their Faith Friends, and they said they had really enjoyed the whole experience. For their part, the Faith Friends were greatly impressed and touched by the faith and commitment of the young boys and girls.

The venue for the meetings was the Post Primary School. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Mr. Sean Ashe, the Principal, for his interest and co-operation in the venture and for his generosity and hospitality.

The parish would like to thank the 22 wonderful people who agreed to give their time to train and be commissioned as Faith Friends. They were: Jim Kelly, Noelle McTernan,

The topics covered were:

Pauline McBride, Maureen Keegan, Colm Hoban, Emer O'Keeffe, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Lisa King, Anna Flood, Della Clerkin, Pádraig Madden, Rachel Watson, Ciara Baxter. Pat O'Brien, Liz Jennings, Paschal Sweeney, Declan O'Rourke, Fiona Hoare, Andre Ennis, Derry O'Hurley, John McCarthy and Michael Madden.

The Leaders in charge of the Programme would also like to thank the Parish Priest,

Fr. Brendan Supple, for his encouragement, support and prayers. The Leader Group were: Jennifer Quigley, Joe Harkness, Maeve Moloney, Peter McNamara, Joan Lennon, Fr. John Sinnott and Noelle Topley.

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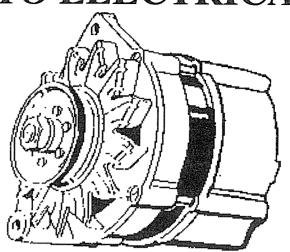
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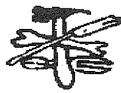
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2. Does the colour red make a bull angry?

The bull is colour blind and does not see red at all. It charges the bullfighter's cape because it is waved in front of it, and this makes the bull mad.

3. How old is Mickey Mouse?

This world famous mouse was first seen in the cartoon Steam Boat Willie in 1928. His creator Walt Disney used his own voice for the mouse.

4. How does a squid get out of trouble?

When danger threatens, the squid, like the octopus and the cuttlefish, can squirt dark ink fluid to conceal themselves. The ink clouds the water and confuses their enemy.

Jokes

- Waiter, there's a dead fly in my soup. Yes, it's the heat that kills them.
- John: Teacher, do you think it's fair to punish someone for something they didn't do? Teacher: Most definitely not. John: That's a relief-I didn't do my homework.
- How do you catch a squirrel? Climb up a tree and act like a nut.
- Teacher: Anna, if you had 15 cows and you bought 27 more cows at the market, what would you have? Anna: A dairy herd.

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Basically one must remember that colour comes in two categories.

Cool or receding tones include blue, blue-green, green, bluelilac and some greys. These seem to retreat and have the effect of creating a calm atmosphere and making a space appear larger, especially if you use pale tones on the main surfaces. Cool colours can give a room a chilly feel, so they are best used in warm rooms or where fairly intensive activity takes place. In contrast, warm or advancing colours appear to come toward you.

This category which includes red, pink, orange, apricot, peach, yellow, terra-cotta and tan will make an area more enclosed, cosy and inviting, but this can be claustrophobic in a limited space so aim to use the paler values in small rooms, or on a more modest surface.

There are also the naturals. The only true naturals are black, white and grey. However, there are also some "accepted" neutrals, which include beige, cream, mushroom, off-white and the natural colours of materials such as wood, cane, marble, brick, stone, raw wool, flax, linen and undyed cotton. Neutrals can be warm or cool and work as either advancing or receding colours. They also act as a link or background to a scheme, although they can be used to create a restrained and relaxing atmosphere. If you are working with neutral shades, it is essential to add plenty of textual variety and contrast to the scheme, and it also helps to add some sharp colour accents.

The way that you put colour together will result in success or failure, whether you use a harmonious or a contrasting

Monochromatic schemes, when only one basic colour is used, but with changes in value and intensity are harmonious. These are sometimes called blend-and-tone or tone-on-tone schemes; they can be cool or warm, depending on the basic colour.

A cool, fairly pale monochromatic scheme will help to create an illusion of space and light. It is essential to choose enough contrast within the tones if the result is to work well. Choose the deepest value for floors and furniture, a mid-tone for the walls and a lighter one for the ceiling.

Contrasting or complementary schemes are created by using colours which are opposite each other on a colour wheel.

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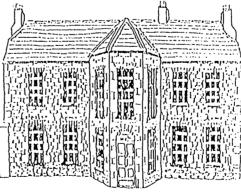
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Peter Kearney

Sergeant Peter Kearney from Maynooth has been placed on a promotion list to Rank of Inspector by the Garda Commissioner. Promotion and transfer is expected sometime towards the end of the Summer.

Peter came to Maynooth as a Garda in Feb 1984, left



Maynooth as a Sergeant in June 1993 and spent time in Tullow and Naas, then returned to Maynooth as Sergeant in charge in July 1994.

We the people of Maynooth would like to thank him and wish Peter and his family all the best.

THINK - NATURAL

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ALZHEIMER NEWS

It is so long since I had such a generous response to my sale of Raffle Tickets that I am sure everyone has forgotten about the raffle, but I hadn't!! The tickets were sold on National Tea Day last year, May 1st. The delay with the raffle is due to the change in dates.

Originally the "Tea Day" was held in November or maybe October, then it was found to be clashing with another big charity Tea-Day and the Society decided to change their day to May 1st, but the date for the raffle was left, hence the delay in getting results to you.

I am sorry to say Maynooth is again unlucky, but who knows what's around the corner, and as we all know we are subscribing to a very worthy cause.

May I thank everyone who helped me in the past and look for continued support on May Day 1998. Details later.

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Betty Farrell

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SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

The Austro-Iberian-Hibernian Connection

Rang a III and IV, under the supervision of Múinteoir Colm Ó hAnluain, are presently undertaking a cultural exchange with pupils from the Volksschule Keplerplatz in Vienna and Primary School C.E.I.P. in San Pedro, La Coruna using the Internet as a means of interaction. As part of the initial stage of the project, teachers Natanya Van der Brukke from Austria and Maria de Minges from Spain made a preparatory visit to Scoil Uí Riada during the October mid-term break. Shortly afterwards the three schools formulated and cosubmitted their project for funding to the EU under the COMENIUS Action 1 Programme. We are delighted to report that Scoil Uí Riada's submission for funding has been successful and the other two schools are awaiting similar confirmation.

COMENIUS Action 1 promotes the objective of a shared European citizenship by offering teachers and students the opportunity to appreciate a sense of a common history, environment and economy, while at the same time creating an awareness of the distinguishing cultural and historical features of each country. Under Action 1 of COMENIUS, schools form multilateral partnerships comprising schools from at least three countries within the European Union. The schools undertake to work together on a European Education Programme (EEP) for up to three years. One school within the partnership acts as co-ordinator, assuming overall responsibility and ensuring the smooth running of the administrative aspects of the project. Special priority is given to projects which foster an awareness of the lesser used European languages (Irish) and which promote linguistic diversification. However, the grant funding of 3,000 ECUs will only provide for the day to day running costs of the project and will not cover equipment start-up costs.

Anticipating this problem our Bord Bainistíochta forwarded a proposal to the Sponsorship Committee of Hewlett-Packard seeking funding for the hardware requirements necessary to enable the COMMENIUS project to operate. Fortunately for Scoil Uí Riada our friends at Hewlett-Packard Ltd., Una Halligan and Tony Mac Dermott from the Sponsorship Committee, stepped in. They kindly provided the school with a Multimedia PC, Internet linkup, colour printer, CD-ROM reader and Windows 95 platform which facilitated start-up of the project.

We anticipate that the project will get fully underway shortly. It is difficult to realistically identify an end-point to the project. It is fair to say that it is the pupil participation and the activities of the project which are the important factors and not necessarily the end result. Inevitably the links among the three communities will be strengthened.

Dublin Kildare 1798 - Rathcoole Seminar

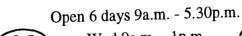
On Friday 6th March at 8 p.m., Dr Daithi O'Hogain (U.C.D.) and Frank Harte, the noted singer, will begin a seminar on 1798 at Scoil Chronain, Rathcoole. Rathcoole is 6 miles from Celbridge.

The following day the seminar continues from 10.30 with lectures from Jim Livesey (Trinity College), Tom Bartlett (U.C.D.), Ruan O'Donnell (St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra). In the afternoon a discussion entitled "If the rising had succeeded" with Dr. Chris Mc Gimpsey, Dr Diarmaid O Doibhlin (University of Ulster) and Dr. Martin Manseragh will begin at 2.30.

The entire weekend costs £10 and includes light lunch on Saturday. Fee for Friday night/ Saturday morning / afternoon is £3. Concessions available for students and senior citizens. Tel: 4588889 / 4588000.

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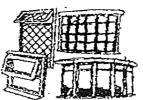
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THE LOW IMPACT SOCIETY

The Low Impact Society Maynooth College will host a Sustainable Earth Fair At Maynooth University 28th Feb. - 1st March 1998

Aims and Objectives:

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

There will be four main sessions: Saturday:

First Session: 11.00 - 13.00 "The Future of Progress"

John Seymour will open the event with this first session. Vandana Shiva representing the Southern Hemisphere, and a second international speaker representing the North, will analyse globalisation and the consequences of free trade. The aim is to bring global issues into a local perspective and explore the (un)-sustainability of models of 'development'.

Second Session: 16.30 - 18.00

"The Economics of Sustainability, from the Glen of the Downs to Climate Change"

A talk by Richard Douthwaite, introduced by Gavin Harte of the Glen of the Downs support network.

Sunday:

First Session: 11.00 - 13.00

"Genetic Engineering in Our Food and Agriculture, Good or Bad?" A session where Monsanto, the EPA, scientists working in this field, and Genetic Concern will be invited to debate the issue of genetic engineering in the food and agricultural sector.

Second Session: 15.30 - 17.30

"Forum For the Future, a Strategy For the Next Century"

The final session of the weekend will involve our main speakers and some of the leading figures in the environmental and development movements of Ireland in a discussion on what actions are needed for sustainability.

Apart from these four main sessions there will be ongoing workshops on different topics, installations (including **The Living Architecture Centre, The Ark Permaculture Project, Global Renewable Energy**) and a Multimedia Show.

Crèche facilities are available and there will also be a show by the **Down To Earth Theatre** that will entertain both young and old.

Costs for the weekend will be:

For employed and moneyed: £25 on the day or £20 booked in advance.

For students and unwaged: £15 on the day or £10 in advance.

If you have a project or activity that you would like to highlight through a stall or installation, or if you have any further questions, please contact us as soon as possible. Low Impact Society c/o Students Union, N.U.I. Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Phone: 01 7083669; Fax: 7083876 Email: Loimpact maths.may,ie or daviep iol.ie



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ST. PATRICK - WHO WAS HE?

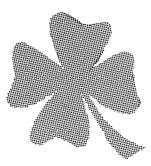
Records of the life of St. Patrick are sketchy. The Irish annals record the arrival of Patrick in Ireland in A.D. 432, but they give two dates for his death, 461 and 493. Some claim that there were two Patricks - one coming here in 432 and working for 30 years and the other one following on for another 30 years.

One of the Patricks wrote what is known as the Confessions of Patrick. It tells how he was carried off, while still a small boy, from his home to Ireland. He spent six years minding sheep for his Irish master. At the end of that time an angel appeared to him to tell him that a ship was waiting to take him to Gaul. He eventually got back to his family in Britain Here an angel told him that the Irish wanted him to come back. He became a priest and returned. Patrick spoke in his Confessions of going to parts of Ireland "beyond which no man dwelt, and where never had anyone come to baptise or ordain clergy, or confirm the people".

The Hill of Slane where St. Patrick proclaimed Christianity in the 5th century is 1 mile to the north of Slane. The remains of a 16th century church are on the site of St. Patrick's Church. In Slane, visit the grounds of Slane Castle and go to the hermitage of St. Erc.

Tara is about 6 miles on the Navan side of Dunboyne. The Hill of Tara is the former cultural and religious capital of Meath. By the end of the 6th century it was the most powerful of Ireland's five kingdoms. Tara was the political and sometimes religious centre of Ireland until the 10th century. The High King of Ireland lived there. Earthworks include the Mound of the Hostages, Cormac's house and the Great Banqueting Hall. Stories from the time of Patrick link Slane and Tara. Tara has been destroyed for centuries but in 1843 Daniel O'Connell gathered 1,000,000 people there for a rally. The story of Tara is told at the visitor's centre. After the film you can have a guided tour. The centre opens at 9.30 a.m. There is no admission charge.

Barely a century after St. Patrick came to Ireland, the Irish themselves became missionaries of the Gospel. St. Columba set sail with twelve disciples for Scotland. St. Columbanus went to Bobbio and St. Gaul to Switzerland.



GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

Slán le Laura: Beidh na daltaí i Rang Naíonáin Soisearach croí bhriste agus Laura ag fágaint slán leis an scoil. The Junior infants class will sorely miss their múinteoir and friend Laura Ní Dhuibh. The Gaelscoil is indebted to Laura for her genuine care and love for the children in her charge. She has instilled in them a love for the Irish language, learning and of course for music. We wish Laura every success in her teaching and musical career in the future.

Oíche seachtoidí / Seventies Night. 13 Márta G.A.A. Clubáras, Moyglare Rd.

Following the outstanding success of last years seventies night the cairde committee are organising a seventies night in the G.A.A. on Friday night 13th March. Tickets for the evening are available in the scoil and in the shops in the town. The evening promises to be an entertaining one full of nostalgia and déja vous. Patrons of the evening are encouraged to get into the swing and to come dressed in seventies gear.

Lá Féile Phádraig 17 Márta

Beidh an Aifreann bliantúil a cheiliúradh ar maidin Phádraig. The annual St. Patrick's morning mass as traditionally celebrated in Maynooth through Irish will take place this year. There will also be an annual collection for Conradh na Gaeilge. Watch out for our float in the parade. For new residents of Maynooth, the parade is a must for the children, as it has become bigger and better over the years. The G.A.A. clubáras will be a hive of activity in the afternoon with hurling and camogie games and traditional music in the áras.

Ranganna Gaeilge

We need some more applications to make the course viable. If you would like to ensure your place on the course give Máirín a ring at 6290667. The course will not commence until April.

Suirbhé Mhaigh Nuad

In an attempt to plan for the Irish and Educational needs of Maynooth now and in the future, the local branches of Conradh na Gaeilge and Glór na nGael are conducting a survey of the needs of the people of Maynooth. It would be greatly appreciated if you would kindly fill in the attached form and return same to an Rúnaí, Conradh na Gaeilge, f/ch. Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, Achadh Aoibhinn, Maigh Nuad.

We greatly appreciate that you are taking the time to help us plan for the future of Maynooth.

Beir bua agus beannacht

Colm Ó Cearúil

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Conradh na Gaeilge agus Coiste Ghlór na nGael Mhaigh Nuad

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READING LECTURE

Educational Consultant Miss Alice Quinn, N.T., B.A., H. Dip. in Ed., recently gave an informative lecture on reading development - a guideline for parents in Maynooth Public Library.

The aim of this lecture was to give a clear and detailed account of the necessary "steps" that are required for parents who want to help their child at home to learn to read. Nothing suggested in her lecture will interfere with whatever teaching methods the school or the teacher is using. It is important to maintain a consistent and positive approach to helping your child to learn to read.

Reading can come easily to some children and others can find it that little bit harder, but taking the right steps to overcome these obstacles will leave the child with endless pleasures of reading for the rest of it's life. Your child will benefit enormously by knowing that he has your full support.

If your child has even a minor difficulty with reading he needs the same type of devotion and attention from you. However if he has a severe reading problem then he will need your support right throughout his school days. One vital important question is how much do you know about your child's reading ability. You must hear your childs reading every night. Listen to what your child is saying. Try to make this a 'cosy time together'. By doing this you

will know how your child really feels and you will see how your child is improving. Children should be helped to speak as clearly and as distinctly as possible. This will lay a good foundation for their reading and spelling.

If you want your child to be able to'read' (in the sense of understanding the meaning behind the individual words, phrases, and sentences in a book) you will have to provide him with opportunity to reconstruct the author's stories in this way.

Help to make sense of his immediate surrounding, read from a variety of reading materials.

Above all read from a variety of reading materials. Use newspaper articles, comics, cartoons, joke books, cereal packets, washing instructions, cookery books,...anything that will help and encourage him to be a fluent reader.

Remember to reassure him at all times, and that consistent work pays off in the end. There is a great deal you can do to help your child enjoy books and develop into a fluent and enthusiastic reader, from as early as birth through preschool and indeed early school years to help encourage and most important to make the process of becoming a reader enjoyable and free of anxiety.

MAYNOOTH MUSICIAN KEVIN WALSH ON TOUR WITH RIVERDANCE

Kevin Walsh from Laurence's Avenue, Maynooth will direct Riverdance Musical on its Australian Tour input and will also play the keyboards.

Kevin who is son of Des and Delma Walsh, went to school in Belvedere College and holds a music degree from Maynooth. Kevin is an experienced freelance musician. He has worked with Finbar Wright, Brendan O'Carroll, Rebecca Storm, the Vard Sisters and others.

He has also directed two Tops of the Town winning groups and has worked with Leixlip and Celbridge Musical Groups.

Kevin is looking forward to working with musicians like uileann piper, Declan Masterson.

Family and friends would like to wish Kevin every success in the future.

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Two Hundred Years of Music in Maynooth

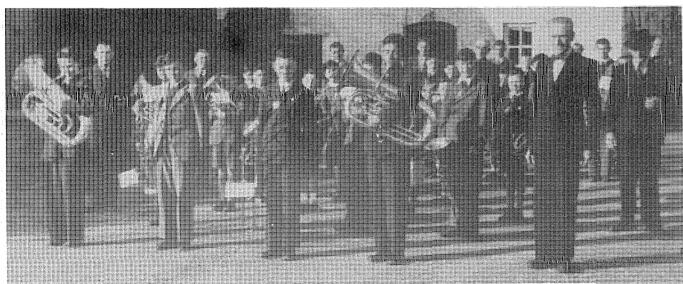
This month St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band will undertake an ambitious trip to the United States. For the generations of musicians who have played in Maynooth bands for over two hundred years such a trip would have been beyond their wildest dreams. The fact that this trip is taking place reflects the health and vitality of the Maynooth Band as we end the century but the history of St. Mary's Band and earlier bands in Maynooth is one of struggling to keep the music alive against the odds. There have been highlights, prizes won and memorable performances. But there has also been times when, but for the efforts of a dedicated few, the traditional might have died. Looking back through the years Waldrons, Nolans, Farrellys and Weafers, to mention but a few, have given countless hours to the cause of music in Maynooth. This month the Newsletter is publishing a special feature on the Band and its history to mark the historic trip to Kansas.

The first reliable evidence of the existence of a Maynooth band goes back to 1796 when a local band played at the laying of the foundation stone of new buildings in St. Patrick's College. During the 1840's a Maynooth band played at the dedication of the newly built St. Mary's Catholic Church and also at the funeral of 'the Liberator', Daniel O'Connell. Later, in 1891, the Maynooth band played at the funeral service of Charles Stewart Parnell. During the middle of the last century there appears to have been two rival bands in Maynooth - 'Mahon's Band' and 'Bagnael's Band' and stories are told of the two bands playing up and down the town, vying for recognition.

The earliest surviving photograph of the Maynooth Band shows the band proudly displaying the Mullingar Feis Cup which had been won for the third year in a row in 1912. Also in that year several members of the band refused to play for King George V and Queen Mary on their visit to the

College. Reflecting these republican sympathies four members of the band - Paddy Colgan, Tom Mangan, Jack Graves and John Kenny - joined the garrison in the G.P.O on Easter Monday 1916. Around this time the band was based in the Town Hall in the Square but in 1921, in order to prevent a takeover by the Black and Tans the Hall was burned down by the Kilcock unit of the I.R.A. During the 1920's the band went into something of a decline but was revived again in 1930 thanks to Martin Nolan, Kit Dunne and the local curate Fr. Tom Grogan. Progress was rapid and by 1932 the band was invited to play at the Eucharistic Congress in the Phoenix Park and had the special honour of being the only band present. The early 1930's was a golden age for the band as it carried off a number of first prizes in feiseanna across the country. In 1944 the band found a home in what had been the National School in Pound Lane and have remianed there since.

These years were a time of economic stagnation and emigration and by 1955 gaps had begun to appear in the ranks of the band. But 1955 marked the beginning of a new era for St. Mary's Band with the formation of a beginners class, comprising more than 20 schoolboys between the ages of ten and fourteen. This development was to lay the basis for the band for the next twenty years. By 1970 the bands instruments, purchased secondhand back in 1932, were beginning to look the worse for wear but the cost of replacement, at over £1,000, posed a major problem. The parish priest, Fr. Fergus O'Higgins, came to the rescue by volunteering to cycle to Armagh and back, a distance of more than 370 miles, to raise the funds. In 1979 the band had the special honour of playing for Pope John Paul II in the Phoenix Park, bringing back memories of their performance at the Eucharistic Congress some 47 years



Original Boys Band 1957 prior to parading to their 1st official engagement - Corpus Christi Procession.

Can you identify yourself?

Features

St Mary's Band (Cont)

The years after the Golden Jubille have consisted of dedicated twice weekly practices punctuated by highlights, these include engagements in Maynooth College marking the visit of the King and Queen of Spain and the laying of the foundation stone for the new John Paul Library, the Ladies All-Ireland football final in the presence of President Mary Robinson, the opening of the Maynooth Bye Pass and winning a number of first prizes in the Annual Limerick International Marching Band Competitions. The appointment of our new Conductor Niall O'Connor in 1997 marked a change in fortunes for the Band when they won the National Junior Concert Band Contest in Dublin. This was followed rapidly by the commitment to the Kansas City visit more of which can be read elsewhere in this feature and a new departure - Christmas Carols at Pearse Station, Westland Row for Iarnród Eireann. Christmas also marked a further feather in the Band's hat when Chairman Paddy Boyd suggested to Fr. Supple that a Christmas Carol Service in the Church was long overdue. A great deal of work from the Choir and the Folk Group and a little input from the Band resulted in an absolutely fabulous Carol Service in the presence of an overflowing and appreciative congregation. A sustained round of applause at the end of the evening said much more than any words could express and gives a solid foundation for next years service. Also at Christmas the Band gave a recital of Seasonal Music at the new Blanchardstown Centre to raise funds for the Kansas trip. They were one of many Bands to play there over the Christmas period and as a result of positive reaction from the Management of the Centre were invited back to play on a paid basis for a Valentines Day recital last month - surely an indicator of the direction in which the Band is going. As to the future, immediate plans include the National Concert Band Championship in April where the Band moves up to the Intermediate Section with hopes for a placing rather than a winbut hope springs eternal, a proposed joint concert / march with a French Band in Trim during the summer with a possible concert with them in Maynooth; what a wonderful attraction for community week if the dates allow - and finally our plans for school participation in the Band. It is indeed gratifying to see the extent to which the Kansas City visit has attracted the attention and support of the people and businesses of Maynooth and with this continued support the Band can put the town on the map both at home and abroad and repay in kind the goodwill extended towards them.

THANK YOU

The Committee and members of St. Mary's Band would like to extend a sincere thanks for the wonderful support we have received for our St. Patricks week visit to Kansas City. Our special thanks to Bartons Transport who are providing us with a coach to and from Dublin Airport. They have been a wonderful supporter to the Band in the past. We are indeed priviliged to be the first Maynooth Band to represent the town abroad and in particular this special 25th Anniversary of the Kansas City St. Patricks Day Parade which is, unlike practically all non-Irish Parades, being held on 17th March. We will pass on the good wishes of the people of Maynooth to both the Lord Mayor and Bishop of Kansas when we are introduced to them and we shall play our part in selling the town to the people of Kansas. We once again express our gratitude and assure you that we will be excellent Ambassadors for Maynooth.

John Curran, Hon Secretary

BAND PROFILES

Paddy Boyd (Chairman)

Paddy is one of a small select number of members heading towards the half century with the Band. Joining the boys Band in 1955 (yes, he did wear short trousers then) he started on Euphonium and over the years, at one time or another, played trombone, bass drum, side drum, and trumpet - and he still hasn't found what he's lookin' for. He has also moved around a bit at committee level filling the posts of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and P.R.O., during a 35 year period.

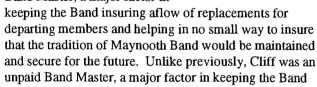


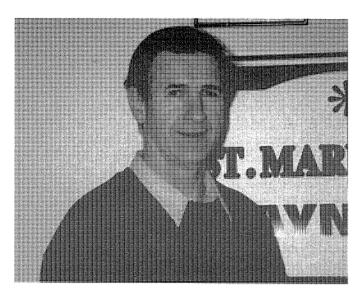
Where can he go from here? Paddy's wish for the future is that the Band and the 3 schools in the town should work together over the next 2 years to give the schools an extra dimension and to gear the pupils for the new music subject for the Junior and Leaving Certificate programmes. This in turn would also benefit the Band by the establishment of Intermediate and Junior bands and leading to promotion to the senior Band within the next 5 years. There is absolutely no reason why a town the size of Maynooth cannot sustain and appreciate the variety of entertainment these Bands would provide.

St Mary's Band (Cont)

Cliff Murphy (Director of Music)

Cliff joined the Band in 1955 and took over the position of Band Master in 1968 when previous city based holders of that position found travelling to the 'country' twice each week for rehearsals more than their bodies could take. He was already an accomplised clarinet player winning several major prizes at the Dublin Feis Ceoil. During his period as band master he spent a great deal of his time building up the unpaid Band Master, a major factor in



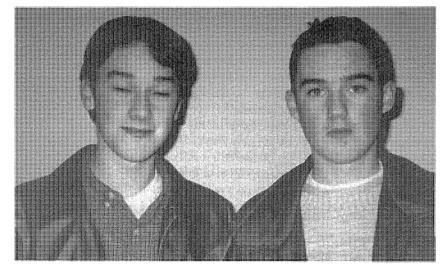


solvent for many many years. In recent years, due to heavy involvement with the impending year 2000 computer factor, he has had to spend a great deal of time travelling abroad and to ensure the continuity of proper musical standards. The committee decided to appoint a new conductor Niall O'Connor in 1997. As year 2000 approaches and Cliff once again becomes more available the Band should have a first class team to

implement and continue the Band / School Programme which is so important to the growth of the Band. The committee wish to thank Cliff for his valuable contribution in the past and look forward to having him back on a more regular basis in the next year or two.

Mark and Aidan McCarron (Horns)

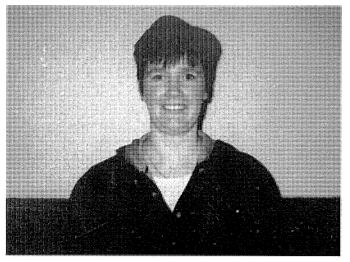
Mark (17) and Aidan (17) are two of the youngest members in the Band. They both joined the Beginners Classes 5 years ago and progressed from the Recorder on to Tenor Horns. Both of them enjoy playing with the Band and are fortunate to be a part of the first visit abroad in the history of the Band. They hope that many of their school friends will follow their lead when music classes begin later this year.



Patricia Penney (Horn)

Patricia, like Elaine Bean, is one of the few remaining links with the 'second generaton' of that boys Band and she comes from a long line of musical Dempseys. Her father Michael is currently Vice Chairman-Assistant Secretary while her sister Margaret played baritone until illness forced her to retire

Patricia joined the band in 1980 and now adopts the role of juggler, combining her work with Kildare County Council Engineers Office in Maynooth with being a mother and still finding time to blow her horn. Her husband Anthony works in the Fire Service but he still hasn't managed to put out the musical fire that still burns brightly within her.



Features

St. Mary's Band (Cont.)

Niall O'Connor B.A. Mus. L.T.C.L. (Conductor)

Niall works as a professional conductor, trumpeter and Brass teacher. He has been conducting St. Mary's Band for just over a year, and was delighted to be part of their success in winning the National Junior Concert Band title. Previous to working with St. Mary's

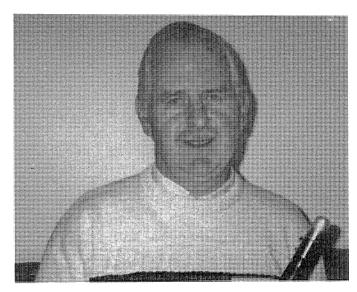
Band Niall conducted the Barrack Street Concert Band in Waterford for 7 years, winning with them the National Senior Concert Band title in 1995. Niall began playing music at the age of 8 with the Mount Sion Silver Band in Waterford. Today, he regularly performs with most of Ireland's professional Orchestras including the National



Symphony Orchestra, the RTE Concert Orchestra and the Irish Chamber Orchestra. He is looking forward to the forthcoming trip and would like to thank the members for being so dedicated and working so hard towards it.

Seamus Nevin (Clarinet)

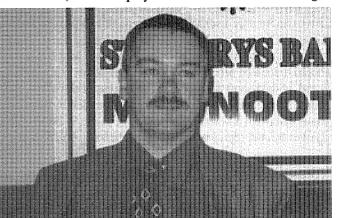
Seamus in a shining example of what the Band has been trying to foster over the past few years, a prodigal musician returned to the fold. He was a member of the boys Band in



1955 and for a number of reasons, including work, left for many years. He returned to the Band in 1996 and through dedicated practice and hardwork he has established himself as one of our leading clarinet players, can we please have more prodigal musicians? A building contractor by trade he has in the past been of tremendous help to the Band in a practical sense for which we extend our thanks.

Pen Pictures: John Curran (Secretary)

John, who joined the Band in 1992, learned to play the cornet at school in Scotland for just £6 per term - (He cut his teeth on 99's). He later played with Brass Bands in Stirling,



Falkirk and the National Youth Brass Band of Scotland, he even played with a Band in Lourdes where he met his wife Dolores. In fact its a miracle they are still together with the amount of time he's spent on the internet organising the trip. Elected Secretary only 3 months ago he is already causing draughts by wanting the Band to wear Kilts by the year 2000. This move will be strongly opposed by Michéal Dempsey and Paddy Doyd, both of whom have willed their legs to medical science. John was also considered for the post of Band Treasurer- but you know what they say about Scotsmen!

Elaine Bean (Treasurer)



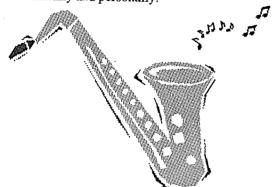
Elaine joined the Band in 1978 and would be one of the few remaining links of the major recruiting drive made in that year to fill the gaps appearing in the 'boys' Band of 1955 caused by the usual ills such as loss of interest, emigration, boy friends (no don't laugh, some girls did join the boys band after '55), girl friends and educational re-location. Elaine played the clarinet for most of her time with the Band but recently moved into the percussion seat. Maybe she prefers beating the XXXX out of the drums to chewing the liquorice stick. She too has had a chequered history acting as secretary for a time, teaching clarinet to beginners and was also deputy conductor for a number of years. In her spare time (what spare time?) she is a member of Maynooth Folk Group.

St. Mary's Band (Cont)

Kansas City - USA - March 1998

Following what seems like years of preparation D Day arrives on Sunday 15th March when the Band departs Dublin Airpost at 2.20 on this most historic trip for the Band. It is a major undertaking for a small town Band and Maynooth should indeed be proud of them. As a measure of the task ahead, at the recent annual general meeting of the Irish Bands Association held in Athlone and attended by the bands chairman and secretary, not one of the 44 Bands from all over Ireland represented there had been to America.

It has been suggested that the Band is going on a holiday to Kansas but this is quite far removed from the truth. This is a cultural visit for which they have rehearsed solidly 2 nights every week for the past 9 months with an additional practice since the beginning of January. They are totally committed to representing Maynooth, Kildare and Ireland to the highest level both musically and personally.



Excerpts from Kansas City Itinerary

Sunday 15th Arrive Kansas City 8.30pm

Monday 16th Concert Rehearsal 2pm - 4.30pm

Monday 16th Concert Rockhurst College 7pm

Tuesday 17th Arrive for Parade 10am

Tuesday 17th St Patricks Day Parade 11am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th Outdoor Festival Recital 4pm - 5pm.

Tuesday 17th Harlings 75th Street Recital 8pm - 9pm

Wedneday 18th Meet Major of Kansas City 2.30pm

Wednesday 18th Recital Harlings 8pm - 9pm

Thursday 19th Meet Bishop of Kansas 2.30pm

Thurday 19th Outdoor Recital 6pm - 7.30pm

Friday 20th Ward Parkray Recital 4pm - 5.30pm

Saturday 21st Free Day

Sunday 22nd Depart Kansas 2.30pm



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MAYNOOTH 1798 COMMEMORATION GROUP COMORADH '98, MAIGH NUAD

As our local contribution to the nationwide commemoration plans for '98 we are planning the following:

- * A "Citizen" Edward Fitzgerald Evening in Carton House on Friday 17th April, to include a lecture by Kevin Whelan (Notre Dame University), A short tour of the house and wine reception.
- * A Maynooth 1798 booklet by Liam Chambers, Author of "Rebellion in Kildare, 1790 - 1803" to be published in March by Four Courts Press.
- * To arrange for the participation of a contingent from Maynooth to support the joint North Kildare commemoration event at Ovidstown, near Kilcock, on Saturday afternoon 20th June. Ovidstown is the site of a Bloody Battle in '98 at which many Maynooth United Army Men were killed.
- * We will be inviting pupils from local schools to enter our essay and poster competitions.
- * Kildare County Council are hosting a lecture "women of 1798" by Mary Cullen in Maynooth College, next September.

We are still considering an events for community week, a bronze plaque, tree planting, music and poetry evenings, etc.. Have purses, wallets or cheque books at the ready! Also, we need more volunteers to carry out our plans; please phone Micheal Quinn at 6285258.

We re-publish below an extract for "Cannonballs and Croziers" published by Maynooth Community Council in 1994, relating to '98:

MAYNOOTH AGAINST THE CROWN: REBELLION IN 1798.

By 1795 discontent was so prevalent that troops were sent to Maynooth where it was rumoured that the Defenders were planning an attack. In 1798 the situation reached crisis point and by April Lake's armies were in Kildare. William Duke of Leinster bitterly opposed the excesses of Lake and the government but his objections were brushed aside.

On their arrival in Maynooth Lake's troops were originally quartered at Carton, but after protests they were placed on free quarters in the town. They searched the town for arms. Only eleven pikes were surrendered and the army threatened to burn the town unless more were given up. However, because of its connection with the Duke, Maynooth itself was spared the worst excesses. For the alert, signs of imminent rebellion were clear. A witness of the time. Musgrave, noted the suspicious quiet of the people and constant nightly meetings. A general abstinence from drink allied to the alacrity with which the people took oaths of allegiance to the crown led him to suspect that the people were trying to fool the magistrates into believing everything was calm. The reluctance of the tenants to pay any rent or accept banknotes also implied that they expected a major social upheaval.

Rebellion broke out during the 23rd/24th of May. The rebellion was signalled by the taking of the coach from Athlone and fires on the Wicklow Hills. The rebels assembled at the Hill of Winegates near Taghadoe. At Carton, anticipating a rebel attack, the steward, John Stoyte, hurriedly built the family plate into the wall. The steward need not have worried for Carton was not attacked.

Owing to the capture of Lord Edward Fitzgerald the Kildare rebellion was a confused affair. The Maynooth rebels, led by Hugh Wade, appear to have joined the main body of rebels under William Aylmer a day late.

The rebellion never attained serious proportions. On the 23rd Naas was attacked but they were repulsed. There were initial successes at Dunboyne and Clane but the rebels were rapidly driven out of those towns and suffered a serious reverse at Rathangan. After these defeats the rebellion fizzled out into a series of guerilla actions. On June 10th Maynooth was taken after a surprise attack by 500 rebels under Aylmer which overwhelmed the small garrison. Many of these were disaffected and only four fired on the approaching rebels.

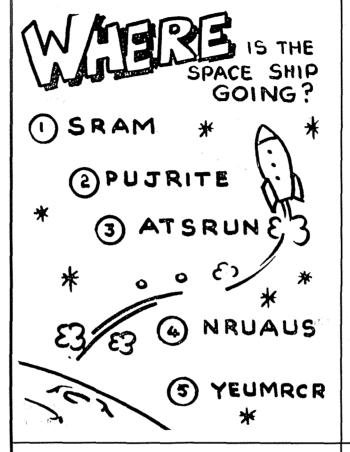
On June 18th the rebel army was smashed at the battle of Ovidstown near Kilcock as government troops moved in to quash the rebellion. Aylmer had hoped, if successful, to march on Dublin. Only 400 Scottish troops opposed him. These, however, were regular troops, not local militia, of whom one English general commented, "They were of more use to the enemy than us". Aylmer had almost 3,000 men. However, few of these had guns whilst the English were well equipped with field artillery and had strong advantages in discipline and tactical nous.

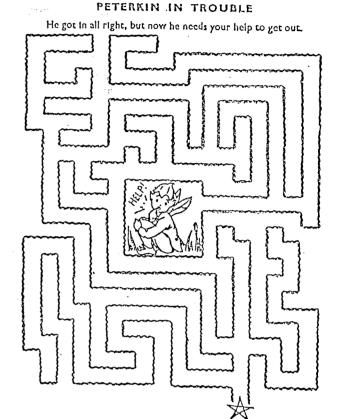
Aylmer's plan was to rush the cannon with pikes. The battle proved a disaster. The cannon were nearly taken but quarrels amongst the officers, allied to the terror inspired amongst the peasantry by the gunfire, provoked a rout. One ditch where the terrified peasantry hid was raked by grapeshort and has been named the murdering ditch since. British casualties were light, twenty-four in all. One of the young soldiers killed at Ovidstown, a Richard Turner, is buried at Ladychapel. By now there were almost 500 troops quartered at Maynooth. Reprisals were harsh, many houses were burnt and over fifteen people killed in the vicinity. Several of these were hanged from the elm trees in the avenue leading up to the Duke's house. On May 31st Clement Kelly, a land Steward in Carton, wrote of the shocking death of a Mr. Spencer. His head had been cut off and fixed on a spike at his hall door.

By July 24th the rebels had surrendered. The town suffered heavily, Carton was desolate, the tenants starving. Even the Duke was not above suspicion, particularly given the activities of Lord Edward. He was arrested by the government but was rapidly released. He received little sympathy from the government for his ruined estates. The Lord Lieutenant, Cornwallis, blamed the Kildares for the rebellion in Kildare and Wicklow, which had blossomed under "the fostering hand of Lord Edward and the countenance it received from his weak brother". By the end of 1798 calm had been restored.

Children's Corner









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Rebecca O'Sullivan, 1183 Greenfield, Maynooth

Eoin Curran, 3 Straffan Way, Maynooth.

3rd Prize

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Muireann Ní Chearúil, 7 Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth.

Kate Broughan, 43 College Green, Maynooth.

EVERY MONTH (March)

Happy New Year!!! Yes it was true. Until the calendar of Julius Caesar was introduced in 46BC, March was the first month of the Roman year.

In France it remained the first month of the year until the mid-sixteenth century. In Britain March was the 'gate of the year' right up to the mid eighteenth century, then January took over.

There are good reasons for the month of March as a new beginning. The days are getting longer, spring and new life is in the air. It is a time of new beginnings. It is the season for renewal and growth.

We can now come out of our shells and look forward to the brighter, better seasons ahead. However as all new beginnings need extra care and protection, we have to look out and look after ourselves and our kin.

The Romans called this month Martius after Mars, their God of war. This is not surprising, because they knew that this was the special time to protect the growing seeds in the fields and their homes from all nature of foes, both physical and spiritual.

War was often seen as a necessary form of protection. Maybe a question should be put before us today 'Is war ever necessary?

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Hobbies & Interests

Newtown Road(works?)

Has any of our readers seen the disgraceful state of Newtown road recently? I say recently, but what I really mean is since September of last year.

Local resident Mrs. Marie
Nolan, together with the
majority of the other
residents, is not pleased! She
is vexed in fact! Since last
September her home has
been under constant
bombardment from
construction traffic kicking
up muck, gravel and various
other site materials that come
flying through the air like
bullets on the Somme.

She is not alone. Other residents have declared their frustration with the situation regarding the current spate of

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Marie Nolan & her grandson Alex Birchall on Newtown Road.

road works. Most householders whose property faces onto this busy road have complained of driveways either being blocked completely or left submerged under muck. Some have even noticed cracks appearing in garden walls, which seem to be directly related to these road works (touch of Everybody understands that this work is necessary, but one would assume when you lay a pipe and cover it over the job is done. Not so! Believe it or not at the first attempt the pipe was the wrong size (so much for planning). So it was back to the drawing board and start again. When are the so-called experts in Kildare County Council (who are ultimately

responsible) going to get their act together?

It is a far cry from the cleanliness and safety rules laid down by that body during the construction of Hewlett Packard, Intel etc. in which construction vehicles had to be hosed down and thoroughly cleaned of muck and grime before being allowed to drive through surrounding areas.

It would be nice if this writer could give the residents of Newtown Rd. and the other

housing estates in the locality some kind of assurance that these roadworks will be finished in the near future. However, as usual it seems that this intolerable situation is destined to continue indefinitely.

MAYNOOTH MAN APPOINTED PEACE COMMISSIONER

Jim Brennan, 19 Straffan Way received his new appointment on Thursday 22nd and will act as a Peace Commissioner for Kildare and adjoining counties by Minister of Justice, John O'Donoghue, T.D.

After 36 years Jim retired in August 1995 from the Garda Siochana having spent 17 years as Officer of the Court at Kilmainham.

Jim, originally from Kilkenny moved to Maynooth in 1972 with his wife Kay and their four daughters.

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Makes 1 large or 2 small loaves

Sift flour and salt into a mixing bowl and rub in the fat. Prepare the yeast liquid by Method 1 and add to the flour all at once. Beat with a wooden spoon into a fairly soft dough, adding more water if necessary.

Turn on to a floured board and knead well for 10 minutes. Stretch the dough to fit 1 large tin or divide in half to fit 2 small tins. Fold in three or roll up and put into the warmed and greased tins. Place in an oiled polythene bag and leave to rise in a warm place until it reaches the top edge of the tin. Brush with slightly salted water and bake in the centre of a preheated hot over at 230°C/450°F, Gas Mark 8, for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 200°C/400°F, Gas Mark 6, and cook for a further 30 to 40 minutes according to size. When cooked the loaf will shrink slightly from the tin. Turn out and tap the base to see if it sounds hollow. Remove from the oven and cool.

Method 1:

This is the most usual method used for bread doughs. Fresh yeast is blended with a cupful of the warm liquid, then added to the flour, salt and fat with the remaining liquid.

Dried yeast is dissolved in a cupful of hot water (44°C/110°F) and sweetened with a teaspoon of sugar to speed up its action. It should be left in a warm place for 15 minutes until frothy, then added to the dry ingredients with remaining liquid.

Apple and avocado Salad



2 avocado pears 2 dessert apples 1 bunch watercress 50 g salted peanuts



Lemon Dressing

6 tbspn olive oil
2 tbspn lemon juice
Salt and pepper
1 tspn mild Continental mustard
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 tspn caster (granulated) sugar

Cut the avocados in half, discard the stones and remove the flesh without damaging the skins. Chop the flesh roughly. Core the apples and chop roughly. Reserve 4 sprigs of watercress for the garnish and chop the remainder. Chop the peanuts. Mix together all ingredients for the dressing and beat really well. Lightly toss the chopped avocado, apple, watercress and nuts in the dressing and pile back into the avocado shells. Garnish with watercress.

Lamb Kebabs in Satay Sauce

1 350g Jar Uncle Ben's Thai satay sauce 350g/12oz Uncle Ben's long grain rice 450g/16oz minced lamb 1 onion, finely chopped 100g/4oz fresh brown breadcrumbs 1 egg, lightly beaten 12 to 16 fine wooden kebab sticks.

Method:

Soak kebab sticks in water for at least 1/2 hour before using. Mix the lamb with the onion and breadcrumbs. Work in the beaten egg and two tablespoons of the Uncle Ben's satay sauce. Roll the mixture into small sausages. Insert a kebab stick into each one. Cook under a hot grill. Turn and baste frequently with some of the Uncle Ben's satay sauce. Use leftover sauce for dipping. Serve with a bowl of freshly cooked Uncle Ben's long grain rice, cooked as directed and a green salad.

Cook's Tip:

Cook kebabs as above without the sticks. Half fill toasted pitta breads or naan breads with green salad. Add a kebab to each pitta and finish off with a spoonful of the Uncle Ben's satay sauce. Uncle Ben's satay sauce is also suitable for serving with chicken and pork.

Eighteen year old Maynooth driver John Casey

Introduction

Local racing driver John
Casey is fast making a name
for himself in this only his
second season of
competition. The 18 year old
Leaving Cert student who
lives in Maynooth is racing
in the National Karting
Championships where he is
currently enjoying top results
including two wins, one of
which was in Mondello Park.

Passionate about motor sport John started out racing in the same way as top Formula One driver Michael Schumacher did in karting.

Beginning in 1996 he immediately showed a natural talent for driving these race-tuned karts and put in some solid performances. This did not go unnoticed and John was awarded the trophy for "Best Novice of the Year" which was a big boost for the teenager.



Like most racing drivers John wants to move on to better things and try to further his racing career. To do this he is planning to move into single seater car racing next season and compete in the Irish Formula Vee Championships.

Formula Vee

For 1998 John is planning to compete in the Irish Formula Vee Championships. Ireland's largest racing Formula, these 1600 cc Volkswagen engine powered cars provide close



exciting racing and are ideal for young drivers to learn the skill of driving a single seater race car.

The 10 round Championship consists of race meetings at Mondello Park in Kildare, Kirkistown in Northern Ireland, Brands Hatch in England and on the roads of The Phoenix Park in Dublin which attracts over 120,000 spectators. Starting in March the season runs through the summer months and normally ends in early October.

In terms of local coverage John's campaign should attract the interests of CKR Radio, the Leinster Leader, and the Liffey Champion, particularly if he continues in his local racing form.

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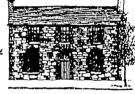
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- 3. Support the sugarpaste with the rolling pin and unroll over the top of the marzipanned cake.
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MARCH IN THE GARDEN

Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Finish planting new trees, shrubs and climbers by the end of March. Top dress them with compost, peat or manure.

Set out hedging plants in the ground prepared last month.

Prune floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Remove dead wood and old wood from winter-flowering shrubs.

Hoe to remove weeds and apply a general-purpose fertilizer over the root area of trees, shrubs and climbers.

Flowers:

Fork soil and add a general-purpose fertilizer in order to prepare ground for sowing of hardy annuals. In warm gardens the first sowings can be made at the end of the month.

Remove dead heads of spring-flowering bulbs. This conserves the

flowering bulbs. This conserves the strength of the bulbs. Plant gladioli corms, lily bulbs and also

hardy herbaceous perennials. Hoe, feed and mulch herbaceous borders.

Plant out unsprouted dahlias and protect them from frost by covering them with a mulch.

Water outdoor container plants in sheltered areas if necessary.

Fruit:

If not done last month, apply fertilizer to the soil area around fruit trees and bushes and hoe it in lightly. Then add a layer of mulch.

To get early fruits place cloches over strawberries.

Continue to plant strawberry plants, but remove the blossoms in order to prevent them from producing fruit in the first year.

Spray apple and pear trees with a fungicide to prevent scab disease Remove damaged or low-growing stems from bush fruits such as currants and gooseberries.

Vegetables:

Fertilize spring cabbages in order to encourage growth.

Thin out broad beans and peas sown last month. Put in stakes or supports where needed.

As soon as the weather is suitable start sowing green vegetable crops, including lettuces and radishes, either in seed beds or where they are to mature.

Continue the planting of onion sets, shallots and potatoes.

Dig up any swedes, parsnips and leeks that are still in the ground and prepare the soil for new crops.

Under Glass:

Complete the sowing of summer bedding plants and half-hardy annuals. Prick out seedlings of those sown in February into boxes for hardening off in April..

Sow greenhouse flowering plants.
Discard Winter flowering pot plants.
Deadhead azaleas and cyclamen, if the plants are to be retained for next year.
Take cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias, fuchsias and perpetual-flowering carnations.
Start into growth tuberous begonias.

Sow celery and cucumbers.

When forced bulbs have completed their flowering, move them to a cool place and feed with a liquid fertilizer.

General:

Thread and firm any soil that has been loosened by frost and re-firm plants that have been rocked by the wind. Rake lawns and mow when the grass is 2-3 in. high.

Finish preparing the site for any new lawns which are to be created from seed or turf next month.

Check all plant supports and make sure they are secure.

As soon as insect pests are noticed start spraying.

SHRUBS AND TREES

Trees and shrubs form the backbone of a garden. They add height and substance, not to mention their beauty. No garden is too small for a shrub and even a very small garden can benefit from a carefully selected tree. The key to success is discrimination, and in the small garden this is more important. When space is limited it is better to confine yourself to one specimen tree or a couple of shrubs rather than trying to cram too many different species into an overcrowded border.

The difference between a tree and a shrub can be subtle. Trees are generally considered to have a clean trunk for some distance with the main growth forming a head.

Always prepare ground well before planting trees and shrubs. As they are permanent garden features good preparation is very important.

DECORATING YOUR BATHROOM

Want to recreate your Bathroom?

Here are some elegant tips. If your bathroom is small, keep the window dressing simple and unfussy. For example, a venetian blind or voile will let more light into the room and make it seem larger.

Avoid patterns that dwarf a room. Keep walls relatively plain and always paint your cornice and ceiling in a light colour to give the room an illusion of height.

If you opt for wall tiles instead of tongue and groove cladding, keep costs down by sticking mainly to plain white, then add colour by using a more expensive patterned tile in a random fashion, or use patterned tiles for a border only.

DECI BELL

I've been out of the army for many a year,
But its lately I've noticed my hearing's gone queer,
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and the missus is talking I can't hear a word,
Or I'm mowing the lawn on a nice summers day,
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Or I'm in a disco and I'm dancing about,
Well to get through to me I'm afraid you must shout,
so is it not plain for a blind man to see,
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My legal adviser said "We'll sue the state,
Though there is quite a queue it will be worth the wait,
But let me do the talking don't open your gob,
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That's the day that I got this amazing phone call,
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Now I've got my lumpsum but I feel a bit guilty, Maybe I should go down and chat with Father Quilty, "You must give it all back then for you I'll be prayin," "Oh father I can't hear a word that your sayin."

Tommy Campell Graiguepottle

All Ireland Readathon Winners

Each October, November the girls from Presentation Convent involve themselves in the Multiple Sclerosis Readathon - a sponsored Readathon in support of the MS sufferers throughout Ireland.

On average the school raises £3,500 to £4,000 for this worthy cause. Each individual is rewarded by prizes or certificates and special achievement awards. In recent years we have been among the top three schools in the country for our efforts and received Puffin Book Awards. Our efforts were epitomised this year when we were chosen as the top school in Ireland out of 1,700 schools which participated and were presented with a Computer at the Awards Ceremony in the Conrad Hotel.

Congratulations and thank you to all the readers, sponsors, parents and especially to the teachers who co-ordinated this wonderful achievement. Keep up the good work for this worthy cause for which children throughout the country raised £329,000 in the Readathon this year.

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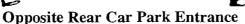
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THE PEACE PROCESS

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These are real people that can work together and deserve our support. Politicians and political parties in all of Ireland should be making every effort, with their assistance, to steer society from violence.

God knows there have been ample efforts over the past twenty-five years to solve the Northern problem. There was Sunningdale; The Northern Ireland Convention; The Constitutional Conference 1980; The All Ireland Forum; The Anglo-Irish Agreement and lots more.

So why should we be more optimistic about the present peace talks?

I believe there is a greater willingness and sincerity on the part of the three major players plus the fact that they work well together which was not often the case in previous efforts to solve the Northern Ireland problem. Furthermore, the people want peace more than ever today. They want the politicians they elected to get involved and work for peace on their behalf; not the individuals and small isolated groups using their muscle and violence who have their own particular agenda.

Those politicians who will go down in history as having perpetuated the Northern Ireland problem, continually boycotting and not participating in dialogue must surely bear the full responsibility for the spilling of the blood of future generations to come.

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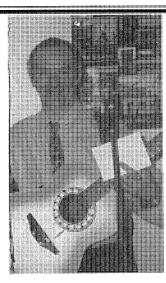
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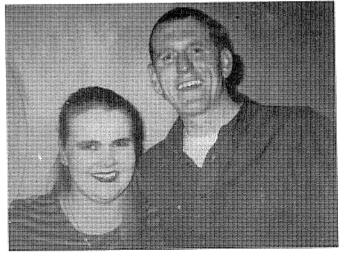
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Heat Winners in Talent Contest, Consuelo Bennett and Hammy Cunningham



L.-R. Bob Byrne , Tom Ryan -Glenroyal Hotel . Keeping an Eye on the Talent Contest

MAYNOOTH TASK FORCE PLANS INFORMATION MEETING

Since last August Maynooth Task Force has been working on developing a strategy for Maynooth's future. In the last six months the group has consulted with a number of key bodies in the town including the Community Council, N.U.I. Maynooth, St. Patrick's College, the Chamber of Commerce and Kildare Co. Council. An outline of the strategy was published in a recent issue of the Newsletter and readers were invited to contribute their ideas and views.

The process is now moving on to a new phase and it is planned to publish a more detailed version of the strategy in March as a means of publicising the work of the Task Force and involving the wider community in the process. This document will be delivered to each house in the town and sent to each of the voluntary clubs and societies in Maynooth.

As a follow up an information meeting is being held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Monday, March 30th to which all residents are invited. This will afford an opportunity to make your views known on what kind of town you would like Maynooth to be. The Task Force has called the strategy 'Choosing a Future' to emphasise the fact that the future of Maynooth is in our own hands if we choose to assert ourselves as residents. Already the strategy has received the support of a number of key bodies in the town and it is hoped that the wider community will attend the meeting on March 30th and express their views on 'Choosing a Future'.

Choosing a Future

A Strategy for Maynooth

Information Meeting

March 30th, 8pm

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VIDEO REVIEW

Bean: The Movie (P.G.)

A classic tale of mistaken identity sees the irrepressible Mr. Bean (Rowan Atkinson, as if you didn't already know) arriving in Los Angeles, as a valuable painting is being installed in a classy art gallery. The gallery's directors think he's a famous art expert and academic. They excuse his immense stupidity as the absent-mindedness of the intellectual. However, they soon find out the hard way that their so-called "art expert' is really a total cretin, and the stage is set for our hero to cause havoc in the City of the Angels.

This is a movie that puts personal preferences to the test; you either love Bean or you loathe him. The plot is extremely predictable and the film has been made to target an audience that tunes in to the television series with relish, and when you consider that the half-hour shows are seen in over ninety countries, that audience must be huge.

All in all this is a film that is destined to be as big a success on the small screen as it was in the cinema, and have Mr. Bean laughing his socks off as he bungles his way to the bank.

Verdict:

Highly enjoyable

Men in Black

(12's)

This is a cross between Lethal Weapon and the Blues Brothers, with copious helpings of Independence Day and Mars Attacks thrown in for good measure.

Based on the comic book serial about a top secret government department created to look out for invasion by aliens, the film begins with a spacecraft heading for Earth. Enter our two heroes, Tommy Lee Jones as the hard bitten old hand, and Will Smith as his rookie assistant, who must track down and destroy the spaceship's non-human occupants.

This is a brilliant and extremely funny movie that grabs the audience by the scruff of the neck and drags it along on a roller coaster ride of action and special effects. Unlike the afore-mentioned Independence Day or Mars Attacks this film loses none of its effect in the move to the small screen and is bound to be a huge hit with most people. The teaming of Smith and Jones works superbly and the direction by Barry Sonnenfeld is always tight and well handled.

Verdict:

Not to be missed

The Pall Bearer (12's)

Is a little jewel of a film that somehow went completely unnoticed and was never released onto the big screen, despite the fact that it stars the beautiful Gwyneth Paltrow and the always watchable David Schwimmer.

The Plot is simple enough. Tom(Schwimmer) is asked by

grieving mother (Barbara Hershey) to be a pall bearer at her son's funeral, thinking he's one of his best friends. Tom agrees, but slowly realises, to his terror as the day of the funeral draws near, that he never knew the deceased at all. Naturally the usual eulogy in praise of the late lamented takes on a whole new meaning.

This movie is extremely well done and the one-liners are very funny. Schwimmer gives his usual performance a-la Ross from Friends, and Ms. Paltrow is as stunning to look at as ever. Direction is never over the top and the whole thing rattles along nicely to its hilarious conclusion

Verdict:

Excellent

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MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

We would like to thank those who attended our Annual General Meeting. A list of the new Committee will be published in next month's Newsletter.

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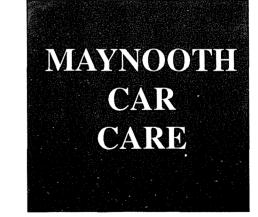
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Residents Association

MOYGLARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Special Meeting took place on 16/2/98

The Moyglare Village Residents Association is 10 yrs old this year and a special meeting was held on 16/2/98 to review progress and to examine the needs of this area.

Residents were also updated on current issues and matters of concern specific to Moyglare Village. A further meeting will take place during March, for a follow up to some of the concerns raised by people at the February meeting. All the members who attended that meeting have been circulated with a summary of the points raised, in preparation for the March meeting.

Boundary with Moyglare Road

The files relating to this matter have been reviewed, as it was the biggest single issue that concerned residents at our February meeting. The existing "twigs" are not considered suitable for the very busy Moyglare Road. The layout of this estate which includes a public open space bordering the Moyglare road was a decision of the developer. Consequently, we will be ensuring that any decision on the type of boundary agreed with Kildare County Council will be primarily based on safety concerns.

Paul Croghan Chairman Moyglare Residents Association

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Greenfield Estate Residents Association will take place on Wednesday 4th March 1998 at 8.30 pm. in the I.C.A. Hall.

A talk on Neighbourhood Watch/Community Security by the Gardai will precede the A.G.M. proper.

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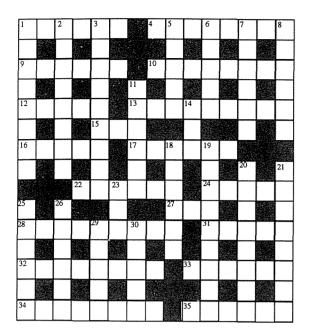
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Across:

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- 1. Circular (6)
- 4. Absolute (8)
- 9. Shame (6)
- 10. Scattered (8)
- 12. Bury (5)
- 13. Insert (9)
- 15. Flap (3)
- 16. Vietnam city (5)
- 17. Divide (6)
- 22. Programme (6)
- 24. Depart (5)
- 27. Poorly (3)
- 28. Reptile (9)
- 31. Dodge (5)
- 32. Leave to (8)
- 33. Concurred (6)
- 34. Responsive (8)
- 35. Bombarded (6)

Down:

- 1. Stop sign (8)
- 2. Young girl (8)
- 3. Stating (9)
- 5. Damp (5)
- Long-term prisoner (5)
- 7. Small wheel (6)
- 8. Made neat (6)
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- 14. Increase (3)
- 18. Steps (6)
- 19. Workmate (9)
- 20. Bird (8)
- 21. Relied (8)
- 23. Period (3)
- 25. African country (6)
- 26. Fraternity (6)
- 29. Girl's name (5)
- 30. Entirety (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 123

Across: 1. Stable; 4. Listless; 9. Starve; 10. Rasputin; 12. Aorta; 13. Afterglow; 15. Ton; 16. Notch; 17. Decamp; 22. Entree; 24. Rumba; 27. Rum; 28. Tom Sawyer; 31. Axial; 32. Elevated; 33. Tanner; 34. Eventide; 35. Severn.

Down: 1.Sustains; 2.Alacrity; 3.Leviathan; 5.Inapt; 6. Toper; 7. Extols; 8. Sinews; 11. Pander; 14. Era; 18. Cherry; 19. Marmalade; 20. Ambience; 21. Cauldron; 23. Taw; 25. Athene; 26. Impede; 29. Avast; 30. Yield.

Winner of Crossword No. 123: Andrée O'Dowd, 15 Laurence Ave., Maynooth.



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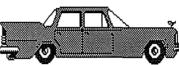
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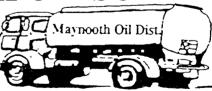
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MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Lighting Up Kildare:

The E.S.B. have started work on replacing all of the white (mercury) lights with orange (sodium) units. This arises as a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion which was agreed at a full Council meeting. The new lights will give 30% greater light output but will consume less electricity than the old lights. All of the old lights will be replaced in Maynooth housing estates and the lights on traffic routes will be upgraded. On Moyglare Road for example 23 lights will be upgraded and 7 additional lights will be installed.

Old Greenfield Road:

Cllr. John McGinley has requested the Council to resurface the roadway from house no. 349A to the bollards. This road has suffered from years of neglect and will fall apart completely unless it is repaired now.

Maynooth Development Plan:

The 'in camera' meeting held on January 19th was effectively abandoned and the Council have agreed that in future full Council meetings at which the Development Plan is to be discussed will be held in public.

A special meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee has been called for the 6th of March to authenticate the findings of the survey carried out by the Council to identify the amounts of land rezoned residential and undeveloped. The Councils survey identified the following acreage of potential housing land:

Maynooth 86 acres Leixlip 141 acres Celbridge 255 acres.

Newtown Road Restoration:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley contacted the Developer of Castle Dawson concerning the condition of the Newtown Road which was caused by the laying of surface water and sewage pipes to service the Castle Dawson Development.

The Developer has responded indicating that road restoration will commence during the week beginning 23rd February and will take about two weeks. Damage to green areas and verges will also be dealt with at this time. We will monitor progress on this work.

Footpath Bond Bridge to Parson Street:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide a proper footpath from Bond Bridge to link up with the footpath in Parson Street.

Footpath Railpark Estate:

Following requests from residents, Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to reconstruct the footpath between house No's 121 to 128 Railpark as it is presently in a very poor

Cluain Aoibhinn / Carton Court:

A botched surface dressing job was carried out in these estates within the past two years. Cllr. John McGinley has requested the Council to do a proper tarmac surface in both estates and that money from the local tertiary road grants be used for this purpose.

67A Bus Turning Point on Straffan Road

The following motion has been submitted by Cllr. John

"That the roadside section of the 67A turning point on the Straffan Road, Maynooth, be converted into a footpath in the interest of pedestrian safety".

Dunboyne Road / Convent Road Weight Limit:

The County Secretary has referred Cllr. John McGinley's motion, that a weight limit be imposed on Dunboyne Road / Convent Road, to the local Gardai for their views.

Fitzgeralds Stone Rent Table:

When the Fitzgeralds moved from Maynooth Castle to Kilkea Castle in the 16th Century they took with them the Stone Rent Table (where the estate tenants formally paid their rents). In the late 1960's when Kilkea Castle was sold. the removal of this table was intercepted. The Gardai were called and the rent table was removed to the Divisional Headquarters in Carlow Town while a Civil dispute ensued between the interested parties. Cllr. John McGinley has learned that this dispute is nearing resolution and it appears that possession of the Rent Table will pass to Kildare Co. Council.

Cllr. John McGinley has advised the County Manager that the Rent Table properly belongs to Maynooth Castle. The Castle is about to be restored by the O.P.W. at a cost in excess of £1 Million and it is essential that the table is returned to the restored castle.

Improvement Works on Main Street:

Work continues on the improvement works to the Main Street. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have been assured by the Council that the roots of the trees on Main Street will not be damaged during the work.

Deputy Stagg has also requested the Council to ensure that the Contractors do everything possible to ensure pedestrian safety while the work is on-going.

O'Neill Park

The Council are at present carrying out repairs to broken sections of footpaths in O'Neill Park. A new litter bin will also be provided.

We will review the work and make further representations to the Council as required.

Branch Presidents:

At our A.G.M. in January the following members of the Branch were elected as Honorary Presidents in recognition of their work over the years on behalf of the Labour Movement:

Frank Conlan

Paul Connolly

Edward Connolly

Bridie O'Brien

Kathleen O'Reilly.

They join Jimmy Mee in his capacity as an Honorary President.

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WESTSIDE WASTE





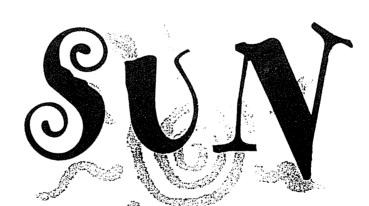


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Party Political Notes

FINE GAEL NOTES

Psychological Services

Dep. Bernard Durkan has received the following reply to his query re Psychological Service to schools in general.

"There is a Psychological Service available from my Department to all second-level schools. It is also available to 402 primary schools in a limited number of areas with priority given to schools serving disadvantaged areas.

Certain psychological tests may also be used by qualified guidance counsellors. Every second level school has been given an allocation of hours for guidance which varies according to its size. As part of their work, guidance counsellors engage in a systematic programme of psychometric testing in their schools.

Last year I announced my intention to develop, in liaison with the health authorities, a National Educational Psychological Service. This will be available to all primary and second level schools as well as to young people of school-going age who are outside the formal educational system. Planning for this service is well advanced. A Planning Group, representative of the partners in education, will report to me before the end of April of this year. The report of the Planning Group will be critical in putting the Psychological Service on a firm footing for the future.

As an interim measure my Department is jointly organising with Mary Immaculate College of Education, Limerick, a development project for the Psychological Service which will last for three years. Fifteen qualified psychologists are to be employed on a contract basis for the duration of the project. The selection process for these posts has now been completed.

These psychologists will work in regional teams under the management of the Psychological Service in the Department of Education and Science, and will be taking up their duties during the current school year".

Both of these developments will increase access to psychological assessments in schools. It is the belief of Dep. Bernard Durkan that the psychological services should be made available to both National Schools in Maynooth starting on a joint basis.

Dep. B. Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin, will continue to put pressure on the Dept. of Education to provide these services for the schools of Maynooth.

Pedestrian Island - Straffan Road

Following a motion submitted by Cllr. Senan Griffin Kildare Co. Council are going to paint the island barrier and make it safer for children who use it for crossing the Straffan Road.

Naas Hospital

Dep. Bernard Durkan has expressed concern about the proposed brief for Naas Hospital being issued by the Minister for Health. The hospital will provide for 164 beds and 35 day places.

The concern is based on the fact that 30 bed spaces will be retained for General and Surgical patients who have completed their specialised treatment at the new Tallaght Hospital, resulting in these beds being controlled by the authorities of Tallaght Hospital and at the expense of the people of Kildare.

Silken Vale Extension

Having attended the E.G.M. of the Silken Vale Residents Association, Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that the planners in Kildare Co. Council demand that the developer complete phase I of the estate before any new house is occupied in phase II. The last house in phase I was sold 3/4 years ago and it is now high time that the estate was completed and handed over to Kildare Co. Council.

Main Street / Bye Laws

Cllr. Senan Griffin has been assured by Kildare Co. Council that no damage will be done to the growth of the trees in the Main Street as a result of the undergrounding of the services. Cllr. Griffin has been informed that the bye laws should be ready for implementation on the completion of the footpaths.

O'Neill Park

Following representations by Dep. B. Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin, Kildare Co. Council are presently carrying out long overdue footpath repairs at O'Neill Park.

Barberstown Road and Bond Bridge

Dep. Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have welcomed the proposal to spend £100,000 on the Barberstown Road and are disappointed that Bond Bridge was not given an allocation to make it safe for all users.

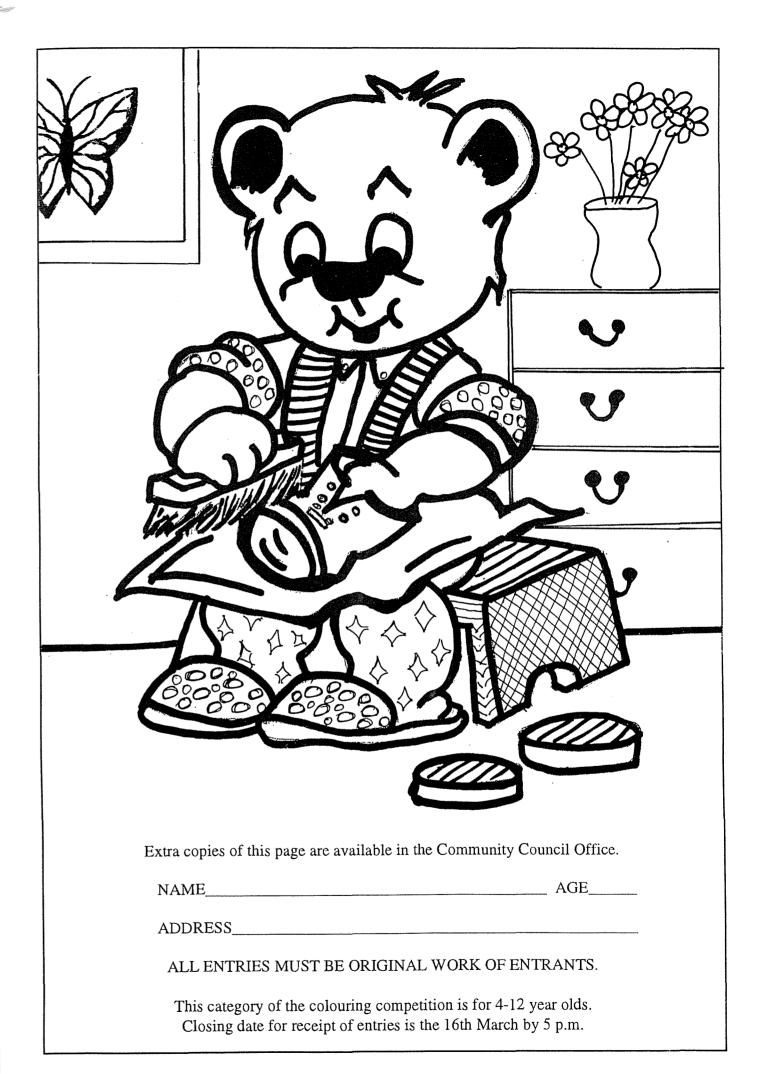
Rathcoffey Road

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that the speed limit of 30 m.p.h. be extended to the ramp of the flyover bridge at the Crinstown side so as to make it safer for the homeowners trying to access the Rathcoffey Road.

Mound of Clay on the Kilcock Road

The mound of clay was originally placed to deter travellers parking at this junction. Kildare Co. Council have agreed with Cllr. Senan Griffin that it should now be removed and that bollards or trees be used to discourage further parking. Cllr. Griffin is of the opinion that the removal of the clay will be of benefit to parents who drop off their children to attend the Boys National School at this location.

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MAYNOOTH FANTASY FORMULA 1.

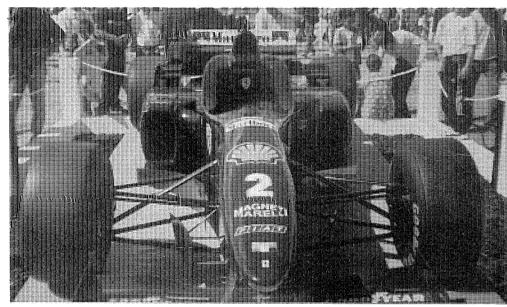
Fantasy Formula 1, 1998

By the time you read this the 1998 Formula 1 World Championship opening Race in Australia will only be days away. The following page gives details of this seasons Fantasy Formula 1 Game so if you want to get in on the action you had better get a move on. Don't forget however, you may still enter at any time up to 22nd of May so all is not lost. As we mentioned in last months edition of The Maynooth Newsletter this year the Game is being divided into two Sections. Section 1

take part in either or both Sections and may enter as many Teams as they like up to and including the Monaco GP. No entries will be accepted after this

To qualify for points for any race entries must be in before the commencement of the 1st, qualification session for the race in question and must be accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee/s. Points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Section 1 Players.



is a simple "Quick Pick" where players take their chances by drawing Teams and Drivers from a Drum.

Section 2 requires you to use your skill and knowledge to put together a Team within a strict budget. The finer details of this section appear elsewhere in this issue.

The Rules apply to both Sections with the exception that the rule governing the composition of the Team does not apply to Section 1. Intending Players may

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MAYNOOTH FANTASY FORMULA 1.

Fantasy F1 1998.

The Rules

General

Players must pick two Drivers and two Chassis from the Lists opposite within a Budget of £40 million. This will be their Team for the Season.

Points Scoring.

Points will be awarded in the same manner as in the actual F1 World Championship, i.e. 1st. 10pts., 2nd. 6pts. 3rd. 4pts., 4th. 3pts., 5th. 2pts., 6th. 1pt.

In addition 1 Bonus point will be awarded for Pole Position. A further Bonus point will be added for Fastest Lap in the Race.



Notes The Team

You may not pick a Driver/Chassis combination which actually exist in reality, i.e. Villeneuve/Williams, Schumacher/Ferrari. You may not pick two Drivers from the one Team, i.e. Alesi/Herbert.

You must select two different Chassis constructors.

When choosing your Team you pick two Chassis. This in effect means you have 4 Cars. You will score points for each of your Cars should they both finish in the points, i.e. You pick Williams and Arrows. In the Race Williams finish 1st. and 4th. with Arrows finishing 6th. You will receive points for 1st., 4th. and 6th. Results will be available immediately after each Race but are subject to Final ratification by the FIA.

Ties

In the event of a Tie in the results of this Competition the lowest cost

Team wins. If this fails to resolve the Tie then the Player scoring highest points in the 1st. Race wins, working down through each Race until the Tie is resolved.

Substitutions.

In the event of a Driver being replaced during the Season for any reason Players will automatically adopt his replacement.

However no substitution will be made should a Constructor fail to take part in or be disqualified from any Race or the Championship itself.

Disputes

Drivers

In the Event of a Dispute regarding any aspect of this Competition, the Organisers decision is final.

	Schumacher I	M. Ferrari
	Villeneuve	William
	Frentzen	William
	Coulthard	McLare
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Williams	20m.
Williams	18m.
McLaren	17m.
McLaren	15m.
Ferrari	14m.
Jordan	13m.
Benetton	12m.
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Prost	12m.
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Jordan	9m.
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Prost	8m.
Arrows	6m.
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Minardi	1m.
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Arrows	5m.
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Minardi	3m.

Players may join the Competition at



any time up to the Monaco GP but will not be entitled to points retrospectively. In addition Entries must be received before the start of Qualification for the Race from which they wish to join.



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Chassis 1	
Chassis 2	
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Maynooth Town 5 Loughlinstown 0 D.D.S.L. U-10 A1 Sunday

Town opened brightly and quickly went looking for the opening score which duly arrived after only five minutes when Tim Franklin found the net. Loughlinstown could have got on terms minutes later but superb goalkeeping by Gerard Greely in the home goal denied them the chance. This was to prove crucial and Town capitalised soon afterwards when good work by Brian Behan set up Tim Franklin for his second goal. Town increased their lead just before the break when Eddie Power scored with a good shot.

The second half saw Town keep up the pressure and the lead was increased to four when an excellent move involving Neil Cooney, Mark Doyle and David Gahan carved the opening for Tim Franklin to complete his hat trick. A watertight home defence was giving nothing away and a powerhouse midfield performance by Brian Behan was eliminating any threat posed by Loughlinstown. With ten minutes remaining David Fagan closed the scoring with an accurate free kick to leave Maynooth easy winners.

This was an excellent performance by Maynooth with the main features being the performances of defenders Darren Weafer, Niall Hanlon and hat-trick hero Tim Franklin and midfield general Brian Behan.

Maynooth - G. Greely, B. Behan, T. Franklin, E. Power, N. Cooney, M. Doyle, D. Weafer, N. Hanlon, D. Gahan, D. Fagan.

Shamrock Rovers 1 Maynooth Town 7

D.D.S.L. U-8 B Sunday

Big names hold no fear for the young lions of Maynooth as a well disciplined under 8's side tore apart a Rovers side that must have wondered what hit them. The Maynooth side was in no mood to allow the chasing pack any chance of unshipping them from their berth at the top of their league. If this kind of form can be maintained until the end of the season any team finishing ahead of them will surely lift the title. A hat trick by Sean Durkan and two from Chris Moynan helped the Town gain an easy victory. Other scorer's were Dara Boylan and Francis McDonnell.

Maynooth - S. Durkan, D. Boylan, F. McDonnell, A. Cash, G. Dooley, C. Dooley, K. O'Sullivan, B. Kilduff, C. O'Reilly, P. McDonnell, E. Flynn, N. Prendergast, G. Halford, C. Moynan.

Ballyoulster 0 Maynooth Town 1

D.D.S.L. U-11 A1 Saturday

Following a comprehensive pre-season friendly defeat and a 0-2 result in the home leg it took some staunch defending from Maynooth to hold the unbeaten Celbridge side in the return leg. Once they overcame the nerves the Town started to show how much they had improved since their earlier meetings. A good flowing game with end to end football was a great spectacle for the neutral support to watch but Maynooth came close to losing some valued mentors of this under 11's side from heart trouble.

The breakthrough came early into the second half when John Flemming put Maynooth ahead. Ballyoulster came back with all they had in an effort to level the match but a superb defensive line soaked up all they threw at them. Niall Doogan in goal and Cian Walsh, Luke Daly, Sean McAllister and Shaun Doogan in defence were the main reason Maynooth came away with all three points. The midfield duo of David Prendergast and team captain Declan Bambrick gave their usual 110% and in the end the better team triumphed.

Maynooth - N. Doogan, C. Walsh, S. McAllister, L. Daly, S. Doogan, D. Bambrick, D. Sweeney, D. Prendergast, D. Baxter, G. O'Connor, T. Moriarty, J. Flemming, D. O'Haire, B. Harney.

Maynooth Town 0 St. Columbans 5

D..D.S.L U-11 A1 Saturday

Two early goals from the visitors saw Maynooth heads drop and the battling qualitites that had been seen to such good effect the previous week were not seen in this encounter. Having already beaten St. Columbans 1-2 in the away leg earlier in the season it was going to take a brave effort to do the double following the early set back. Maynooth did manage to hold the deficit to two until the break but that was mainly due to Niall Doogan the Town's keeper. The second half brought no relief for the Town with the visitiors pushing forward at will and running out the easy 0-5 winners. But for the continuing good form of the Maynooth keeper the final score could well have been into double figures. The only other consolation for the home side was David Prendergast who battled hard in midfield and is fast becoming the Roy Keane of Maynooth Town.

Maynooth - N. Doogan, C. Walsh, S. McAllister, L. Daly, B. Harney, N. Corcoran, S. Doogan, D. Bambrick, G. O'Connor, D. Prendergast, J. Flemming, P. Broughan, D. Baxter, T. Moriarty.

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MAYNOOTH LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL

A night to remember was had by all at Maynooth G.A.A. Club on Saturday, 30th January. The "Party" was in honour of the successes achieved by Maynooth Ladies Gaelic Football Team in 1997.

Micheál Kelly, the outgoing Manager, presented the players with their Kildare Championship medals and their Kildare 7-a-side plaques. The ever supportive Tony Mooney was called upon to present the players with their much cherished runners-up trophies from the All-Ireland 7-a-side.

On behalf of the players, the Committee would once again like to thank their sponsor, Mr. Noel Brady, for his continued generosity, Maynooth G.AA. Club for their continued support and of course to wish Micheal the same success in his game as he has helped the ladies achieve over the last 2 seasons.

Just a reminder to all those interested in participating in the ladies team: training takes place at Maynooth G.A.A. Club, Moyglare Road, Monday and Wednesday nights at 8.00 p.m. New players and novices to the game are welcome.

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KILDARE HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The luck of the draw pitted two Maynooth players against each other in the first round of the Kildare 40x20 handball championships. Daragh Kelly would have expected to overcome Anthony Fingelton without overextending himself. However Anthony had other ideas and played some great handball to lose by the odd game in three. Kelly plays, his doubles partner Mick Galvin in the second round. Galvin gave a fine display when defeating army man Phil Morrissey of Castledermot. Kelly would not want to take this Roscommon born player for granted.

Anna Wrynn, Leixlip, travelled up to Maynooth to play Mick Duffy in their first round match. She won the first game 21 - 16. Duffy played much better in the second game which he won 21 - 06. The third game went to the wire with both players giving of their all. Wrynn, the American under nineteen girls champion, fought the hardest and won the third game 21-18. Duffy will be seeking revenge when, with Niall Leavy, he plays Wrynn & Healy in the doubles. He says "If we lose this time I will be on the next bus for Monaghan".



Paul Hand, Junior Singles & Doubles, First Round Winner.

The Nevin brothers Owen and Hugh played Mark Kelly and David Jordan in their first round matches. The Leixlip players proved too strong in both matches. However, Owen's match against Kelly did go to three games and with a little more experience he might very well have won. Christy Stokes played fourteen year old Shane Carthy at Leixlip and was taken by surprise by the teenager. While Christy would be inexperienced at playing competitively the opposite would be true of Carthy. He has played in the National Juvenile Championships for some time now. He had a good win over Stokes who may not be able to compete in the doubles due to a shoulder injury picked up in that singles match. Paul Hand played Andy Cullen in Ballymore Eustace

in his first round match. He said it was his first time to represent his home town in the black with the white sash. This he said would be motivation enough to at least win the first round. Despite having gained a few pounds and slowed down a wee bit Paul had the skill and pride in the black and white to carry him through to the second round. He may expect to play Nurney Publican, Paddy Reilly in the next round. Paul also performed very well with Declan Quigley in the Junior Doubles. They played two Kildare under twenty one players at Ballymore Eustace; Maurice Murray and Mark Deegan. They lost the first game 21-14 and won the second on the same score. Their experience showed in the third game which they won 21-12.

In the only other doubles game played Daragh Kelly and Mick Galvin had a narrow escape when they played, father and son team Mark and Phelim Cribbin from Leixlip. This game was played at Maynooth and went the full three games before being decided in favour of the Maynooth pair.

Originally Kelly was to play with Sean Molloy but due to an unfortunate accident Sean ended up in Blanchardstown Hospital and was unable to play. Ironically the accident occurred while he was doing voluntary work on the ball alley to enable Maynooth to have championships played there. On behalf of all the handballers of Maynooth I would like to wish him a very speedy recovery.





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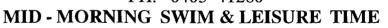
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

Richardson: The family of the late Tom Richardson, Mariaville, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who attended the removal Mass and funeral and those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Sinnott, Fr. Liam Ryan, Dr. Cowhey and the Medical Staff in Blanchardstown Hospital, to Oliver Reilly, Undertakers, for their help and efficiency in handling the funeral arrangements, also our kind neighbours and friends. We hope this will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation.

Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

SYMPATHIES

O'Rourke: With deepest sympathy to the sisters, nieces, relatives and friends of Josephine O'Rourke, Maynooth and formerly of Drumkeeran, Co. Leitrim.

Keys: With deepest sympathy to the wife, nephews, nieces, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and a large circle of friends of Thomas A. (Deuce) Keys, Maynooth Park, Maynooth.

Collins: With deepest sympathy to the sisters, brother, nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, The Salesian Community, of Sister Teresa Collins, Salesian Sisters, Maynooth.

THANKS

The family of Carmel Begley wishes to thank all her neighbours and friends for their support and encouragement during her recent illness. Thanks also to the staff of James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to Gerard McTernan, Greenfield, age 21 on March 4th, Daddy, Mammy, sister Clare, Grannys and Grandad.

Bill Hendrick, O'Neill Park, March 19th.

Sharon Halligan, Greenfield 18 on April 26th

Liam Farrelly, Greenfield March 19th

John Hearns, Greenfield March 23rd

Lorna and Grainne Burke 15 on March 2nd, Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy, all your family and friends.

Mrs. Patsy Leavy, Greenfield, March 17th, Best wishes from husband Jim, son David, daughters Yvonne and Angela and all your friends and neighbours.

Happy Birthday to Ali Williams.
Ali will be three on 12th March.

She enjoys swimming, painting and being with her friends. She wants to be a fire-fighter and ballerina when she grows up.

Jennifer Kavanagh who will be 7 on March 14th, Best wishes from Mam, Ian, Neil, Karen, Mark and Declan.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes on the birth of their baby daughter to Margaret & Mick Sullivan, Greenfield, from all your family and friends.

Congratulations to Eamonn Gormley and Lisa Shields on their recent wedding on Captiva Island in Florida. Best wishes for the future from Hubert, Christina, Hugh, Denis, Fionnuala and Patricia. Eamonn and Lisa will live at Seattle.

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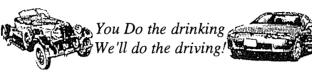
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