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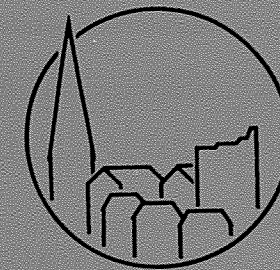
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## **Maynooth Band Kansas Diary**



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### DIARY DATES

**Fri 1st May:** ICA Tea Morning on behalf of Alzheimers in ICA Hall

**Thur 7th May:** ICA A.G.M. I.C.A. Hall Harbour

**Sat 9th May:** Pitch & Putt Course Dunboyne Road 2pm sharp, Boys and girls U16 Community Games

**Sun 10th May:** Senior Citizens Party

**Mon 11th May:** Community Council next meeting in the Post Primary School at 8 pm

**Mon 11th May** Rockfield Resients Ass. A.G.M. Glenroyle Hotel 8 30pm.

**Thur 21st May:** The Chain Gang, Wells Hotel, Enfield, at 8.30 pm. **Charity Function.**

**Fri 22nd May Referendum Day.**

**Sun 24th May:** Royal Canal Amenity Group, Steam train excursion from Maynooth to Enfield.

**Thur 28th May:** Parents Association, Presentation Convent Maynooth, parents holding a cookery demonstration in Glenroyal Hotel.

**Wed 22nd July - Sun 26th July - Maynooth Summer Festival.**

**Fri 24th Jul:** Miss Royal Canal 1998 at the Glenroyal Hotel.

### EDITORIAL

For years cynics claimed that those of us living south of the border were bored and distinterested in Northern Ireland. Thirty years of bad news from the North had certainly caused despair that the people of Ireland could ever live together in peace. The agreement signed on Good Friday has changed all that. Talking to people around Maynooth it seems that many followed the closing stages of the talks very closely on radio and TV and that there is widespread support for the compromise reached by the parties. Only the lunatic fringes want to return to war and they are driven more by sectarian hatred than by any political agenda. The litany of outrages committed over the past thirty years - Greysteel, Loughlan Island, the Miami showband massacre, Bloody Sunday, the Shankill bombing to name but a few - must not be forgotten but must never be repeated. And so we face the referendum on May 22nd with an opportunity to put the past behind us. The proposed changes to the constitution will cause problems for some but the era of territorial claims is over. Encouraging one million northerners who currently claim to be British to change their nationality is not going to be achieved by a clause in the constitution. In 1916 twelve men set off from Maynooth for the GPO with a dream of a better Ireland. Let us hope that May 22nd marks another step in realising that dream.

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Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR

THE CELTIC PIG

I want to dispel the myth of the Celtic Tiger for no tiger would leave her den in the state I witnessed Maynooth Village on the morning of March 18th. Such was the filth and litter remaining after the National Holiday that one could be forgiven for thinking that the village had been invaded by a horde of pigs. The sty for these pigs was clearly identified outside some food joints on the main street as evidenced by the density of filth in this area.

Is there no law which makes the proprietors of such premises responsible for the cleanliness of the public area outside them.? If we are serious about making Maynooth a fit place for people to live in, as opposed to pigs, something will have to be done now to stop the rot.

Padraig O Murchu

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

We organised an Easter Disco for 16th April in the North Kildare Club with free bus there and back, but unfortunately only two children turned up, so the disco had to be cancelled. However we would like to thank the following adults who had volunteered to help on the night, Johnny Dowling, Patricia Moynan, Anna Marie McDermott and Bernard Livingston.

On a lighter note don't forget our registration day comes up on the first Tuesday in July in the I.C.A. Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Claire O'Rourke

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS NOTES

First of all this month we wish our President Fr. Brendan Supple a speedy recovery. Secondly at time of writing we are currently finalising our review of our Community Employment Scheme.

We thank our Fás Employment Officer Mary Boyle for her help over the last few years and wish her well in her new position in the Fás Organisation.

We welcome Mary O'Leary as our new Fás Employment Officer. We look forward to working with Mary over the coming years.

Also at this time of year we are collating our entry for the Department of the Environment's Tidy Towns competition.

We will be contacting Residents Associations and other interested bodies in the Community over the coming weeks to seek their support in making Maynooth a better place to live.

Litter is a major problem for us and fly posting is becoming a problem again - it is against the law and makes the place look untidy.

We ourselves will be giving a copy of the Pamphlet Litter and the Law to all businesses during the month of May.

Many people have remarked how clean the town is on Sunday. This is due to the Sunday morning clean up crew.

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

**Successes and failures reviewed at Community Council**  
The normal format of Community Council meetings was set aside for a special meeting which was held on April 6th last. The purpose of the meeting was to leave aside normal business and to spend an evening focusing on the organisation itself. This meeting was facilitated by Mr. Seamus Moore from Naas, and on behalf of all concerned may I extend our appreciation.

Mr. Moore will provide a report to the Community Council summarising the main points raised on the night and this will be available for the May meeting.

**Community Council staff to be conferred**  
Community Council Supervisors, Ms. Norah McDermott, Ms. Freda Kelleher and Ms. Breda Gormally will be putting on the hat and gown on Friday May 15th, when they are conferred at the National College of Industrial Relations.

The already very busy threesome have recently completed a Certificate in Community Workplace Management.

Some readers will know that the ladies spend a considerable amount of time at work in the Community Council Offices - as well as engaging in further training. Congrats to all. Thanks to Mary Boyle of Fás for all her help and co-operation over the last few years and we wish her every success in her new job in Fás.

Proposal for ESAT Digifone Mast at Maynooth Garda Station rejected by Kildare County Council  
Maynooth Community Council welcomes the decision by Kildare County Council to reject a planning application from ESAT Digifone to erect a 30 metre telecommunications mast at Maynooth Garda Station.

The applicants appealed the Kildare County Council decision to An Bord Pleanála on 17th April last. An opportunity now exists for Individuals or associations to make their views known on this proposal. Information must be forwarded to An Bord Pleanála, Irish Life Centre, Dublin 1, before May 18th, including a fee of £30.

**The Maynooth Summer Festival:**  
The Festival will take place from Wednesday 22nd July to Sunday 26th July. We are going for a shorter Festival this year in the hopes that more people will turn out for the events. The Festival Launch will take place on Friday 17th July in Glenroyal Hotel. More information in future Newsletters.

**Community Council - Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday May 11th. An interesting agenda has been completed for the meeting, which will be held as usual in the Post-Primary School at 8 pm. A full attendance would be appreciated.

Paul Croghan  
PRO



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Question:

What are the details of the new tax allowance for the long-term unemployed?

Answer:

There is an additional allowance from 6th April 1998 for the long-term unemployed person i.e. a person who has been unemployed for one year or more, and lone parents on the One-Parent Family Payment who take up work after 6th April '98. This is as an alternative to existing employment schemes, such as the Back to Work Allowance; an unemployed person cannot avail of both options.

The allowance is as follows:

Year One extra allowance of £3,000 and £1,000 for each qualifying child.

Year Two reducing to two-thirds of this amount i.e. £2,000 and £666 for each child.

Year Three one-third of amount allowed in year one, i.e. £1,000 and £334 for each child.

An unemployed person for these purposes is a person who has been unemployed for 12 months and in receipt of either an unemployment payment (Unemployment Benefit or Unemployment Assistance) or the One Parent Family Payment from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

This section of the Act also provides for additional groups to be approved by the Minister for Social, Community & Family Affairs for this tax relief, with the consent of the Minister for Finance; (may include for example, people with disabilities referred by the NRB who have been approved for other employment measures/incentives).

Each of a couple may claim the allowance and the child tax allowance may be apportioned between them. The three year period for the allowance may begin with either the tax year in which the employment commences or the following tax year.

Employment for the purposes of this section must begin after the 6th April '98 and must conform broadly to standards set for other employment initiatives, such as the Back to Work Allowance, i.e. must be at least 30 hours a week, must be capable of lasting 12 months, must not have been the subject of a redundancy in the previous 6 months. The employee's tax allowance under this section can only be set against the income from the qualifying employment. An employee can change jobs once and retain the balance of the allowance.

\* Employers who employ people after 6th April 1998 who are long-term unemployed can make a double deduction of the employee's income from their company's taxable income for up to three years provided that the employee remains with them.

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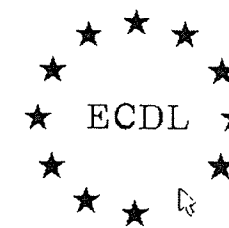
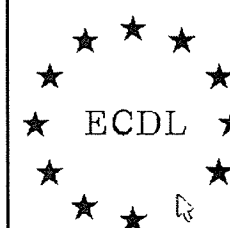
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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The April meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held on the 2nd April in the I.C.A. hall at 8p.m.

A minute's silence was observed to mark the death of Kay Burns, brother ....R.I.P.

A letter of thanks was received by our secretary Rosemary, on behalf of Cancer Society for the help of the ladies who collected on Daffodil Day. The money collected totalled £901.00.

There will be a coffee morning and cake sale in Mrs Satchwells with the proceeds going to St Mary's Church.

#### Crafts.

Crafts are going very well at the moment and the ladies are kept very busy. There is to be a crafts display in Punchestown on May 17th 1998.

Allied Irish Banks Guild of the Year competition is up and running with many Federations finished. Kildare Federation Final is in the G.A.A. hall in Kill on the 21/4/98, 8p.m. good luck to all our ladies taking part.

The Make 'n' Model competition this year is for an outfit suitable for a Summer Graduation. Mc Vities are running a biscuit making competition (Recipes), recipes only at Federation level. Entries to National Contest Secretary, by April 30th. This competition is being run in conjunction with the Womans Way magazine.

The April competition "The Smallest Easter Bonnet" was won by...

- 1st. Teresa Brennan.  
2nd Margaret Houlihan.  
3rd, Jo O' Connell.

Badminton is going well every Tuesday and Thursday in the Parish Hall at 10.30 a.m- 12pm.

There will be a tea morning on May 1st on behalf of Alzheimers in the I.C.A. Hall and will be organised by Betty Farrell.

Our guest speaker for our April meeting was a Japanese girl called Yoko. She is on a visit from Japan and is teaching in the girls' primary school. She showed us how to do Origami, which is paper folding, and was very interesting for all.

The A.G.M. of Maynooth I.C.A. will be held on Thursday 7th May in the I.C.A. Hall.

We would like to ask all our members to please attend this meeting. The meeting is open to anyone interested in joining our Guild. For a small fee of £20.00 for our Annual membership you can avail of the many activities, badminton, drama, day trips and also you get an opportunity to make new friends. New members will be always welcome.

May Haren  
P.R.O.

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

On Saturday April 18th at the Spring Show Prof. S. Smyth on behalf of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth presented the club with a beautiful silver cup. This was, said Dr. Smyth, in recognition of the work, support and help given by the Flower Club over the years to the College. Noeleen O' Brien accepted and said it would be awarded to the person who achieved the highest number of points in the show, each year.

#### Results from this years shows.

- Class 1. The Beach - 1st Moira Baxter.  
Class 2. European Cruise - 1st Maureen Fagan  
Class 3. Sailing - 1st Felicity Satchwell  
Class 4. Titanic - 1st Maureen Fagan  
Class 5. Where Oceans Meet - 1st Susan Mulvihill  
Class 6. Seaside Treasurers - 1st Felicity Satchwell  
Class 7. From the Deep - 1st Felicity Satchwell

#### Cup Winners

Ulster Bank P. Cup - Best exhibit - Show Winner - Susan Mulvihill.

Bradshaw P. Cup - Best exhibit - Plant Section Winner - Sarah Angel.

Satchwell P. Cup - Best exhibit Class 2 Winner - Maureen Fagan.

Flower Pot P. Cup - Best exhibit - Class 1 Winner Moira Baxter.

A.O.I.F.E. P Cup - Best exhibit - Class V11 Winner Felicity Satchwell

N.U.I. of Maynooth P. Cup - Most show Points Winner Sarah Angel

#### List of club activities for May

May 5th Half Day Trip to Grove Gardens.  
May 19th Patricia Dent will be the demonstrator at meeting. This will be held as usual in Loftus Hall at 8p.m.  
Competitions on 19th.

#### "Continental Influence -

A - space 30" B & C space 24"

#### Plant Competition - Stem of a flowering shrub.

Two of our members Noeleen O' Brien and Moira Baxter will represent the club at a festival of flowers at Emo Court, Co. Laois  
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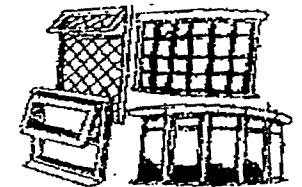
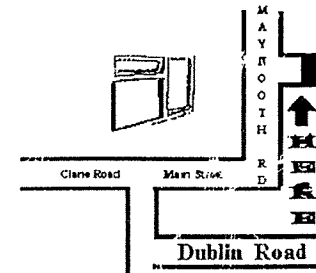
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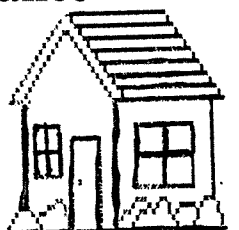
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES  
By the time this article appears in May, the Community Games, swimming will have taken place and the following are the results.

I would like to thank Maynooth College for the use of the Pool for this event. Particularly I thank Colm Nelson for all his help and co - operation and also all the very good people who came along as officials and helpers.

Swimming Results

Girls U/6	1 Bronagh Carey
Girls U/8 Freestyle	1 Claire Mac Namara 2 Susan Fay 3 Michaela Furey
Girls U/10 Freestyle	1 Deirdre Mulcahy 2 Jessica Whelan 3 Orla Carey 4 Aisling O'Connor
Girls U/10 Back Stroke.	1 Deirdre Mulcahy 2 Aisling O'Connor 3 Jessica Whelan
Girls U/12 Freestyle	1 Aoife Dunning 2 Eibhlín Carr 3 Niamh O' Gorman
Girls U/12 Breast Stroke	1 Aoife Dunning 2 Eibhlín Carr
Girls U/14 Freestyle	1 Andre Heslin 2 Gráinne O'Rourke 3 Aisling Bean
Girls U/14 Breast Stroke	1 Kate Delaney 2 Andre Heslin 3 Gráinne O'Rourke
Girls U/14 Back Stroke	1 Andre Heslin 2 Gráinne O'Rourke 3 Jenny Dooley
Girls U/16 Freestyle	1 Gillian Corbally 2 Emma Fleming 3 Kathy Kelleher
Girls U/16 Butterfly	1 Kathy Kelleher 2 Emma Cullinane 3 Emma Fleming
Girls U/16 Back Stroke.	1 Gillian Corbally 2 Aileen Devaney 3 Emma Fleming

Swimming Results.

Boys U/8 Freestyle	1 Gavin Doyle 2 Sean Fox. 3 Darragh Dunning 4 John Comerford.
Boys U/10 Freestyle	1 Owen Mc Cartan 2 Lloyd Richards 3 Ciarán Furey.
Boys U/10 Back Stroke	1 Lloyd Richards 2 Ciarán Farrell 3 Ciarán Furey.
Boys U/12 Freestyle	1 Alex Wall. 2 Patrick Ward. 3 Martin Furey
Boys U/12 Breast Stroke	1 Owen Delaney 2 Seán MacNamara. 3 Brian Bean.
Boys U/14 Breast Stroke	1 Mark Watson. 2 Shane Kelleher 3 David Baxter.
Boys U/14 Back Stroke	1 Conor Devaney 2 Mark Watson 3 Shane Kelleher.
Boys U/14 Freestyle	1 Mark Watson 2 Conor Devaney 3 Shane Kelleher
Boys U/16 Freestyle	1 Cian Lennon 2 Alan Baxter 3 Stephen McCartan
Boys U/16 Back Stroke	1 Cian Lennon 2 Alan Baxter
Boys U/16 Butterfly	1 Cian Lennon 2 Alan Baxter.

The local Gymnastics will take place on Monday April 27th in the Parish Hall.

To date County Competition has taken place in the Project, Quiz, Art and Model Making.

One of Maynooth's Project Teams won Silver Medals and are thus qualified to compete at the National Finals in Mosney on the weekend 15th,16th,17th of May.

The Boys under 11 Team are: Aaron Donnelly, Edward O'Reilly, Neil Cooney and Kenneth Corbally.

Our Quiz team also took silver medals at the County Finals and will be travelling to Mosney that same weekend.

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Quiz Team Cont.

Derek Judge, Alison Judge, Aisling Sinclair, Cian Duffy, Shane Judge and John Kelleher.

The Art and Model Making competition took place in Kildare Town on Sat. 18th April. From that Competition, Maynooth's Eoghan Mc Cartan from Smithstown won a silver medal in the Model Making.

The house to house collection is at present in progress so by the time this article reaches your home I hope you have contributed generously to same.

The local Athletics competitions take place on the 10th of May in the G.A.A. field, Moyglare Road

Other team competitions are still taking place and all finals should hopefully be completed by 31st May.

Pitch and Putt

The local Pitch and Putt competition will be run at the Pitch and Putt course on the Dunboyne Road, on Saturday 9th May 1998, at 2PM.(sharp) for Boys and Girls under 16. Entry fee is £2. All are welcome and encouraged to take part.

Girls Soccer

Girls under 12 and under 15 soccer teams are being assembled now, if you are interested, please contact Antoinette Mooney or B Breslin.  
Tel: 628-6254

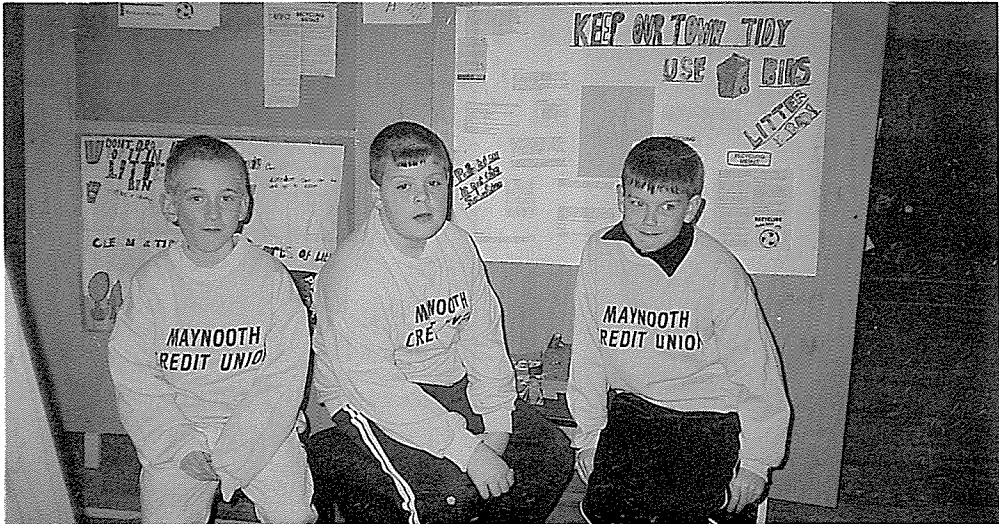
Thank you and good luck to all participants.

B.Breslin.  
P.R.O.

Maynooth Community Games - Teams at the County Project Finals in Nurney



Front: Mark Lord, Aaron Donnolly, Lee Walsh, Catherine O'Riordan, Michael Murphy  
Middle: Neil Cooney, Gary Brennan, Tim Franklin  
Back: Kenneth Corbally, Ruth Murphy, Orla Bambrick, Emma Howard Williams



2nd at County - Aaron Donnelly, Kenneth Corbally, Neill Cooney Edward O'Reilly (missing)



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### MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

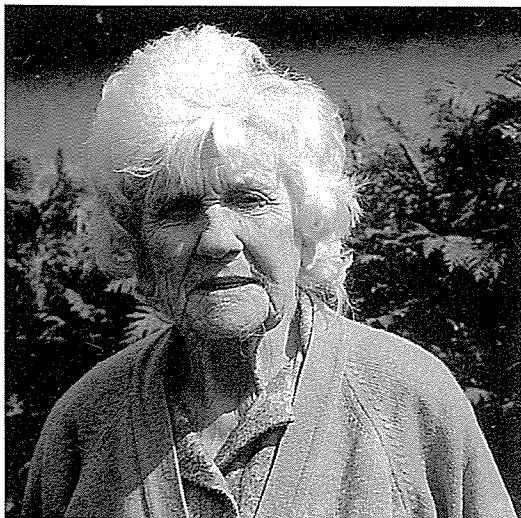
Our Easter party took place as scheduled on April 19th. We were joined on the day by our friends from Celbridge, Mass was celebrated by Fr. John Sinnott and we thank him for finding the time in his busy schedule. This was followed by tea and entertainment, during which we held our Easter Bonnet competition. There were many entrants and lots of prizes won. The overall winner was Chris Feighery with a "splendid creation," (see photo) well done to all who won prizes and for entering into the spirit of the occasion. Many thanks to Karen and Harry Cullen who did a wonderful job in judging the bonnets.

Our next event will be held on May 10th. To celebrate "Bealtaine" we will have an Art & Craft competition on the day, so I trust everyone is busy in their particular field. All art forms can be entered on the day, be it needle work, painting, writing etc. and afterwards all exhibits will be put on display in the Library.

To coincide with our party the Tony Smith memorial walk will take place, leaving the Post Primary School at 3 pm, the proceeds of which goes into our coffers. This event has been well supported in the past and I have no doubt this trend will continue. Sponsorship cards can be had from Labour party members or any of our committee. Do join us on the day, we'll all benefit one way or another. Exercise and a good cause, a winning combination.

Finally, congratulations to Kitty Thompson from Greenfield, who celebrated her 98th birthday in April! Kitty is Maynooth's oldest resident and the longest attending member of our club, having been with us since our organisation was founded. Kitty shared in the celebrations at our Easter party and we look forward to doing it all again next year. P.G.

*Josephine Moore*



*Kitty Thompson at 98 years*

### MAYNOOTH / KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

Maynooth/Kilcock No Name Club is 5 years old and we celebrated with a Giant Birthday Disco on Saturday 4th April. This Party Disco with lots of "giveaways" was a tremendous success.

Our Valentines Night Disco was a tremendous success, with lots of Valentines "treats for all".

Our new Hosts and Hostesses are being trained at present.

Our next outing is to Carlow for the Awards Night on Saturday 18th April and we are looking forward to meeting all the other Clubs for what we know will undoubtedly be a great night for all.

After the Awards Night it's time to 'play ball' with our Annual Basketball Tournament in Maynooth College. Teams from Leixlip, Kilcock, Maynooth and Celbridge will be taking part in what will be a challenging sporting event, followed by a Celebration Disco.

As you can see our 5th year activities have started on a high note and we are looking forward to many other events in the year ahead.

*Evelyn McGrath & Pat Farrell*  
PRO Officers

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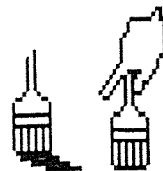
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## SENIOR CITIZENS BONNET PARADE



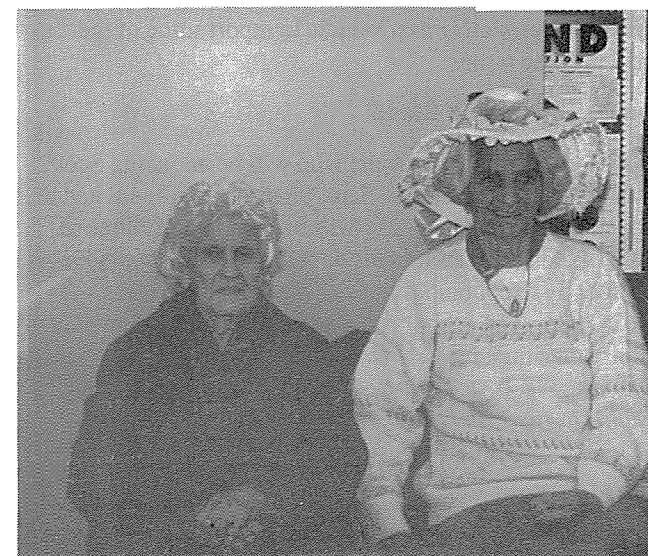
L-R: Julia Twomey, Betty Tracey, Lizzie Higgins, Molly Cahalane, Carmel Reilly



Overall Winner Chris Feighery and in background judges Karen and Harry Cullen



May Smyth, Molly Kearney, Betty Farrell sporting their bonnets



L-R: Kitty Thompson and Anne Kenny



L-R: Mary Green, Betty Kelly, Chrissie Timmons wearing their creations



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### PARENTS ASSOCIATION, PRESENTATION CONVENT, MAYNOOTH

The Parents Association are holding a Cookery demonstration presented by Odlums Ltd in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Thursday 28th May commencing at 7.45 pm. The evening promises to be entertaining and informative.

There will be a demonstration of several recipe dishes by Ms. Catherine Leyden of Odlums who will distribute recipe leaflets and raffle the dishes cooked on the night together with some Odlums products.

Tickets will be £5 each and will be available at the door.

The Parents Association would like to congratulate all the girls who made their Confirmation recently and we would like to thank every one who contributed to 'No Uniform Day'.

*Bernie O'Meara, P.R.O.*

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION BOYS SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

We would like to thank everybody who supported us in our recent fundraising event in the G.A.A. Club, Moyglare, to those who donated spot prizes and to the club members themselves who were so helpful on the night.

The name of shops and businesses who helped us out will be announced in next months issue.

*Claire O'Rourke*



*Caoilfhionn agus Siachfreach Ní Lachtáin ag úsáid na Ríomhairí agus ag baint taitneamh astu.*

### SCOIL UÍ RIADA NEWS

COMMENIUS Project (Austro - Iberian - Hibernian Connection)

We are delighted to inform you that Scoil Uí Riada's partners in the above project have now also received funding from the EU. To date more than 7,000 schools throughout Europe have participated in COMMENIUS Action One forming partnerships which have worked on over 2,300 European Education Projects (EEP). We are proud to report that Scoil Uí Riada is unique in that it is the only Primary School in County Kildare to have been successful in it's application under the COMMENIUS Action One Programme. The benefits to Scoil Uí Riada of such a project include the following:

- The development of a European dimension across the school as an important component of the delivery of the curriculum
- Opportunities for the professional development of the teachers
- Increased motivation and enjoyment for both pupils and teachers
- A contribution to school improvement through raised levels of pupil achievement and the opportunity for them to acquire new knowledge, perspectives and skills
- An awareness of other educational systems, and
- The development of new teaching materials.

The COMMENIUS Action One Programme provides funding for three mobility initiatives in addition to the normal mobility carried out with the framework of planning, organizing and developing an EEP. Scoil Uí Riada is happy to report that An Príomhoide, Séamus Ó Muirithí, will be partaking in one of these mobility initiatives, namely a Study Visit, to Spain in May. These mobility initiatives for principals are an important resource for ensuring that principals get to know their colleagues in the other schools participating in the project thereby making a valuable contribution to the success of the project.

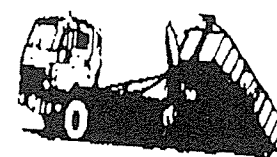
One of the other main objectives of the COMMENIUS Action One Programme is the dissemination of information about the project and Scoil Uí Riada would hope to use the **Maynooth Newsletter** as a vehicle to report some of the activities of the project.

#### Open Day in Scoil Uí Riada

Parents and guardians of pupils who will be attending Scoil Uí Riada for the first time in Sept '98 are cordially invited to our open Day. The Open Day will be held in early June in Scoil Uí Riada. Further details next month or by contacting the school by telephoning 01 - 6287906. The school can also be reached by e-mail at [Scoiluiriada@tinnet.ie](mailto:Scoiluiriada@tinnet.ie)

*Miriam Ahern,  
PRO*

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## ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES NOTAI O CHOMHAIRLE AININTEACHTA AN CHANAIL RIOGA

### The Scheme

Work continues as normal on our C.E. Scheme at Maynooth, Kilcock and Confey. We would like to welcome Martina Murphy to our office/administration staff.

### Steam Train Sunday

It's that time again, and the excursion to Enfield and back is on Sunday the 24th May, morning and afternoon. Thanks to the Steam Train Preservation Society, we have exclusive rights to sell the tickets on a profit-sharing arrangement.

### Miss Royal Canal 1998

The years fly by, and the contestants over the past eight years continue to grow more beautiful. It's hard to believe it's our ninth competition, and will be at the Glenroyal on Friday July 24th, during the Guinness-sponsored Maynooth Community Festival.

We're not promising live T.V. coverage this year, but we hope to continue to improve again on last year. Once again our thanks to TRAVEL OPTIONS MAYNOOTH, which is our main sponsor, and to the various businesses in the Maynooth, North Kildare and South Meath areas, which continue to assist the competition.

### Harbour plans

The following is a reply from the section of the Department of Arts, Culture, Heritage and the Islands, to our letter in the context of providing the infrastructure in Maynooth for it's development as the future boating centre of our Royal Canal system.

### "Dúchas The Heritage Service

Mr. Matthew Kennedy,  
Chairman R.C.A.G.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

We refer to your letter to our Mr. Tom Beglin, Waterways Engineer, dated the 10th February, 1998 in connection with the provision of a pump-out and other ancillary facilities at Maynooth Harbour.

The provision of pump-out facilities at strategic locations along the Grand and Royal canal systems is grant aided by the Department of the Environment and constructed by the relevant local authority. We would favour Maynooth as a site for such a facility, but we must be satisfied that the County Council, as the Sanitary Authority, will accept responsibility for future maintenance of the pump-out block.

In relation to the provision of other facilities, we should point out that service blocks (washing, toilets etc.) have not been provided on the Grand Canal or Barrow Navigation. However, Kildare County Council may wish to consider this matter in relation to proposals for Maynooth."

## GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The first committee meeting, after the March AGM was held on the 14th April. There was an excellent response to the appeal for committee members and there is now full representation from each road.

### WORK FOR THE COMING YEAR

Our priorities for the year are:

1. Cutting the grass
2. Enhancing the entrance to the estate in partnership with the owner of the shoppingCentre
3. New hedge at Laurence Avenue fence
4. Replacement of failed trees
5. Planting of new shrubs
6. New road - name signs

### FUNDING

With membership for the coming year at £18 per household our estimated income will be £2,500 with a 60% response. As grass cutting alone will cost £2,200 our ability to carry out other priorities will require an improvement in membership payments.

Committee members will be calling to you soon to collect the annual subscriptions. Please pay at the first call to improve your estate's appearance.

### STRAFFAN ROAD LANDSCAPING

We received the following letter from the County Secretary of Kildare County Council.

"I refer to representations made on behalf of your Residents' Association by the Celbridge Area Committee Councillors concerning the above.

Finance has been provided in Kildare County Council's 1998 Estimates budgets to carry out remedial works to the landscaped areas and when the weather conditions allow, this work will be undertaken.

At both the January and February 1998 Committee Meetings the Area Councillors requested that your Association be informed of the above and I regret my delay in doing so."

As a result the Council will replace the 32 failed trees on Straffan Way.

*Mary Mc Ginley*  
*Secretary*

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or call to The Royal Canal Office, Maynooth soon.



## KANSAS CITY DIARY 1998

### Sunday 15th March

Can't believe the crowd assembling to see our coach off. Mammies, daddies, uncles, aunts, wives, husbands, brothers, sisters and neighbours. Big Kisses and cuddles, wet eyes, 'won't-see-you-for-a-whole-week' expressions! Take care, keep warm, have you enough money? (Never) and be good. Wonder of wonder our coach actually left on time - next engagement we need only say we are going to the States and we will be there before we are even due to leave.

apparently necessary. The 18.50 flight to Kansas City delayed to 20.15. Seems a little like the 49A here in Dublin. Forgot to say that Chicago Airport was surrounded by snow and Kansas City Airport had been closed on the previous Tuesday and also a few unlucky Band Members had the bad luck to suffer the wrath of the 'luggage bleeper' No courteous Aer Rianta employee to locate the offending item - just a rather 'large-ish' individual wielding a TRUNCHEDON-like article seeking out parts of our bodies people hardly knew existed. Maybe she was



*The Calm before the storm, bags packed, Kansas City here we come.*

We got to the airport well on time thanks to our Barton's Coach Driver. Slight delay due to convoy of army vehicles holding up the traffic while they unloaded a departing group of Arabic gentlemen. Thought we were going to the Lebanon instead of the USA. Finally, we got to Group Check-in. Tough work checking 39 bodies and a hold-full of instruments. There are already 39 new enrolments for Degree Courses in N.U.I., Maynooth, applied for following our completion of US Immigration forms.

Finally we got away on time. Band members scattered all over the plane. Thanks to John and Eithne Carey and the Blue Sweatshirts that they sponsored we had no trouble locating a seat-change at any point on the 8 hour trip to Chicago. We arrived at O'Hare Airport, Chicago bang on time. Made our way to Baggage Claim, haul luggage from carousel and carry it 20 yards to the Kansas City conveyer. Seems really silly but

searching for our Shamrock! This was followed by another interrogation concerning whether or not we needed to visit the Agricultural Section. "Any food items - SAUSAGES or RASHERS?" she asked. You must be joking! Hate to think what would have gone on down there! Mind you, the thought of a 'fry-up' was extremely appealing. Got away at last and touched down at Kansas City airport at 9.30 p.m. local time (3.30 a.m. Irish time). Some journey, eh?

We trudged off the plane in a scattered blue line (still wearing the sweatshirts Eithne) and were gob-smacked to be met by a green garbed welcoming party with green, white and orange balloons, full of Irish welcome. We managed to bring weary smiles out of wrecked bodies. Went to claim our luggage and headed for the coach. A pre-arranged hostelry visit was put 'temporarily' on hold due to our late arrival as we made for our accommodation immediately, deposited our gear and then said

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## KANSAS CITY DIARY 1998 (Cont)

where to?! Some tired bodies flaked out on beds while a "number" of others joined our welcoming party for a short Night Cap at O'Dowd's Irish Lounge. Following a feed of Guinness, Burger & Chips and O'Dowd's Irish Ale - in no particular order - the hardy crew 'abandoned ship' after just 1 hour and finally hit the sack at 1.30 a.m. (7.30 Irish time). Some Day!! No matter where you travel you always meet someone. Got talking to Jim McMahon's (Laurence Avenue) cousin and Geraldine Tracey's Godfather (I think). Small world, isn't it? Almost forgot something of a record. Our genial cornet player "Doc" Carroll celebrated his 21st birthday by singing "American Pie" at 12.30 a.m. on 16th March. Got a rapturous round of applause for both his song and his birthday.

### Monday 16th March:

Relatively quiet day (joking of course). Began with complimentary brunch at a nearby Diner, followed by a coach trip down the Parade Route on our way to Rehearsal at Rockhurst College - equivalent to our University Status. Found ourselves in a fantastically intimate 350 seater Theatre used only by the college Drama Society. We were looked after by a wonderful Theatre Director, Steve Hoog. In his other life he played Tuba for pleasure with jazz, German bands and some other music groups. A wonderful guy and a great Sound Technician who recorded our show later that evening for us. Thanks very much for the tape, Steve. Rehearsal went like all rehearsals go - badly! The theatre was too warm and affected our tuning to an unacceptable extent, the stage was meant for plays, not for band recitals. Steve excitedly remarked that it was 20 years since a band last played in Rockhurst Theatre. Finally we solved our problems by drawing back the backdrop curtains. OK it revealed a blank white screen but it also revealed our own true quality sound, and it was real cool. I mean the theatre temperature, not our sound - that of course is always hot! Finally, everything slotted into place and we left to do our SUPERMARKET SHOPPING, as our 5.00 p.m. dinner date had to wait until after the show. What an experience. US shopping was trying to translate \$ into £s, cookies into biscuits and "Have a nice day" into "See Ya later". The big talking - or laughing - point was at the check-out when the cashier registered your purchases and asked "Paper or plastic?" A routine question to her (paper or plastic bag) but to us puzzled Irish persons seemed a lot like "Cash or Credit Card?" Thankfully, we all passed the test and the change with flying colours (well nearly all of us).

Thanks to Cliff Murphy and his mathematical expertise and knowledge of American Street Geography, we finally got back to base, hurriedly showered and changed into our concert uniforms and headed back to Rockhurst Theatre with 10 minutes to spare. Our aforementioned Steve Hoog

introduced the band to an audience which was a sea of green and we strode onto the stage to audible gasps from our American audience at our uniforms which looked immaculate beneath the sophisticated stage lighting system. Our conductor Niall O'Connor, looking resplendent in his black suit, white shirt and black bow tie was then introduced to warm applause. What followed was the most professionally sounding performance ever by the Band, a blend of Irish and American music which was so wonderfully received by the audience. The concert was suitably broken along the way with an account of the Band's History by Cliff Murphy who, if ever he gives up the 'Day Job', could well break into the comedy scene. A polished and witty performance indeed which helped a little more to get rid of those 'pigs' in the parlour' image. Just before the second part of the concert got underway, Band Chairman,



*Post Parade Reception, Hilton (our Resident Coach Driver) Elaine Bean, Mary Lewis (Main Parade Organiser) Cliff Murphy and John Curran, Secretary.*

Paddy Boyd made a special presentation to Mary Lewis who had been our sole INTERNET contact on the Kansas City Visit since April 1997. In addition he made a presentation of 'REAL IRISH SHAMROCK' (courtesy of Carol Harte, The Flower Pot) to the ladies and gentlemen of the Kansas City Parade Organising Committee who were so excited you could not even begin to imagine. One lady committee member even intended picking out the piece with the best roots to try to grow it for next year's parade. The finale to the evening was something out of a 'Mid Summer Night's Dream' for the Band.

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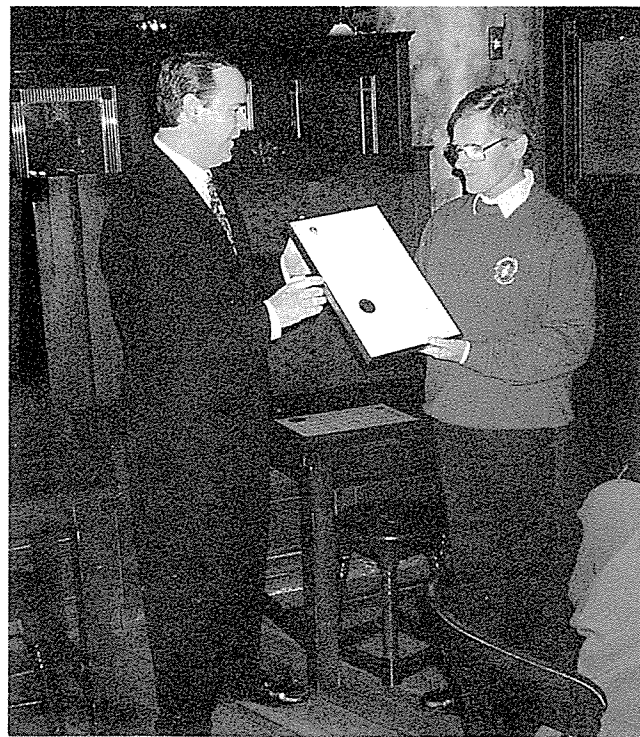
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Standing ovations, encores, the full audience joining with us in "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", autograph, yes AUTOGRAPH requests after the show all knocked us for six. Paddy Boyd brought over some copies of the Band's 1981 Golden Souvenir Booklet which were literally swallowed up with requests to send on some more to Mary Lewis if you have some left back home. Copies of the Special March Kansas City Edition of the Newsletter given to us by Maynooth Community Council were also swallowed up by the organising committee and they will also be pleased to hear that one Newsletter and a copy of "Cannonballs and Croziers, A History of Maynooth" by John Drennan are going into a time capsule being prepared this year to coincide with the 25th Anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Now that's something special for the town of Maynooth. Later that night when the Band finally ate, the Newsletter was produced by two members of the committee and they were absolutely and genuinely thrilled with the concept of the local bulletin type of content, the advertisements, the prices, photographs and in particular the special feature on the Band. There was a distinct element of pride in owning one of the select number of copies taken out to Kansas City and we have not a single doubt that these will be treasured for years to come. The one blot on our copybook was in Paddy Boyd's end-of-concert speech when he said how great an honour it was to be in Kansas for the Parade. Although he referred to Kansas CITY a number of times this one slip was akin to saying that Maynooth and Kilkenny were in the same parish. We were gently reminded that we were in Kansas City, MISSOURI and not the State of Kansas. A lesson learned. Bed beckoned weary bodies with one heck of a St. Patrick's Day to come and the lights went out in more ways than one.

#### St. Patrick's Day March 17th:

Today, an eleven month old dream became a reality at 10.00 a.m. when we boarded our coach for 27th Street and the start of the Kansas City 25th Anniversary St. Patrick's Day Parade. When we left home last Sunday we said we would be thinking of you all in the Maynooth Parade on the 17th. We genuinely meant it but we hadn't reckoned on the 6 hour time difference so unfortunately we were all snoring our heads off at 5.00 a.m. Kansas time just as you were leaving Greenfield Shopping Centre. We hope you had a great Parade. As we neared 27th Street the scene reminded us of back home with floats in the process of completion, finding starting positions and still keeping on the right side of the KCPD (Kansas City Police Department). The one obvious difference was the colour green. It was everywhere!! People wearing it sitting on it, driving it, drinking it and playing it - one band had an enormous Sousaphone painted green!

As we neared our start position little did we know what lay in store for us. We finally got there to be greeted by the Parade Marshall, Dave, sporting a white baseball cap with "The Boss" inscribed in green (a great idea for Freda Kelleher next year). Dave's problem was our pleasure. The Band of the US Marine Corps in Louisiana had met travel problems and couldn't make it to lead the parade. As we were the only Irish Band there could we stand in for them? NO PROBLEM, Boss! What an honour! Slight problem though when he asked us to play the Irish and American Anthems before the start of the Parade. Fortunately, our conductor, Niall O'Connor, had borrowed the music for the American Anthem but we had never actually played it as it was not required for our visit. Following two quick runs through on our coach we were depending on the 'luck of the Irish' and the prayers of Fr. Supple as we lined up, Paddy Boyd proudly flying the Tricolour between the Colour Party of 4 US Marines on one side and crew members of the Kansas City Fire Department on the other. Very difficult for the boys and girls to play the American National Anthem with lumps in their throats and shivers running up their spines but we did. Maynooth proud with an outstanding rendition, as good if not better than any Marine Band. A huge cheer greeted our own Anthem as spectators sang along with it.



**Chairman Paddy Boyd receiving the special citation from a member of the Jackson County, Missouri, Legislature. St. Patrick's week was nominated St. Mary's Band Maynooth Ireland week throughout the entire Jackson County.**

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## Features

### Kansas City Diary 1998 *Cont.*

Finally, the Parade got underway and without exception it was the greatest thrill for a Band member to lead the 2nd largest Parade in the US down the widest street we have ever seen. Crowds roared appreciation once they realised we were Irish and not the Marines, and it was a feeling we will cherish for ever. Our hearts went out to the Band members back home who could not make it here. They will never really appreciate what they missed. As with every Parade there was a reviewing stand, but this one came with a difference. It was occupied solely by Parade Adjudicators. Not a politician in sight. The second difference was for the benefit of the battery of TV Cameras stacked beside the stand. "Mr. Band Major (Cliff Murphy), you have 45 seconds to perform your piece." Followed quickly by "You have 20 seconds left". Talk about precision TV? Having accomplished their directions we wound our way to the Parade end and relieved ourselves of our instruments to Hilton's (Hilly's) coach. We could then watch the finish of the spectacle in peace and what a show! Talk about Jack's Green Army! You could not enter a float without green and they really went to town. Once again, we were lucky with the weather. All the long underwear purchased before departure was not really needed. The 'Ponchos' (raincoats), distributed to the Band by Mary Lewis' brother, were thankfully not pressed into service but we did make use of an amazing little accessory given to us called "HOT HANDS HAND WARMER". It looks like a tea bag. You shake it up and it will heat up any part of your body (Now, Now!) up to 63°F for up to 10 hours. A great little gadget altogether. We'll have to see about getting a consignment of them sent over to us for next year's Parade in Maynooth.

This entire week was full of surprises. With the Parade over our coach whisked us back to the gigantic Marriot Hotel where we were invited to join the Parade Committee in suite 22 on the 20th floor for a buffet reception and drinks. We were the ONLY Parade entry there and we were treated regally. The view from the windows was a sight to behold and the green waterfall in front of the hotel was a spectacular sight which was captured by what seemed like 1000 cameras. When we finally broke away we headed back to base satisfied that we had flown the flags of Maynooth, Kildare (thanks to Council Chairman Liam Doyle), Leinster and Ireland with pride and distinction and rewarded all those back home whose support had helped to make this St. Patrick's Day possible. We know you will reap the benefits through talking to the people of Kansas City. They will come to Ireland in their hundreds over the next 2 to 3 years. Honour follows honour by the hour here and Mary Lewis and her committee invited the "over 21" Band members to join their Post-Parade Thank You coach tour of the restaurants and pubs who had supported the event while the other half of the Band wound down with a relaxing visit to a shopping area, amusement location and to finish - well at least that was our plan - with a well earned meal in a Chinese or

Italian restaurant. Parts 1 and 2 passes with flying colours but part 3 didn't follow the script. Because Americans start work early most eateries close early (9.00 or 10.00p.m.) so it took 3 visits before we found a place for 18 hungry souls to dine, and guess what it was called, DENNY'S DINER and not a rasher in sight. A lovely meal and drinks were soon disposed of but when our tabs appeared our waitress obviously felt Mark McCarron looked the part of the wealthy Paddy and charged him for a more expensive meal which he didn't have. Following intervention by the CIA the matter was settled and he headed off to 'round up' the other posse. We eventually located the group in Harding's on 57th, but they were only warming up! Cliff Murphy (of all people) on the Band Stand with Eoin Field and Tom Clarke were belting out Irish Camailles to beat the band to a tear-filled, beer-filled Paddy's Day Audience. One for the record lads. Not to be outdone at a previous restaurant Vewronica McCabe exchanged her clarinet for a tin whistle and produced jigs and reels to match the St. Mary's Band "Riverdance Dance". It went down a bomb with the Americans. Dependable Hilton made sure we got home to St. John's at a reasonable hour for St. Patrick's Day but there

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were naturally a few seasoned campaigners who felt that they still had the 6-hour time difference to get them home before midnight. It sure was a day to remember. Shucks! I almost forgot the most important announcement of the day! At O'Dowd's during the presentation awards afterward we were named 'Best Band' in the Parade - what a singular honour and an award we will cherish.

### Wednesday 18th March:

Alarm clock call for 9.30 a.m. to make Hilly's coach date for a 10.15 a.m. trip back to O'Dowd's for an invited lunch and reception with whispers of a sort of presentation in the wind. We arrived to find Mary and some of her committee accompanied by a tall distinguished looking man who introduced himself as a senior legislator from the Jackson County Legislature. Kansas City is mainly in Jackson County (equivalent to Kildare) and we were gobsmacked when he presented us with two framed and legally sealed citations from Jackson County. The really significant paragraph proclaimed that "St. Patrick's Week beginning 15th March 1998 had been declared 'St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band, Maynooth Week' in the entire Jackson County". You cannot follow that! Following the lunch we stretched our legs, did a little window and 'genuine' shopping and returned to Hilton to change into our marching uniform - *IN THE MIDDLE OF KANSAS CITY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT*. Sure, we've had plenty of practice in Limerick. The star act was Seamus O'Reilly (The Full Monty) who won pants, sorry, hands down.



Meeting Mayor of Kansas City. Chairman, Paddy Boyd presents a shamrock filled Irish crystal bowl to the Mayor of Kansas City at City Hall, on right Michael Dempsey Vice-Chairman.

This change was of course for the second most important part of our visit. A meeting with the Mayor of Kansas City at City Hall. This really was a much higher profile event than we ever anticipated. As the Band assembled in the Rotunda of the City Hall to play for the Mayor, time ticked by but no Mayor. It seemed his TV interview in the Conference Room on Floor 26 was running over and his Security Guard would advise us as soon as he entered the lift. While we waited we entertained visitors and staff alike with some Irish music which sounded absolutely fantastic in the Four-Courts-like, high ceilinged, marble surroundings. When the lift doors finally opened to reveal the Mayor closely watched by two heavy LA like 'Mindors', he was greeted warmly by Vice-Chairman Michael Dempsey, who introduced him to Chairman Paddy Boyd. He seemed genuinely pleased to meet the Band and spoke to them of visitors opting for New York or Los Angeles but tending to forget a little the warmth of the people of Mid-America. He thanked the Band for travelling such a long distance for this 25th year and was presented with an Irish Crystal Bowl filled with Shamrock. Even though a day late he was so delighted to receive real Irish Shamrock for the first time and proudly held it up for the photographers and TV Crews from 3 TV channels. We were knocked out by this. We had asked in advance for media coverage to put Maynooth on the map but this was really something else. Paddy asked if he had been to Ireland before, to which he replied "No, but I'm going to London in April".

An ideal opportunity for Paddy to mention that we were only 50 minutes from London by air and would love to have him visit Maynooth. He asked when we were returning to Ireland and when informed "the following Monday", he promptly announced that he would contact Mary Lewis next week and *WOULD MAKE TIME* to visit Maynooth in the first or second week of April. What an honour for the *BAND AND THE TOWN OF* Maynooth. Fingers crossed that he keeps his word, but by the time you read this hopefully his visit will have already taken place. This visit was a wonderful experience for all concerned and we really hope he does come to Maynooth as he is a very warm and welcoming person and typical of Kansas City and its surrounds. The visit over-ran by more than 45 minutes so plans for the remainder of the day once again required alteration. Just time to do a little more snack shopping (no paper or plastic this time) and back to St. John's to shower and change for our next hospitality stop. An invitation meal in a restaurant, opened after hours specially for us, and hosted by the Irish Historical Society, a group 300 strong (and growing) dedicated to establishing a museum of Irish Art, Literature and Culture for the Irish Community. Fortunately, this was a pre-arranged reception and we were

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delighted to present them with the March Kansas City Edition of the Newsletter, a copy of Cannonballs and Croziers, the History of Maynooth by Mary Cullen and an accompanying Celtic Design Card beautifully inscribed by Elaine Bean, our artistic Treasurer. So overcome were they with these gifts that they asked for them to be signed by the Band to show visitors to the museum that we donated them on our visit in March 1998. Another piece of publicity for Maynooth in the USA.

Meal finished and presentation made, we were taken to an outdoor ice-skating rink by two wonderful hosts Pat O'Connor and his wife Marlene. The non-skaters in the party were in tough luck as the Jazz Club to which they drove was closed on Wednesdays. They returned to the Fabulous Crown Center Hotel next door to the rink for a few drinks to await the more energetic, braver and insaner of the Band members. Photographic evidence will show who falls into which category. Again, a change of plans of a more serious nature. Assistant Treasurer Jennifer Quigley really 'skated on thin ice' with a couple of falls on the ice. Unfortunately, the second fall was a hard one and Pat O'Connor, our Health and Safety Expert Elaine Bean and Resident Nurse Tara Boyd effected some temporary assistance before travelling with her to a local hospital. Jennifer spent some time in the company of some extremely friendly hospital staff before learning that she actually had a fracture of her left wrist. She left the emergency department in a sling and was treated royally for the rest of the night. Poor Jennifer. Hope she'll be back in action soon. So that totally changed plans for the rest of the night which finished off with a diversity of entertainment. Video watching in the enormously spacious and comfortable lounge, a friendly game of cards off the kitchen or a sit-on-the-floor-in-the-corridor drink and chat session. A perfect end to a wonderful day. Wednesday over. We set off tomorrow on the last part of the so far memorable visit. This looks like being a lower, more restful profile period to prepare us for the long trip back home. However, things keep constantly changing here so we won't make too many plans.

### Thursday 19th March:

The pace is now starting to tell on us. Bodies refuse to accept e-mails from the brain and we just have to switch the video to freeze frame a little more often now. The first and most frantic part of our visit has been completed and we "play it by ear" from here. This morning was very much a lie-in situation, although some heroes rose early and were seen walking round the blocks around 8 o'clock, fully dressed even. Hilton was on hold until 11.45 but he liked us so much he joined us for coffee and a video at 11 o'clock. The desire for a wider range of food takes us to the 'Crown Center', a beautiful upmarket shopping area, for brunch before meeting Bishop Boland of Kansas City at 2.30 p.m. We arrived at the Bishop's offices to be greeted by

a tall man in clerical attire holding the door for us. Those passing through to meet the Bishop were taken aback when this man casually announced "I'm the Bishop". We had a most relaxed and friendly meeting with him as he announced that he was born in Ireland and "brought his mother to America when he was 3 months old". He studied at All Hallow's College in Dublin and knew most of Maynooth College Professors at that time. He was genuinely delighted to meet us and hoped to hear us play on Friday in the Ward Parkway Center. We presented him with the Bi-Centenary History of Maynooth College by Dr. Corish which really touched him. A wonderful reception by a Truly wonderful Bishop. We headed out of his offices into a flurry of snow which meant the cancellation of an open-air recital at the Country Club Plaza Outdoor Courtyard. Just an hour for a brief shopping stop at the Crown Center and back to St. John's to shower and change for our meal at the Italian Garden Restaurant, which was part paid by the genial owner who came to meet us during the evening. It went down a treat with everyone. The day finished off with a return visit to O'Dowd's where we had been asked to provide some music during the evening.

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Unfortunately, lack of P.A. curtailed our performance but it gave members an opportunity to "mingle" with the members of the Parade Committee who once again were on hand to make us feel welcome. 11.00 p.m. saw a tired Band back in Hilton's hands heading back for rest. Spare a thought for Michael Dempsey who could not share Thursday with us due to a bad chest infection. Hope he'll be back to normal tomorrow

#### Friday 20th March:

Today the sun shone for the first time since we arrived, and appropriately, it was our last day of official functions. Tomorrow is our first totally free day since our arrival. We set out at 11.00 a.m. for a spellbinding tour of the Kansas City Chiefs Football Stadium and the Kansas City Royals Baseball stadium, both of which impressed all of us - a visit not to be forgotten. It was an exciting opportunity to see a photo of FRED ARBANAS in the Chiefs 'Hall of Fame'. He is one of the signatories on our Jackson County citation presented to us on Wednesday. Just a quick bite and a visit to the sensational IMAX THEATRE near the zoo. This was a special experience and we would definitely advise you to visit the IMAX Cinema when it opens in Dublin in July. Film over, just a quick change into our concert uniforms and off to our last official recital in the Ward Parkway Plaza Center where we were due to play for one hour. A large and very receptive audience ensured that our programme extended beyond that hour and concluded with a standing ovation. An extra bonus for us was the presence of Bishop Boland who stayed for the entire recital. Obviously a very busy man, he had told us during our visit on Thursday that he would try to make the recital if he could, depending on his schedule. And he was more than true to his word! As an expression of his pleasure with our performance he offered to celebrate a special Mass for us on Sunday morning before leaving for home, an honour indeed.

Just a few minutes to pack up and head for our next official function - a Reception and tour of the Boulevard Brewery, one of the main sponsors of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kansas City. This proved a very interesting experience, a real test for our experienced 'TASTERS' who were greeted with pints of their full range of beers. With some of our members it required a little more than one pint (so they tell us) before they could give the beer a rating. It went down well with most, though not up to the standard of our REAL Guinness drinkers. (Never again do I want to try and get our members out of a brewery!! - Secretary). We then headed back in the coach to St. John's for an extremely quick shower and change before being taken by Mary Lewis and our co-hosts for an experience to remember at the Station Casino. That is, except for the 21 affluent members who splashed out a whole \$14 each to travel there in style in two STRETCH LIMOS. Doesn't it take your breath away. Seamus O'Reilly looked like he owned one of

these fabulous cars in a previous life, knew the location of all the controls and dressed like a 'Mafioso' specially for the trip. Walking through the Casino doors was like stepping back to another era. Saloons with the expected music pouring through the doors and the Riverboat Casino dominated a scene which was over-looked by the most genuine-looking indoor sky we have ever seen. All round was a choice of restaurants to satisfy the most demanding tastes, while there was a special area reserved for those under 21 years of age in our party. We knew of this in advance of setting out of course. The big story of the night was the refused entry to the Riverboat Queen of Deirdre Stynes, Eoin "Blamey" Field and Jennifer Quigley for being "Under - 21 - Suspects". - "Sorry Gals and Guy, we must see your passports." Which as Murphy's law would dictate were back at St. John's as they did not think they would be required. Amazing! Deirdre under 21? She'd love that in years to come. Eoin? Well it must be a record to at least find something that he couldn't talk his way out of. Of course, with Jennifer they were obviously concerned about what she might be carrying under her sling. Thanks to the generosity of Danny, "The Leprechaun" O'Mara, they were whisked back to St. John's and thankfully they passed the test second time around. Naturally, again thanks to Danny, they were allowed stay later than the 11.00 p.m. curfew so they could sample the atmosphere for another while at least. Atmosphere was the operative word tonight. We had a party of "gapers" rather than gamblers - except of course for the high rollers Seamus and Doc, who won a few dollars but felt a little guilty and gave it back. This was not a night of high stakes gambling, just a terrific two hour visit to another world. At 11 bells on the Mississippi, Secretary, John Curran, dutifully put his hand in his holster and drew out by now famous check-list. 'Heads' were counted and back on the bus.



Presidential Candidate Dana with her Band 'Choir' on the steps of our Accommodation following special Mass on the Day of Departure.

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#### Saturday 21st March:

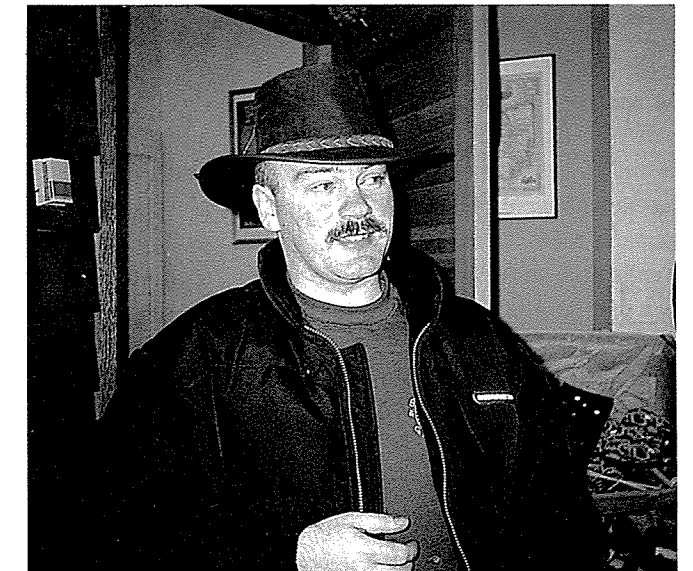
At last a complete rest day and a chance to get the pressies to bring back home to show Mams, Dads, sisters and brothers that we did not forget them while in K.C. Got back to St. John's for a pre-arranged game of basketball at the gym next door, then a quick shower and change to go down to a fabulous meal provided for us in St. John's by our hosts for the week. Barbecued steaks, baked potatoes and salad were the perfect end to a perfect week. Mary Lewis, Bob and Patty, Danny O'Mara, Steve Lewis and Carol Lillis are names that will live on with us long after we have returned home. Chairman Paddy Boyd and Secretary John Curran were totally taken aback by the surprise presentations made by the Band members in recognition of the work they had done before and during the visit. Mary Lewis also made a presentation to the band of two lovely framed pictures of Kansas City. A wonderful evening, was shared by both hosts and guests and we all retired to pack for the journey back home and for Bishop Boland's special mass tomorrow morning.

#### Sunday 22nd March:

Tired bodies were dragged from their beds at 8.30 a.m. to prepare for the Bishop's 9.00 a.m. Mass just across from our accommodation. Got all those weary Band members together and headed to the small but beautiful church to experience yet a further surprise. Seated in the front seat of the Church was none other than Presidential Candidate Dana, accompanied by her husband Damien, and her sister and sister-in-law. We were honoured to have them share our private Mass with us. The readings were shared by our own Cliff Murphy and Dana who sang the Responsorial Psalm with us and she later sang a beautiful Communion Reflection showing that she still retains a wonderful quality in her voice. The Bishop's Homily was of the highest quality and throughout the Mass he made no secret of his affection for the Band and his extreme pleasure with our visit. After Mass Dana greeted and chatted with all of the Band members and posed for photographs with them despite the prospect of a long car trip to her home in Birmingham, Alabama. She left a lasting impression on more than a few of us. Just an hour left to catch up with breakfast (a Patricia/Eoin special of good red rashers, sausages and eggs). The smell was something else and the nearest we felt to home all week. Fortified, fry-filled bodies then settled down to the difficult and sad task of hauling cases and instruments to Hilton's waiting coach which today was joined by a slightly smaller and more unusual looking bus which he called a "Charlie", specially brought along to deal with our overflow of luggage. (Hope to let you all see a shot of this most unusual looking vehicle in the Newsletter.) All present and correct and then straight to K.C. Airport for final sad farewells. Unfortunately, all did not run smoothly at check-in where red tape appeared to be taking over when it came to checking in our instruments. Visa cards were on standby as frantic phone calls were made to Aer Lingus in

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Chicago to confirm their willingness to waive excess baggage charges. At last the visas vanished as approval arrived and we could breathe easily again. Then the saddest task of the day - Goodbyes! Tears and hugs were in abundance as we said our goodbyes to the many friends we had made during a wonderful week. Bord Fáilte's ears were surely on fire with the number of firm promises from our hosts to visit Ireland, and Maynooth in particular, within the next couple of years. The remainder of the journey was completed in relative silence shared between TV, newspapers and sleep until we finally touched down on home soil at 8.45 a.m. A great week and an experience never to be forgotten. Our sympathies went with teachers John Curran and Veronica McCabe who had to take their jet lag directly into the classroom with them. No chance to catch up for Kansas City but they'll surely sleep soundly tonight!



Preparing for shootout at Kansas City. John Curran tries a hat for size

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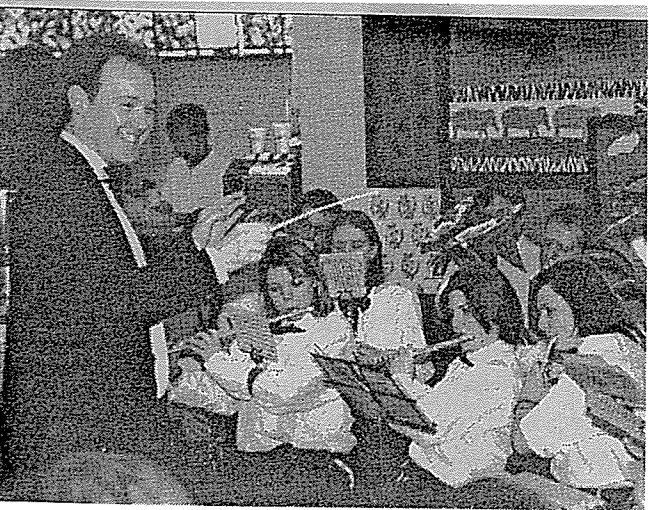


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Kansas City Summary

Eleven months of planning, fund-raising and dedicated practice reaped a rich reward on this, the first visit of the Band outside the country. Thanks to the tightly-knit action team of Mary Lewis, John Curran and Paddy Boyd, things went mainly like clockwork and there were few, if any, complaints during the trip. I think its only fair to single Mary out for special praise for the amount of work she put in before our visit and her time and effort during our stay to make sure we had a memorable visit. This trio was backed up by a first class 'Home Team' of Carol, Bob, Patty, Steve and Danny to name but a few who spared no energy or cost to ensure that we were happy at all times. On the more positive side we feel that your faith in us has been totally justified and we in turn have repaid the business people of Maynooth by the promises of many visits to the town. On a wider scale we have given Maynooth, Kildare and Ireland the exposure in Kansas City which we had never dreamt about a week ago. The capacity Rockhurst Concert, extensive TV coverage of the Band during the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the TV Cameras again at City Hall for our meeting with the Mayor of Kansas City, - hopefully when you read this he will already have come to visit Maynooth - and the Press coverage of our meeting with the Bishop on Thursday all provided the highest profile possible for the visit, both in Kansas City and at home. We have no doubt that there will be spin-offs from our visit and those who supported us will reap the benefits within the next couple of years. As far as the Band is concerned, after success at this level where can we go from here? It'll be a really hard act to follow! We would like to extend special congratulations to all the members of the Band who behaved impeccably throughout the visit and were a credit to Maynooth, Kildare and Ireland. They did us all proud!



Kansas City Newspaper Photo showing Conductor Niall O' Connor with shirt sleeved Band at Ward Parkway recital on Friday March 20th

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## EVERY MONTH

May is the month in which the real first signs of spring are to be seen. The origins of the name May for this month are very much unclear. Some believe it is named after Maia, the Goddess of Growth. It is certainly the case that the Romans celebrated the beginning of May, paying honour to Flora, their goddess of Flowers. In former days young women would venture out early on first day of May to collect the morning dew, believing that it would bring them eternal beauty.

May Day, the spring holiday, goes back at least to the ancient Roman flower festival of 'Floralia'. Poles decked with flowers were carried through the streets, and posies of flowers were given out to loved ones. May Day is also 'Workers' day celebrating the demands begun in 1890 for an eight hour working day. In honour of this breakthrough we take a full day off work. Happy bank holiday weekend.

## STUDENTS SUMMER JOBS SCHEME '98

Maynooth Community Council will again this year sponsor the Students' Scheme. The scheme is necessary every year for the successful running of the Maynooth Summer Project.

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The Scheme will operate from 1 June 1998 to 30 September 1998.

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### Information for Students

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To qualify for work under the Scheme you must:

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Be aged 18 or over on 31 August, 1998 and satisfy a means test.

You CANNOT participate in the Scheme if you:

Are in second level education or just completing second level education.

Will be completing a course of study at the end of the current academic year.

Are getting a Third Level Allowance, or other Social Welfare or Health Board payment.

Are a mature Student, that is, age 23 or over on 1 January of the year you commenced your current course.

Will be completing a Post Leaving Certificate course at the end of the current academic year.

Are on a career break.

Have an entitlement to Unemployment Benefit.

Are not disqualified from claiming Unemployment assistance under Section 126 of the Social Welfare. (Consolidation) Act, 1993.

Students must get written approval from the Department of Social Community and Family Affairs before the work/project commences.

Eligible Students will be given a Job Certificate - see section 5.2 across and a booklet of Approved Sponsors.

Responsibility for contacting the sponsors and seeking work rests with the student.

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Congratulations to all the young women who were confirmed at 11 a.m. on Thursday 20 March 1998 by Bishop Ray Field.

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### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY 5 - A SIDE SOCCER

The Community 5 - a - side soccer took place during April in the Students Union Sports Hall. The teams involved were Super Valu, Glenroyal Hotel, Students Union, Enda's Heros and Maynooth Guards. This is the second year to run the competition and it is hoped that it will be an annual event. Thanks to the Students Union for the use of the facilities and it certainly helps in closing the gap between students and the community.

In the semi-finals the Maynooth Guards beat the Glenroyal Hotel and the Students Union beat Enda's Heros. The final between Guards and Students Union was a very exciting one with the Guards winning by a goal in the last minute of the match. The final score was 3 goals to the Guards and 2 goals to the Students Union. The presentation of Prizes took place in the Glenroyal Hotel.



*Maynooth Guards team - winners*



*Students Union team - runners-up*

### DOG RELATED OFFENCES LITTER POLLUTION ACT 1997

A number of residents have commented on the problem of stray dogs and dog litter in Maynooth. The following is the relevant Act.

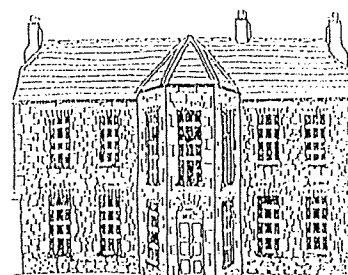
1. Where faeces has been deposited by a dog in any place to which this subsection applies, the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.
2. Subsection (1) applies to a place that is -
  - (a) a public road
  - (b) land forming part of a retail shopping centre
  - (c) a school ground, sports ground, playing field or recreational or leisure area
  - (d) a beach
  - (e) The curtilage of a dwelling the occupier of which has not consented to the presence of the dog in the curtilage, or
  - (f) such other place as may be prescribed.
3. Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of -
  - (a) a guide dog kept and used for the guidance of a blind person
  - (b) a working dog being used:-
    - (1) for the herding of livestock
    - (2) by a member of the Garda Síochána or the Customs and Excise service in connection with the official functions of the member, or
    - (c) a dog in such other circumstances as may be prescribed.
4. A person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

#### Part V - Enforcement

Offences involving, and powers of litter wardens etc.

- (1) A person who obstructs or impedes a litter warden or a member of the Garda Síochána who is exercising functions under this Act shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A litter warden or a member of the Garda Síochána who:-
  - (a) has reasonable grounds for believing that a person is committing or has committed an offence under this Act, may request the person to give his or her name and address, and may request that the information given be verified, and
  - (b) is dissatisfied with the verification provided pursuant to a request under paragraph (a) may request that the person accompany the warden or member to a local authority office or Garda station for the purpose of the verification.

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### PUBLIC BACKS TASK FORCE STRATEGY

Maynooth's Co-Ordinating Task Force has been very active over the past couple of months as the group continues its work on devising a strategy for the town's future development. In March the group published an outline of its strategy and 3,000 copies of the document were distributed to households in Maynooth. Over 300 residents attended a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on March 30th to consider the strategy. The meeting proved to be a tremendous success - the turnout indicating that lots of Maynooth people are concerned about the future development of their town.

#### Choosing a Future

The Task Force have titled their strategy 'Maynooth: Choosing a Future' so that the focus of the plan is on the active participation of the people of Maynooth in shaping the future of the town. This approach emphasises that we can have more control over our own destiny, that the town can develop the way we want it to rather than being shaped by external influence. In making the groups presentation at the Glenroyal meeting, Task Force member Tom Moore stated that there were risks associated with attempting to implement an ambitious plan for the town but, on balance, there were greater risks associated with sitting back and doing nothing. He pointed out that Maynooth had grown rapidly in the past two decades and that there was a real risk of urban sprawl and a weakened sense of community unless positive action was taken.

#### Integrated Strategy

The strategy, as outlined in the Task Force document and at the Glenroyal meeting, is broken down into seven sections, each of which represents different facets of the town's life. Up to this point the group have proposed a set of outline proposals under each of the headings - Character, Employment, University, Infrastructure, Heritage, Tourism, Sports, Leisure, Amenity and Administration. The group have emphasised that the final plan must be an integrated one, addressing the whole range of issues which affect the town. It is argued that adopting this integrated approach will result in a properly balanced plan, giving the best chance of success.

#### Partners to Strategy

Over the past six months the Task Force have held a series of meetings and discussions with a variety of bodies, both local and national. In addition, a number of key partners to the strategy have played an important role in developing the proposals. In fact one of the more significant achievements of the Glenroyal meeting is that it brought under one roof many of the people who play a key role in making Maynooth the town it is today. Representatives from each of the partners addressed the Glenroyal meeting. Community Chairperson Tom McMullon welcomed the strategy and indicated that the Community Council, as a body representative of all the people of Maynooth, was supportive of the plan which addressed many of the town's problems. Dr. Seamus Smyth, president of N.U.I. Maynooth, also expressed support and pointed out some of the real challenges and opportunities which the future held for the town. Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President of St. Patrick's College, in welcoming the plan described the long relationship between the town and the College. Local Co. Councillors John McGinley, Senan Griffin and Cathering Murphy all commented on a large turnout at the meeting and saw this as a positive sign for the future of Maynooth. Brendan McGrath, the County Enterprise Officer and Ray Bonnar, Kildare Co. Council's Sports and Recreation Officer also represented the Co. Council at the meeting. Maynooth Chamber of Commerce was represented at the meeting by Mary Houlihan who expressed support for the strategy on behalf of the Chamber.



*Task force Committee*  
L-R Front Tom Moore, Peter Connell, Sharon Geoghegan, John Sweeney  
Back Row Liz Stoll, Paul Croghan & Dermot Nangle

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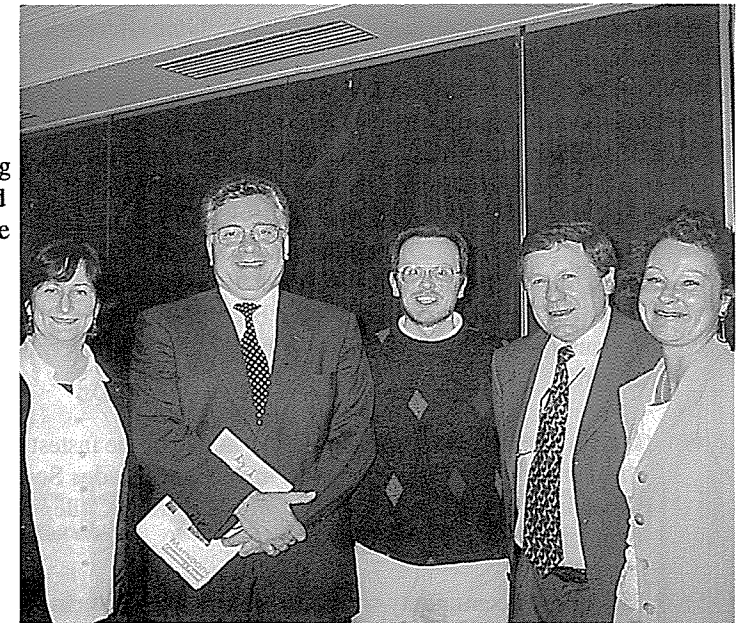
### PUBLIC BACKS TASK FORCE STRATEGY (Cont)

#### Public Contribution

Over the past few months the Task Force has received a number of submissions from interested groups and individuals in the town. At the Glenroyal meeting there were about 20 contributions from the floor, several of them pointing out the poor level of facilities in the town for young people, the elderly and the disabled. It was also emphasised that students should not be excluded from discussions on the future of Maynooth and the Task Force has undertaken to meet representatives of the Students Union to consider the strategy. Another speaker stressed the need to include Carton as part of any future plans for the town and the Task Force have undertaken to consider this issue.

#### Future Plans

The work of the Task Force continues with a series of meetings being arranged with public representatives and local groups for the next few weeks. With widespread support evident for the outline strategy the group is now committed to developing a plan for the implementation of the strategy which will include detailed phasing of the plan, the setting up of a limited company to manage the strategy and the identification of projects and related funding. The public reaction to the choosing a future document and the turnout at the Glenroyal meeting bodes well for the success of the strategy as, at the end of the day, its fate will rest on the support and enthusiasm of the people of Maynooth. If you would like to make your views known to the Task Force please write to Dr. John Cullen, Main Street.



*Attending the task force meeting in the Glenroyal*  
L-R Freda Kelleher, Bernard Durkan, Dominic Nyland, Senan Griffin and Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

### MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

#### Maynooth 2008 The View Backwards

Welcome to the year 2008 and to this retrospective glance back at the town of Maynooth!

The last twelve years have seen Maynooth grow very rapidly from its 1996 population of 9,292 people to reach 15,000 people. A large part of this increase was inevitable and resulted from the development of 86 acres left unused at the beginning of 1998 from the 1985 Maynooth Development Plan. The remainder came from the 1998 Development Plan, which, with the benefit of hindsight, involved unnecessary rezoning of lands on the environs of the town. The bulk of the population increase however came from the large numbers of children which now characterise mature estates such as Parklands, Rockfield and Moyglare Abbey. The population structure of Maynooth in 2008 continues to reflect the influx of commuters and, as was the case at the end of the 1990's, about 80% of new residents originated outside of Co. Kildare. The signs that the post EMU depression is ending is expected to fuel more rapid growth in the years ahead, particularly from other acres of the enlarged European Union. Although it has grown more slowly than Kilcock or Enfield, where acute pressures now exist, Maynooth faces a number of problems which its 66% growth in 12 years has been implicated in"

- (1) Now with more than 3,000 extra primary school children, the schools' accommodation crisis has reached a new peak. The new school at Ballygoran has for long been overcrowded and a further two primary schools are urgently required. There is a possibility that the former reservoir at Ballygoran may be used as a site for this now that water supplies have been piped from Lough Derg on the Shannon. (The quality of this water continues to be unpopular with the people of north Kildare). Despite promises from politicians it appears that the construction of further school accommodation will have to await the 2009 Book of Estimates. Meanwhile primary school children will continue to be taught in the Sports Centre and Parish Hall. Second level pupils are currently just about catered for in the new secondary school, though the prospect of several hundred more second level students in the next few years will mean more bussing of pupils to Mullingar and Athlone than presently occurs.

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# Features

## MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE (Cont)

- 2) Traffic in Maynooth eased considerably in the aftermath of the new interchange at Kilcock in 2002 and the Intel-Hewlett Packard Parkway also resulted in less heavy traffic going through the town. However the growth in car numbers due to the development of the new estates has again resulted in the clogging up of Main Street. This problem has been a feature of the town now for over a quarter of a century. The huge flow of traffic from the Parson Street and Moyglare Road areas in particular has been criticised recently by the Chamber of Commerce as not being conducive to businesses in the town, expecially now that parking meter charges are in excess of £5 per hour.
- 3) The continued popularity of the town for tourist stopovers has transformed the retail structure of the Main Street, particularly close to the newly restored castle. Parking is difficult though and the use of the university grounds as a overflow car park at weekends has become necessary. Souvenir shops and coffee chops have replaced the fast food restaurants which proliferated during the 1990s, and former small retail businesses have been displaced to the town suburbs.
- 4) The University has continued to grow at one of the fastest rates in the country, though the recent fall in the birth rate threatens to slow down its growth in the next decade. Some 6,000 students now study there. Many students are accommodated in older estates such as Kingsbry, College Green and Beaufield which have many empty rooms since their children have grown up and left.
- 5) The sense of community which once was so characteristic of the town is still just about discernible, though events such as the annual Festival are no better supported than in the past. Competing leisure distractions and digital television have meant that recreational facilities often lie under-utilised despite the huge teenage population.
- 6) Despite achieving Urban District status in 2001, Maynooth still lacks the ponoply of a modern town. A twinning with a Spanish and Maltese town has helped in fostering overseas contacts for townspeople, but the commuterisation of the town has not helped kindle a demand for daytime activities. The Old Folk Club near the Harbour is one of the few placed wher informal chats and a cheap cup of tea may be had.

With the benefit of hindsight, older Maynooth residents think a number of mistakes were made in the 1990s. Perhaps things would have turned out differently if the following had been done:

- i) Steps should have been taken to preserve the ambience and character of the town more effectively, by allowing population growth to proceed more slowly. Growth rates similar to those applying in the Third World did not help retain social cohesion. A 20% growth rate over the past 10 years would have allowed much of the infrastructure to keep pace, while retaining the free-standing character of the town. We would have gone for more orderly growth.
- ii) Planning further ahead for should demand should have been undertaken, and planning for infrastructure before, and not after, housing developments occur should have been stressed. It was certainly necessary to plan road links in anticipation of further growth, but not wise to use housing as the primary means of financing roads and amenities.
- iii) Amenity and recreation needed very careful planning. The poularity and participation rates in various sports changed radically over the past ten years. A sports strategy should have been carried out in the late 1990s to identify where, and what kind of, facilities were necessary.
- iv) Passive recreational amenities became much more important as the age structure of Maynooth changed. Walking areas required much more protection in the 1990s. We didn't protect the surrounding areas of the town as well as we should have.
- v) Mostly though, Maynooth people should have got involved more in planning its future. Maybe with greater involvement we could have avoided some of the worst excesses and a different town might have resulted.

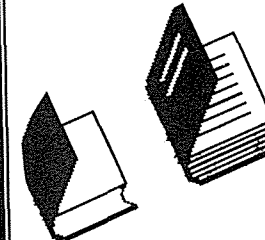
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## 'BUG' GETS SET TO INVADE EARTH

Humanity has been virtually dependent on computers for less than 30 years. But imagine life without them - no airplanes, alarm clocks, a.t.m. machines, telephones, or even worse case scenario, no electricity. Far - fetched as this sounds it could be a reality.

Only in the last 2-3 years have experts in the field become aware of this possible disaster - the 'Millennium Bug'. This 'bug' has the potential to weave a web of destruction across the entire nation.

It all lies in the way in which computers read and store data information. To save storage space, initially designers abbreviated the year from 4 figures to 2 figures, (eg, 1998 to 98) unwittingly giving computers a shelf - life of only 100 years.

This would be fine until it comes to the time to change clocks from the year (19) 99 to (20) 00. Therein lies the problem. Computers that don't believe its(19) 00 again will simply get confused and shut down. This could cause great catastrophes, such as, airplanes dropping from the sky, power stations shutting down or life-support machines and heart monitors ceasing to function and, not to forget, cars breaking down because the electronic ignition won't start. Central heating not switching on due to the timers not working or traffic lights not operating, to mention but a few!

Fortunately most large companies and public services realised the consequences of the bug' a few years ago. They have started the process of eliminating it by examining and altering lines of computer codes, and not only one computer, but whole computer networks. This is a costly affair but a necessary one, unless they want to face enormous ruin and damage, both financially and technically.

## PREVENTING THE INEVITABLE

If you or your family own a P.C. at home, you probably have no need to worry. Most, or all, P.C.'s bought during the last 2 - 3 years have had the 'Millennium Bug' exterminated. However, if in doubt, check with your local dealer (or wherever you bought your P.C) to see if it's already been modified.

Digital Equipment Corporation operate in Dublin and they have set up a time-saving process which mends affected programmes automatically. Yet, it is already thought to be too late, with little more than 1½ years to go.

Without doubt, the reality will be a lot less dramatic. It is imperative that we, as a nation, act now. For who knows what January 1st 2000 will bring with it!. This 'bug' is preparing to take a huge bite out of this planet, so don't let it, bite back!!.

## HERBS - THE NATURAL OPTION

I read with interest your feature on Herbs in the April '98 issue of the Maynooth Newsletter, as my family raise a glass each morning to toast the properties of herbal remedies.

The healing properties of herbs is well known and indeed still practised in rural parts of Ireland. I'm sure that we all know, or, 'know of' someone who has the cure for sties, boils, burns etc.,

My own grandmother included many homegrown herbs in her stews including nettles for their iron content, a frightening prospect to a 4 year old child, as I thought Nadla's dinner would sting the mouth off me! Sadly the knowledge of herbal remedies and cures seems to be 'dying off' with our older, wiser generation.

So it was with a mixture of scepticism and fond memories of the past that I tried a herbal blend purely as a 'pick me up' tonic. Little was I to know the major effect it was to have on my life and that of my family and friends.

After three weeks of taking the herbal drink I experienced a significant increase in energy and I was somewhat less sceptical. So I figured that it might boost my childrens' immune system, as both of them had suffered over the prolonged winter with colds and chest infections. At times it seemed to me that one cough bottle etc., was literally running into another (and costing a fortune into the bargain!) I am delighted to say that even with the changeable inclement weather of March - April, neither of them have experienced so much as a runny nose.

After 4-5 weeks I suddenly realised that I hadn't experienced any PMT, cramps, backache, bloatedness - symptoms that I would normally put up with during the course of the Menstrual Cycle. This for me was a major breakthrough and so it was with confidence that I told my family and friends. To date all have gained relief from conditions such as arthritis, low energy, insomnia, bronchial problems. I have met others who have had relief from asthma, gout, depression, eczema.

There are no claims to cure illness, but it helps the body to regain its natural balance. Our bodies can be thrown out of balance by many things, including stress, unhealthy lifestyles, polluted living environments, unhealthy eating habits. All of these rob our bodies of nutrients which help it function harmoniously and when our bodies are not in balance, then we are prone to be ill.

This is not a new concept, herbs have been used in the East for centuries as health remedies and indeed, had I listened, I could have learned a lot at my own grandmothers' knee!

If after reading this article you know of anyone who may benefit from taking this unique herbal blend please contact me.....Liz at 01 - 6289801

# Features

## MAYNOOTH TELETHON

### Telethon Concert for People in Need The Glenroyal Hotel, Wednesday, 15th April.

The number who attended did not match the expectations of the organisers, despite being advertised widely and at Sunday Mass.

Danny Carthy compered, and the concert lived up to his opening promise that the supporters would get a quality night.



*Noel and Sandra in action*

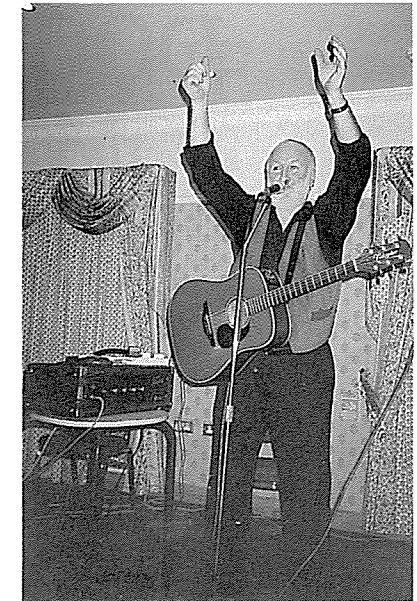
The Maynooth Folk Group opened with group harmonies, followed by individual contributions, which included excellent renditions of 'Past the Point of Rescue', 'Proud Mary' and a sympathetic treatment of the Foundations old British hit 'Baby, now that I've found you'.

'Push for Porter' followed with traditional Irish. The group comprised Joe Buckley (violin) and friends, Jonathan (guitar) Peter (accordion) and Paddy (banjo).

Noel and Sandra Brady were the third act. Both are well known in the North Kildare area, and the range of repertoire grows all the time, like the strong crystal clarity of Sandra's voice.

John Deegan, former lead singer with Napper Tandy, entertained with a masterful range, opening with The Sean Bhean Bhocht and concluding with an Oasis number.

Danny Carthy wound up the concert with song and anecdotes from his Fiddler Green days with Noel Brady and others.



*Danny Carthy entertaining the audience  
in the Glenroyal*

Last month's Newsletter had an article from Derek Davis about Danny. Read it again, it's true. Danny's contribution went across the spectrum of emotion in song, with many self-penned.

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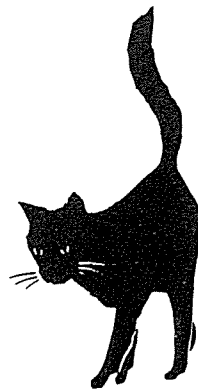
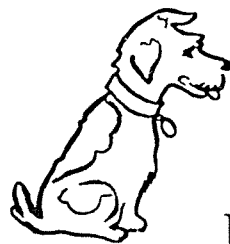
*Maynooth Folk Group at Telethon Concert*



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## VIDEO REVIEW

### L.A. Confidential (18's)

Based on the novel by James Ellroy, this story takes place in Hollywood in the 1950's when the dream factory was in its heyday with glamour and corruption being the order of the day. When a cop is killed in an armed robbery at a café, his two young fellow policemen set about tracking down the killers. One of them finds and kills three black junkies thought to be guilty of the murder. Meanwhile the other one traces a young woman seen in the dead cop's company to a high class prostitution ring specialising in supplying hookers that look like famous film stars. He very quickly finds himself falling in love with a Veronica Lake look-alike (played by Kim Basinger in her Oscar-winning role). From there, the story really takes off.

This is a terrific film with a great cast, including Kevin Spacey and Danny DeVito. It captures brilliantly the atmosphere of tinsel town in the 50's and the overall effect is very like Jack Nicholson's 'Chinatown'. It is one of the most enjoyable, intelligent and witty thrillers Hollywood has produced in a very long time.

**Verdict: A Cracker!**

### The Game (15's)

From the director who gave us Seven comes this bleak and menacing story of a mysterious game that knows no rules. Michael Douglas plays a millionaire tycoon who lives alone in his late parents' mansion. On his forty-eighth birthday his younger and wilder brother (Sean Penn) pays him a visit, issuing an invitation to take part in a game that's tailor made to suit each individual player. When his world starts to turn upside down, Douglas begins to suspect that the game is really no game at all.

Dark and broody, The Game is one of those films that just screams out for an ending with a big twist in the tale. And boy! does it get it, in spades. This one will keep you guessing right to the very end - will he, won't he, is it, isn't it? This is very definitely a classic thriller in every sense.

**Verdict: Terrific!**

### A Simple Wish (U)

Mara Wilson who starred in Matilda, is the motherless little girl in New York in this adventure story. She makes a simple wish that her father will get the part in a Broadway musical he so desperately needs in order to keep them both financially solvent.

When she makes her wish her fairy godmother appears, except 'she' turns out to be a 'he' in the shape of Martin Short.

Other Hollywood luminaries such as Kathleen Turner, who plays the part of a wicked witch, also appear in this magical tale.

Director Michael Ritchie does a very good job, and manages to conjure up just enough sparkle to keep the kids interested. A Simple Wish is an excellent, if unoriginal story that will appeal to children of all ages.

**Verdict: Most enjoyable.**

## DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

All - Ireland's Dance Championship at the R.D.S

Congratulations are in order to Catherine Maher and her school of Irish Dancers for their recent success at the All-Ireland's Dance Championships held at the R.D.S. during Easter.

With approx 160 competitors in each section from all over Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, it was a great achievement for Tara Nolan to win gold in her solo reel section since it was her first time to enter the All-Irelands.

The Maher school are now the All-Ireland champion



*Tara Nolan Old Greenfield gold medalist at the All-Irelands' held at the R.D.S.*

holders in the mixed four - hand reel with Marina Hannifin Siobhan Mulligan, Maurice Flynn and Stephen Kineally and also the two - hand reel with Maurice Flynn and Pamela Flannaghan. Maurice Flynn did very well in his solo section coming 10th in the boys championship.

It is a credit to Catherine Maher that so many other dancers were placed in their team events or highly commended in their solo section and we wish them continued success.

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## LADYCHAPEL GRAVEYARD

Ladychapel graveyard can be found approximately 3 miles outside Maynooth on the Rathcoffey Rd. The graveyard is clearly signposted to the right of Ladychapel Church.

The Tombstone inscription in graveyards like Ladychapel and Laraghbryan are an important source of local history as we have few official records of the time before 1850. These inscriptions are invaluable as many of the families concerned have vanished from the localities where they once held sway. The church of Ladychapel cemetery may have been in existence in 1179 and may have taken its name from the Mother of God or it may have been connected with the Lady Kildare of the Fitzgerald family owners of the Castle, Maynooth, and surrounding areas.

In 1560 all churches in North Kildare became the property of the newly established Protestant Church. In a lot of cases there were not sufficient members of the Protestant faith to support these churches, which quickly led to the descent of the buildings to ruin. Local people deprived of their right to practice their faith in Ladychapel continued to bury their loved ones in the surrounding graveyard.



*Ladychapel Church*

The oldest headstone in Ladychapel cemetery is on the grave of Gurrett Reilly who died in 1723 and is buried inside the walls demonstrating that the church was then in a ruinous state.

A Monument to the Turner family recalls a young man Richard Turner, killed in the battle of Ovidstown in 1798. Looking at the remains of the old Church one sees two fine Romanesque openings that may once have held bells. The style would seem to indicate 12th century.

In Feb 1987 a group of people from the Maynooth area, met with a common awareness of local historical importance of Ladychapel cemetery and its then neglected state. A committee was formed, Chairman John Behan, Honorary secretary Hilda Dunne. With the help of a Fás scheme you will find Ladychapel graveyard fully restored with the on-going work of the committee and near neighbours, the graveyard is kept in a pristine condition.

In summation, we have a wealth of history in Ladychapel Cemetery and we must all work hard at preserving our local heritage and keeping it in its restored state.

Within the surrounds of the Cemetery is a well. People of the 17th - 18th century held a belief if their dead were buried near water their spirits lived in the water and for eternity.



*The Well at Ladychapel Graveyard*

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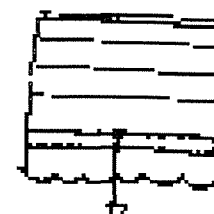
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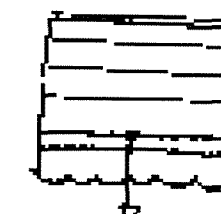
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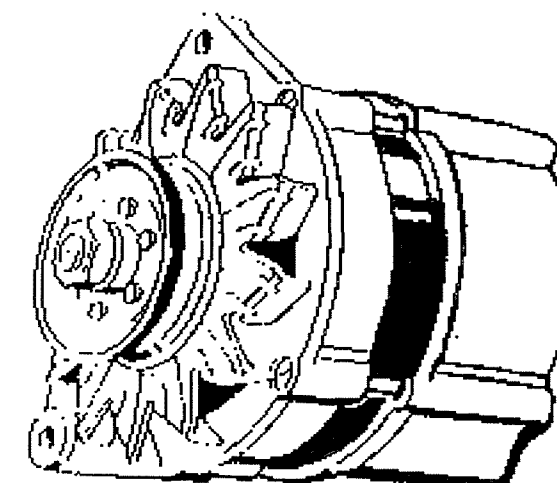
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### LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY

Laraghbryan Cemetery is situated approximately 1/2 mile from the Town centre, on the old Kilcock Rd. This burial ground serves all surrounding areas, combining old and modern day monuments. Its Irish name was Laithreach Briúin, the place of sanctuary of the O'Briúin or the O'Byrnes. It was named after the chieftain on whose land it stood. Laraghbryan suffered heavily in cross border skirmishes, due to its close proximity to the Meath Border. The site was plundered in 1036 and 1040. It never recovered after the second occasion until the arrival of the Geraldines. Once a Parish centre, the remains of the church are still standing. This Graveyard dates back to the early 17th Century. Buried near the remains of the church is a



*Cane Family Crypt - Laraghbryan*

former parish priest of Maynooth, Rev Fr Ashe who died in 1816.

Other earlier plots date from 1878 including the Care family Monument. A Parish Doctor is also interred near the church - Dr Pat Canning M.A died 14th Jan 1908.

The work of the Laraghbryan Restoration Group is self evident on entering the new and old areas of the grounds. Underground tunnels are common in our area. Local historians believe a series of tunnels link Laraghbryan and the Castle, Crew Hill together. One might wonder is there another "Newgrange" in our midst.

The Committee includes Chairman Lenny Murphy and Secretary Helen Johnson. Helpers are always welcome Saturday mornings.

Annual Mass and blessing of graves takes place, further notice in the **Newsletter**.



*New Section - Laraghbryan Cemetery*

### MISSION EAST TRUST

It's ladies night out Thursday May 21st at 8.30pm. "The Chain Gang" Europe's most talked about Male Erotic Dancers are coming to Enfield. It's all in aid of Mission East Trust.

Medical supplies are needed in the Ukraine to stop the pain and suffering of both children and adults being operated on without anaesthetic - that is what the Trust is about.

If we as a society approaching the 21st Century can help in anyway, let's stop talking about it and do something.

So if you wish to enjoy a good night out for a good cause then join us in the Well's Hotel Enfield Co. Meath Thursday May 21st at 8.30pm. Tickets are just £6 each, available from the Well's Hotel.

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### CELBRIDGE BUILDING LAND MAKES £250,000 PER ACRE

Coonans of Maynooth last week achieved by auction a record £250,000 per acre for 10.5 acres zoned land at Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

The price of £2,620,000 was the highest price ever achieved for a property of this nature in Co. Kildare to date and the agent stated they had 5 bidders for same with a total of 20 individual enquiries.

The property opened at £1.5m and went on the market at £2.3m and was knocked down by Willie Coonan for the selling price of £2,620,000.

The lands were within a 1/2 mile of Celbridge village on the Ardclough Road and the agents described the price as an excellent one and reflecting the current scarcity of building land in the Kildare area.

They mentioned each of the other 20 enquiries and 7 bidders were extremely anxious to obtain development land and they accordingly require several similar type properties for their clients.

Solicitors acting for the vendor were Becker Tansey & Co. and Solicitors acting for the purchaser were Farrell Solicitors.

### MY TIME IN THE CONGO BY JOE FITZPATRICK

Some notable Maynooth residents fought in the Congo in the early 1960's. The following is an excerpt from Joe Fitzpatrick's book 'My Time in the Congo'. 'It's thirty eight years now and still no honour by Government or Army. How long do we, the people have to wait.?'

Here is a detailed account of my time in Niamba. I joined the army at Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines in 1959, I was 19 years of age. I volunteered to go on a peace-making mission to Katanga in August 1960. This was a troubled area in the newly Independent Republic of the Congo. By the end of August I was in Africa and touched down at a hugh Air-Base in Katanga. Air-Base Kamina was in the suburbs and our accommodation consisted of two storey houses. Unaccustomed to the heat and having to eat horse meat was a daunting task. The big blue veins and the blood on the plate, was just revolting. Although we were hungry we did not eat for some time, but to survive we got used to the horse meat.

Social life was something to look forward to, enjoying the local beer "Simba" which came in big wine bottles like our whiskey and it sure blew your head off. The Belgians would purchase one bottle and five glasses, but we, Irish used to buy five bottles. We were weaned on Guinness! We still wore our green bullswool uniform, it was sometime before we got the tropical uniform and were we delighted. Duty consisted of twenty-four hours at the airport or firepicket or stand-to for patrol out to the fighting area. There was no shortage of work, no time to get bored. There were different nationalities in the U.N. Force, soldiers from India, Gurkas, brave and faithful soldiers. Their national weapon is the 'Kukri' a knife with a curved blade that broadens towards the point. The Indonesian soldiers were small in size. It was said their knives always got their target.

The Pakistani soldiers were Muslims and prayed five times a day. The Congolese Gendarmerie, the local police, helped us overcome the language barrier.

A favourite song sung by Private Gerry Killeen was "The Auld Triangle", before we went to sleep at night. While in Kamina, on patrol out in the bush, I remember a gendarme giving us some home brew, it tasted like milk. Albertville is on the shores of lake Tanganyika. On the night of the full moon, 6th November 1960, we were waiting to be attacked. There was an air of fear and terror. The sound of distant drums would set you mad. It was rumoured that the Baluba tribesmen were burning the village on the way to Albertville. The Baluba never came. The following day, our destination was Niamba. Ten of us went under escort. Trooper Anthony Brown and Private Thomas Fennell were the escorts. Arriving in Niamba Sergeant Hugh Gaynor was there to meet us with two vehicles, a landrover and a Volkswagen pick-up truck. I was in the back of the truck as we drove up from reedy grass or fibres of plants. The round roofs reminded me of our thatched cottages at home. In Niamba there were bungalows, a bicycle shed, shops and an hotel.

#### AMBUSH.

Tuesday 8th, November Lieut. Gleeson gave instructions for us to clear the road from Niamba to Manono. We loaded up our two vehicles with shovels, picks, axes, saw chains and railway wooden sleepers for driving over craters in the road. There was an eerie feeling in the jungle. Corporal Liam Dougan was with us. He served in the British Army, had seen action in the jungles and rubber plantations of Malaya and he had no fear. I felt reassured because he was with us. Meeting two 'Balubakats' men on the road with bow and arrow the Lieutenant greeted them with the customary phrases of friendship.

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## MY TIME IN THE CONGO BY JOE FITZPATRICK (Cont)

'JAMBO—— we greet you in peace '. They ran off into the bush. They were about one hundred warriors. Lieut. Kevin Gleeson told us to take cover in the bush. I had to cross the Luweyeye River with the arrows flying over my head. Private Gerry Killeen said, "Fitz, take cover ! " We will all be killed". Kevin Gleeson got an arrow through his left arm and another arrow in his knee. He dropped his Gustaf and went down on his knee. I had to take cover in the Bush and felt it was the valley of no return. I met Private Fennell roaring, " Fitz, I have been hit by a poisoned arrow". I sought refuge in a swamp, with big green water leaves. I knelt down in a firing position with my 303 rifle.

The jungle was a hive of Baluba moving around the bush with their bows and arrows over their heads. Crowds of tribesmen got behind the vegetation not a hair's breath from me. Suddenly, Private Gerry Killeen was beside me. " Fitz, help me," he moaned. " kill me, I've been hit by a poisoned arrow ". I could not do that. He whispered, " Fitz, pray for me," and he died. I must have dozed off because when I woke it was to the sound of bullfrogs and crickets. The drums had stopped. I felt that I was there for three days by the time the troops would come from Albertville. I camouflaged myself in the bush to await the arrival of our patrol searching for the injured and dead. I had to get out of there. I crawled on my stomach. There were bodies everywhere.

An Irish comrade, Private Matty Farrell, lay on the ground, his face beaten in, his head a mass of blood. Matty was a Medical Orderly, our knight in shining armour. I was still crawling making my way to Luweyeye. I thought that was the end of me. I thought of my father and mother, my brother, Des. I prayed to God. The Baluba came to get me. I opened fire once —— twice. He fell. I was blinded by the elephant grass. I knelt down for a long time waiting to die. Then a man burst through the bush with a bow and arrow. I shot him. He was moaning. I shot again. Fear gripped me as the heavy rain fell. How could I survive? I prayed to Our Lady.

It was about 4 o'clock I heard a gun go off. Someone else of my patrol was alive. I blackened my face with mud as I had done years before in the F.C.A. in Gormanstown on night manoeuvre when we used to crawl in the icy grass and cow dung

### Surviving

I eventually got to the river and while crossing it fell down a big hole in the river bed. My .303 rifle got full of water. I got to the other side of the bank with difficulty and lay down under the trees. To my great surprise came the United Nations Troops, Ethiopians and Irish. Private Jim Campton hailed me. "Hello Fitzy" We escaped as quickly as we

could. They drove me back to Niemba. Soon after, the Balubas started attacking Niemba. The following day, 10th November 1960, a patrol brought back dead bodies. Another victim was found soon after, "57 Kenny Sir"( that was his nickname) A U. N. soldier was on guard duty in our room as the hospital was open to the bush and anyone could have come in and killed us. The White Sisters in the Catholic Mission were in charge of the running of the hospital. The Army took away my rifle from me. Soon, we were moved to Elizabethville by plane over the green forest jungle. Here I was in hospital again, sharing a room with a Corporal James Lynch who suffered from a nervous ailment. Elizabethville was a lovely capital city of the province of Katanga in S.E. corner of the Belgian Congo. It was rich in copper and radium.

While there, I was introduced to General Sean MC Keown. After that I was invited to a V.I.P. party and enjoyed lots of wine and cheese.

President Moise Tshombe attended a parade the following day. It was like Saint Patrick's Day in Eire. We flew back to Kamina air-base on Christmas morning. Lieut Leo Hogan informed me that my mother died the previous night.

### Home coming

In January 1961, we were on our way home through Leopoldville. We stopped overnight in Nigeria under canvas tents. We flew home and touched down in Baldonnell Airport, Eire. To meet us was the Press and the Minister of Defence, Mr. Boland. There were cameras flashing in the night, bringing excitement and joy to be home. For me, it was "Mother Ireland, I love you".

They held a press conference for me. I told them the truth as I knew it, and then went home to my father and brother Des.



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## LENNY'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Congratulations to Lenny Murphy who celebrated his retirement on the 1st April in the Leinster Arms. A special thanks to Brendan Kelly and the Firemen who arranged the party. Many thanks to all who joined in the celebrations who are too numerous to mention individually. Grateful appreciation for all the presentations made to him on the night from his friends and associates. Well done to the Management and Staff of the Leinster Arms for the excellent food and service provided on the night. The party was in full swing with all the Murphy clan in good spirits including his wife Lilly, his six children, his mother Annie, brothers and sisters. Celebrations continued until the early hours of the morning with many a sick head the following day.



*Lenny with his wife Lilly following the presentation at his retirement party*

## RACHEL'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Rachel Cassidy who celebrated her surprise 50th birthday on the 4th April in the Kildrought, Celbridge. Well done to her husband Tom and family who succeeded in keeping it a secret and put a lot of hard work into making it a most enjoyable night.

Thanks to her two sisters who travelled over from England to celebrate the special occasion with her and also to her family and friends. A special word of thanks for the beautiful presents and flowers.

### Well done Rachel!



*Rachel and Tom dancing the night away at her 50th birthday party*



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# Features

## WOMEN IN BUSINESS

### Women - the fastest growing business sector in the world

It's official, according to Angela Leigh Doyle, Manager, Women in Business, Bank of Ireland, "The world's fastest growing business sector is women setting up their own enterprise".

In the US women are establishing business at twice the rate of men and there is evidence to suggest that this is also the case in Ireland.

She was speaking at a conference "Women in Business", sponsored by Kildare County Enterprise Board, which is part of their special initiative to foster and encourage more women in business start-ups.

Stephanie Conroy, Managing Director of The Conroy Collective, presented a case study on the challenges she faced in getting her business up and running to where she is now - a successful business woman, an exporter and a winner of a Forbairt award for new product.

Also speaking, was top author Marion Keyes, about her career path to being self-employed. Marian emphasized the importance "recognising your own worth in a business situation and never to undersell yourself". Be prepared to sacrifice some popularity if you wish to succeed in business.

Valerie Pierce, the modern philosopher in the market place, has made the concept of clear thinking the cornerstone of her managerial approach. Valerie, who runs her own business, stressed the importance of selling your ideas in a way that makes sense to others.

**Excerpt from speech by Mr. Charlie McCreevy TD, Minister for Finance, at the opening of a conference and exhibition of "Women in Business" in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co. Kildare on Sunday 29th March 1998.**

It is a pleasure to be invited to officially open an event of this nature. When the event happens to be in my own constituency, you might say that it allows me to combine business with pleasure.

The topic of "Women in Business" is rapidly turning into an industry in its own right. Last July, I was present at the announcement by the Bank of Ireland that it was providing £50,000 worth of sponsorship to NETWORK, the organisation for women in business.

I must also put on the record that in December last AIB launched a task force to assess the requirements of women in business. The so called Celtic Tiger would long ago have come to a halt but for the increasing levels of participation in the workforce by Irish women and especially by married women. While we still lag behind our continental counterparts in this regard, almost 40 per cent of mothers now work outside the home. Moreover, married women now account for half of the female workforce. This is increasingly due to a desire to pursue a career and/or maintain independence rather than out of economic necessity.

Women have, of course, been innovative in finding ways of

combining work with their other responsibilities. In the public service and elsewhere women have long enjoyed job-sharing or other forms of part-time working. In the private sector, in particular, employers have been looking at new ways of working, with the aim in particular of retaining skilled and experienced female employees. One particular option which will undoubtedly expand significantly over time is working from the home via computer link-up with the work place.

I've touched upon a topic dear to the hearts of mothers in work and in business, namely childcare. The question of the state's role in childcare is a difficult and complex one. It could also be, potentially, a very expensive one. That is why it is important to approach the issue in a careful and considered way. Some of you will be aware that the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform set up a working group under Partnership 2000 to devise a national framework for the development of childcare services.

My colleague John O'Donoghue, the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform recently announced an Equal Opportunity Childcare Programme. The programme will mainly assist women in disadvantaged areas to avail of work, training and education opportunities. The programme has a number of elements including assisting community childcare projects to upgrade or enhance their facilities, provide funding for full-time childcare workers in 25 community childcare projects etc. One element I might draw particular attention to here today is the Employer Demonstration Childcare Initiative with funding of £560,000. It is being developed in partnership with IBEC and its aim is to stimulate employer interest and involvement in supporting equal opportunity childcare facilities.

There is now a very extensive structure of supports in place to assist micro enterprise, including not just the City and County Enterprise Boards but also the Area Partnerships and Leader programme. I understand that some 40 per cent of all business start-ups are set up by women entrepreneurs and that some 20% of SME's are now run by women. The SME sector is a major source of employment growth, Creating some 50,000 jobs a year, and it is gratifying to see that women are playing an increasing role in helping to drive this engine of growth. Nevertheless, women promoters are still grossly under-represented in terms of usage of the CEB's services. This is apparently due in part to a lack of awareness on the part of local women of the services offered by the Boards and further underlines the importance of a pro-active approach along the lines of today's event. I hope it will lead on to greater female participation in the area of new venture creation and across a much wider spectrum of economic sectors than women have tended to be involved in to date.

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# Features

## MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB SPRING SHOW

The members of Maynooth Flower and Garden Club kept to their very high standards for their Spring Show. Great praise is due to them as it must be very difficult to achieve such a high standard: The giant hailstones, snow and frost played havoc with the flowers in my garden, but not so for the exhibits at Loftus Hall in Maynooth College on Saturday 18 April 1998.

The aroma from the newly picked flowers and the buzz of all the artists working away from 10.30 a.m. was evident. The judge Mrs Nancy McKeever had a difficult task as all the exhibits were worthy of a prize.

The Ulster Bank Perpetual Cup for best exhibit in show was won by Susan Mulvihill.

Best in show very imaginative using exotic foliages in particular woven phormium leaves, formed aspidistra into roses.

The Bradshaw Perpetual Cup for best exhibit in plant section was won by Sarah Angel.

The theme of the show was 'The year of the ocean'.

The classes were

**1. The beach** - this was confined to those who have not won 1st. prize at any show.

Flower Pot Perpetual Cup - Moira Baxter

1. Moira Baxter
2. Barbara Meyers
3. Pat Dalton

**2. European Cruise** Confined to those who have not won 3x1st. Prizes.

Satchwell Perpetual Cup

1. Maureen Fagan
2. Esther Morris
3. Mary Weld.

**3. Sailing**

R.H.S.I. Silver Spoon

1. Felicity Satchwell
2. Noeleen O'Brien
3. Rosemary Smith

**4. Titanic**

1. Maureen Fagan
2. Susan Mulvihill
3. Noeleen O'Brien

**5. Where Oceans Meet** - foliage to dominate

1. Susan Mulvihill
2. Noeleen O'Brien
3. Sarah Angel

Class 5. No 2 Noeleen O'Brien

Arum lilies - palm leaves - phormium and artichoke leaves. Accessories are shells and exotic seed pods.

**6. Seaside Treasures**

1. Felicity Satchwell
2. Sarah Angel
3. Aileen Howard

**7. From the deep**

Aoifa Perpetual Cup

**8. An exhibit in my favourite container**

1. Luke Stand
2. Megan Germain

All the above classes had to be the unaided work of the exhibitor.

The following classes had all to be grown by the exhibitor.

**9. One stem of flowering Shrub.**

1. Sarah Angel
2. Moira Baxter
3. Noeleen O'Brien

**10. One daffodil or narcissus.**

R.H.S.I. Silver spoon

1. Pam Acton
2. Moira Baxter
3. Aileen Howard.

**11. 3 daffodils or narcissi.**

1. Sarah Angel
2. Pam Acton
3. Moira Baxter

**12. Cut flowers from the garden.**

1. Sarah Angel
2. Pam Acton

**13. 3. Tulips**

1. Maureen Fagan
2. Una Kiernan
3. Aileen Howard

**14. 3 stems of spring flowers.**

1. Carmel Owens
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# Hobbies & Interests



## Deliciously Simple



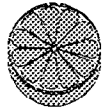
### Cheesy Floats

60g / 2 oz grated cheese  
1 heaped tsp chutney  
salt  
freshly ground black pepper  
slices of buttered french bread  
900 ml 1 1/2 pints soup of choice

Mix the grated cheese and chutney.  
Season to taste.  
Divide mixture between the bread slices.  
Place slices under a hot grill for a few minutes until cheese melts.  
To serve, pour hot soup into bowls.  
Top with one or more cheesy floats.



### Chicken À L'Orange



Serves 6

6 chicken breasts, thighs, or drumsticks, skinned and boned  
30g / 1oz flour  
2 tbsps sunflower oil  
2 tbsps tomato purée  
1-2 cloves garlic, chopped  
2 oranges  
2 level tbsp brown sugar  
2 tbsps brandy  
1 onion, sliced  
2 carrots, sliced  
1/2 tsp dried thyme or oregano  
1 tsp sugar  
300 ml / 1/2 pint red wine

Make a marinade for the chicken by mixing the onion, carrot, herbs, grated rind of one orange, 1 tsp sugar, and all but 3 tbsps of the red wine. Season with freshly ground black pepper. Pour over the chicken and leave in fridge overnight.  
Remove chicken from marinade and dry. Reserve the liquid. Toss chicken in the flour and sauté, in batches, until brown. Remove with slotted spoon. Put in casserole and sprinkle with salt.  
Strain the marinade and heat, together with the tomato purée, garlic, juice of one orange, the sugar, and the wine. Pour over chicken. Cover and cook in oven at 190°C/375°F/ Gas 5 for 35 - 40 minutes until chicken is fully cooked. Thicken sauce if you wish with cornflour. Stir in brandy. Garnish with slices of orange.



### Classic Vanilla Ice-Cream



This creamy vanilla ice-cream is made with a custard sauce. It's delicious on its own, or makes a great base for other flavoured ice creams.

Serves 8

Preparation time: 20 minutes, plus freezing time.  
Cooking time: 5 minutes.

16 fl. oz / 475 ml milk  
1 tsp vanilla essence  
6 egg yolks, size 3  
4 oz / 100 g caster sugar  
8 fl oz / 225 ml double cream

1. In a pan, heat the milk and vanilla essence to boiling point. Remove from the heat.
2. In a bowl, whisk the egg yolks and sugar together for 3 min. until light and thickened. Gradually stir in the hot vanilla milk (1). Mix well.
3. Return to a clean pan and heat gently, stirring with a wooden spoon, until the mixture has thickened slightly and leaves a clear trail when you draw a finger across the spoon (2). Don't let the custard boil or it will curdle.
4. Remove from heat and strain into a cold mixing bowl (3). Cover with dampened greaseproof paper to prevent a skin forming. Leave to cool.
5. Pour the custard into a freezer-proof container and freeze for 2 hours until slushy.
6. Lightly whip the cream until softly peaking. Turn the custard into a cold mixing bowl and lightly beat with an electric or hand whisk to break down any ice crystals. Fold in the whipped cream, combining thoroughly. Return to the container, seal well and freeze for 3 hours until solid.

**Tips:**

1. An hour before you start, set the freezer to fast-freeze. The quicker the ice-cream freezes, the smaller the ice crystals will be and the smoother the texture of the ice cream.
2. The more times you whisk the ice-cream during the freezing process, the better its texture will be.

**Secrets of Success:**

1. Take ice cream out of the freezer and pop it into the fridge about 30 minutes before serving. This will allow it to soften slightly.
2. For maximum flavour, let ice cream mature in freezer for a day before serving. It can be kept for a month in the freezer, but tastes best if eaten within 2 weeks.

## Hobbies & Interests



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### Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Hedging plants should be pruned and trimmed this month if necessary. Wall shrubs and climbers should have their new growths tied. Remove the dead flowers from rhododendrons.

Cut out the dead, weak and unwanted shoots from evergreen shrubs and trees. Any overgrown trees or shrubs can be cut back hard in order to produce fresh shoots from the base. If roses have produced several shoots from the points above the pruning point, cut out the unwanted shoots now.

### Flowers:

Remove any spring bedding plants that have finished flowering. Discard plants such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots, but heel-in bulbs and polyanthus in a spare part of the garden where they can complete their growth and be ready for planting again in the autumn.

Fork over the ground after lifting plants and work in a general-purpose fertilizer. Tread the soil firmly and rake.

Plant summer bedding plants, which have been hardened off, towards the middle or end of this month.

Plant out hardened-off rooted cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias and fuchsias.

Continue to plant gladioli for a succession of blooms.

Support taller-growing flowering plants with stakes or short pea sticks. Tie in new growth where necessary. Add a general-purpose fertilizer and hoe shallowly in order to remove weeds. Add mulch when the soil is wet.

### Fruit:

Fruits should be sprayed against diseases and pests, before flowers are fully open, or when they are over. Cover strawberry flowers with cloches in order to protect them from late frosts.

### Vegetables:

Thin out seedlings sown in April or transplant them from the seed-bed to their growing position. Remove cloches from vegetable crops. Sow sprouting broccoli, outdoor cucumbers, marrows and swedes. Continue sowing of green vegetables and salad crops. Liquid feed all outdoor vegetables and water soil during dry spells. Hoe the soil regularly and mulch. Tie in beans and peas to supports. Spray plants regularly against diseases and pests.

### Under Glass:

Stand pots of half-hardy chrysanthemums in the open for the summer; stake, feed and water them. Pot-on earlier sowings and cuttings of greenhouse plants, such as geraniums and fuchsias. Cut out the sideshoots of tomatoes, and water and feed them regularly, as soon as the first flowers appear. Put into frames any plants that may need hardening off before being planted in the open at the beginning of June. Water all the plants regularly. Ventilate and shade the greenhouse. Water and feed indoor plants. Apply pesticides regularly.

### General:

Mow lawns regularly. Water newly sown or turfed lawns regularly. Apply weed killer to established lawns, if required. If frost threatens, protect young plants just set out by covering them with cloches or hessian. Plant water plants in position in the pools.

### Patios:

**Paving:** Any paved area in the garden can be converted into a patio or a patio can be made from scratch. The choice of paving material is very important. Real stone paving is perfect in any garden but is expensive. Old brick paving is warm and friendly but is hard to come by. Modern brick, in dull shades of blue, ochre and purple-brown shades are a good alternative. Precast concrete paving slabs make a very acceptable patio.

Once the floor space has been decided the next priority is to screen against wind and draughts and to hide any eyesores in the garden. Walls should be at least six feet high.

**Lighting:** Lighting adds an extra dimension to a patio. A spotlight trained on a nice, well-grown, tree or shrub will give it glamour. The laying of cables and wiring of outdoor lighting should be left to a professional.

**Barbecues:** A metal grid over bricks can be put together quite simply to make an inexpensive barbecue. Many ready-made barbecues are also available in shops and garden centres.

**Furniture:** A table and chairs are the basic requirements. A giant sunshade will give the patio extra colour.

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# Party Political

## FINE GAEL NOTES

### Kilcock Road

Following a request by Cllr Senan Griffin, Kildare County Council have now removed the mound of top soil at the National School/Parochial Hall and he has now requested that grass seed be laid so as to enhance the approach to the town.

### Rathcoffey Road/Newtown

Cllr Senan Griffin has placed a motion before the Area Committee of Kildare County Council demanding that the developer reinstates the Rathcoffey Road so that it is made safe for all road users and pedestrians who have no alternative but to use this road which is now extremely unsafe.

### Joan Slade River

Cllr Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to clean up the Joan Slade River from Meadowbrook to Parson Street. The river now receives surface water at an increased rate which could eventually create a flooding situation. The best method to prevent such an occurrence is to anticipate the possibility of flooding and Cllr Griffin is now demanding that the river be cleaned as a matter of priority.

### Back & Side Streets

Cllr Senan Griffin has submitted a motion to Kildare County Council requesting that the back and side streets of Maynooth be re-surfaced and that where required an upgrading of the surface water piping be carried out. The condition of the road surface at Buckley's Lane, Fagan's Lane, Double Lane and Pound Street is deplorable and urgently requires upgrading.

### Barberstown Road

Kildare County Council have recently announced the allocation of funds to update a number of roads in the North of the county. The Barberstown Road will receive a grant of £100,000, the Maynooth/Leixlip Road at Kellystown (Intel) £314,000. A number of local roads in the Celbridge Area have been allocated funds under the restoration programme such as:

Moyglare Road	£30,000
Ballygoran/Pikes Bridge	£50,000
Back Road at Ballygoran to the Motorway	£30,000

### Discretionary Improvement Grant

The total grant under this scheme is £232,000. Cllr Senan Griffin is alarmed at the size of the allocation (£63,000) to the Celbridge Area Committee. This sum is totally inadequate considering the problems to be resolved in the area and Cllr Griffin will be requesting that the Celbridge Area be given a more equitable portion of the grant. Cllr Griffin is of the belief that more funds will have to be made available to correct the problems now arising in the estates built in the 70's and early 80's.

### Main Street

Cllr Griffin has expressed concern to Kildare County Council at the delay in completing the works on the Main Street in Maynooth and is now requesting that the work be completed as a matter of urgency.

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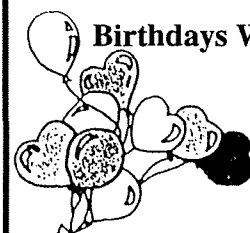
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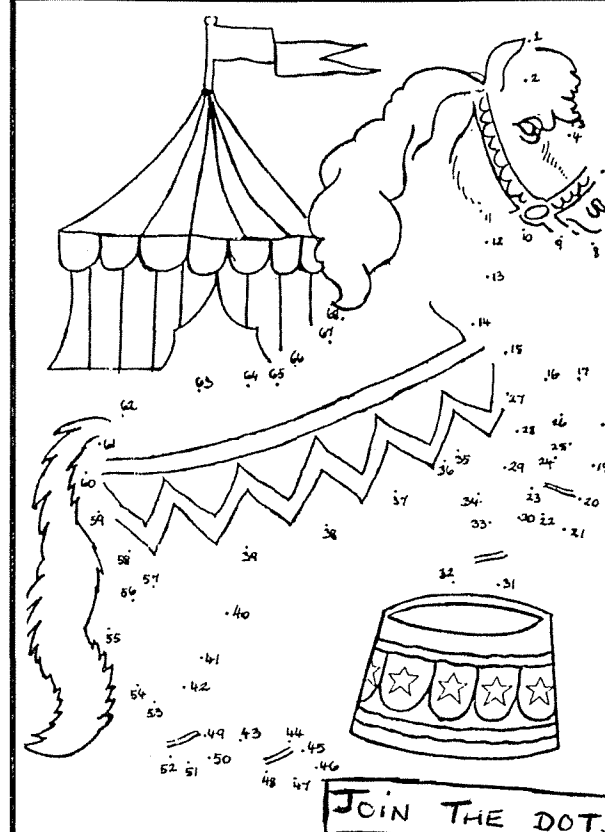


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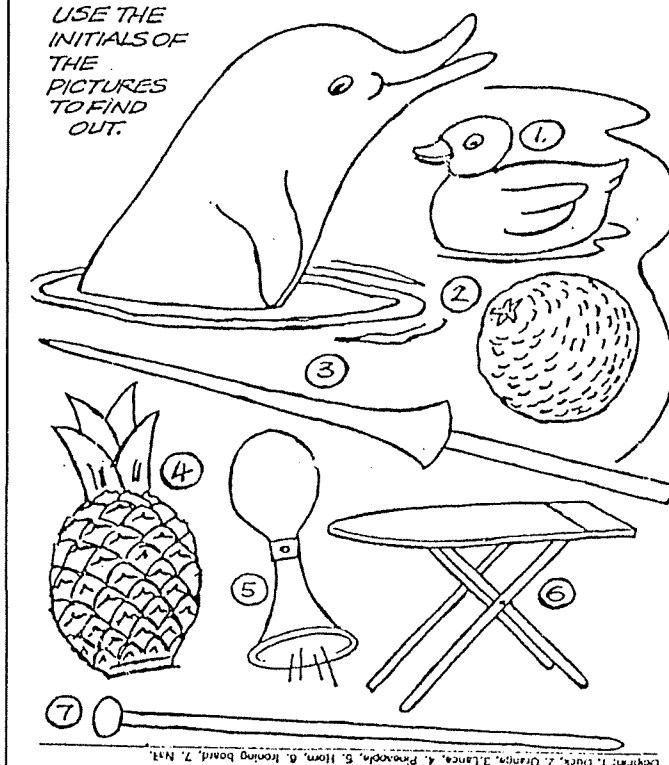
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2 Highfield Pk,  
Kilcock.

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Ciara Dunne,  
29A Greenfield Drive,  
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2nd Prize

Niall Doogan,  
9, Beaufield Close,  
Maynooth.

3rd Prize

Helen Downes,  
8 Parsons Ldg,  
Maynooth.



# Party Political

## MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### Maynooth Development Plan

Population targets for Maynooth were agreed on a 3 to 2 vote of the Celbridge Area Councillors at their meeting on March 23rd. It is difficult to understand the two votes against as this approach was agreed unanimously at the previous Council meeting.

The population targets recommended by the Senior Planner for Maynooth and agreed by the Area Councillors are as follows:

Existing Per Census	Year 2001	Year 2003	Year 2006
1996	10,000	11,500	11,500
8,528			

The figures (and those for the other towns) will form part of the Draft County Plan which will go before the full Council for adoption in June. If adopted the Public Display period will be July/August and September. Consideration of submissions will then take place in October.

### Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been involved in negotiations with Solicitors acting for Carton Properties with a view to securing the ownership of the Geraldine Hall and Harbour field for the use of the people of Maynooth.

A figure has now been arrived at whereby the Council can purchase both the Hall, Harbour field and a number of open spaces in Maynooth Town. The intention is that the Council would then grant long term leases on the facilities to Maynooth Community Council at nominal rents.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have held discussions with Council Officials on this matter and will continue to press for the finalisation of the deal to secure these areas for Community use.

### Litter

Kildare Co. Council approved a Litter Management Plan for the County at its last meeting. It proposes tackling this serious problem through Education Information, Community Involvement, Enforcement and Recycling.

In order to promote public awareness of the responsibility of individuals to keep their property (including footpaths and grass margins outside same) free of litter, the Council is arranging to have a leaflet 'LITTER AND THE LAW' printed and distributed to householders, businesses and schools in the County to remind the public of their duties under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997.

### Assistance To Residents Associations

1. The Councils Grant scheme which assists with funding of trees, shrubs, lawn mowers, clean up operations etc. has now been extended from Council Housing Schemes to all other Housing Schemes.

2. A free skip scheme will operate from May to September.

3. A clean up week will also be organised in May with skips again provided free of charge.

4. The Tidy Estates Competition will also be extended to all housing estates.

### Controlling Litter

It is not Kildare County Council who litter our streets and roadways. It is we the Public who do so. Kildare Co. Council has increased its street cleaning budget from £206,000 in 1997 to £337,000 this year. Maynooth probably suffers more from litter than any other town in the County. While this needs to be tackled at source to overcome the problem, street cleaning seven days per week is required. With this in mind Cllr. John Mc Ginley has submitted the following motion to the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:-

"That Kildare C. Council use part of the 63% increase in this years street cleaning budget to provide street cleaning seven days per week in Maynooth following completion of the Main Street Improvement Works"

Cllr. John Mc Ginley wishes to publicly acknowledge the excellent work carried out by the Tidy Town volunteers in cleaning the Main Street and approach roads every Sunday Morning.

### Auctioneers Signs

Thankfully our local auctioneers have stopped the practice of putting 'for sale' signs on poles. However, the new entrant to the market Matt Bruton appears to be unaware that this practice is illegal. It is hoped that he will now take down his signs and not have to force the Council into taking more serious action.

### Replacement of Public Lights

The E.S.B. have advised Cllr. John Mc Ginley that the replacement of all the mercury (white) lights will be completed in Celbridge, Maynooth, Leixlip, and Clane by the end of May.

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# Party Political Notes

## Labour Party Notes Cont.

### 100 FOOT-MAST AT GARDA STATION

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John Mc Ginley were pleased that Kildare Co. Council refused Planning Permission to Esat Digifone for the 100 foot mast at Maynooth Garda Station. Regretfully Esat Digifone have appealed this decision to An Bord Pleanala. Deputy Stagg and Cllr John Mc Ginley have been assured by Council officials that they will fight tooth and nail to ensure that their original decision is not overturned.

Among the reasons given for the original decision to refuse permission was the desire of the Council 'to protect and preserve the area at the College Gates and at the Geraldine Castle'.

It is quite extraordinary that Esat Digifone should wish to put such a high mast in the centre of our town and in such a sensitive location. Afterall there is no shortage of existing masts just outside the Town which would adequately serve their needs.

### Resurfacing Roads in Housing Estates

Sadly Kildare Co. Council have only allocated £20,000 for this purpose in 1998. This is enough to do the overlay on an estate with about 150 houses.

Cllr John Mc Ginley is hoping that his fellow Councillors in the Celbridge Area will agree to allocate funding from the Discretionary Grants to allow overlay to be carried out at Carton Court and Cluain Aoibhinn in Maynooth.

### Telecom Eireann Manhole Covers

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested Telecom Eireann to restore the level of their manholes along the Straffan Road which at present are above the level of the footpaths.

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## MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

Date	Level	Result
29.3.98	Minor Football League	Maynooth 2 - 10 : Leixlip 1 - 6
29.3.98	Senior Football League	Rhebain 1 - 10 : Maynooth 0 - 9
1.4.98	U/16 Hurling League	Maynooth 2 - 6 : Coill Dubh 1 - 0
5.4.98	Senior Football League	Maynooth 1 - 7 : Monasterevin 0 - 6
6.4.98	U/13 Football League	Maynooth 5 - 8 : Celbridge 3 - 6
10.4.98	U/16 Football League	St. Cocas 2 - 11 : Maynooth 0 - 3
12.4.98	Minor Football League	Maynooth 0 - 10 : St. Edwards 1 - 3
14.4.98	U/14 Football Feile	Sarsfields 4 - 10 : Maynooth 4 - 6
15.4.98	U/16 Hurling League	Ardclough 5 - 5 : Maynooth 2 - 4
16.4.98	Minor Hurling League	Eire Og 4 - 4 : Maynooth 1 - 7
17.4.98	U/14 Football League	Sarsfields 4 - 6 : Maynooth 2 - 6
19.4.98	Senior Football League	Maynooth 1 - 9 : Eadestown 2 - 6

Please note training and coaching for juvenile players continues on Saturdays at 10.15 a.m. for hurlers and at 11.30 a.m. for footballers. New players including beginners are very welcome.

Sunday 29th March, 1998 was a proud night to remember for Maynooth G.A.A. Club.

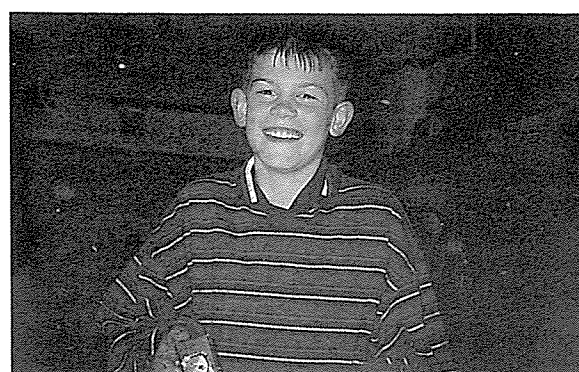
Outstanding Kildare G.A.A player and current All-Star Davey Dalton was present to make presentations to Maynooth players honouring their success in 1997 as (1) under 21 Football Champions captained by Paul Flood, (2) Minor League winners captained by Eamonn Gallagher and also as Intermediate B. Champions led by Mick Faherty. The managers and selectors of these teams were also honoured namely Sean Molloy and Mick Faherty (minor) Derek Murray (Intermediate B) Pat Nevin and David Mahoney (under 21).

A further presentation was made to members of the Maynooth 1960 Minor Team who became Kildare Champions in that year.

The panel of players were as follows:

D. Malone, M. Kelly, J. Connors, T. Flood, Noel Farrelly, Brian Redmond, P. Boyd, J. Curavay, C. Sullivan, T. Branagan, M. Tobin, L. Reilly, J. Nevin, S. Nevin, J. Browne, J. Leonard, C. Flood, J. Brady, T. Dempsey.

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David Commerford at G.A.A. Presentation



Winners of the Talent held in Glenroyal are Jennifer Darcy and Liam Dennehy

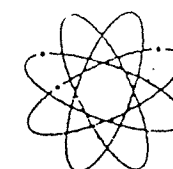
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# Sports

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

### Senior Football League Division 2 Maynooth Suffer First League Defeat Rheban 1 - 10 : Maynooth 0 - 9

Maynooth succumbed to a strong Rheban outfit on Sunday 29th March 1998 at Rheban. In truth the better team won as Maynooth found it difficult to penetrate the Rheban defence. An early goal set Rheban on the right road and while Maynooth had some fine points in the first half from Paul Garvey, Mark Nugent and Joey Riordan, Rheban seemed always in control and led at half-time by 1 - 3 to 0 - 4 points.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first and while Killian Fagan and Ronan Murphy fought hard to gain supremacy at midfield the hard working Rheban defence were in no mood to give any space to the Maynooth forwards and they held out for a four point victory.

Best for Maynooth were: Niall Byrne and David Malony in defence, Killian Fagan at midfield and Mark Nugent, Paul Garvey and when introduced Johnny Nevin in attack.

#### Teams and Scores:

Sean Molloy, Alan Nugent, Pascal Ennis, Niall Byrne, Eamon Gallagher, Paul Stynes, David Malony, Killian Fagan, Ronan Murphy.

Eamon Dunne, Joey Nevin (0-1), Mark Nugent (0-1), Paul Garvey (0-5), Paul Flood (0-1), Joey Riordan (0-1),

Subs: Tom Farrell for Eamon Dunne, Johnny Nevin for Eamon Gallagher (injured), Hugh Nevin for Mark Nugent,

### Senior Football League Division II Maynooth 1 - 7 : Monasterevin 0 - 6

It is a credit to both teams that they served up some fine entertaining football despite the very heavy pitch and intermittent rain showers.

Monasterevin were the quicker to settle and had scored three points inside the first ten minutes without any reply from Maynooth. However, Paul Garvey got Maynooth on the scoreboard with a pointed free and midway through the first half the same player scored a goal to put the winners ahead. Both teams exchanged 2 points each to leave the half time score Maynooth 1 - 3 : Monasterevin 0 - 5.

Maynooth had by far the better of the exchanges in the second half and restricted Monasterevin to one point in the 20th minute.

The winners added on a further four points through Paul Garvey (2) and one each from substitute Johnny Nevin and William Farrelly.

Best for Maynooth were Sean Molloy in goal, Alan Nugent, Pascal Ennis and Paul Stynes in defence, Peter Burke at midfield and in attack Hugh Nevin, Eamon Dunne and Paul Garvey were always to the fore.

#### Teams and Scores:

Sean Molloy, Alan Nugent, Stephen Noonan, Niall Byrne, Pascal Ennis, Paul Stynes, David Malony, Peter Burke, Killian Fagan, Mark Nugent, Hugh Nevin, Daren Naughton, Paul Garvey (1-5), Eamon Dunne, William Farrelly (0-1).

Subs: Johnny Nevin (0-1) for Peter Burke, Joey Riordan for Darren Naughton, Darren Naughton for Pascal Ennis (injured).

### Minor Football League Forward power the key to Maynooth success Maynooth 2 - 10 : Leixlip 1 - 6

In a game punctuated by many frees Maynooth got the better of neighbours Leixlip played at Radley Park on 29th March, 1998.

The first half was evenly balanced with Peter Kinsella getting Maynooth's first score, a point from play after two minutes. Leixlip levelled matters in the fifth minute and took the lead a few minutes later with a further point. Damien Doyle levelled matters in the 11th minute with a long range point from play. Leixlip began to dominate at midfield and took the lead midway through the first half with a well worked goal. Peter Kinsella had his second point from play in the 18th minute and further

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points by Karl Ennis and Peter Kinsella from play left just a point between the sides. Darren Naughton levelled the scores in the 26th minute with a pointed free leaving the score at half-time: Leixlip 1 - 3 : Maynooth 0 - 6.

The winners had the advantage of a slight breeze in the second half and following good work by Peter Kinsella, Karl Ennis was unlucky not to score a goal which resulted in a 45. Darren Naughton converted the 45 to put Maynooth ahead.

Following a foul on corner forward Adrian Boylan, Darren Naughton pointed the resultant free in the fifth minute and the same player converted another free 2 minutes later. Following good interplay between Peter Kinsella, Damien Doyle, Karl Ennis, Chris Arthurs got inside the Leixlip full-back line. His first shot was blocked well by the goalkeeper but Arthurs followed up to boot the ball to the net.

Midway through the second half Maynooth had their second goal when Karl Ennis got inside his opponent and beat the goalkeeper with a low ground shot.

Leixlip got their first point of the second half in the 20th minute but this score was cancelled out by Peter Kinsella 3 minutes later when he was put through by Darren Naughton. Leixlip tried very hard in the remaining time to reduce the deficit but their only reward were two points to leave Maynooth impressive winners.

Best for Maynooth were Rory Kelly, Chris Arthurs, Niall Byrne and substitute Alan Geoghegan in defence. Damien Doyle worked hard at midfield and in attack. Peter Kinsella, Daren Naughton and Karl Ennis excelled.

**Team and Scores:** John Fagan, Barry Doyle, Darragh Carr, Rory Kelly, Chris Arthurs (1-0), Niall Byrne, Gearoid Higgins, Damien Doyle (0-1), Conor Diggins, Peter Kinsella (0-4), Darren Naughton (0-4), Danny Byrne, Adrian Boylan, Sean Brady, Karl Ennis (1-1).

Subs: Alan Geoghegan for Sean Brady, Seamus Cumins for John Fagan (injured).

Comfortable Win for Maynooth Minors  
Minor Football League  
Maynooth 2-8 : Na Fianna 1-4

Maynooth got back on the winning track when accounting for Na Fianna at Maynooth on Sunday 22nd March, 1998. In truth Na Fianna were flattered to loose only by seven points as the winners dominated for most of the game and were it not for some wayward shooting by their forward line the winning margin would have been far greater.

Maynooth got off to the ideal start when Chris Arthurs goaled after 2 minutes of play. Damien Doyle added a point from play 4 minutes later before Na Fianna got on the scoreboard with a point for play. Although Maynooth dominated the exchanges for the remainder of the half with Damien Doyle and Conor Diggins commanding the midfield area they were slow to turn this superiority into scores and had a number of wides from good scoring positions. Na Fianna got their second point of the half after 20 minutes before Chris Arthurs scored a point from play in the 25th minute and Gearoid Higgins concluded the first half scoring with a point from a free leaving the half-time score Maynooth 1-3 : Na Fianna 0 -2.

The losers reduced the deficit with 2 points from play early in the second half but Maynooth extended their lead in the 39th minute when Chris Arthurs had his second goal.

Danny Byrne and Chris Arthurs added on further points in as many minutes but Na Fianna got a badly needed goal midway through the second half and created a number of further scoring opportunities but the Maynooth defence held firm with Barry Doyle and Rory Kelly particularly outstanding at keeping the losers forwards in check. Maynooth finished the stronger with their high level of fitness and better support play and Chris Arthurs added a further two points, one from a penalty and Karl Ennis completed the scoring in injury time with a fine point.

There is no doubt Manager Sean Molloy, will be encouraged by this performance from his players particularly after their narrow defeat by Kilcock the previous week.

Best for Maynooth were: Barry Doyle, Rory Kelly and Niall Byrne in defence, Damien Doyle and Conor Diggins were a tour de force at midfield and in attack scorer in chief Chris Arthurs proved an able deputy for Darren Naughton and Danny Byrne and Sean Brady were impressive.

**Teams and Scores: (13 A-Side)** John Fagan, Barry Doyle, Darragh Carr, Rory Kelly, Niall Byrne, Gearoid Higging (0-1), Damien Doyle (0-1), Conor Diggins, Peter Kinsella, Chris Arthurs (2-3), Danny Byrne (0-1), Karl Ennis (0-1), Sean Brady (0-1).

Sub: Seamus Cummins for Sean Brady.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. (Cont.)

U/16 Hurling League  
Maynooth 2 - 6 : Coill Dubh 1 - 0

Maynooth overcame the challenge of Coill Dubh in St. Mary's Park on 1st April, 1998. The winners dominated the game from start to finish with their defence in outstanding form and their forward line had much the better of the Coill Dubh defence. Maynooth led at half time by 1-4 to 1-0. Coill Dubh tried hard but were unable to penetrate the winners defence and even on two occasions when they did, Septhen Kelly proved his worth as a goalkeeper with splended saves. Alan Sweeney scored a fine opportunist goal midway through the second half to put the result beyond doubt. The scoring was concluded with points from Sean Brady and Morgan Sweeney. Best for Maynooth were Stephen Kelly, Joe Brennan, Peter Sheehan, Tommy Masterson , Pierre Ennis, Peter Guinan, Mikey Gleeson and Sean Brady.

**Team and Scores:** Stephen Kelly, Sean O'Flaherty, Joe Brennan, Brendan Coffey, Peter Sheehan, Tommy Masterson, Aidan Molloy, Pierre Ennis, Morgan Sweeney (0-1), Alan Sweeney (1-0), Damien Travers, Peter Guinan (0-1), Mikey Gleeson (1-3), Sean Brady (0-1), Ronan O'Brien.

Subs: Jason Newton for M. Gleeson, Colin Cusker for R. O'Brien, Cris Flynn for B. Coffey.

U/16 Football League  
St. Cocas 2-11 : Maynooth 0-3

Maynooth were well beaten by their neighbours in this game played at Kilcock on 10th April, 1998 but their cause wasn't helped by the unavailability of six of their regular first team squad. St. Cocas were much stronger than their opponents particularly in the central positions and led at half time by 2-3 to 0-2 with their goals coming in the 10th and 22nd minute. Pierre Ennis and Sean Brady got on the scoresheet for Maynooth.

In the second half Maynooth improved their performance particularly in defence and at midfield but they lacked scoring power and only scored one point in the second half from Pierre Ennis. Best for Maynooth were: Alan Sweeney in goal, Barry Doyle, Peter Sheehan and Patrick King in defence, Pierre Ennis at midfield and in attack Killian Carr, Patrick O'Rourke and Sean Brady tried hardest.

**Teams and Scores:** Alan Sweeney, Martin Dolan, Barry Doyle, Peter Sheehan, Patrick King, Shane Devereux, Brian Downey, Pauge O'Sullivan, Pierre Ennis (0-2), Colin Cusker, Killian Carr, Patrick O'Rourke, Fergus Devereux, Sean Brady (0-1), Morgan Sweeney.

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### Hard Fight Win For Maynooth Minor Football League Maynooth 0-10 : St. Edwards 1-3

Maynooth had to show all their battling skills in order to overcome St. Edwards at Maynooth on 12th April, 1998. Darren Naughton opened the scoring for Maynooth after 3 minutes when he pointed a free after a foul on Karl Ennis. The same player added a second point two minutes later when Peter Kinsella was fouled and he converted the resultant free. Maynooth were rocked back on their heels a few minutes later when St. Edwards scored a goal after Chris Arthurs lost possession.

Following a marvelous run by Alan Geoghegan, Peter Kinsella pointed after a foul on himself to level the scores. Five minutes before half-time Karl Ennis got a splendid point for Maynooth following good interplay between Alan Geoghegan and Peter Kinsella.

St. Edwards got their first point 2 minutes from half-time for a free to leave the half-time score Maynooth 0-4 : St. Edwards 1-1. St Edwards had a great chance of a second goal early in the second half but the shot from their full forward went narrowly wide. Adrien Boylan got the first score of the second half with a point from play. Maynooth began to dominate at midfield and Darren Naughton pointed two frees both for fouls on Peter Kinsella. Midway through the second half right half back Chris Arthurs pointed for Maynooth when a free for Darren Naughton dropped short but was only partially cleared by the losers defence.

In the 20th minute Peter Kinsella broke through the opposing defence passed to Damien Doyle who duly pointed. A heavy snow shower coincided with a revival by St. Edwards and they had two pointed frees in a five minute spell to reduce the deficit to 3 points. Maynooth began to tire and St. Edwards had a number of opportunities to level the scores but their forwards were very inaccurate in their shooting. Darren Naughton concluded the scoring with a pointed free to give his side a deserved victory.

Best for Maynooth were John Fagan in goal, Barry Doyle, Darragh Carr and Alan Geoghegan in defence. Damien Doyle and William Farrelly had the better of the midfield exchanges while Peter Kinsella was the most impressive forward on view ably assisted by Darren Naughton and Karl Ennis.

**Team and Scores:** John Fagan, Barry Doyle, Darragh Carr, Alan Geoghegan, Chris Arthurs (0-1), Gearoid Higgins, Rory Kelly, Damien Doyle (-1), William Farrelly, Peter Kinsella (0-1), Darren Naughton (0-5), Adrien Boylan (0-1), Karl Ennis (0-1), Sean Brady, Trevor Naughton.

Subs: Danny Byrne for Trevor Naughton, Seamus Cummins for Sean Brady.

### Under 14 Football League Sarsfields 4-6 : Maynooth 2-6

After their defeat in the Feile competition on 14th April, 1998 at the hands of Sarsfields, Maynooth were keen to make amends against the same opponents on 17th April, 1998 at Maynooth. However, in spite of a very spirited performance victory eluded the Maynooth boys in a very entertaining game. Sarsfields had slightly the better of the exchanges in the first half and led by 3 points on a scoreline of 1-5 to 1-2. For the first 15 minutes of the second half Maynooth were dominated in most sectors of the field and at that stage had taken a one point lead thanks to a goal from Gary McMahon and point from D.J. Canning. Against the run of play Sarsfields scored two goals in the last five minutes and they held out for victory. The dismissal of Kevin Gannon for striking 10 minutes from the end of the game did not help Maynooth's cause but the players battled bravely with impressive performances from Alan Sweeney in goal, Fergus Devereux, Fintan O'Donoghue and Tadg O'Corcaire in defence, Daniel Adderly at midfield and D.J. Canning, Gary McMahon and David Comerford in attack.

**Team and Scores:** Alan Sweeney, Stephen Curran, Brendan Coffey, F. Devereux, Fintan O'Donoghue, Tadg O'Corcaire, Colm O'Neill, Daniel Adderly, Brian Downey, Fergal Molloy, D.J. Canning (0-3), Kevin Gannon, Derek Redmond (0-1), Gary McMahon (1-2), David Comerford (1-0).

Subs: Stephen Healy for F. Devereux, Stephen Broderick for Redmond.

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U/16 Hurling League  
Ardclough 5-5 : Maynooth 2-4

Maynooth suffered their first defeat in the League campaign at the hands of Ardclough on 15th April, 1998. In retrospect the result could have been so different if Maynooth had taken their scoring chances in the first half. Despite dominating the game in the first half they only had a two point advantage at half-time 1-2 to 1-0 with all the scores coming from Mikey Gleeson. In the second half Ardclough got the upper hand at midfield and in the half back line and three goals in a ten minute spell left Maynooth with an uphill struggle. Alan Sweeney gave them some hope with a goal ten minutes from time but they were unable to build on the score and Ardclough held out for a deserved victory. Best for Maynooth were Stephen Kelly, Joe Brennan, Colin Cusker, Peter Sheehan, Mikey Gleeson, Fergie Molloy and Alan Sweeney.

**Team and Scores:** Stephen Kelly, Paraic Nevin, Joe Brennan, Colin Cusker, Brendan Coffey, Peter Sheehan, Chris Flynn, Aidan Molloy, Sean Brady, Mikey Gleeson (1-4), Damien Travers, Fergal Molloy, Ronan O'Brien, Alan Sweeney (1-0), Morgan Sweeney.  
Sub: Peter Guinan for Morgan Sweeney (injured).

U/14 Football Feile  
Sarsfields 4-10 : Maynooth 4-6

Maynooth despite fielding without some key players gave a good account of themselves before going under to a physically stronger Sarsfields outfit at Maynooth on 14th April, 1998. Sarsfields had the better of the exchanges in the first half and led by 6 points at half time 2-9 to 2-3 with Maynooth scoring two splendid goals from Brian Downey and Fergal Molloy 2 points coming from Downey (2) and Fintan O'Donoghue (1). Maynooth reduced the deficit to just one point inside the first 3 minutes of the second half with a goal from Gary McMahon and two points from Fergie Molloy and David Comerford. Despite sustained pressure by Maynooth Sarsfields held firm and added two goals and one point to their tally in the second half. Gary McMahon had a further goal for Maynooth and a point coming from Brian Downey. This was an encouraging performance by Maynooth with impressive displays by Alan Sweeney in goal who made a terrific penalty save in the second and thwarted the Sarsfields attack on many occasions. Tadg O'Corcaire was simply outstanding at centre back ably assisted by Colin O'Neill and Stephen Currin. Brian Downey tried hard at midfield while Fergal Molloy, David Comerford and Gary McMahon tried hardest in attack.

**Team and Scores:** Alan Sweeney, Brendan Coffey, Setphen Currin, Stephen Healy, Kevin Gannon, Tadg O'Corcaire, Colin O'Neill, Brian Downey (1-3), Fintan O'Donoghue (0-1), Fergal Molloy (1-1), Derek Redmond, David Comerford (0-1), Ciaran McCullagh, Damien Adderly, Gary McMahon.  
Subs: Fergus Devereux for S. Healy, Paul Broughan for K. Gannon.

Senior Football League  
Maynooth 1-9 : Eadestown 2-6

It was a game Maynooth should have won but in the end they were lucky to earn a share of the spoils on their home pitch. Maynooth opened smartly with two points from Paul Garvey inside five minutes. Darren Naughton had a great opportunity to score a goal after being put through by Paul Flood but his shot went agonisingly wide with the Eadestown keeper well beaten. Eadestown had their first score a point from a free in the tenth minute. With Killian Fagan holding supremacy at midfield Maynooth quickly increased their lead with three excellent points from Joey Riordan. Paul Flood further increased their lead with a point from a free before Eadestown completed the first half scoring with another pointed free leaving the score at 0-6 to 0-2 in favour of Maynooth.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. (Cont.)

Eadestown were a transformed team in the second half and had two early points from frees. However Paul Flood got a vital touch to a long range shot from Paul Stynes and the ball ended up in the Eadestown net. A further pointed free from Paul Garvey left 6 points between the sides with fifteen minutes left to play and it looked at that stage as if Maynooth would emerge winners. However Eadestown had other ideas and had a goal and two points in a 7 minute spell to leave a single point between the sides. Eadestown took the lead for the first time when the Maynooth full back line got sucked out of position and Sean Molloy was unable to prevent the ball entering the net. However Maynooth showed their fighting qualities in the final 3 minutes with two pointed frees from the accurate boot of Paul Garvey to level the scores. Best for Maynooth were Alan Nugent, Paul Stynes and David Mahony in defence, Killian Fagan had an excellent first half and in attack Darren Naughton, Paul Garvey and Joey Riordan were prominent.

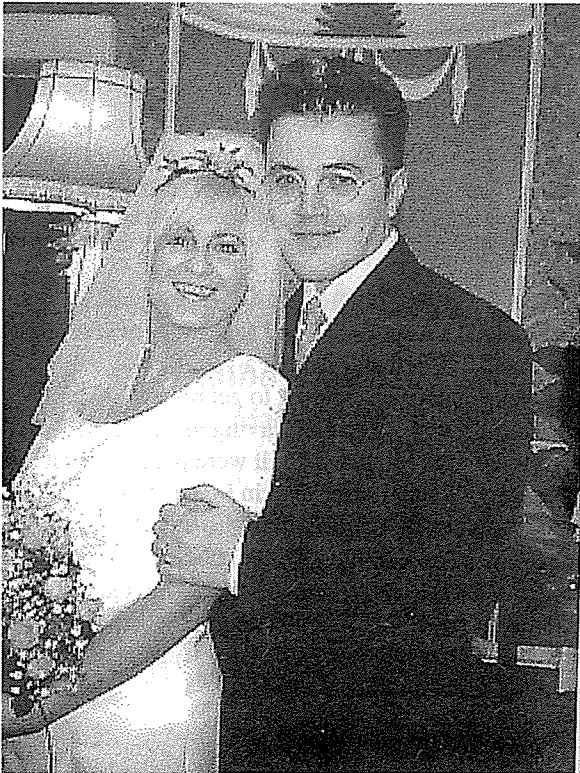
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HANDBALL HAPPENINGS

Paul Hand travelled to Castledermot to play the semi-final of the junior county championship doubles with partner Declan Quigley. He was understandably apprehensive as he was facing Paddy Reilly, who had defeated him in his own backyard in the singles semi-final, and this game was being played in Paddy's home alley. Declan Quigley, on the other hand, (Excuse the pun) was facing into the game with his usual positive attitude "we are going down to win this game for ourselves and for our club." Billy Whelan was Reilly's partner. Not long into the game Declan's positive attitude rubbed off on Paul and they both played some exhibition handball to advance to the junior county final. The Nurney pair were held to fourteen points in the first game and they made only twelve in the second game. Paul and Declan now await the outcome of the other semi-final between Leixlip's Seamus Brennan and Tony Walsh and Moone's Andy Cullen and Eddie Byrne. If they perform in the final as they did in the semi-final they stand a great chance of bringing home the gold.

Mick Duffy was disappointed when he and partner Niall Leavy received a walk-over from Anna Wrynn and Fiona Healy. Anna had defeated him in a very closely fought singles game and he was hoping to get revenge in the doubles. But it was not to be. Having received the walk-over from the girls Mick and Niall were pitted against local pair Daragh Kelly and Mick Galvin in the Quarter finals. I was looking forward to this game, with the undoubted handball talents of Kelly and Duffy on the left and the determination of Leavy versus the cool calm and collected Galvin on the right I felt that this had the makings of a real good game. Duffy and Leavy got off to a great start and were six nil ahead after one hand.

Kelly appeared to be stuck in second gear and was twelve two down before he got into the game. Meanwhile Galvin had done what he could to keep them in the game. Slowly but surely they played their way back to level at fifteen each. Then Duffy and Leavy, who had become somewhat complacent because of their good lead, upped the pace and reached twenty before losing their serve. When Kelly and Galvin won the serve, trailing by fifteen to twenty, they threw caution to the wind and went for all the shots. This system paid off as they not only won the first game by the single point but they also gained an important psychological advantage. While Duffy and Leavy fought as hard as they could in the second game they never looked like winning it and conceded game, set and match 21 - 20 21 - 8.

The Maynooth pair had to travel to Leixlip for the semi-final. Once again Kelly got off to a slow start and it looked like the Leixlip pair might win the first game until they levelled at fifteen each. Then Kelly and Galvin completely outplayed the Leixlip teenagers and booked a place in the County Novice Final. The final is the first ever county final to be played in Maynooth. A date has not yet been fixed for the game. The pity is that only a few spectators will get a chance to watch this game. The opposition will once again

come from Leixlip. David Jordan and Pat Hilliard will be their representatives. Jordan and Kelly also meet in the singles final which will be played in Leixlip on a date yet to be decided. Kelly accounted for the very stylish, Leixlip lad, Shane Carthy in the semi final. Jordan defeated Shane's brother Damien in the other semi-final.

Maynooth are contesting three county finals in what is only their second season. Best of luck to all on their big days.

Juvenile players Mark Cummins and Fergal Molloy represented Maynooth in the National Schools handball championships which took place in Leixlip recently. It was their first time to compete at this level and they show great promise when defeating Confey in a play off for third place. They were defeated by a very strong Ballymore Eustace team in the semi-final. It is with a view to improving these and other juvenile players within the club that five adult players from the club are going to attend a coaching course in Leixlip on Saturday May 16th. National coaches Sean McEntee and Jimmy King are running the course. It is expected that the handball played in Kildare will improve greatly as a result of all the expertise gained on the coaching course.

Mark Ball

NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

The Spring season commenced on Sunday 19th April, when the club held an open day for all members, past members and anyone interested in joining the club. Despite the bad weather there was a great turn out. Tennis activities are now back in full swing for all members every Sunday, and we are delighted to welcome back Keith Bannon who is Senior activities organiser for the 7 - 16 year old section. The Mini Tennis continues at the usual time for the up and coming members!

We are also delighted to announce that COACHING is again being provided by Judy Smyth. Demand was so great this season that all sessions were booked out early and additional sessions had to be organised for Saturday afternoons. The current coaching session runs for eight weeks from April 26th - June 28th, (excluding the May and June bank holiday weekends).

Membership Fees

The North Kildare Club operates its year from 1st September to 31st August each year. The fees for 1st child are £30 and second child £25. Outstanding fees for the 1997/98 year and fees for new members will be accepted any Sunday at the club.

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NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB (Cont.)

Leinster Provincial Towns Council.

Our congrats go to Barry Keenan who was selected for Round 2 of the Provincial Towns Tennis Coaching at the Riverview Club.

Activities Programme for 26th April - 28th June, 1998.

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Age 7 - 9 years
11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon	Age 10 - 11 years
12.00 noon - 1.00 p.m.	Mini Tennis and Age 12 years +

New members are always welcome and any enquiries can be dealt with any Sunday morning at the Club with any Committee Member or with Helen O'Brien at 6289214 or Aine Hearn Kennedy at 6286760.

North Kildare Junior Tennis Club Committee

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

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The second outing of the year took place to Moate Golf Club on Saturday 18th April. Played on one of the best days weatherwise the testing Midlands course proved a tough test for all and just like the "Masters" it was one of the older brigade who came through with 36 points to snatch victory. Playing in the last two-ball Gerry McTernan thanks to a 20 points back nine came home the winner. Congrats to the handicap Secretary.

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18th April, 1998 Moate Golf Club


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3rd	-	R. Delemere	33 pts.
4th	-	B. Cassidy	32 pts. (back 9)
5th	-	K. O'Brien	32 pts.
6th	-	P. Ryan	31 pts. (back 9)
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C. NOTES

D.D.S.L. 8A1 Sunday  
Maynooth Town 2 - Kilnamanagh Boys 7

A very strong Kilnamanagh side visited the Harbour Field for the under 8’s encounter. Maynooth conceded a goal in the opening minutes and did well to hold the visitors to 1 - 3 at half time. Kilnamanagh started the second half as strong as they had finished the first and wasted no time putting the game beyond Maynooth. Home team manager Bill Gannon gave the full squad a run out and with some as young as 6 years old the experience will do them good.

D.D.S.L. 9B Sunday  
Maynooth Town 3 - St. Paul’s Artane 0

The Harbour has thrown up some good encounters in the past but this under 9 clash was up there with the best of them. The final score may have looked one sided but it was a fine display by the Maynooth keeper that kept the Town in the game in the first ten minutes. Despite the bright start by St. Paul’s it was the home side that went into the break ahead with Brendan Doogan finding the net in the first half. The second half continued to provide some classic football and a solid Maynooth defence along with excellent goalkeeping kept the visitors at bay. Goals from Shane Travers and a second for man of the match Brendan Doogan gave Maynooth a well-deserved victory.

D.D.S.L. 11A1 Saturday  
Swords Celtic 2 - Maynooth Town 2

A hat full of missed chances saw the Town earn only a single point after the long trek to Swords for this under 11 encounter. Despite having the best early chances Maynooth went behind having failed to clear the ball properly. A David Prendergast goal saw the sides level at the break and having gone behind again in the second half Maynooth leveled the match within two minutes with Prendergast again popping up to save the day. Swords were lucky to get a point with only the woodwork saving them from going behind. David O’Haire could have wrapped it up for the Town but a bad bounce in the six yard box saw his effort going over the bar. Maynooth kept the pressure on and Swords were glad to hear the final whistle. A good all round performance by Maynooth with two goal hero David Prendergast and centre half Sean McAllister sharing the man of the match award.

**Maynooth:** Niall Doogan, Cian Walsh, Declan Bambrick, Sean McAllister, Gavin O’Connor, David Prendergast, David Baxter, Luke Daly, Tadgh Moriarty, Gary Fox, Shaun Doogan, David O’Haire, Barry Harney and Dara Sweeney.

D.D.S.L. 11A1 Saturday  
Maynooth Town 4 - Hillcrest 1

The signs that the football season is drawing to a close were signalled by the first evening kick-off of the year. The largest crowd of the season saw Maynooth run out the easy winners. A clash of heads that put two of the Town’s defenders temporarily out of the game gave the visitors their only goal. Maynooth put the early set back behind them and thrilled the crowd with a fine display of attacking football. Two goals from Shaun Doogan and one each from Luke Daly and Sean McAllister saw the home side cruise to an easy victory. McAllister’s goal came from an indirect free kick on the edge of the Hillview penalty area. David O’Haire laid off a perfectly weighted ball and McAllister’s strike bent around the wall (Brazilian style) into the top right-hand corner. A sure contender for goal of the season. A good all round team performance that saw Maynooth climb to 5th place in a very tough division.

**Maynooth:** Niall Doogan, Cian Walsh, Declan Bambrick, Sean McAllister, Gavin O’Connor, David Baxter, Luke Daly, Tadgh Moriarty, Gary Fox, Shaun Doogan, David O’Haire, Barry Harney and Dara Sweeney.

Under 9A1 Fr. McCabe Cup  
Maynooth Town 3 - St. Joseph’s Boys 3 (after extra-time)  
St. Joseph’s Boys Won 3 - 4 on penalties

Football can be a cruel game but it was seen at its cruelest in this cup match between two well-matched sides on a wet sunday morning in the Harbour Field. The visitors took the lead with just 6 minutes on the clock but Maynooth wasted no time getting back into it when Joey Glynn equalized just four minutes later. St Joseph’s struck again in the 15th minute but a fine

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strike from Sean Sinclair three minutes later saw the sides level at the break. The Town went behind again in the second half before Conor Canning levelled for the home side to take the game into extra time. Both sides had chances to seal the victory but the heavy ground was sapping the strength from these young legs. The regulation five penalties still could not split the sides and the match went to sudden death. The visitors converted their first and only a fine save by their keeper saw St. Joseph’s progress to the Quarter-Finals.

Other D.D.S.L. Results

Under 10B Saturday                      Wayside Celtic 2 - Maynooth Town 3  
Under 8B Sunday                        Leixlip United 2 - Maynooth Town 4  
Under 9B Sunday                        Maynooth Town 8 - Mount Merrion 2.

WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

22-Mar-98	One Jackpot Winner for £400						
29-Mar-98	9,15,22	£300	James Cumiskey	E.Mitchell	B. Desmond	J. McGinley	Orla Murphy
5-Apr-98	1,7,10	£325	Frank Desmond	Marg. Gillick	Don Foley	Spin Nolan	N. Donovan
12-Apr-98	8,24,26	£350	Ger Horgan	Mary Reynolds	Sean O’Neill	O & L Murphy	C. Burke
19-Apr-98	16,28,29	£375	Perry Twomey	Brendan Togher	R.Scanlon	Patsy Leavey	Colm Neary

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PARKLANDS OVER 35’S WIN  
MAXOL/ARDIFF TOURNAMENT


Congratulations to Parklands Over 35 team who won the Maxol/Ardiff 5-a-side football tournament at Leixlip amenities Centre on Saturday 4th April.

The Maynooth side beat Eden Aluminium from Leixlip by 4 goals to 1 avenging their 0 - 1 defeat by the same opposition in the 1997 final. The Parklands team consisted of ex-College Green F.C. (remember them) stalwarts Tony O’Connor, Paul “Peter Pan” Broughan and Ciaran “Fly” McGroarty, ably assisted by local lawman Peadar Haran, Celbridge resident and former Meath great Aidan Critchley, and Parklands Rise’s Sean “Chopper” Sinclair. A seventh member of the panel Simon “Dan Pretrescu” Williams was unfortunately injured for the final but his goals in the earlier rounds of the tournament proved invaluable.

It seemed like “deja vu” when Eden Aluminium raced into a 1 - 0 lead after two minutes of the fifteen minute final.

However two lightening strikes by McGroarty at the start of the second half and a third by Haran shortly after put paid to Eden’s effort. Critchley scored a fourth to wrap up proceedings and the cup was on its way home to Maynooth.

A good night was had by all who attended the presentations at the Springfield Hotel afterwards.



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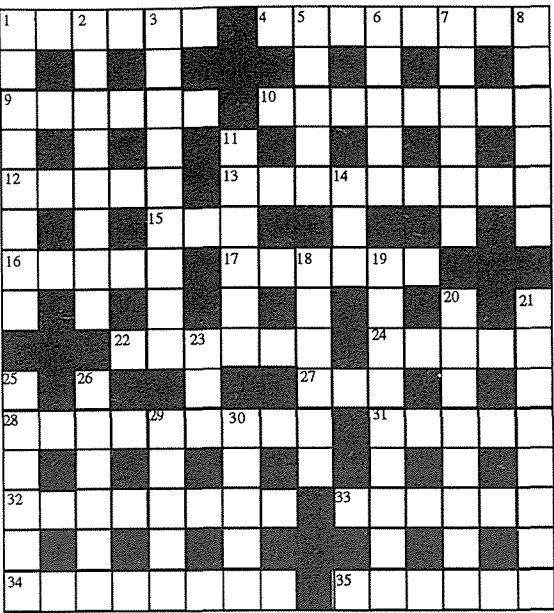
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Crossword No. 126



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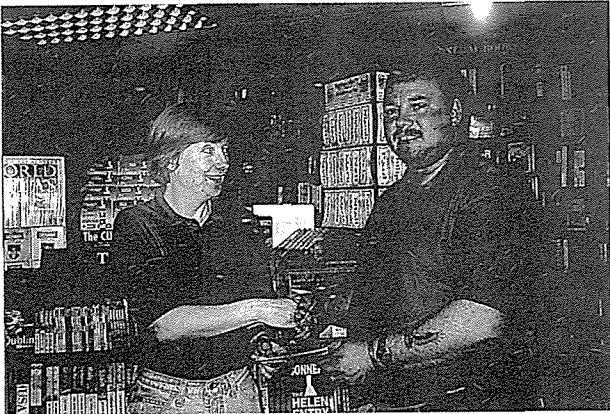
Across:

- 1. Time to come (6)
- 4. Scandalous (8)
- 9. Widow (6)
- 10. Spender (8)
- 12. Craze (5)
- 13. Evasion (9)
- 15. Doctrine (3)
- 16. Vapour (5)
- 17. Drink (6)
- 22. Thigh (6)
- 24. Wading bird (5)
- 27. Time (3)
- 28. Cowardly (9)
- 31. Hazy (5)
- 32. Arm again (8)
- 33. Estate (6)
- 34. At present (8)
- 35. Savage (6)

Down:

- 1. Cardinal (8)
- 2. Accomplished (8)
- 3. Salvager (9)
- 5. Russian rebel (5)
- 6. Ms. Garson ? (5)
- 7. Wily (6)
- 8. Diatribe (6)
- 11. Stoat (6)

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The Winner of Crossword No. 124 is Michael O'Sullivan 1183 Old Greenfield, Maynooth being presented with a Book Voucher from Maynooth Bookshop.

- 14. French mate (3)
- 18. Command (6)
- 19. Conduct (9)
- 20. Aromatic (8)
- 21. Intrinsic (8)
- 23. Slippery swimmer (3)
- 25. Drug (6)
- 26. Cushion (6)
- 29. Antelope (5)
- 30. Coarse material (5)

Solution to Crossword No. 125

Across: 1. Insist; 4. Stammers; 9. Torpid; 10. Inertial; 12. Reach; 13. Attention; 15. Tim; 16. Aisle; 17. Behest; 22. Strewn; 24. Farce; 27. Elf; 28. Tigercubs; 31. Oscar; 32. Flamenco; 33. Hatred; 34. Extremes; 35. Seared.

Down: 1. Interval; 2. Sargasso; 3. Slightest; 5. Tenet; 6. Moron; 7. Elixir; 8. Saline; 11. Gamble; 14. Ewe; 18. Honest; 19. Suffocate; 20. Procurer; 21. Debraded; 23. Roc; 25. Stifle; 26. Aghast; 29. Reeve; 30. Uncle.

Winner of Crossword 125: Michael O'Sullivan, 1183 Old Greenfield, Maynooth.

Acknowledgements

**Burke:** The family of the late Mary Burke, 15 Parson Street, 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 who sent Mass Cards and Floral Tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Sinnott, Fr. Supple, Fr. Paddy Joe O'Connor and Fr. Joe Gallagher (Mullingar) for their kindness and also Dr. Maurice Cowhey and the doctors and nurses of Blanchardstown Hospital. Many thanks to all our wonderful neighbours in Parson Street and all our friends. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**Martin:** The wife and family of the late Bernard (Benny) Martin, Maynooth and late Ballyjamesduff wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent mass cards, letters of sympathy or telephoned, to our neighbours and many kind people who called to the house personally. A special thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Sinnott and Dr. O'Rourke for their long time care and support and the medical staff in St. James Hospital for all their kind attention to the local Garda and the Nurses. To all the friends and colleagues from Maynooth College, Intel and Trintech who called to the house, travelled to the funeral and sympathised. We hope this will be accepted by all as a token of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

**Lawler:** The husband and family of the late Breda Lawler, Laurence Avenue, 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. Thanks also to Fr. Brendan Casey, Divine Word Missionaries, who officiated at the funeral, Fr. Supple, Fr. Sinnott, Dr. Gaffney, Mrs. Dr. Hanlon, the nursing staff of St. Benedict's Ward in the Mater Private Hospital, and the Home Care Nurses affiliated to Kildare Hospice. A special word of thanks to their neighbours and friends who organised the catering following the funeral, and to the G.A.A. Club for the use of their facilities. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

**Nolan:** The family of the late Mick Nolan, 3 The Green, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss; those who sent mass cards, messages of sympathy, floral tributes, telephoned, called personally, attended the removal, mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to Fr. J. Sinnott, Fr. B. Supple, Fr. J. Dunne and Fr. P.J. O'Connor and all his friends in Kavanagh's Mill and also the local G.A.A. To all the kind neighbours who helped in any way. We trust this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our grateful appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**Lennon:** The wife and family of the late Eamon Lennon Newtown, Maynooth would like to thank all who helped us through our recent bereavement. Those who attended his removal, Mass and Funeral. Those who sent wreaths, Mass Cards, Sympathy Cards or any other gestures of sympathy. The local clergy for their great help in our grief. The local Gardai for their assistance, The GAA, LCVP for the guard of honour. The Choir from the girls school. Thanks also to Peter O'Brien, The K Club, Orange Tree Restaurant, The Leinster Arms, The Staff of Naas General Hospital and last the Staff of Peamount Hospital who gave us great support.

SYMPATHY

With deepest sympathy to the wife, sisters, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends of Patrick (Paddy) Kavanagh, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk formerly Newtown, Maynooth.

With deepest sympathy to the wife, sons, daughters, brother, sister, grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Frank Reilly, Leinster Park, Maynooth.

CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to:** James and Una McDermott of The Square on the 50th Anniversary of their marriage on the 21st April which they celebrated on Easter Sunday with their children , grand-children and son-in-law. BEIR Bua!

**Congratulations to:** Carmel and Ted Farrelly, Kilcock Road, who celebrated their 27th Wedding Anniversary on March 31st and to daughter Audrey Happy Birthday, March 30th from all your family and friends.

**Congratulations to:** Pat and Barbara Nolan, Greenfield, Maynooth, who celebrated their 23rd Wedding Anniversary on March 22nd. Best wishes from all your family and friends.

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## Birthdays

**Birthday wishes to:** Emma Beglin, 136 Leixlip Park, who will be 10 years old on 3rd May, 1998. From Mammy and Colm.

**Birthday wishes to:** Ciara McDonnell, Cluain Aoibhinn, age 17 on the 24th May. From Dad, Mam and Kevin.

**Happy Birthday:** to Neil Kavanagh who will be 21 on the 11th May, from Mam, Karen, Mark, Ian, Niamh, Declan and Jennifer.

**Happy Birthday:** to Mark Kavanagh who will be 16 on the 13th May, from Mam, Ian, Niamh, Neil, Karen, Declan and Jennifer.

**Birthday wishes to:** Triona Cahill, Leinster Park, age 13, April 17th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy, sister, brother and all your friends.

**Birthday wishes to:** Gearoid McTernan, Parson Street, April 18th. Best wishes from all the family.

**Birthday wishes to:** Ted Connolly, Greenfield, April 14th. Best wishes from all your family and friends.

**Birthday wishes to:** Pat Burke, Newtown, April 14th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy, brothers, sisters and all your friends.

**Birthday wishes to:** Mark McEvoy, Greenfield, April 8th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy and all the family also to Jamie, grandson, age 3.

**Birthday wishes to:** Kitty Thompson who celebrated her 98th birthday on the 5th April. Best wishes from family and friends.

**Birthday wishes to:** Paddy (Ginger) Malone, Double Lane, April 18th. Best wishes from all the family.

**Birthday wishes to:** Mary Harty, The Maws, Kilcock, age 18. April 10th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy and brother Patrick.

**Birthday wishes to:** Gillian Donovan, Greenfield, age 10, April 15th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy and brother Stephen.

**Birthday wishes to:** David Newton, Greenfield, age 19, April 9th. Best wishes from Dan and Babby.

**Birthday wishes to:** Mark Lennon of Killmacredock, Maynooth who was 14 on the 26th April, from his Mam, Dad, Kenneth, Brendan and David.

**Birthday wishes to:** Leona Murphy, Coarsemoor, Straffan, who will be 14 on the 10th May. Love from Auntie Margaret and Uncle Michael and all her cousins.

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