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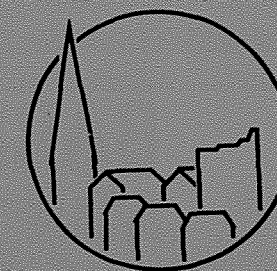
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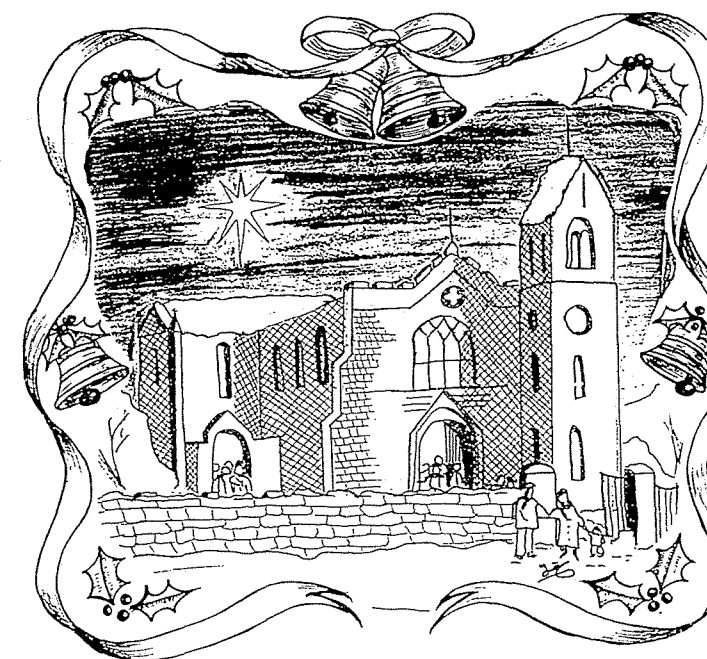
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We the family of Michael Gillick wish to thank most sincerely all our neighbours and friends who were so kind and thoughtful with phone calls, cards and most of all prayer during his recent illness. Thank God Michael is now returning to good health and on the road to recovery.

Many thanks again

Margaret Gillick & Family
Greenfield Drive.

EDITORIAL

The message of Christmas Day has remained unchanged this century

December 1899 - Christmas day passed very quietly. The men had a holiday from work and the children from school and the churchgoers attended special Christmas services. Mothers who had young children bought them an orange each and a handful of nuts; but, except at the inn there was no hanging up of stockings, and those who had no kind elder sister or aunt in service to send them parcels got no Christmas presents. Still, they did manage to make a little festival of it. The farmer killed an ox and gave each of his men a joint of beef, which duly appeared on the Christmas table together with plum pudding, not Christmas pudding, but suet duff with a good sprinkling of raisins. Ivy and other evergreens were hung from the ceiling and over the pictures; a bottle of home made wine was uncorked, a good fire was made up, and, with the doors and windows closed against the keen, wintry weather, they all settled down by their own firesides for a kind of super-Sunday.

Christmas remains a time for caring and sharing.

DIARY DATES

6th December	Blood Transfusion Clinic Glenroyal Hotel - afternoon
6th December	Introduction to Reflexology - Maynooth Public Library at 8.00pm.
4th December	G.A.A. Club Presentation Night for Maynooth Gaelic Footballers.
6th December	AGM G.A.A. Clubhouse, Moyglare Rd. at 7.00pm sharp.
7th December	Maynooth Flower and Garden Club Night at 8.00 p.m. Loftos Hall, Maynooth College.
10th December	Recital during official switch on of Millennium lights on College spire.
11th December	Annual Christmas Concert in the Aula Maxima, N.U.I., Maynooth.
12th December	Annual Recital in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.
12th December	Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 7.30 p.m.
12th December	Art Exhibition in Glenroyal Hotel, 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Contact Anne Doohan 6291376
14th December	Shopping night for Senior Citizens in Super Valu at 8.00 p.m.
15th December	I.C.A. Christmas Party in Dowdstown Hotel.
17th December	Maynooth College Annual Dinner.
19th December	Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Church of Ireland.
19th December	Senior Citizens Annual Dinner Dance at 5.00 p.m. in Dowdstown Hotel.
21st/22nd Dec.	Christmas Carol Recital, Pearse Stadium, Westland Row.
31st December	New Years Eve, The Square, Maynooth Maynooth Brass and Reed Band.
1st January	Tina Williams Mini Millennium Marathon Glenroyal Hotel 12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Local Matters

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin has resigned from her position as Sponsor and Development Officer. Muireann has been doing both jobs for the past 13 years, and felt it was time to call it a day. She has put a lot of her time into the job and this was when there was a much bigger work force. Tom McMullon paid great tribute to Muireann for her dedication to the FAS Scheme and the Community Council. A replacement for Muireann will have to be found. Paul Croghan offered his services until a new replacement is found.

Bond Bridge Meadowbrook Link

Cllr. John McGinley told the meeting that he hoped Kildare County Council would be building a cycle path from Bond Bridge to the town. The road will have to be realigned to make way for these improvements. The old bridge will be left in place until the new bridge is ready. The link from Meadowbrook will come out on to the Straffan Road and to a new roundabout.

Castle

Exploration work has started in the Castles vaulted areas and a well has been discovered, Pádraig Ó Murchú stated.

Laurence Avenue - New Fence

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin thanked Cllr. John McGinley for his work on the project and also Bord Gais. Mattie Callaghan felt the exit was still dangerous, cars needed to slow down.

Doctors Lane

It was felt that traffic calming methods should be put in place to slow down traffic. Fire officers have refused permission to close the Lane off.

Maynooth Local History Group

This group are organising walks around the town. They will be putting up start signs for the walkers.

Tidy Towns

It was noted that the street-cleaning machine is making a big difference around the town. Rubbish is again a big problem. People are still leaving household rubbish in ditches outside the town. Richard Farrell appealed for more help for the Sunday morning clean-up. We meet at the Council yard at 9.00a.m. The awards night will be held on 24th November in the Glenroyal Hotel. He also told the meeting that the Tidy Towns Committee have entered Maynooth into Greentown 2000, a Recycling Project.

Community Games

It was genuinely felt that more people were needed to get involved in sport in the town. There are a lot of clubs in the town but they need the support of parents.

St Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley reminded all that the St Patrick's Day parade Committee will soon be meeting again.

Newsletter

Peter Connell asked that anybody with old photos of school, social events etc. to please hand them into the office. Photos will be returned.

Maynooth Action Strategy (M.A.S.)

Ms Dorothy Guina-Doran gave a brief outline of what Maynooth Action Strategy is about. M.A.S. is a gathering of groups from the Community Council the Chamber of Commerce and St. Patrick's College and N.U.I. Maynooth. She said that at this stage it was necessary to define a role and destination for itself and to put aims and goals into place. The Task Force which merged from M.A.S. have received a £10,000 grant. One of its projects is to light the College Spire for the Millennium in conjunction with St. Patrick's College. They are also building a web-site for Maynooth Local Groups.

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Community Employment Schemes

There has been some controversy recently about the numbers who can avail of the Community Employment Schemes (CES) and there have been changes announced in the eligibility for taking part in the schemes.

The numbers

A consultancy report on the CES was published last year - see Relate, November 1998. Among other things, this report recommended a greater focus on training, a reduction in the numbers and a re-examination of the position of lone parents on the scheme. This report showed that the average number of people on the scheme was 39,000 and the maximum number was 41,000.

It is the government's intention to reduce the numbers on the scheme. However, when exactly those reductions will occur is not at all clear. The Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment has said that

"There will be no change in the numbers on the programme this year nobody currently on the programme will lose out. Because of the reduction in unemployment, it is inevitable that there will be a reduction over time (5 years) in the number of places (since the start of Partnership 2000 unemployment has been halved and long-term unemployment reduced by 60%. Long-term unemployment has fallen from 103,000 (6.8%) to 44,000 (2.6%)). It is expected that the number of places will be reduced to 28,000. This reduction will be gradual, phased in over a period of years with decisions made each year in the context of continued improvements in unemployment."

Social Economy Programme

A new Social Economy Programme is being introduced. This is seen partly as a means of compensating the voluntary and community sector for the loss of CES places. A report on a social economy programme was published last year - see Relate, November 1998.

The Social Economy Programme will focus on the economic and social development of disadvantaged communities by supporting imaginative locally-based initiatives.

Eligibility for CES

New rules for CES will be introduced from September 1999. These are:

- Widows and widowers over age 25 are eligible to participate in the CES.
- Adult dependants of long-term unemployed people are eligible to participate in the CES.

New rules on eligibility for CES will be introduced from January 2000. These are currently under discussion by government but are likely to include:

- The age of eligibility to be raised from 21 to 25 (except for those people referred under the Employment Action plan).
- Individuals who have completed a term on CES will have to wait at least a year for another term and no individual may spend more than a total of 3 years on the scheme.

It was originally announced that all of these changes would take place from July 1999.

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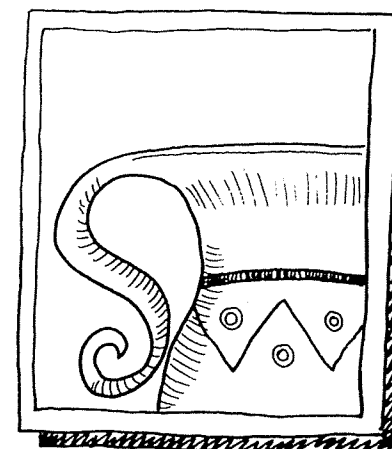
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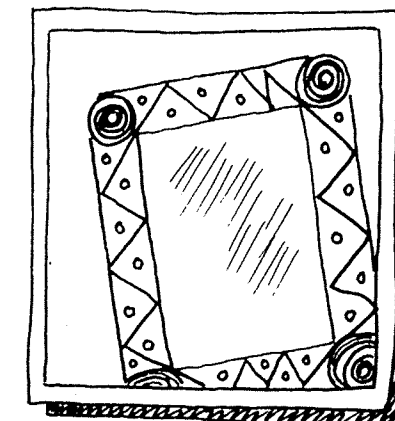
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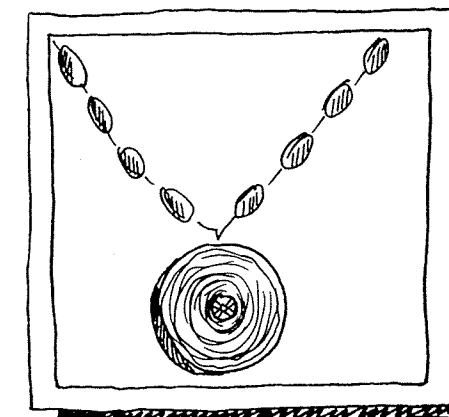
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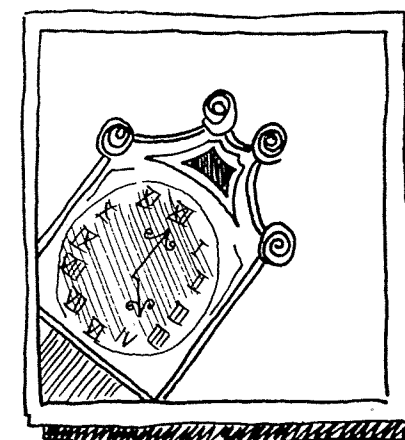
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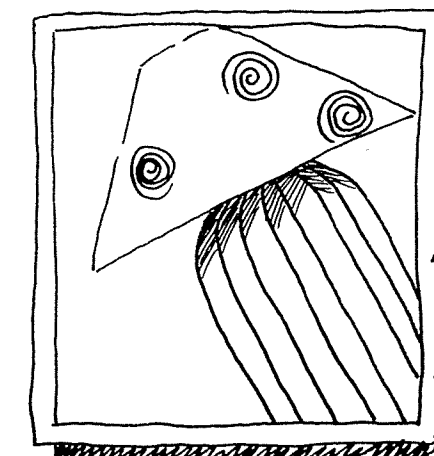
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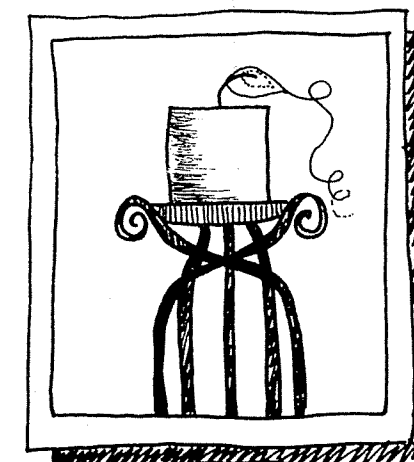
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I.C.A. Notes

President, Rosemary Hanley welcomed members to the meeting. Sympathy was extended to Betty Moore and her family on the death of her husband. A minutes silence was observed. Rosemary thanked the members who took part in the fun drama and poetry reading in Kiltel on October 13th. During the month members travelled to the Gaiety and enjoyed a great performance of "Oklahoma". Our next trip is to the Knitting and Stitching Show in R.D.S. on November 14th. Christmas party will be in Dowdstown Hotel on December 15th.

Kildare Federation Meeting will be hosted by Maynooth guild in Post Primary School on Wednesday November 17th. **Craft** Monday nights at 8.00pm. Once again the A.I.B. guild project has surfaced. The competition this year contains four sections:

- (a) Poetry
- (b) Millenium Quilt
- (c) Vegetarian Cookery
- (d) Photography

So very busy times ahead for members between now and April.

Our annual Remembrance Service for deceased members was held this month and we thank Ellis O'Malley for arranging the liturgy.

Badminton continues in Parish Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30. We would welcome players and beginners any time.

Competition Results:

- 1. Rosemary Hanley
- 2. Irene Matthews
- 3. Ann Broughan & Mary O'Gorman

Scouts News

Halloween has come and gone once more. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the local businesses who supported us for the Hallowe'en party. All new members are welcome between the age of 10½ upwards and fifth and sixth class upwards. We would like to welcome our four new members Alice Cunningham, Luke Telli, Brendan Cawley and John Stewart. So you see we are a mixed group. All are welcome. We are situated beside Maynooth Post Primary in at the back of the school. We have our meeting on Thursday night between 7-9pm. We all wish you a happy Christmas and a safe one. Next scout news in Millennium 2000.

We would like to thank the local firebrigade for the talk and display on Thursday 18th of November enjoyed by all.

Yours in Scouting
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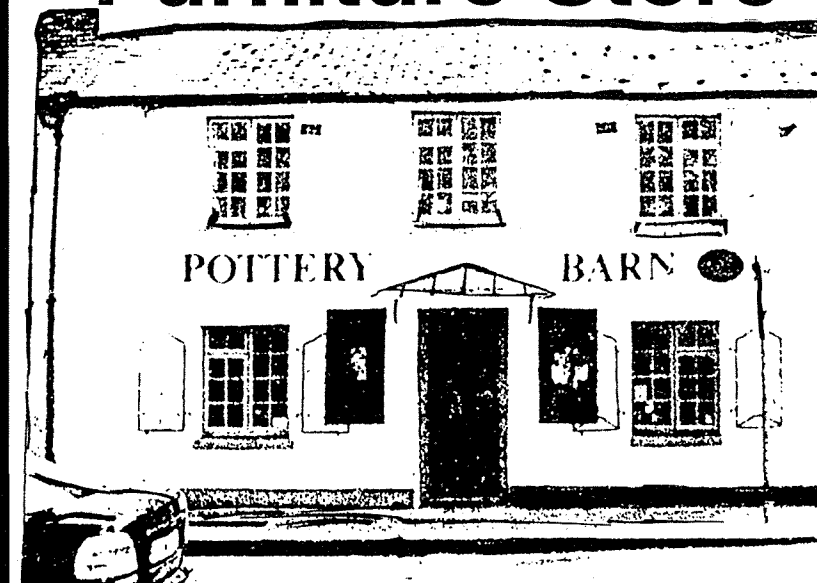
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BAND BULLETIN

Here we are again at the end of another year, another century and another Millennium, how time flies. It seems no length since 1755 when the sounds of Maynooth Band first wafted across the fields around the tiny village as it was then. How things have changed in a couple of hundred years.

Band Mass

This appropriately leads us to the Annual Mass for all deceased members of St. Mary's Band celebrated last month. It was a wonderful occasion with the Band perhaps sounding its best ever with some really nice Church music. We would like to thank the congregation for their appreciation and in particular Monsgr. Stenson for his very natural and interesting way of relating the history of St. Mary's Band and its importance to the town of Maynooth. The 21st Century will see further changes in the town but we in the Band have a small core of carers who will work hard to ensure that one of the oldest Maynooth traditions will survive for at least another century.

December - The Busiest Month of the Year

Just a brief glance at the following programme will give an indication of how much we look forward to our after Christmas break.

- Dec. 10th.** Recital during official switch on of Millennium lights on College Spire.
- Dec. 11th.** Annual Christmas Concert in the Aula Maxima, NUI Maynooth
- Dec. 12th** 12.00 noon - 2pm Annual Recital in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.
- Dec. 12th.** Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Catholic Church 7.30.
- Dec. 17th.** Maynooth College Annual Dinner
- Dec. 19th.** Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's Church of Ireland
- Dec. 21st/ 22nd** Christmas Carol Recital, Pearse Station, Westland Row
- Dec. 31st.** New Years Eve, The Square

In between all of this we will have our own Traditional Christmas Carol Recitals around the town, probably on Saturday 18th in the square and as always on Christmas Eve in the main street. You may of course bump into us at some stage when we add a little Christmas **Spirit** to your shopping at the main Shopping Centres.

Christmas Concert

Of all the aforementioned engagements our Annual Christmas Concert has become our most important and established date in the year. It is a showpiece of our progress from year to year and also gives us a chance to show how the members of the Band of the future are progressing.

Last year we introduced more fun and variety into our programme and this year we hope to continue in that vein. We also hope to include a few numbers from the Route 66 Big Band which is composed mainly of our own Band members. Those who came to last years Concert begged for more, more, more so don't be disappointed this year, be early doors open at 8 o'clock show starts 8.30, have a terrific night.

January 1st will be a very special occasion for the Committee and members of St. Mary's Band. We are indeed fortunate that we have maintained the tradition of the Band and can proudly take it into the next Millennium. We feel sure we can rely on our successors to keep up that proud tradition for many many years to come.

Finally we thank all of our friends and supporters for their wonderful help during the year and we hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

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ST. MARYS PARISH WELCOMING AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our tea & coffee after Mass on Hallowe'en was a great success. A large number of children turned up which was nice, they all got minerals, goodies and masks.

Our next get together is on 28th November after 10.15am Mass, all are welcome.

We hope that we are helping new people in Maynooth to settle in and meet people already living here.

Our co-ordinators are Tony & Lise O'Farrell and our treasurer is Grainne Kelly.

Anybody who would like to join us is very welcome.

Claire O'Rourke

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

We would like to wish all our children and their parents a very Happy Christmas.

The date for our A.G.M. has not been set but it will be in January.

Our flag day is also in January, please be generous.

Anybody interested in helping us out, contact any committee members, you will be more than welcome.

Claire O'Rourke

Secretary.

CLANE MUSICAL SOCIETY

Clane musical society are rehearsing away for their March 2000 performance of **Sweet Charity** but they are ready, willing and able to take a break for a few social events in December. So why not join them for the **C.M.S. Auction** on Sunday 12th December, in the Abbey in Clane. You wouldn't know what bargains you might get and you could buy your Christmas presents!

Also on Saturday, 18th December keep an eye and an ear out for the **C.M.S. Carol Singers**. They will be outside Londis on the main street in Clane singing in aid of The Evergreens Senior Citizen's Group and C.M.S. So stop a while because you might get a lollipop as well as entertainment!

Clane Musical Society wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

INTRODUCTION TO REFLEXOLOGY

On Monday, 6th December there will be a talk on Reflexology in Maynooth Public Library on the main street. Georgina Finnegan, practising reflexologist, at 8pm. will give the talk. For further details contact the Library.

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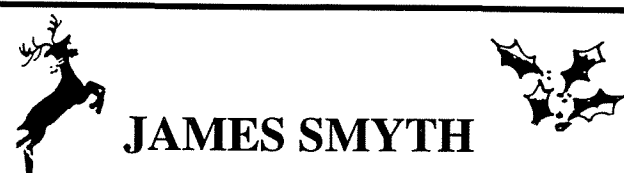
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RESIDENTS ON WATCH

Residents on watch are delighted with your response to our first article. Thank you to the residents of Beaufield for your comments, we appreciate your concern. Beaufield was the first students party to be reported. Others were in Cluain Aoibhinn with one particularly extended Saturday night and Sunday morning in Moyglare Village. If any other areas have complaints, please contact the Community Council Offices and we will include them in our column. We feel that the parents of these errant students would not appreciate such shenanigans in their part of Ireland and are ignorant of the conduct of their sons and daughters.

An appeal from a none too agile lady asks, could the faithful attending Masses etc. please refrain from parking their cars on the footpath alongside the Parochial House and Church as those in wheelchairs and walking frames take to the road to enter the church or pass by.

Perhaps the appropriate authorities would make some comment?

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES NOTES

Following our A.G.M. held in the G.A.A. club house on the 17th November, we were unable to form a committee, due to the lack of interest and public support. We have now decided to hold another A.G.M. in the G.A.A. Club House on January 17th hopefully this will be better attended. If not Community Games in Maynooth are looking grim for the year 2000.

Mary Cahill.



Paul Howard - Williams with his bride Máire Tarpey after their recent wedding in Galway, surrounded by the groom's family. Máire is from Athenry Co. Galway and after the reception in the great Southern Hotel, Eyre Square. They left for their honeymoon in Bali.

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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

As the Newsletter went to print about the same time as we held our "Sale of Work", we will have to wait another month for a report on that event.

In the meantime may I remind you of our forthcoming activities. Our Senior Citizens shopping night will take place on Tuesday Dec. 14th at 8pm, courtesy of SuperValu. This is a very enjoyable night where our older people can shop in comfort without the usual supermarket "hassle" and in a party atmosphere. This has become an annual event to which we all look forward.

We will have just about recovered in time for our Annual Dinner which will take place this year on Sunday Dec. 19th at 5pm in Dowdstown. As you know for the past sixteen years this event took place in January and was sponsored by Peter O'Brien Catering. Well, like all good things this facility has come to an end, as his company has now amalgamated with "Masterchefs" and are not in a position to continue this service. However we thank Peter O'Brien for his generosity in the past and wish him well in his new venture. So now, there is an opportunity here for anyone seeking an outlet for their generosity.....! In the meantime we will celebrate our Annual Dinner in Dowdstown Hotel at an affordable price. Just remember the date Dec. 19th, and please have your names in by Dec. 7th, as we will need to have accurate numbers for the Hotel. This event will be our final celebration of "International Year of Older Persons". As we embark on the year 2000 we will mark the transition with a booklet on "Independent Living for Older People" which is a study compiled by "yours truly" and published by our own Committee. The music for the evening will be provided by "Bourbon Street" as we trip the light fantastic into a new beginning.

Our club will close for the Christmas break from Dec. 16th until Jan. 11th. Christmas can be a bitter sweet occasion. What can be enjoyable for some may be a lonely time for others. Some will be surrounded by family, others by memories, the longer we live the more people we lose. If you live near an older person living alone, why not give them a call. A good neighbour is a priceless asset.

This month we extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Bridget Cotter and Bridget Dunleavy (nursing home). Hugh Walsh and Jim Moore who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Finally, may I, once again, remind all our older people and their carers to "Keep your Safety and Security Check List where you can see it." This could be the difference between joy and tragedy. In the meantime may I wish you all a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas as we look forward with hope and anticipation to the dawning of a New Millennium.

NOTICE

Books sold for Senior Citizens may have errors on the first fifty copies, they will be replaced if they are brought back to Josie Moore.

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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

At our Annual General Meeting on the 19th October, 1999 the following members were elected onto the Committee:-

Margaret Howe	:	Chairwoman
Moir Baxter	:	Vice Chairman
Felicity Satchwell	:	Secretary
Rosemary Smyth	:	Assistant Secretary
Mary McInerney	:	Treasurer
Elsa Lawlor	:	Assistant Treasurer
Amanda Harris	:	A.O.I.F.A. Rep.
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Maureen Fagan	:	P.R.O.
Janet McCann	:	Assistant P.R.O.
Carmel Owens	:	Competition Secretary
Ann Walker	:	Assistant Competition Secretary
Imelda Desmond	}	
Jo O'Connell	}	Sales Table
Ann Lynch	}	
Mary Cleary	:	Charity Table
Mary Doyle	:	Raffle
Sarah Angel	:	Tea Hostess

The results of the Imposed Class on the 19th October were as follows:-

1st	:	Jo O'Connell
2nd	:	Mary Cleary
3rd	:	Mary Doyle

A big thank you to Imelda Desmond who organised the beautiful flowers and containers that we used on the night. Her colour combination and choice of flowers were exquisite as usual.

Many thanks to Mary Doyle for producing a delicious Christmas cake for the Clubs Happy 19th Birthday.

On behalf of the Club I wish to thank Noleen O'Brien and Toni Reid for all their efforts working with the Committee over the years. I hope they enjoy the break off the Committee and the best of luck in all their future endeavours.

The charity chosen for next year is 'Research into Cancer'. I am sure you will all agree that it is a most worthy charity. There are very few of us whose family and friends have not been affected over the years by this disease.

Details as regards our Christmas Party in the Moyglare Manor will be issued at our next Club Night.

Our next Club Night on the 7th December is:

- Christmas Work Night.
- Competition: 'Pantomime'.
- An exhibit to be titled.
- Artificial material allowed.
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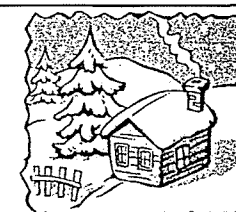
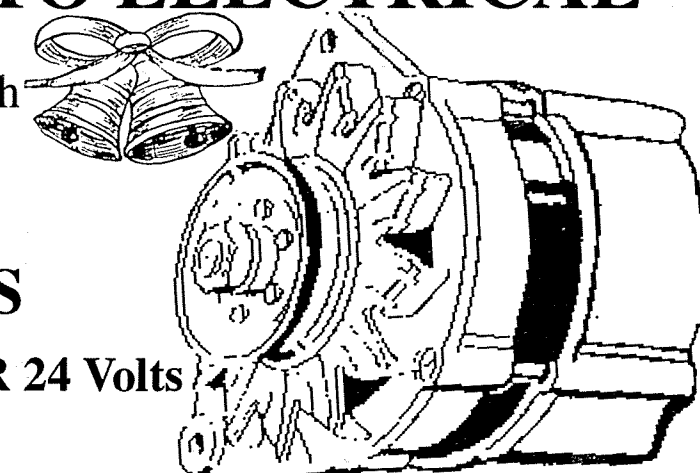
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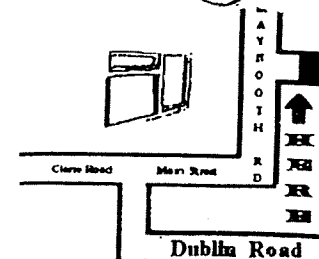
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Association was held on 12th October last. The guest speaker for the evening was Ann Hughes from A.C.L.D. (Association for Children with Learning Difficulties). The theme of Ann's talk was dyslexia and its effects on children.

Ann explained that sometimes students who have dyslexic difficulties are not identified until they are in secondary school or even in third level. She listed a number of points assembled by Wyn McCormack for those who may wonder if an older child has a specific learning difficulty. Wyn is a Guidance Counsellor, a parent and a long-time member of A.C.L.D. She has written a book called 'Lost for Words: Dyslexia at Second Level and Beyond - A Practical Guide for Parents and Teachers'.

Some signs of possible dyslexia in second level students

- Bizarre spelling, phonetic spelling of common words.
- Omission of word endings.
- Confusion about the shape of letters e.g. 'b' and 'd'.
- An uneven profile of abilities, for example, very strong maths and very poor verbal skills.
- A mismatch between verbal and written performance.
- A large difference between verbal and written performance.
- Confusion about left and right.
- Transposition of parts of words, or letters inside a word, or in a sequence of numbers.
- Badly formed handwriting.
- Confusion about simple sequences such as the months of the year.

Ann also left some posters outlining ways in which the student with dyslexia can be helped in class, e.g.

1. A calm and ordered environment.
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The A.C.L.D. can be contacted at 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2 or 01 (6790276).

The first meeting of the new committee for 1999/2000 took place in the school on Tuesday, 9th November last and we were delighted to welcome a number of new members to the Committee.

The following officers were elected:

Deputy Chairperson: Brid Keenan
Vice Chairperson: Geraldine Tobin
Treasurer: Mercedes O'Rourke
Secretary/P.R.O.: Mary Oliver

A very successful Social Night was held in Dowdstown House Hotel on 16th October last which was very well sponsored. Funds raised will go to various projects in the School.

A one day Study Skills course for both Junior and Leaving Certificate students was conducted by Student Enrichment Services in November. The Parent/Teacher Association arranged for the company to speak to all parents on 'Study Skills and Your Child' on Thursday, 18th November.

This term, the Association will be examining the possibility of establishing a Board of Management for the School which would comprise of parents, teachers, V.E.C. nominees and other representatives. We hope to arrange for Liam Roche of Confey College Board of Management to speak to parents on the subject in the near future. In May last Liam was elected to represent parents on Kildare V.E.C. He is also Vice President of PAVSCC - Parents Associations of Vocational Schools and Community Colleges.

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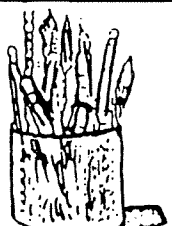


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Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee held it's Annual General Meeting on the 11th November, 1999. The following committee was elected:-

Chairperson: Breda Holmes
Vice Chairperson: Larry O'Brien
Secretary: Helen Johnson
Treasurer: Owen Donovan
Committee Members: Breda Ward, Mary Kenny, Lil O'Rourke, Ann Nugent, Jacinta Grouke, Michael Kelly, John Saults, Pat McDonald, Lenny Murphy, Dominic Nyland.

We are very pleased with the progress we have made during 1999, which of course would not have been possible without financial support from Kildare County Council and parishioners. We recently sought sponsorship for seating at the cemetery and were delighted with the response. Our thanks to:- Dowdstown Hotel, Coonan Auctioneers, Tesco, Noone Motors, Ulster Bank, Maynooth Hire, Brady's Pub, Barretts, Owen Donovan, Super Valu, Kelly Family, Londis and Glenroyal Hotel for their sponsorship. The seating will be in place in the next few weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the above committee and Brian Horan for their help and support: also Monsignor Alex Stenson and Fr. John Sinnott; Willie Kiernan; Frank Walsh; Greg McCluskey; Maynooth College; Westside Skips; John O'Brien and Matt Farrell (who designed and erected the Altar); Senan Griffin and John McGinley who continually work on our behalf with Kildare County Council.

If you have any questions, advice or request regarding the cemetery please get in touch with any committee member or contact myself at 6289757.

Thank you,
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Maynooth's water supply comes from the reservoir in Leixlip, via the local Ballygoran reservoir. But this source, and indeed the water supply for Co. Kildare as a whole, is almost exclusively dependent on the goodwill of Dublin Corporation who manage the main water works at Ballymore Eustace. 43.5 million litres per day comes from the Liffey catchment. A lot of this is used in agriculture and industry, but every Kildare person uses on average 39 litres of water per day. As a consequence, water extraction from the River Liffey has now reached a stage where its continued viability as a fishing river is in serious doubt. Any angler who uses the river is only too familiar with how it has deteriorated over recent years. Its hydro function is all but gone. Its amenity value for sports and recreation of all kinds has been compromised by County Kildare's insatiable demand for water and for sewage treatment facilities.

The response of Kildare County Council to these problems is to propose a 50% increase in population over the next 7 years in the County Development Plan! This means that a lot more water has to be obtained from somewhere; most of it is earmarked to come from the River Liffey. Grandiose schemes do exist to start taking water from the River Barrow, but in the absence of such new sources coming on stream over the next decade, it is planned to increase the abstraction of water from the Liffey from the current 43.5MLD to 58MLD. At the same time it is likely that Dublin will also be looking to increase its abstraction substantially. How much abstraction can the river yield with particular population loadings? This doesn't seem to have been researched - or would the answer be embarrassing? As one councillor has claimed, the actions being taken today will result in the destruction of the River Liffey as an amenity for future generations.

As well as water extraction, waste water treatment facilities are seriously limited. Upstream of Maynooth's drinking water intake, the sewage treatment facilities at Osberstown near Sallins are seriously overloaded and sewage spills occur at irregular intervals. In wet weather recently raw sewage bubbled up in the streets in Clane, and hosed directly into the Liffey. The assimilative capacity of the river to cope with effluent is finite, and close to its maximum in some localities. 50% more sewage effluent, much of it in the Naas - Newbridge - Kilcullen triangle means that Maynooth's drinking water will have much higher dissolved (and probably suspended) matter present. The basic right of people to a reliable supply of fresh water seems today to be taking

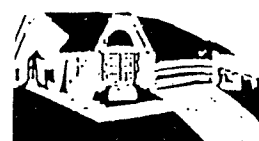
second place to feeding a frenzy for residential expansion, encouraged vigorously by a majority of Kildare councillors.

Maynooth Planning Alliance calls on our local councillors to call a halt to this unsustainable madness and to explicitly show their intentions to do so in the forthcoming Maynooth Development Plan. Why, we ask our councillors, are you foisting an extra 5,000 people (and 7,500 cars) on this hard pressed community?

In their latest submission to the Department of the Environment, Kildare County Councillors are requesting you the taxpayer to pay £123,114,800 to fund water services in the county. That's equivalent to about £1,000 a head for Co. Kildare!). As a country it would seem we can't plan for future population growth for areas rich in water supplies and crying out for development. Instead we spend huge sums on encouraging the depletion of precious multi purpose resources in already highly congested areas. So remember the next time the water tastes funny, ask yourself why it tastes funny!

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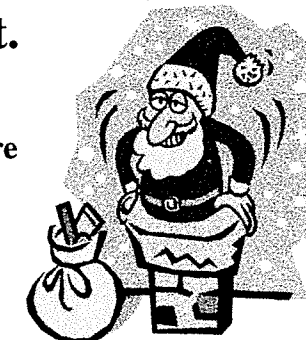
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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR THE NEWSLETTER

I am most grateful to the **Maynooth Newsletter** for kindly providing me with an opportunity of including a Christmas Message.

Christmas is a wonderful time for so many of us. Children understandably love it and parents, despite the demands it makes on pockets and nerves with its rush and panic, by and large enjoy it also. For us Christians it is that time of year when we remember the historical coming among us of Jesus, the Son of God: *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" "God loved the world so much that in the fullness of time he gave his only Son so that all who believe in him might have eternal life". (cf Jn. Chs 1,3.)*

Is it not interesting that the Church has never got too bothered about discovering the precise date of Our Saviour's birth? The exact historical date of the Nativity remains unknown although various Scripture experts tell us that it may have been anytime between 8 and 4 BC!! The Church however, is satisfied to choose a symbolic date, that of the winter solstice, so as to show from the outset that her intention has not been to over-indulge in focusing on the Divine infancy, but rather to look forward in faith and "joyful hope for the second coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ".

This Christmas, on the eve of this third Millennium, the Church continues to look forward with longing for the promised return of our Saviour in glory. This is a central belief of our Faith as we journey into the future repeating the prayer of the early Christian Church: *"Come Lord Jesus"*.

It is my prayer that our celebration of Christmas this year, will be a time of peace and joy as we reflect on the fact that He who once came to us in history, and Who lives today in mystery through signs and symbols in his Body, the Church, will come again in victory at the end of time.

May the Prince of Peace bring abundant blessings to you and yours as together we journey in hope into the new Millennium.

*Alex Stenson, P.P.,
Christmas 1999.*

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DEATH OF REV. DENIS COGAN

The parishioners of Maynooth were saddened to hear of the death of Rev. Denis Cogan on the 17th November 1999.

Fr. Cogan is remembered as a very caring curate at Maynooth. He was appointed Parish Priest at St. Mochta's Church at Porterstown a few years ago.

We offer our sympathy to his sister Deirdre Clancy, and to all members of Fr. Cogan's family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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Let the festive bells chime
And blessings upon them grow

All we can do is pray
When mankind be as one
We soon see a better day
No more this world go wrong
Our baby Jesus was born
In a stable at Bethlehem
Our saviour to adorn
Bring freedom to all men

Let the spirit of Christmas shine
Within our hearts and our soul
Mankind see a better time
In a new lifes role
As for now good will within
In unity live our time
Where a new world begin
And all will work out fine

Patrick Murray

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM FLEMING

"Congratulations to Jim Fleming who was the recent recipient of the Irish Security Industry Association's award for his work as Community Liaison Garda in Tallaght. Jim was presented with "The Garda Community Excellence Award" sponsored by the I.S.I.A. for his support of senior citizens, school children, sporting organisations and community groups. Based in Tallaght Garda Station, Jim lives in Maynooth and he has quietly toiled away in the background of several of Maynooth's Community Games sporting disciplines. Over the years he has prepared many of the local youngsters for local and national competitions in basketball and swimming and his award is well deserved not only for his official work but also for his spare time commitments in his local community.

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Featured here are just some of the restaurants in the town if you want to go out and celebrate or just have a night out in style and comfort.

Glenroyal Hotel:

As well as their party nights which are running through December which consist of a Mulled Wine Reception, a course meal with choices and entertainment, you can relax and have an intimate meal in their restaurant. A full A La Carté menu is on offer with an extensive wine list. All food is prepared under the watchful eye of Head Chef, Gerard Nolan and the restaurant is looked after by Manager Richard Nolan.

Opening Times are:

**6.00pm-9.45pm Mon.-Sat.
6.00pm-8.45pm Sunday**

Donatello's Ristorante:

This Italian restaurant is now open six years and is situated in the Town Centre Mall. There is a full A La Carté menu on offer with specials at the weekends. The menu consists of choices of chicken, pork, pasta, steak and pizza dishes. Its a perfect location for that special booking, especially birthdays, as they have their own Michael "Pavarotti" Chapman to sing Happy Birthday. The food is prepared by Head Chef Eddie "Murphy" Liscombe and his team and the restaurant is run by Manager Eileen who is on hand to deal with any queries. Booking is advisable on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays as it is quite often booked out.

Opening Times are:

**6.00pm-11.30pm Mon-Thursday
6.00pm-12.00pm Friday-Saturday
5.00pm-11.00pm Sunday**

The Leinster Arms:

This long established restaurant is open 7 days a week. Bernie Fitzpatrick is the Head Chef here and is ably assisted by Audrey and Sinéad. Carvery is from 12.00 each day and finishes at 3.00pm. Then its on to Barfood Menu which runs 'till 9.00pm. Barfood can be eaten in the bar or restaurant. On Sunday carvery is on all day, so why not give yourself a break from the kitchen and try out some of their lunch specials.

Dowdstown Hotel:

Celebrating its first anniversary in December, Dowdstown is now well and truly on the map. It boasts a very attractive package for its Christmas parties which includes, 5 course meal, entertainment, accommodation and bus hire. At the time of printing there were still some date's free so why not contact the ever helpful front office Manager, Elaine. The restaurant offers an A La Carté menu and is run by Manager Eamonn. Anthony Lee is the Head Chef who makes sure everything is perfect for you. If you have any queries or want to make a booking

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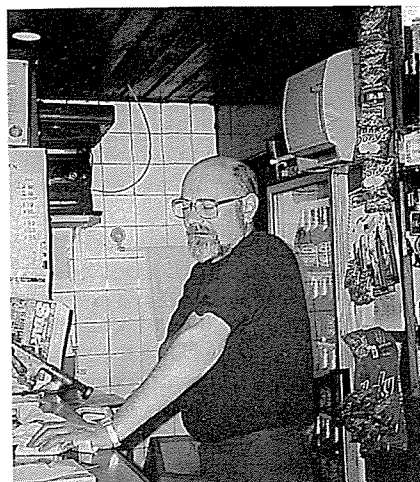


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AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS

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



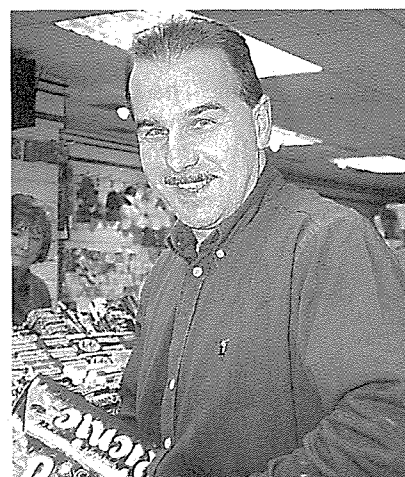
Pius Kelly of Beaufield.
Go find someone nice to help him pull his Christmas crackers but she must go home on St. Stephen's Day.



Kay McEvoy of Old Greenfield
She would love someone to come in to her home and do all the cooking and cleaning and hand her her dinner and then relax with a couple of large brandies for the rest of the evening.



Sean Fitzpatrick of Caulfields
To sit in front of a log fire, toasting marsh-mallows and drinking wine with the woman he loves.



Owen Donovan of Maynooth Post Office
He will enjoy his time off just doing NOTHING.

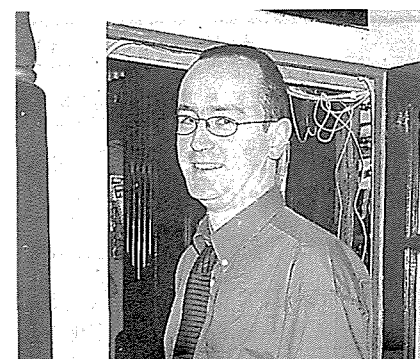


Fiona Murphy of Old Greenfield
She will enjoy staying at home and spending time with friends and family.



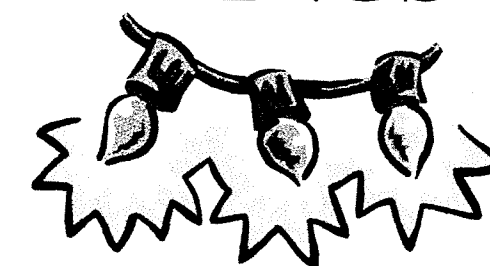
Margaret Byrne of Hula Bou
Wants to spend Christmas in the snow sitting in front of a log fire, drinking a glass of sherry with the man in her life.

John O'Connor of the Roost



He wants to spend Christmas in the Bahamas with Claudia Schiffer or failing that at home with his family and friends.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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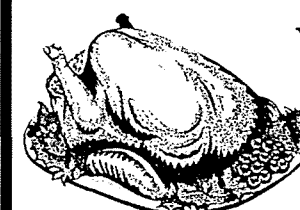
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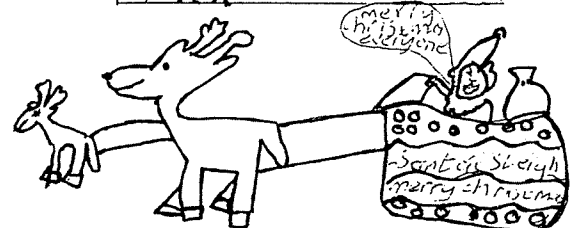
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Dear Santa
I would love if
you could bring
me a song
play station
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XXX 000



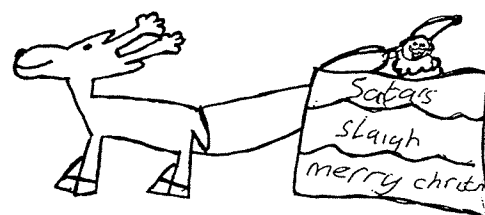
Dear Santa I want a Barbie bike
and a Furbie hope you are well
Thank you for the
lovely presents last year
ROOM 4

Age 5
Senior Infants

For Danielle Capner



Dear Santa
I would love if
you could bring
me a bike and
a surprise
lots of love
from
Darrielle Conlan
XXX
000



Dear Santa I would
like Matthew
1 Monopoly
2 WWF Wrestling Ring
3 WWF Wrestling belt
WWF Mayhem play station
Game and The F.A
Premier League Stars
and FIFA 2000
goosebumps
Stereo and a tape
called blue
and a surprise
Andrew
crawling Mickey
Clown Playmat and gym
play along Barney
and a surprise
MATT Hew and Andrew
Course Moore Straffan
Co Kildare



to Santa
I have been a very good
girl all year and my brother
Cormac has been a very good
boy.

Could you please bring me
a bike and an Animal Hospital
and a sleeping beauty
dormie.

Could you please bring my
brother a tractor and a
scoop the digger and a surprise.
we love you

Sarah + Cormac

Dear Santa,
I would like the gun for
the Playstation and point blank gun
and I will give you some beer and
carrots for the reindeers.

Happy Christmas
Love Christopher

Litir do Santa

A Santa

Conas atá

Rudolf Bhí mé go

maith le haghaidh

Mama agus Daidí

Ba mhaith liom

Baby Anabelle don



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Nollag

Slán

Emma

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents
last year I really enjoyed them
this year could I please have
Pokemon for the colour gameboy
and spading portable basketball
system. I left some pudding
and drinks on the table and some
carrots for the reindeer. Please
wipe your feet before you walk
on the carpet because I just
hovered. I'll write to you next
year.

From John Devine

Litir do SANTA.

A santa.

ba mhaith fionn Stretch
Armstrong don Nollag.

Bhí mé go maith ar
scoil agus
sa bhaile.

Is mise do chara.

GARY

Dear Santa
 May I have a playstation and a game. Can you get Super truck city and a Surprise.

from Rikki McTernan

Dear Santa
 I have been a very good girl. Thank you for my presents last year. I enjoyed them. This year I would like a FURBIE and a Barbie and a surprise. Bring Baby Sean lots of Baby toys.

Lot of Love & Kisses
 Jennifer Kavanagh

Dear Santa,
 How are you. How is Mrs Claus I hope you're well. I would like a play station and a game to share with my brother.

Thank you.
 Leo Cooney

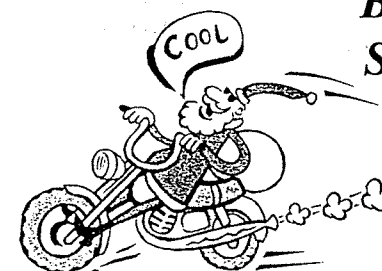
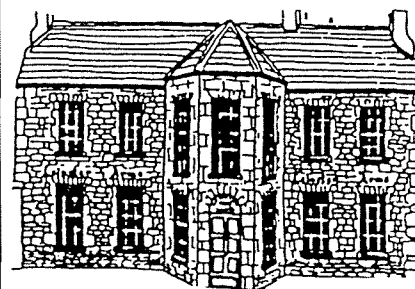
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 Bhi tu an-deas
 lom anuraith agus ta me
 an-bhuioch.
 Ba mhaith lom 3
 rud i mbliana leda thail
 1 Mireanna Mearai
 2 leabhair
 3 Cluiche
 Bhi me an-mhaith
 ar scoil agus sa bhaile
 i mbliana
 Go raibh maith agat
 le gra msc
 o Graine Nic Giolla
 Chomail.
 Gaelscoil ui Fhiach



Dear Santa
 My name is Katie Cooke
 I love you
 Please bring me a dalmation
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 Stand up MEE-Phone And.
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 for my mom and dad I love
 from Katie Cooke.

From Aisling

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CRIME PREVENTION - GENERAL SECURITY GUIDELINES OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Due to the increased amount of cash in circulation, purchases being made etc., hereunder are a number of General Security Guidelines for the General Public for the period approaching Christmas and afterwards.

A. WHEN SHOPPING

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

B. SECURITY OF YOUR HOMES

- Be security conscious with regard to your home, in particular, when you will be absent, try and make it appear as if your home is occupied and have someone look after it. Contact the local Gardai and let them know when your home will be vacant over the Christmas period and be vigilant with regard to your neighbour's security, also the elderly and those living alone.
- Check out callers to your home fully and ask for identification. Do not admit strangers to your home.
- Be alert and report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to your local Garda immediately.
- Careful consideration should be given to the use of audible or silent alarms. A silent alarm system is favoured in high risk situations as local bells/sirens may cause panic and injury to staff/customers.
- The alarm should be installed to a current Irish standard 199 and ideally have a connection to a Central Monitoring Station. Consideration should also be given to having a radio link back up on the alarm system.
- Consider, where possible, that vulnerable rear door and windows be alarmed on a 24 hour basis with built in access/egress facilities if desired and that risk areas are adequately protected by a combination of good physical and electronic security.
- For further information/advice contact your local Garda Station.

MAYNOOTH ACTION STRATEGY AWARDED £10,000 GRANT

Maynooth Action Strategy were recently awarded £10,000 by *eircom* to assist the group develop internet services in the town. Back in 1997 MAS entered Telecom's Information Age Town competition which was subsequently won by Ennis. Since then Telecom have invested £15 million in Ennis with hundreds of computers installed in the town's schools and PCs and internet connections available to all households at a much reduced cost.

All the runners-up in the original competition, including Maynooth, were invited to submit proposals for developing community internet services. The submission made by MAS was successful and with the grant of £10,000 the group is planning to develop a new web site for the town. The outline of the new site is currently at the design stage but over the next couple of months MAS plan to work closely with the Community Council and other voluntary groups in the community with a view to launching a site which is both informative and interesting and which promotes Maynooth commercially and as a community. One of the aims of the site will be to promote the town and its environs as a tourist location and a Tourism Working Group, under the auspices of MAS, is currently collating material for the site. Increasingly visitors from abroad are planning their holidays on the basis of what they find on the Web and MAS is convinced that, with the many attractions in the area, Maynooth can draw significantly more visitors. MAS has also been liaising with Kildare County Council library services and very much welcomes the new internet services which are planned for the new year in Maynooth library.

THE ROYAL CAN AMENITY GROUP Cómhaíle Aisinteachta An Chanáil Ríoga Cumann Maigh Nuadh

It's that time of year again, when the Community Employment Scheme is due for renewal with FAS. A new application for renewal must be submitted. The Royal Canal Amenity Group Ltd. is due to be renewed on the 17th December 1999.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Sponsors, Supporters, Participants, Committee Members and all of those people who make the Royal Canal a valuable amenity to the town of Maynooth a joyous Christmas and prosperous Millennium. We look forward to your patronage and support in the future.

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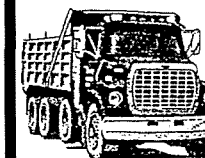


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MULLED WINE PARTY

On a Winter's night nothing is more encouraging than a mulled wine party. The wine is heated and warms the inner man. Easy on the pocket too, since the wine must not be the expensive sort. Any red *vin ordinaire* can be used so long as it is full-flavoured. It's an insult to a vintage wine to mull it. So there's no need to pay more than £3.99 a bottle. Allow one bottle for every three or four guests at a mulled wine party. More if you wish!

How to mull

A traditional recipe for mulled wine is as follows: Heat to a syrup a cupful of water and one of sugar. Add the wine and bring to near-boiling point. Remove from heat, sprinkle a little grated nutmeg or cinnamon on top and serve immediately.

Witches' Brew

Witches' Brew is a less usual recipe for mulled wine, but it goes down very well. To each bottle of wine add two tablespoons brandy, a bay leaf, a stick of cinnamon, six cloves, two slices of lemon, a tangerine (peeled, quartered and popped in complete), and brown sugar to taste. To soften the impact of the brew, or for economy, you can add up to a third of hot water - about half a pint - to each bottle of wine.

Keep it hot

Put all ingredients except the brandy in a big preserving pan. Make as hot as possible *without boiling*, just before it is needed. Add the brandy last. Transfer the pan to an electric hot plate, waiting ready in the room where the party is to be held. Or an electric boiling ring covered with a simmering mat can be used, or, failing that, a trivet near the fire.

Glasses

Beware of using thin or precious glasses that might crack for mulled wine. Or, if you must, put a teaspoon in each glass before filling. Cheap-and-cheerful, slightly thicker glasses, with stems for comfortable holding, are more sensible. Fill the glasses with a ladle direct from the pan. If it's a big party, decant some of the hot wine into a warmed vacuum jug, to be circulated for recharging glasses. For a small party, use a vacuum jug, which can be refilled from the kitchen when required.

Port Wine Punch

Excellent Christmas Eve drink, serve with hot meat pasties for supper, follow with fresh fruit or a pineapple, sliced and served with stem ginger. Cut assorted fruits into a bowl (1 apple, pear, banana, orange, etc.), add bottle of port, then a tumbler of lemon juice and tumbler of plain water. Serve with fruit in glass. Can be mulled easily by standing beside a fire.

Ginger Wine

Buy by the bottle and serve in liqueur glasses with fruit cake to Christmas callers. Or dilute with soda or plain water.

Blackcurrant Toddy

This is extremely nourishing and served hot is marvellous for colds. 2 tablespoons blackcurrant juice (bottled, tinned or from bottled or stewed fruit) to a tumbler and a squeeze of fresh lemon. Fill up with boiling water for winter nights. (Add crushed ice and fill up with water for summer drinking.)

Irish Coffee

Has a classic routine best not meddled with. A jigger of Irish whiskey is poured into a tall heavy warmed glass. Two lumps of sugar and strong hot black coffee are stirred in. Whipped cream is spooned on top but not stirred. The coffee and whiskey are sipped through the cream.

Coffee Caribbean

Mix equal measures of strong black coffee and chocolate made with milk. Sweeten to taste with brown sugar. Float on top of each steaming cup a teaspoon of whipped cream flavoured with nutmeg and drop on this a marshmallow first sprinkled with rum.

Continental Chocolate

Melt over hot water about 4 oz plain chocolate, or more to taste. Stir in about 2 pints hot milk. Sweeten with vanilla flavoured sugar to taste and top each cup with a spoonful of whipped cream. A spoonful of brandy may be added to each cup. For 4 to 6.

Santa's Egg Punch

Heat a bottle of claret, a jigger or two of rum or brandy, juice of 2 lemons, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar, 6 eggs whisked with 1 pint water, 1 tablespoon angostura bitters. This is best done over boiling water for the mixture must not boil. Serve hot. For 4 to 6.

Old English Loving Cup

Mix 1 quart ale, 1 pint sherry, juice of 3 lemons, sugar to taste. Add water to taste. Serve hot with a spoonful of toast cubes in each glass and a grating of nutmeg on top. For 6 to 8.

Sack Posset

Heat together 1 pint sherry, 4 oz. sugar, good grating of nutmeg. Warm 1 quart milk or white wine and add 8 whisked eggs. Warm but do not allow to become too hot or the mixture will curdle. (This may spoil its look but not its taste and if preferred the curds can be strained off and eaten separately.) Stir in the sherry and add a good dash of brandy.



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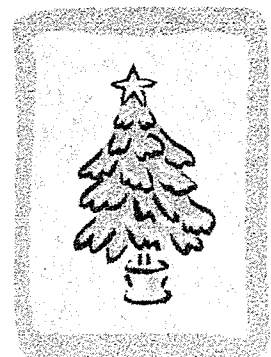
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CASTLE KEEP ART EXHIBITION

The Castle Keep Art Exhibition took place on Saturday and Sunday afternoon on the 13th and 14th November in the Post Primary School.

The exhibition proved a great success with nineteen artists providing a total of seventy-three paintings, sixty of which were for sale. Over one hundred people visited the exhibition during the two afternoons which resulted in 40% of the paintings being sold along with some commissions. The exhibits illustrated the diversity of interests and talent within the group in their depictions of landscapes, seascapes, still life, and figure drawings and portraits, through the medium of oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolours and pen and ink.

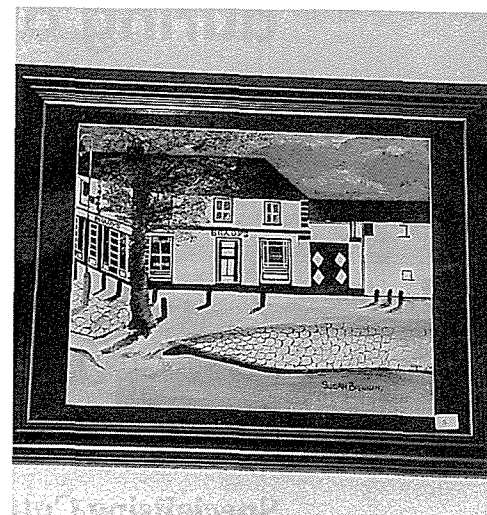
We would like to thank Maynooth Post Primary School for the use of their hall which was an ideal venue for the exhibition. Also our thanks to Maynooth Action Strategy for their support. Any person in the Maynooth area who wishes to find out about the group should contact Brian (6285993) or Susan (6289349).



Brian Tuohy, Susan Brennan, Betty O'Hare, Margaret Burke, Susan Durack and Paul Byrne



*Portrait of Agnes Bernelle
by Billy McAndrew*



*Painting of Brady's Public House by
Susan Brennan*

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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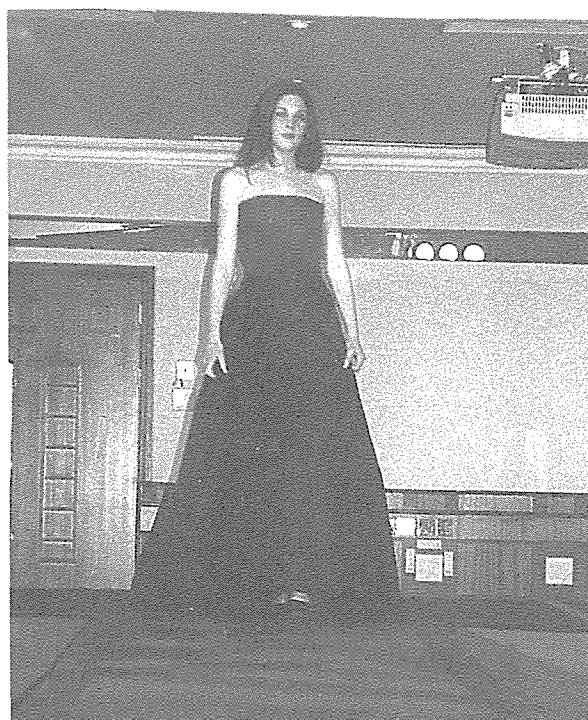


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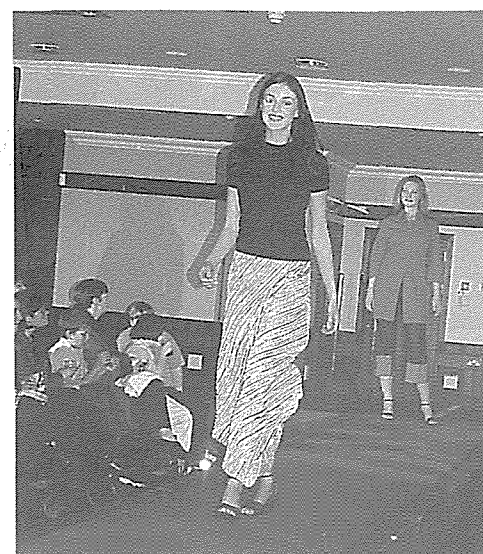
GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH FASHION SHOW

Popular TV3 weather man Martin King presented the Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich's fashion Show on Thursday 18th November.

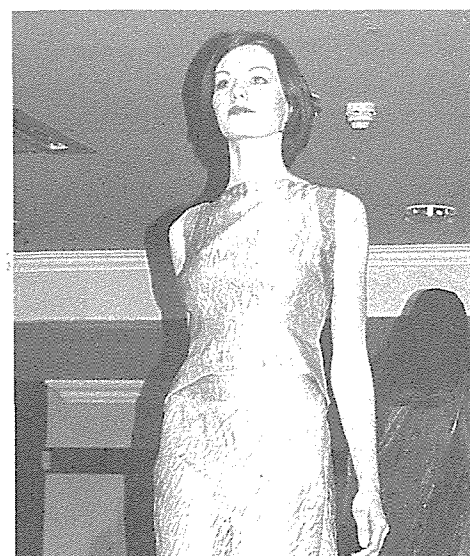
Martin's colleague, Bob Hughes, Deputy Director of News at TV3, asked Martin to officiate at the opening ceremony of this year's Fashion Show. Bob's wife Bríd Dooley is a member of the Parents Association who were responsible for organising the glamorous extravaganza.



Fashion Show



At the Glenroyal Hotel



Fashion for 1999



Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich Fashion Show

Apart from the popular weather forecasters, professional models were there to strut their stuff on the cat-walks, leading Irish models such as Liz Tucker along with her brothers Ben and Dan Redmond were joined by thirteen other stunners from the First Option Fashion Agency.

Sunday Business Post journalist Dara O'Brien was fashion compere on the night.

The show was followed by an auction and raffle. Willie Coonan was the auctioneer and got the best prices for an array of stunning items from designer clothes to paintings and wine.

The Parents Associations headed by Eileen Fitzpatrick were full of praise for all their loyal supporters and sponsors.



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NORTH KILDARE SCHOOL PROJECT 'an Educate together national school'

Let's dance!!

Recently, NKNSP had the opportunity to host Cathy O'Kennedy, dance artist in residence with Kildare County Council. Cathy provided a four-week creative dance programme for the children entitled *Time and Motion*. The fruits of the programme were demonstrated by the children during a morning performance for parents and teachers (see pictures). 4th, 5th and 6th classes performed a dance involving a wonderful and imaginative adventure, taking them through a swamp, over a river, across a field and through a forest. For 3rd class, their dance conveyed a telephone encounter based on the yellow pages. The dance presentation of 1st class had as its theme the changing face of nature in autumn. Altogether, a unique and creative experience for the children through the medium of dance. (Other recent special school events include attendance at the ENFO energy show and the National Concert Hall, swimming classes, speech and drama and an anti-smoking 'smoke-busters' initiative.)



Twenty-five years a growing

This month, NKNSP joined with almost 20 other multi-denominational schools in celebrating 25 years of the *Educate Together* movement. The first *Educate Together* school was founded in Dalkey in 1974, based on the vision of a co-educational, multi-dimensional and democratically-run national school. NKNSP is only five years in operation as an *Educate Together* school, but already has established a niche for itself in north Kildare as an alternative to traditional church-controlled national schools. We have been joined in the last few years by Lucan, Ennis, Sligo, Galway and Castleknock. With the emergence of a pluralist and multi-cultural Ireland, *Educate Together* is set to expand as an integrated model of educational provision. This expansion will be greatly helped by the recent government decision to enhance financial support for the establishment of *Educate Together* schools. More information on *Educate Together* can be got by phoning 4730309 or by email info@educatetogether.ie.

New school update

Plans for our new school building, to be located adjacent to the new St. Wolstan's Community School on the Clane Road,

continue to make progress. Architects have been appointed and are drawing up a design for the new school, which should shortly be presented to the school community for discussion.

Who is the school patron in the NKNSP?

A unique feature of the management structure of multi-denominational schools is its patron. Unlike denominational schools, the patron of the NKNSP is a secular and democratically controlled body called NKNSP Limited, whose membership is open to parents and others interested in furthering the aims of the school. The AGM of NKNSP Ltd. elects an executive committee to represent the interests of members in the running of the school. As well as setting out the ethos for the school and formulating policy on other strategic issues, the executive committee nominates members onto the school board of management, which is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school along with the principal. (There are also directly elected parent representatives on the board of management.) Contact Dave Finnegan (6270492) or Karen Duffy (6273087) if you would like to find out more about NKNSP Ltd.

The social scene at NKNSP

Finally, providing social opportunities for parents is an important part of the NKNSP philosophy. The school communications group held a number of well-attended social nights during the term. These included a talk by Mary Manning on homeopathy and natural healing, a presentation on flower-arranging by Lorcan Burke from AF Flowers and a workshop on glass cutting with Breda Foley. There are also, of course, the usual fundraisers, including a successful fashion show in early November.

Contact 6274388 or email nknsp.ias@eircom.net for more information on the NKNSP.

Jim Walsh,
Executive Committee,
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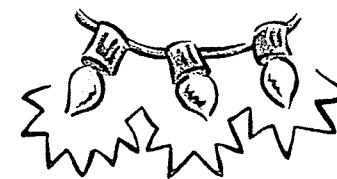
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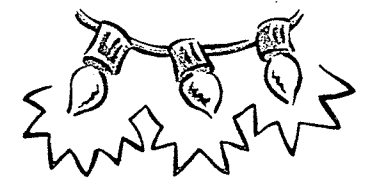


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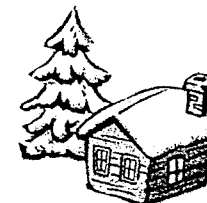


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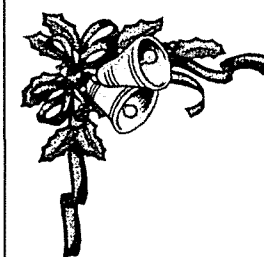


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MAYNOOTH CASTLE CO. KILDARE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS

Archaeological excavations have been undertaken at Maynooth Castle Co. Kildare for the past two months and are scheduled to finish up in early December 1999. The excavation is being directed by Alan Hayden of Archaeological Projects Ltd. and is being undertaken on behalf of Duchas: The Heritage Service. The whole interior of the keep of the castle is being excavated in advance of its development as an exhibition area.

The excavations have revealed much about the history of the site over the last three thousand years, from its beginnings as a prehistoric farmstead, through the early medieval period when it was simply farmland. In the 1170s it was seized upon by the Normans as the site for an earth and timber castle which was enlarged and rebuilt in stone in the 1180s.

The remains of a number of round houses of prehistoric or early medieval date, have been uncovered under the keep. Flint flakes, a stone macehead and stone axehead were found associated with the houses. The buildings are the remains of a small farm.

Remnants of early medieval cultivation furrows overlay the buildings, showing the continued use of the area as farmland.

Part of an early Anglo-Norman ringwork - a defended site - including a number of buildings as well as a defensive palisade, dating from the 1170s was the final structure uncovered that predated the castle. This was an earth and timber castle built by the Normans when they first arrived in Maynooth and would have provided a defended base for the men and horses of the invading force.

The keep of the castle was probably built by the FitzGeralds, when they had full control of the area. Initially the keep was two stories in height and had wooden floors supported at ground level on three square stone piers, which were uncovered in the excavations. Shards of late twelfth century pottery made in Bristol and Dublin were uncovered on the early floors of the keep.

During the thirteenth century the keep was twice built to a greater height and in the fifteenth century the ground floor of the castle was subdivided into two rooms and was re-roofed with stone vaults.

Two wells, each 4m in depth were built inside the castle. One was probably the original well of the castle and was infilled in the fifteenth century, when a second was dug. The later one remained in use until the eighteenth or nineteenth century. When recently excavated both still contained water and the anaerobic conditions meant that rare wooden objects survived to be retrieved by the archaeologists.



Excavation at the Castle

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Christmas Services

By the time this "Newsletter" is being distributed for sale, the headlong rush towards Christmas will be well under way. The familiar Christmas jingles will be playing in every shopping centre and the count down of shopping days will have begun. Amidst all this activity readers may wish to note our Christmas Services. As always these services are open to everyone who wishes to attend at this or at any other time of the year.

On Sunday 19th December at 7.30pm our Annual Ecumenical Carol Service takes place. This year we are again delighted to be joined by the choir from St. Mary's (R.C.) Church and the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band who will lead us in our congregational singing. As usual refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies will be served after this service.

On Christmas Eve there will be a service in Dunboyne Church of Ireland at 11.30pm. On Christmas morning there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in Maynooth at 10.00am. There will also be a 10.00am service in Maynooth on Sunday 26th which is St. Stephen's Day. For information on other services in our union of parishes over the Christmas period please contact 8250020.

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FASHION WEAR FOR CHRISTMAS

Why not take the hassle out of shopping for fashion by trying out our local shops this Christmas. Here is just a sample of what's on offer this festive season.

Moulin Rouge, Dunboyne Road.

This outlet specialises in ladies clothing and has been doing so successfully for the last 23 years.

Libra Trousers Suit:	£240.00
Matching Lycra top:	£ 46.00
Libra Wool Coat:	£199.99
Scarf and Hat:	£ 16.00
TOTAL:	£501.99

Hula Bou, Main Street.

This is the oldest fashion establishment we have. They have been trading here for about 27 years and cater for all occasions in sizes 8-20.

Hula-Bou ladies boutique situated on Main Street, is 27 years in Maynooth and specialises in designer wear for all occasions from size 8 to 20. There is something for everyone in Hula-Bou, from tights and scarves, handbags and jewellery suitable for presents, to exquisite outfits for the festive season. Stock from Arriori, Bianca, Gerry Weber, Eugen Klein, etc.

Long black stretch evening dress £205.00 - exclusive to Hula-Bou.

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Hula-Bou also stock a wide selection of trouser suits available with option of matching skirt. A very chic black trouser suit with satin trim from Bianca at £199.95 is available with option of matching skirt.

Full length winter coats from Gil Bret start at £124.95 together with a wide selection of jackets from £125.00. Some selected styles of jackets and coats now reduced by 20%.

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

The Attic Swop Shop.

Situated at Mill Street, this very successful business is run by Marion and Breda. It specialises in next to new Designer wear.

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New Betty Barclay Evening Blouse	£49.00
Black Suede Leather Shoes (Cost £190.00)	£50.00
Cream Cashmere Coat with Fur Collar	£160.00
Pearls and Earrings	£15.00
Evening Bag	£12.00

TOTAL	£376.00
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Dawson's Menswear.

Something here for the Gentlemen of the area. Freddie Melia is the Proprietor and is on hand to help with any queries.

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Shirt	£ 29.95	Casual Shirt	£32.95
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		Pullover	£59.95
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As we said at the beginning this is just a sample of whats on offer. So pop in and have a browse, and we are sure you will be able to find something to suit you.

AND THEY SAW A STAR IN THE EAST

Maynooth scientist Prof. Susan McKenna-Lawlor has been credited with the discovery of a new comet. Back in 1985 Prof. McKenna-Lawlor was involved in the launch of the European Space Agency craft called Giotto whose mission was to pass close to Halley's comet as it flew close to the sun in 1986. Later in 1992, the Giotto craft passed close to another comet called Grigg-Skellerup and a data capture device designed by Prof. McKenna-Lawlor sent back a stream of information about this comet.

In the last few months this data has been analysed in detail by the Maynooth professor and she has now come to the conclusion that the Grigg-Skellerup comet is accompanied by another comet. According to the professor it is not uncommon for lumps of material to break off comets and that is the most likely explanation for this new comet which may be three to four times smaller than Grigg-Skellerup. Astronomers will have an opportunity to view the new comet when it passes through our part of the solar system in March 2008.



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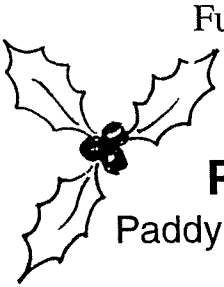
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2. Who was voted best female?

3. Who was voted best male?

4. What band got the award for best album?

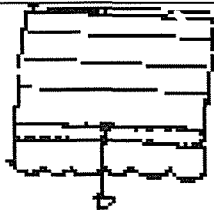
5. Blur got the award for best video - what was the name of the song?

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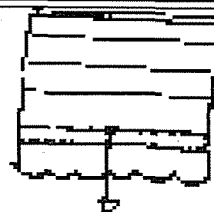
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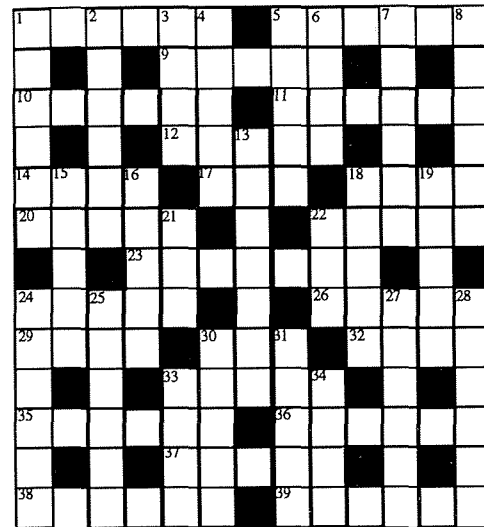




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Happy Christmas to Children, Parents and Minders

Crossword No. 143



Entries before Monday 13th December

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Across:

1. Blush (6)
5. Dance (6)
9. Elector (5)
10. Hamper (6)
11. Cut (6)
12. Kingly (5)
14. Aperture (4)
17. Lair (3)
18. Joke (4)
20. Giant (5)
22. Unfortunately (5)
23. Fought (7)
24. Pup (5)
26. Instruct (5)
29. Present (4)
30. Wager (3)
32. Nobleman (4)
33. Ethical (5)
35. Closer (6)
36. Parent (6)
37. Allude (5)
38. Evaded (5)
39. Ordain (6)

Down:

1. Sturdy (6)
2. Tyrant (6)
3. Always (4)
4. Famous (5)

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| 5. Started (5) | 30. Drilled (5) |
| 6. Spoken (4) | 31. Domesticated (5) |
| 7. Resounded (6) | 33. Lake (4) |
| 8. Strangeness (6) | 34. Learning (4) |
| 13. Milder (7) | |
| 15. Supple (5) | |
| 16. List (5) | |
| 18. Exhausted (5) | |
| 19. Loose (5) | |
| 21. Sleep (3) | |
| 22. Fixed (3) | |
| 24. Cried (6) | |
| 25. Mission (6) | |
| 27. Writer (6) | |
| 28. Funeral-car (6) | |

Solution to Crossword No. 142

Across: 1. Marmalade; 9. Devour; 10. Debonair; 11. Valets; 12. Zenith; 14. Brat; 15. Creel; 16. Lethal; 18. Assumed; 21. Veteran; 24. Rotter; 26. Vague; 30. Alto; 31. Atrium; 32. Clumsy; 33. Autobahn; 34. Deadly; 35. Boorishly.

Down: 2. Apexes; 3. Myopic; 4. Loathe; 5. Durable; 6. Senate; 7. Together; 8. Wrestling; 11. Valve; 13. Tram; 17. Barricade; 19. Satsumas; 20. Early; 22. Taut; 23. Avocado; 25. Easels; 27. Garter; 28. Erebus; 29. Bushel.

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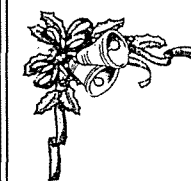


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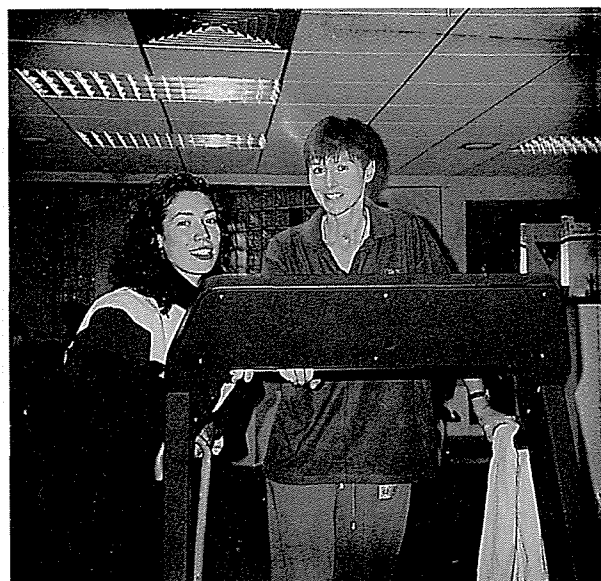
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MIRACLE MILLENNIUM MINI-MARATHON

Young Maynooth woman, Tina Williams, has had an interesting Summer, to say the least!

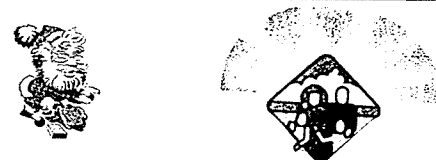
Tina, who was struck down by an auto-immune disorder leaving her completely care dependant and terminally ill, spent the Summer in St. James's Hospital. She was transferred to Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross because of the hopelessness of her case but miraculously, a gradual return of function occurred. This has motivated Tina and friend Mairéad ó Riordan, chartered Physiotherapist to attempt a 10km walk in aid of the Hospice on New Years Day 2000.



Tina says that the care she received all over was second to none, but that the Hospice was something exceptional. "I was initially frightened at the prospect of being in the Hospice, but their ethos and caring gave my family, friends and self an amazing strength. Although many people die in the Hospice, they are helped to enjoy what remains of their lives with utmost dignity".

Tina is being supported in her training efforts by Tyrone, her husband of fifteen years and four and a half year old daughter Alison. Most of her training is being guided by Mairéad, and Louise Cassidy, Instructor at the Glenroyal Leisure Club. "I'll probably be scooped up off the ground in this attempt but I will give the walk my all - it's a small price to pay for the gift I've been given."

The walk takes place between 12pm and 2pm (ish) on New Year's Day in the Glenroyal Leisure Club. Why don't you come along and support the ladies efforts or pledges can be made at the Glenroyal Leisure Club.



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All competitions were judged under new rules to comply with the terms of the Litter Act 1997. Best Estate competitions were open to all residential areas. The standard was very high with little separating the winners. In fact all the competitions were very difficult to judge this year and much credit is due to the judging panel on their professional approach to this task.

Best Shop Front

1. Langan's Pharmacy
2. Dawsons Menswear

Most Improved Shop Front

Ua Buachalla

Best Small Estate

1. Parsons Lodge / Woodlands (joint winners)
2. Lyreen Park

Best Large Estate

1. Parklands
2. Rockfield

Most Improved Estate

Carton Court

Many thanks again to our sponsors for these competitions Coonan's Auctioneers and Financial Services and we look forward to working with them next year.

Tidy Towns wish list for 2000

1. More volunteers for practical work and committee work.
2. A low loader to carry our equipment.
3. Community Employment workers to develop our projects.
4. Seven day street cleaning by Kildare County Council.
5. More co-operation projects like the arrangements with the Maynooth Flower and Garden Club and the Schools.
6. More effort by everyone to enhance and maintain their areas.
7. Assistance in our project for the Green Town 2000 Competition.
8. More co-operation with Kildare County Council and local Councillors.
9. Work with other interests in Maynooth to ensure that sufficient resources are secured for maintaining open spaces and parks as well as dealing with the increasing problem of weeds on the approach roads.
10. Raise funds to carry on our work.

Happy Christmas,
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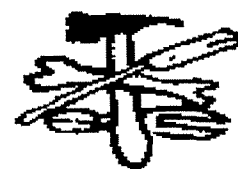
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4TH CLASS BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

Some classes in our School have twinned with Legamaddy Primary in County Down.

I am in 4th Class and we all got pen pals. Some of us got girls and some got boys. I got a boy called David Starkey. The 6th Class boys are doing the same thing.

Some of us are going to meet in Tara, Co. Meath at the end of November. That should be good fun, we are all looking forward to it.

We will also go to Legamaddy next year and the Legamaddy classes will come to Maynooth. The teachers are going to organise basketball matches and football matches between us.

I will let you know how we get on.

Conor O'Rourke 4th Class

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Maynooth on-line is an interactive Web site for Maynooth. Maynooth on-line was set up to allow the people of Maynooth Access to the Web; the Web site has three sections and more on the way.

- Home Page
- Community Page
- Interactive History Pages

The Home page of www.kildare.ie/maynooth is the start of the experience, this page contains information, about local Business and interesting things about Maynooth. Also the useful links section is handy for going to information about the country and local community.

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The Interactive History Page, this is a History page dedicated to the Maynooth Area, with special interest in Carton House, Maynooth Castle, Laraghbryan, Taghadoo etc. Also included is a Timeline section that is link to show you information that you need, not mountains of stuff that you do not need.

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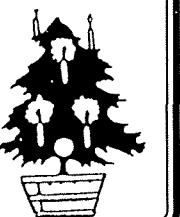
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PAPAL MEDAL FOR TOM CORCORAN

On Saturday evening 6th November 1999 Tom Corcoran, who has spent the past 47 years at Maynooth College, was presented with the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* medal for his service to the Church here over many years. Bishop Ray Field led 18 priests in a concelebrated Mass at Maynooth Parish Church. He was assisted by the Parish Priest of Maynooth Monsignor Alex Stenson, the President of St. Patrick's College Monsignor Dermot Farrell, the Parish Priest of Kilskyre and Ballinlough Co. Meath V. Rev. Andy Doyle, the Administrator of Mullingar V. Rev. Sean Henry. Fr. Henry and Tom Corcoran are both natives of Kilskyre. Tom was accompanied at the Mass by Maggie and Terry and by his nephews, nieces and friends.

Tom thanks Bishop Ray Field; Monsignor Stenson and Fr. John Sinnott C.C. Maynooth who organised the beautiful liturgy; the many clergy and people who attended the Mass; Sean Scanlon, Sacristan; the Choir and Folk Group; the Readers and the Altar Servers. He thanks Monsignor Dermot Farrell and those connected with the after Mass reception at the College. The reception was attended by Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam.

We congratulate Tom and wish him well for the future.



Monsignor Alex Stenson, Tom Corcoran and Bishop Ray Field.

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Run apace the wild spirits calling,
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Away from the empty spirit that kills.

The jingle bells now have started,
All your riches soon will be parted
You will be fodder to the machine,
Your soul frozen in your being,
Too afraid to give, terrified to receive,
Wishing away the hour, hoping for reprieve,
Yet you will trample the same old streets,
Numbed and cold pale as sheets

Over and over, its jingle bells,
You're torn and tossed in the knells
Jingle off to the bank with haste.
If you don't have this, you are a waste,
Coloured boxes with magnified allure,
Queuing up, feeling weak,
Too worn out to even speak.
Just another Dodo to be shaken down,
Wearing your languid christmas frown,

Drawn into the psychological maze,
The insecurities of childhood to erase,
Looking for perfection, seeking a dream
Stop, Stop, I hear you scream,
No one seems to be in control,
Its not the heart that writes this scroll,
No potion or drink can e'er redeem,
The dulled spirit's listrous beam,

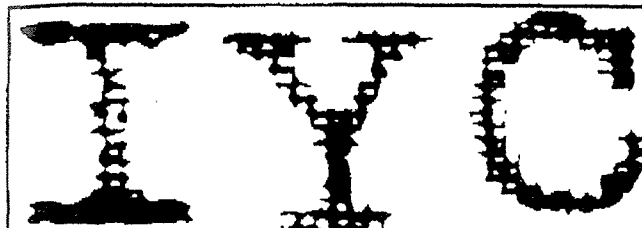
So get away, keep moving fast,
Escape this morbid earthy cast,
Over the ditches and through the fields,
Seek out what the heart appeals,
Coming to a wild lake shore,
You will hear the Great God snore,
Your brow caressed by his breath so soft,
As you gaze up into his starry loft,

You will be led to where you are going
The freedom to the wind, you knowing
Walking across white marbled ice,
On bright plains you can rejoice,
Raised above all earthly feeling,
Your heart in high extacy reeling,
To rest upon a sheltered stone,
Feeling flesh and feeling bone.

Where did we all go wrong
Away from Bethlehem so long,
Even the sea cannot protect
The worst of the world we select,
We must have a celebration, comfort niches,
You'll hear all the usual cliches,
The golden tiger they adore,
They blare its praises from shore to shore.

The rush goes on 'til the highway is empty,
A silence descends, mystical and tempty,
The shelves are laden, the presses full,
The excitement simmers, tiredly you mull,
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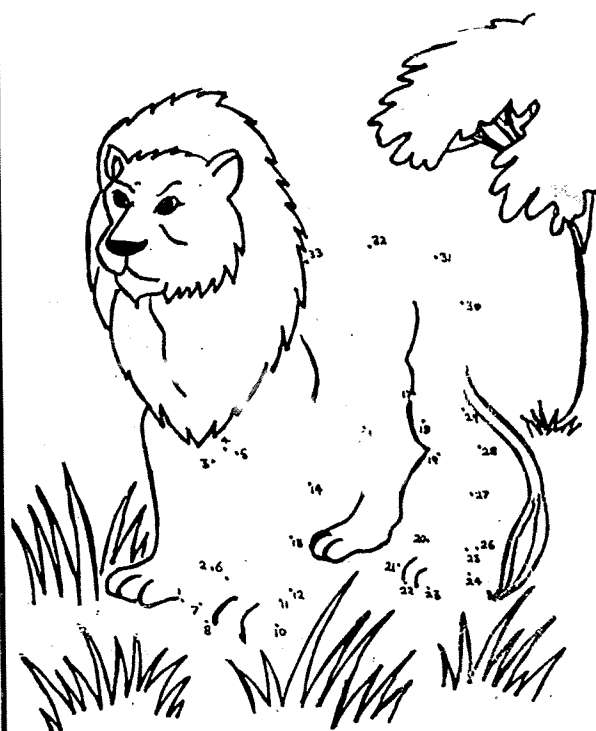
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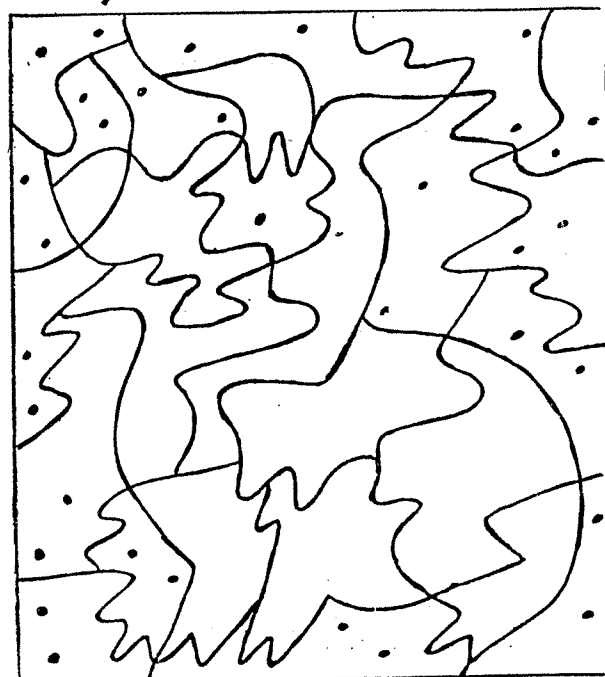


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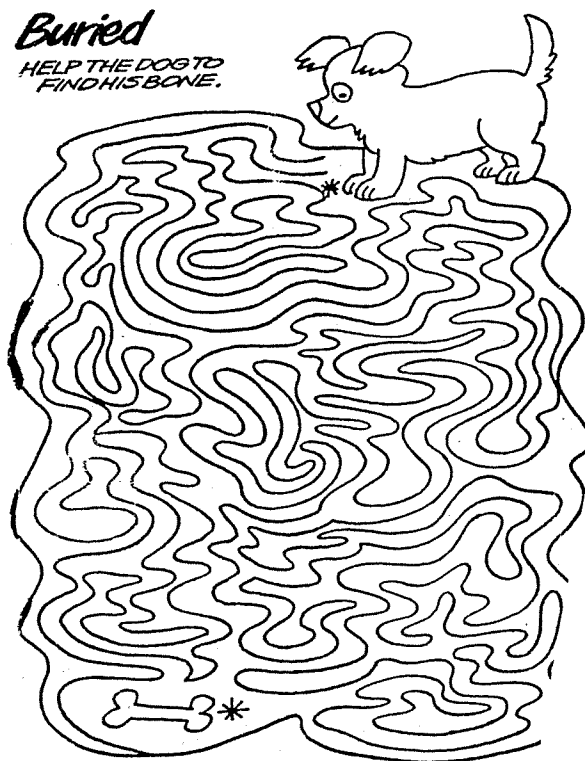
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Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Laurence Avenue Fence:

The new fence has been erected as a result of deputy Emmett Stagg's success in securing half the funding from Bord Gais and Cllr. John McGinley getting agreement from Kildare County Council to cover the other half of the cost. Apart from the safety aspect the new fence greatly enhances the area and much credit is due to the Residents Association for their determination in pursuing the completion of the project.

Footpath Improvements:

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion the footpaths in the 700's in Old Greenfield have been refurbished. The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that the following footpaths will be done before the end of the year.

- O'Neill Park
- Bond Bridge to Parson Street
- Bottom of Greenfield Lane
- Kilcock Road

Bond-Bridge/Meadowbrook Link:

At the Council Meeting on the 18th October Cllr. John McGinley proposed that the design for the new bridge should allow the construction of the bridge without closing the existing bridge. This was agreed. The Consultants are presently examining the possibility of providing a cycle link from Parson Street/Main Street to Meadowbrook Lawns. (It has already been agreed that there would be cycle paths on the new Bond Bridge). The Consultants have advised that this will mean widening Parson Street on the west side, at least for a distance of 60m from the entrance to Parsons Court. They are considering two options (a) to fully or partially culvert the stream or to reduce the width of the stream (depending on Hydraulics). The widening of the road at this location would provide improved facilities for pedestrians/cyclists and improve sight visibility at the exit from Parsons Court. If a culvert was provided the possibility of providing a pedestrian and cyclist access to the College grounds could be considered at this location. As the bulk of the cyclist/pedestrian traffic in this area is generated by the College, this would result in a substantial reduction in the demand for improved cycle facilities over the remainder of Parson Street. The Consultants will investigate this proposal and provide an estimate of construction costs. Cllr. McGinley has also asked the Council to engage the same Consultant for the Meadowbrook Link and to include the Link as part of the Bond Bridge Project.

Newtown/Rathcoffey Road:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to speed up the erection of public lighting and the laying of footpaths from the motorway bridge inwards. Residents have already paid for this work through development levies when they bought their houses. Cllr. McGinley has also asked that the realignment of this road be undertaken as early as possible.

Geraldine Hall/Harbour Field:

Council Officials gave a progress report to the Area Meeting of the Council on November 5th. There has been very

positive meetings with the Maynooth Development Association and all of the Councillors gave their full support and recommended to the County Manager that he should act on the proposals.

Estates Taken in Charge:

Following a three months display period of their intentions the Council agreed at its meeting on 18th October to take Kingsbry, Rockfield and Newtown Court in charge. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to appoint a contractor to carry out the outstanding work in the case of Kingsbry.

Traffic Lights at Motorway exit on Straffan Road:

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion to install these traffic lights without any further delay: 'The Council has engaged consultants to investigate the provision of temporary traffic signals at the above location. Surveys have been undertaken in order to establish traffic flows. It is expected that the consultants will provide a preliminary report shortly. This will enable the council to establish if a warrant has been established for provision of signals and will form the basis of an application to the National Roads Authority for funding in 2000'.

Blocked Shore at Entrance to Woodlands Estate:

Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the Area Engineer to unblock this shore as it is causing flooding every time it rains.

Blocked Shore opposite the Mill:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Area Engineer to unblock this shore as it is causing serious flooding and is resulting in pedestrians being soaked by uncaring motorists.

Damaged Footpath at No. 30 Maynooth Park:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out repairs to the footpath here as it is a hazard for pedestrians.

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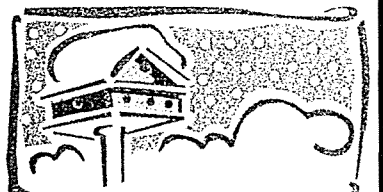


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REVIEW OF MAYNOOTH G.A.A. YEAR 1999

As yet another year slowly but surely fades into the horizon, Brendan Coffey reflects on the year that was 1999.

January: As the New Year is heralded in, Maynooth has its own quiet celebration with the announcement that Davy Dalton is to take charge of the Senior Football team.

February: Training begins in earnest for the Hurling and Football teams as John Campbell is drafted in to shed the points gained over the Christmas period.

March: The League Competition commences for both codes, with the footballers in Division 2 and the hurlers in Division 1. While the footballers get off to a flying start, the hurlers find the going tough as they mix it with the big boys of Division 1.

April: As Kildare's renaissance comes to an end with a first round defeat by Offaly, the days lengthen and finally the hard running is over. Fixtures are found out for the Club Championship and immediately Diggins and Dalton set about plotting the downfall of first round opponents Castlemitchell and Athy.

May: Behind the shadows of the hurling and football teams Championship preparations the Clubs Junior Camogie team start out in the League with a hundred percent record in the first three matches which sets the tone for the rest of the season to come.

June: A major scare from Athy in the first round of the Championship brings the hurlers back to earth with a bump, but they make amends in the replay. Meanwhile the footballers easily dispose of a very poor Castlemitchell side in their opening game.

July: The month of July belongs to the Camogie Team as Tom Coffey guides his charges to a League and Championship double. Elsewhere both the Under 16 Hurlers and Footballers suffer narrow Championship defeats to Coill Dubh and Celbridge.

August: Both the hurlers and footballers book Final dates with convincing Semi-Final victories. As the month draws to a close the Hurling Final takes place with a Stephen Brennan inspired win to seal the first part of a possible double.

September: The Intermediate footballers take to St. Conleth's Park in Newbridge not once but twice as St. Kevin's force a draw in the first encounter. However the replay seals the second part of the double as Maynooth improve their performance and win by a two point margin. Meanwhile at the Minor grade both codes suffer disappointing defeats to Clane (Hurling) and Naas (Football).

October: Tom Coffey and his Camogie team are back on the scene again as the Under 21 team come through two tough matches (Clane and Sarsfields) to reach the

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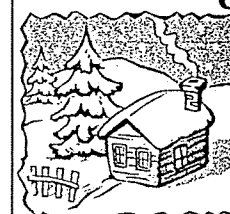


Maynooth Junior Camogie Team League and Championship Winners for 1999.

Back row from left: Teresa Hession, Roisin Lillis, Christine Flannery, Michelle Gillick, Sandra Gillick, Clare McCarrick, Naomi Devereux, Niamh Mulready, Margaret Farrell, Lynn Brennan, Tom Coffey, Pauline Barrett.
Front row from left: Maeve Herbert, Ann Comerford, Emma Fahy, Ciara O'Neill, Oisin Hession (with Cup), Sharon

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Sport

REVIEW OF MAYNOOTH G.A.A. YEAR 1999 (Cont.)

Championship Final. This month also marks a proud moment for the Club as Emma Fahy is named Camogie Player of the Year by the County Board. In the Under 21 Football Championship Maynooth reach the semi-final where they are pitted against Rheban.

November: The only blemish on the Camogie calendar comes in the Under 21 Final when Cappagh dispose of Maynooth in a thrilling contest. The Under 21 footballers put up a brave fight against Rheban to force a replay. However that game proves to be one too far for this team and suffer defeat on a scoreline of 0-10 to 0-9.

December: A tremendous season for the Crom Abu ended on a high note when the Club is named 'Club of the Year' for Kildare. An award richly deserved by the Club after the last year of the Millenium marks a historic moment in the Club's history.



Maynooth Camogie Player of the Year, Emma Fahy.

1999 was a year in which success permeated Maynooth in three codes, Football, Hurling and the Junior Camogie team who achieved dual success in capturing both the League and Championship. One of the players to play a pivotal role in this success was Emma Fahy. Her consistent high quality performances during the year were recognised by the Camogie County Board and she was selected as Camogie Player of the Year in Kildare. Truly a great honour for the Club but richly deserved by the lass from Kilcloon whose skill, temperament, tenacity and determination marked her out as a player of true quality.

To honour the success of Maynooth Gaelic footballers in 1999 a special presentation will take place in the Clubhouse on Saturday 4th December. In addition the Football Team of 1965 who won the Intermediate Championship, having defeated Castlemitchell will be honoured.

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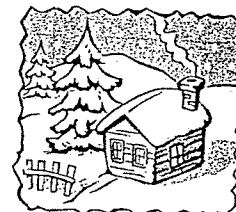
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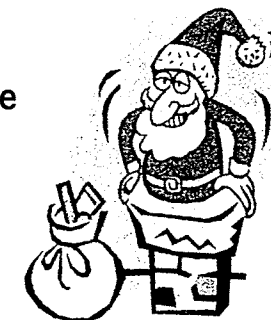
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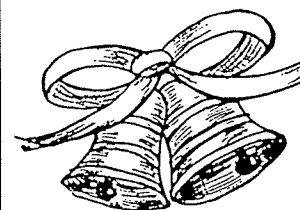
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G.A.A. NOTES

Under 21 Camogie Championship Maynooth 3-1 Clane 1-1

Maynooth advanced to the semi-final of the Under 21 Camogie Championship with a hard earned victory over Clane, played at Rathcoffey on Sunday, 31st October 1999. The gale force wind, which blew across the pitch made conditions very difficult, but to their credit both teams served up a very entertaining contest for their respective supporters. Both defences dominated in the early stages, but gradually, Maynooth began to assert supremacy with midfielders Rachel Agnew and Michelle Gillick ensuring a plentiful supply of the sliothar to their forward line. The first score fell to Maynooth in the tenth minute when full forward Nicola Walsh struck the ball to the net after fine team-work involving Anne Comerford and Naoimi Devereux. Clane tried hard to reduce the deficit but the Maynooth defence especially the half back line of Niamh Mulready, Emma Fahy and Ann Marie Farrell were in uncompromising mood and thwarted attack after attack. Emma Fahy increased the winners lead in the seventeenth minute with a superb point from a forty-five metre free. Clane finished the first half the stronger but were unable to raise a white or green flag, leaving the half time score: Maynooth 1-1; Clane 0-0.

The second half was barely two minutes old when a delivery from Rachel Agnew fell to Bríd Ann O'Shea who passed inside to Naoimi Devereux and her first time ground stroke beat the Clane goalkeeper and ended up in the net. Clane opened their account six minutes later with a point from play. Maynooth conceded a goal in the thirteenth minute when the Clane right corner forward got inside the Maynooth full back line and struck an unstoppable shot to the net to leave just a goal between the sides. The game was fought at a frantic pace for the remainder of the game and the Maynooth rearguard were put under intense pressure but they held firm and not with a little help from netminder Geraldine Fahy who brought off a number of fine saves. Two minutes from full time Michelle Gillick won possession in midfield soloed to the thirty and struck a shot which looked to be going over the bar but to the delight of the Maynooth followers it crept into the net to clinch victory. This was a stern test for Maynooth and Clane are to be complimented on their fine performance.

Best for Maynooth were: Ger Fahy, Catherine Duff, Emma Fahy, Ann Marie Farrell, Rachel Agnew, Michelle Gillick, Anne Comerford, Bríd Ann O'Shea and Naoimi Devereux.
Teams and Scores: Geraldine Fahy, Cheryl Naughton, Claire McCarrick, Catherine Duff, Niamh Mulready, Emma Fahy (0-1), Ann Marie Farrell, Rachel Agnew, Michelle Gillick (1-0), Ciara O'Neill, Ann Comerford, Sharon Cummins. Bríd Ann O'Shea, Nicola Walsh (1-0), Niamh Devereux (1-0).
Subs: Margaret Callaghan for Bríd Ann O'Shea, Gillian O'Hurley for Sharon Cummins, Pamela Fahy (not used).

Under 21 Camogie Championship Semi-Final Maynooth 3-1 Sarsfields 2-2

In one of their most impressive displays to date, Maynooth defeated pre-match favourites Sarsfields, played at Moorefield on the 7th November 1999. This was a match that had everything in terms of five superb goals, striking of the highest quality and tremendous ground hurling from two highly motivated teams. Sarsfields were the more skilful, but the winners never allowed their opponents to dictate matters and gave them little or no room to express their camogie prowess. The foundation for Maynooth's victory was laid at midfield where Michelle Gillick controlled matters for most of the game and was ably assisted by Rachel Agnew until injury forced her retirement in the second half. Sarsfields had the greater attacking flair in the first half and yet entered the first half interlude with a slender one point lead on a scoreline of 1-1: to 1-0, with Maynooth's goal coming from a rejuvenated Naoimi Devereux who gave her marker a torrid time for the entire game.

The second half surpassed the first as regards excitement and entertainment value. Naoimi Devereux levelled matters five minutes into the second half and the same player took advantage of some sloppy defensive play to score her second goal a few minutes later after some good approach work by Nicola Walsh and Ann Comerford. The teams were on level terms again midway through the second half when Sarsfields were awarded a free some fifty yards from the Maynooth goal. The sliotar dropped short but the Sarsfields full forward was the quickest to react and found the net with a superb shot. The decisive score of the game came in the

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G.A.A. NOTES (Cont.)

sixteenth minute when Maynooth substitutes Bríd Ann O'Shea won possession on the half way line and split the Sarsfield defence with a diagonal pass to Nicola Walsh. The impressive full forward got inside her marker and flicked the sliotar into the path of Naoimi Devereux and her sheer persistence and strength forced the ball over the goal line. Sarsfield laid siege to the Maynooth goal for the remaining minutes but their only reward was a point from play three minutes from full time. Maynooth truly deserved victory and their resilience in defence was a marked feature of their second half performance.

Team and Scores: Geraldine Fahy, Cheryl Naughton, Catherine Duff, Lynn Brennan, Niamh Mulready, Emma Fahy, Ann Marie Farrell, Rachel Agnew, Michelle Gillick, Sharon Cummins, Ann Comerford, Ciara O'Neill, Margaret Callaghan, Nicola Walsh, Naoimi Devereux (3-1)
Subs: Bríd Ann O'Shea for Rachel Agnew (injured), Pamela Fahy and Claire McCarrick (not used).

Tom Coffey,, Joint P.R.O.

Under 15 League, North Division Kildare Maynooth 1-8 Confey 2-5

A last minute free earned Confey a draw at Cope Bridge on Saturday (13th) last, as Brendan Coffey Reports.

Maynooth came away from Confey knowing Victory had been squandered when they were five points ahead with ten minutes remaining. It was a game not for the faint hearted as both sides produced a contest, always on the verge of boiling point. In the midst of a constant drizzle, they played some lovely attacking football and both sets of forwards showed a keen eye for goal. The first half took a few minutes to kick-start itself but once in gear the football was played at a steady pace with Maynooth going into a two point lead midway through the half. The wet conditions did nothing to enhance the standard of football and handling was a major problem for both teams. Maynooth were the dominant team in this half and Confey could count themselves lucky to be only a point in arrears at the interval after they scored a scrambled goal against the run of play.

The second half was played at a much higher tempo and both teams matched each other in every department. Maynooth were the team to take a tight rein on the match when David Redmond found the net midway through the second half. This put a spring in the step of Maynooth and

added two further points from the boot of Alan Sweeney, both frees. A five point advantage seemed to have Maynooth out of sight, but a fortuitous goal put Confey right back in it with eight minutes left on the clock. Both teams looked weary at this stage, but the second ? Confey goal seemed to give the home team a new lease of life and two points in quick succession brought them level. Once again however Maynooth took the lead with a Gary McMahon point. Into injury time Confey levelled the match with a pointed free from Robbie McMahon after a foul on himself.

Maynooth Team and Scores: Padraig Brady, Brian Downes, Fergus Devereux, Stephen Curran, David Comerford, Colin O'Neill, Fergal Molloy, Alan Sweeney (0-2), Tadhg O'Corcaire, Fintan O'Donoghue (0-1), Ciaran McCullagh (0-1), D.J. Canning (0-1), Brian Downey (0-1), Gary McMahon (0-2), David Redmond (1-0).

Under 13's Finish Season on Winning Note

Maynooth's Under 13 Footballers finished joint top of their Autumn League when they defeated Straffan and Naas respectively over the past few weeks.

November 7th - Maynooth 11-13 Straffan 9-3

Team and Scorers: A. Corkery, D. Gahan (0-1), N. Corcoran, R. Leonard, A. Gunne, D. Baxter, M. Hoare, L. Daly, S. Kane (1-4), D. Bambrick (2-1), M. Cummins (4-2), B. O'Malley (1-1), D. O'Neill, S. McAllister (5-4), B. Cosgrove.
Subs: D. O'Hare, E. Cooney, P. Lawlor, M. Sydney, M. Furey.

November 14th - Maynooth 9-7 Naas 5-5

Team and Scorers: D. Baxter, D. Gahan, S. Kennedy, R. Leonard, A. Gunne, K. Comerford, M. Hoare, S. Kane (1-2), L. Daly, D. Bambrick (0-1), M. Cummins (2-1), B. O'Malley (1-1), D. O'Neill (2-0), S. McAllister (3-2), A. Higgins.
Subs: P. Lawlor, M. Furey, M. Sydney, D. O'Hare, G. Loomery, P. Curran, T. Dunne, M. McInerney.

The Club wishes the panel well next year in the Under 14 League.

This year's Annual General Meeting of Maynooth G.A.A. will take place in the Clubhouse, Moyglare Road on Monday, 6th December, starting at 7.00 p.m. sharp. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.



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MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES

Maynooth Town 1 Shelbourne F.C. 3

D.D.S.L. Under 13A

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Shelbourne F.C. were the visitors to the North Kildare Club on a wet Saturday afternoon. A heavy pitch made it tough going for both sides and it was the fitter Shels side that came out on top. Maynooth started brightly enough and took the lead in the 23rd minute when David Canny's cross was blasted home by Luke Daly. The home side could have been two up at the break but Sean McAllister's free kick shaved off the upright. Maynooth had not allowed the visitors to settle and were good value for their half-time lead. Shels started the second half well and after only four minutes a beautifully flighted cross was met with a powerful header that gave home keeper Sean Kennedy no chance. As the Town began to tire on the sticky surface the visitors added two more before the end to keep their unbeaten record intact.

Maynooth from: Sean Kennedy, Cian Walsh, Gavin O'Connor, Mark Cummins, Sean McAllister, Kevin Comerford, Declan Bambrick, Luke Daly, Brian O'Malley, Shaun Doogan, Niall Doogan, Jason Moen, Mark Sidney and David Canny.

Maynooth Town 6 Whitestown United 1

D.D.S.L. Under 17A

Home team sponsored by BRADY'S CLOCKHOUSE, MAYNOOTH

A strong crosswind made conditions far from ideal for this Under 17's clash at the Dublin Road. The home side struck first after five minutes when Trevor McMahon slotted home a Stephen Dunk cross. Maynooth totally dominated the first half and should have put the game beyond the visitors but poor finishing saw the single goal separate the sides at the break. Whitestown started the second period the stronger and levelled the match just three minutes after the restart as Maynooth failed to clear from a corner. This seemed to inspire the visitors and the Town's rear guard of Kelly, O'Brien, Healy and Conway had to be at their best to keep them at bay. In the sixtieth minute a through ball from McMahon was finished off by Robert Stanley to put Maynooth back on top. Goals from Keith Halligan, Martin Conway (penalty) and a brace from Jonathan Leddy saw Maynooth run out easy winners in the end.

Maynooth from: Stephen Kelly, Keith Halligan, Colin Daly, Noel Healy, Dean Conway, Shane Folan, Robert Stanley, Jonathon Leddy, Trevor McMahon, Daniel Corbett, Stephen Dunk, Martin Conway, Bobby Kelly and David O'Brien.

Manortown United 3 Maynooth Town 4

D.D.S.L. Under 15A

Home team sponsored by MOYGLARE MANOR HOTEL, MAYNOOTH.

Maynooth were all but dead and buried in the Under 15's clash away to Manortown. With just seven minutes left on the watch the Town were 3-1 down and reduced to ten men following the earlier departure of Paddy Behan. In a frantic last few minutes Garry McMahon added three more to his earlier strike to make for an amazing turnaround to see Maynooth steal the three points. The home leg of this highly entertaining and at times ill-tempered clash will be one worth seeing.

Maynooth Town 6 Crumlin United 0

D.D.S.L. Under 8B

Some of Maynooth's youngest talent took to the Harbour Field for this home tie against Crumlin United. The home side managed to score just one in the first half courtesy of Shane Hawthorne but the floodgates opened in the second period. Michael Fahy added four more before Gavin Doyle rounded it off to the even half dozen before the final whistle. A good all round performance by Maynooth who always dominated and ran out easy winners in the end.

Maynooth from: Eoghan McNutt, David Thompson, Gavin Doyle, Ross McDonnell, Leo Cooney, John Daly, David Bradley, Ailbhe Flynn, Darren Reilly, Michael Fahy, Shane Hawthorne, Sean Dempsey and David Burgess.

St. Francis 7 Maynooth Town 2

D.D.S.L. Under 8B1

Despite an evenly balanced first half Maynooth found themselves trailing 3-0 at the interval against this talented Clondalkin side. The half-time honours could well have been even but the woodwork denied the visitors on several occasions. Maynooth stuck to their task with great determination throughout the second period and goals from Conor Glynn and Andrew Foxe were but consolations against the stronger home side.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Christopher Hobbs, Paul Carey, Sean Foxe, Dean McAvinue, Conor Glynn, Andrew Foxe, Paul Robinson, Sean Tracey, Colm O'Neill, Kevin Gildea, Ciaran Kearney and Martin O'Connor.

Maynooth Town 3 Manortown United 1

D.D.S.L. Under 13A

Home team sponsored by COONANS AUCTIONEERS, MAYNOOTH

Maynooth Town's under 13A side got their first victory of the season in one of the few games to survive the mid-week downpour at the North Kildare Club. The home side have struggled to find their form to date but Manortown were to learn just how capable this side are when they start to compete in the middle of the park. Maynooth were in front as early as the fifth minute when Brian O'Malley blasted home from close range following a superb through ball from Sean McAllister. O'Malley added a second before the break when he nearly side-footed past the advancing Manortown goalkeeper after some good individual skill to make his own opening. The Town sat back on their lead after the restart and paid the price as United got one back half way through the second period. This only seemed to re-awaken the home side who began to dominate again and the rear guard of Cian Walsh, Sean McAllister, Mark Cummins and Gavin O'Connor firmly shut the door on any further come-back. The Town wrapped it up with what will be a contender for goal of the season when Declan Bambrick struck a power packed half volley from twenty yards to give the visiting keeper no chance.

Best for Maynooth were: Brian O'Malley, Declan Bambrick and Kevin Comerford who dominated the mid-field for most of the match and never really allowed Manortown to mount a serious threat.

Maynooth from: Sean Kennedy, Cian Walsh, Gavin O'Connor, Mark Cummins, Sean McAllister, Kevin Comerford, Declan Bambrick, Luke Daly, Brian O'Malley, Niall Doogan, David Canny, Shaun Doogan, David Baxter, Jason Moen, Ronan Phelan and Conor O'Regan.

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**Kilnamanagh 2 Maynooth Town 7
D.D.S.L. Under 8B1**

Maynooth's youngest lions overwhelmed Kilnamanagh at the Ring Road in the Under 8B1 clash. A performance of great skill and determination saw the Town totally dominate the first half. Goals from Conor Glynn, John Comerford, Dean McAvinue and a brace from Sean Foxe saw the visitors with a healthy 5-0 lead at the break. Maynooth continued to dominate in the second half with further goals from Andy Foxe and a second from Conor Glynn completed Maynooth's tally. A slightly one sided affair but a gallant home side never dropped their heads and got two consolation goals before the final whistle. An excellent display from Maynooth's youngest stars some of who have yet to celebrate their seventh birthday.

Maynooth from: James Walsh, David Murray, Christopher Hobbs, John Comerford, Paul Carey, Sean Foxe, Dean McAvinue, Conor Glynn, Andy Foxe, Sean Tracey, Colm O'Neill, Kevin Gildea, Ciaran Kearney and Martin O'Connor.

D.D.S.L. Under 10C**Maynooth Town 3 Mount Merrion 2**

Following a good recent run including victories over Crumlin and Raheny, Maynooth took the game to Mount Merrion from the start. Maynooth took an early lead and deservedly went two up just before half-time with both goals coming from Sean Durcan. Garret Dooley was superb in goals and the defence of Harrison Silke, Cormac O'Reilly and Thomas Donnelly worked hard and closed Mount Merrion down whenever they tried to attack. Christopher Moynan and Sean Durcan in midfield got forward at every opportunity and Ronan Kelly was very effective up front and unlucky not to score.

The second half was more even but a superb third goal from the edge of the box by Sean Durcan put Maynooth three up and the game was effectively over. By this stage Carl O'Sullivan was up-front and Eimear Flynn was working hard in midfield with Michael McCarthy and Connor O'Rourke. Ciaran Dooley came into defence for Maynooth and covered well. Slightly against the run of play Mount Merrion scored twice in the last eight minutes but the result was never in any real doubt and Maynooth held on for a deserved victory against a team in contention for the divisional title. Squad members missing on the day were Alex Cash and Sean Murray who had both played very well in the victory the previous week against Raheny.

Finance Working Group

The finance working group set up at this years A.G.M. has reported back to the Committee of Maynooth Town Football Club. The group's first task was to look at the Club's weekly Lotto which provides the finances for the day to day running costs of our 17 teams. Although the Lotto has served the Club well in the past, with the growth we have experienced in recent years, there was an urgent need to expand the sales base to meet the needs of the twenty plus teams we expect to have to support in the next two to three years. The following recommendations were adopted and will be put in place early in the New Year.

- The jackpot will be a minimum of £500 and increase to a maximum of £3000.
- The weekly add-on will increase from £25 to £50 if there is no jackpot winner.
- The weekly 5 x £10 name only draw will increase to 3 x £25 prizes.
- In order to finance the increase in prize money the format will change to 4 from 28 numbers.
- The Club will also introduce 'AUTO-LOTTO' which will allow supporters to pay by direct debit from their bank account.

'AUTO LOTTO' is designed to give people who wish to support the Club, but are not currently getting the chance to buy tickets on a regular basis, the chance to play our lotto regularly. The club will continue to sell tickets over the weekend and the draw will continue to take place as usual on Sunday nights. Anyone requiring any further information on 'AUTO-LOTTO' should contact any of our team managers, any member of the committee or phone John Doogan on 6289720. The club would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters over the past year and wish a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to one and all.

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T.M. Maynooth.

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Moore: (Three Oaks, Cormickstown, Maynooth and formerly of Walkinstown) Oct 25th 1999 (suddenly) at his residence, James, beloved husband of Elizabeth and dear father of Geraldine, Aidan and Niall, deeply regretted by his loving family, brothers, sisters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law grandchildren, relatives and friends.

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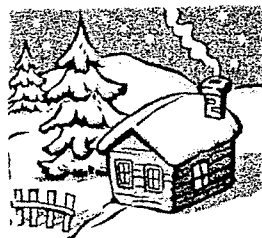
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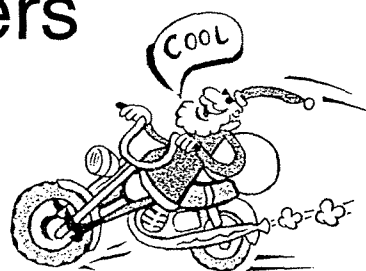


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