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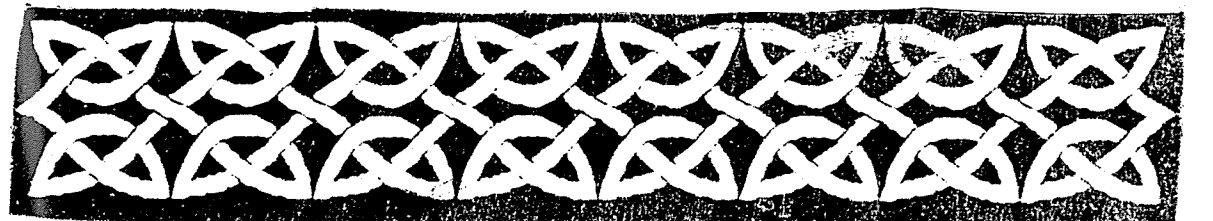
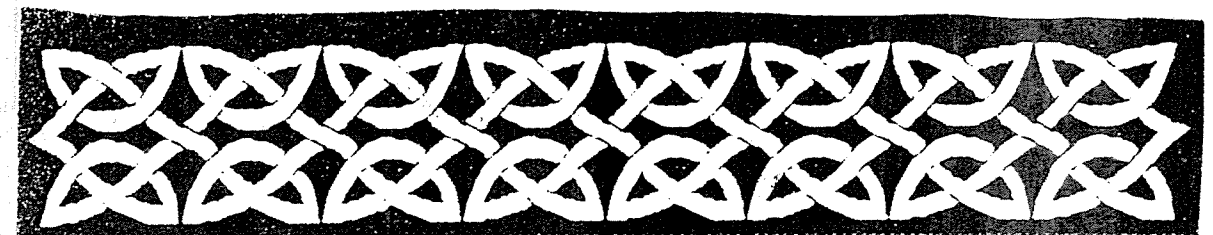
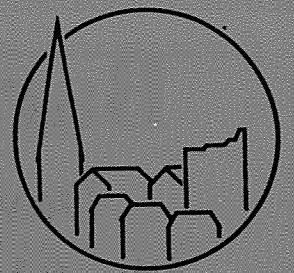
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DIARY DATES

The AGM for Woodlands Residents Association will be held on Wed 3rd March in I.C.A. Hall

I.C.A. next Guild Meeting 4th March in I.C.A. Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Annual Collections on the 4th to 7th March.

The A.G.M. of Greenfield Estate Residents Association will be held on Wednesday, March 10th in I.C.A. Hall at 8.30 p.m.

Maynooth Golfing Society - 1st outing to Athy - Saturday, March 13th; 2nd outing to Moate - Saturday, April 17th.

Clane Musical Society - Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. The Abbey, Clane - Sunday, 21st March to Saturday 27th March 8.00 p.m. nightly.

Annual Fundraising Disco for Boys National School at 8.30 p.m. on 12th March. G.A.A. Club.

The Maynooth-Kilcock No Name Club, hosting the Cabaret Awards Final on the 9th April and the Youth Awards on the 10th April.

Public Library's Creative Writing Workshop will be available to view in the Library from March 15th.

Maynooth Flower Club - next Club Night - 16th March.

Maynooth G.A.A. - Race Night - 5th March. G.A.A. Club.

EDITORIAL

The issue of parking on Main St. has generated some heated debate in the last few weeks and is the subject of a letter to the Newsletter this month. For a number of reasons the current situation cannot continue - principally because the new parking bye-law will come into force when the current works in the street are completed. We can reasonably expect that when the bye-laws are enacted that they will be enforced by the Gardai. This does not entirely solve the problem however. Of course we should be looking at an overall transport/parking plan for the town but, in the immediate further, it is important for the businesses in Main Street and also for residents that some short term parking is available within the immediate vicinity. The convenience of being able to park in the street for twenty minutes to buy a newspaper and visit the bank should not disappear when the bye-laws come into force. We can only have this facility, given that there will be fewer parking spaces than at present, if parking in the street is restricted to one or two hours. This suggests that we may have to consider the introduction of parking discs and paying for parking in the town centre. Free permits for residents might be considered as part of this scheme. The question is - are you willing to consider paying for short term parking in Maynooth? The Newsletter - and your local representatives-would like to hear your views.

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Community Council Notes

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

24th January 1999

Dear Editor,

Last August I made several telephone calls to the office of Kildare County Council in Maynooth in relation to two issues concerning Carton Avenue. The first issue related to the crop of dock weed which at that time of the year was flourishing in the left-hand section of the avenue at the town end. This is the section of the avenue which corresponds to the area dug up by Kildare County Council for the sewage works it undertook several years ago and which was never properly replanted. It was not the issue of restoring this area to its original state which I wanted to bring to the attention of the Council but the fact that they were not complying with the law of the land. The 1936 Noxious Weed Act covers the control of such weed as dock and ragwort, which is also present in the avenue, and requires those responsible for the land where these weeds are found to treat the weeds and prevent their spreading to other areas. To date the County Council has done absolutely nothing to comply with the requirements of the 1936 Act.

The second issue related to the state of one of the pillars at the entrance to the avenue. Both pillars had been damaged during the aforementioned sewage works and the hand cut capstone of one of the pillars was irreparable and was replaced by a concrete replica. One of the many groups of workmen who have dug up the Main Street over the past few years hit the right hand pillar with a digger sometime before last summer. One stone of the pillar was completely removed and another left in a precarious position and this unstable stone was bearing the weight of the pillar which could have collapsed if it also had been removed. The danger, with children returning to the adjacent girls' primary school at the beginning of September, was obvious and within a couple of days the stones had been reinserted into the pillar even if the pillar itself was not properly realigned. In order to reinsert the stones the wrought iron gate attached to the pillar was removed and thrown on the grass behind the wall to the left of the entrance. There it was to remain for the next four and a half months. Just this week while going for a walk down the avenue I noticed that the gate has disappeared from its grassy bed. One wonders what has become of a small little part of our heritage which has been so neglectfully treated. Even if Kildare County Council do know of the location of this monogrammed gate, at present, it doesn't excuse their shoddy workmanship in not finishing the job started, and their lack of due care of an amenity that they hold in trust for the people of Maynooth, to whom the avenue was given. We hear so much about Maynooth as a heritage town but small, at times almost imperceptible, parts of our heritage disappear or are damaged without our even noticing them, and by the time that we do notice them and question their disappearance it is too late.

Yours Truly,
Ann Kelly



Outside Main Gates of Carton Avenue



Pillar at Carton Avenue



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Letter to the Editor

Reply to Peter Connell, Pdraig O'Murchú and Tom McMullon's statements in the Liffey Champion re parking on Maynooth's "spanking new pavements".

For years the residents of the Main Street have been subjected to the inconsiderate parking of other locals who gave scant regard to the residents' right of access to their own properties. People have parked not just at the street edge of the paths but right against our house walls and front doors while they did their shopping or went to Dublin for the day. Some residents have also had to put up with taxis and mini-coaches parking anywhere and in any manner they wished, with no regard for pedestrians, and forcing residents to squeeze through their own hall doors. Complain as we might, the Community Council did nothing to alleviate our situation then and no-one came to photograph our plight.

Now the residents of the Main Street are once again to be penalised by the town's development. They are going to be denied the right to park in front of their own properties. When the Duke of Leinster and the property developers of 250 years ago designed and built the houses on the Main Street, they did not include driveways or garage spaces attached to the properties as we are sure the above objectors have attached to theirs. Even the back entrances to the houses on the Main Street, where, no doubt, the aforementioned would suggest we park our cars, are often inaccessible due again to the careless and inconsiderate parking of others who seem to have forgotten that these are entrances to people's homes. Those of us who have had to leave our cars on the back lanes overnight, when unable to park in front of our properties, know to our cost what this can mean, broken aerial, smashed mirrors etc. Naturally we feel safer when our cars are in full light and in front of our houses though even this is no guarantee. The owner of a new car, forced to park on the opposite side of the street over the Christmas period, due to the paving blocks deposited on the left hand side of the street, found the car dinged by blows on the pavement side, no doubt caused by revellers going home at night.

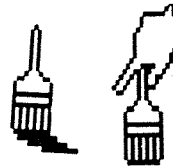
We are heartened by the words of caution given by Cllr. Senan Griffin in the face of the zeal displayed by the three people mentioned in the Liffey Champion article and we are glad that at least one person remembered that there are still people who have their homes on the Main Street. Perhaps these people can turn their energies to looking after the needs of this section of the Maynooth community and look to providing residents with special parking discs, as has been done elsewhere, or finding other solutions which will enable the Main Street residents to enjoy the privilege that they themselves have of parking at their own front door.

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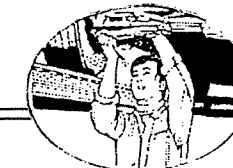
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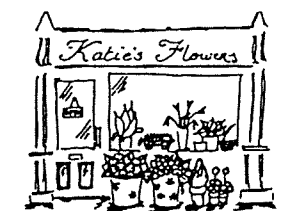
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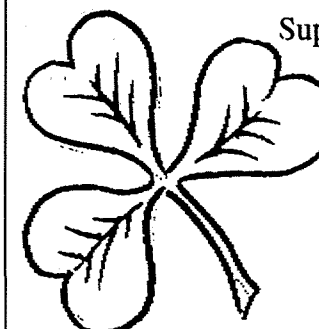
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Maynooth Community Council paid tribute to Ita McTernan (dec’d)

Mr. Tom McMullon, Chairman led members of Maynooth Community Council in tributes and a minute’s silence in sympathy with Gearoid McTernan and his family on the death of his wife Ita. The late Mrs. McTernan was a well known and active member of the community. Gearoid, represents Maynooth Mortality Society on the Community Council.

Community Council to object to landfill dump application

Maynooth Community Council members confirmed their support for the campaign against the proposal for a Landfill Dump at Barrockstown. Meath County Council refused permission for the dump in December 1998 and this decision is being appealed by Padraig Thornton (Waste Disposal) Ltd to An Bord Pleanala. Community Councillors agreed to support an objection to An Bord Pleanala by the North Kildare/South Meath Environmental Protection Group against the proposal.

Community Council - New Members

Ms. Pauline Loftus (34 Parklands Place) and Mr. Terry Murphy (13 Parklands Crescent) have been co-opted to the Community Council as additional representatives for the Parklands area.

Community Council - Resignation

Mrs Anne Birchall has resigned as a representative for the Old Greenfield Area on Maynooth Community Council.

Competition to be held to find new Maynooth Crest

Maynooth Community Council is to set out the rules for a competition to find a new town crest for Maynooth. The proposal was made following a discussion regarding the type of new signs that should be erected at the entrance points to the town.

There will be light on the Dunboyne Road

Maynooth Community Council was informed that significant progress had been achieved in discussion between the developer and Kildare County Council in resolving the difficulties that have prevented the completion of footpaths and the installation of lighting in this area. The works are expected to be completed in the near future.

Still dark at Parsons Street Bridge

Kildare County Council has informed Maynooth Community

Council that it has advised the ESB that lights on one of the bridges in Parsons Street need to be repaired. Maynooth Community Council had informed the County Council, that the ornate lighting which was installed last year, has not worked on one side of the bridge, for some considerable time.

Parking By - Laws still not agreed by Kildare County Council

Maynooth Community Council members were informed at their February meeting that the traffic By-Laws due to be implemented on completion of the new footpaths have not yet been finalised by Kildare County Council. The proposals were on display for one month and the Council are now considering the submission received following the public display.

Community Council supports motion for pedestrian safety measures

A revised motion from Mr. Padraig O’Murchu from Woodlands that a pedestrian area be marked out on Bond Bridge, as well as the provision of speed ramps on the bridge, received unanimous support from Community Councillors at the February meeting.

C.M.I. seeks Maynooth Community Council input

Cable Management Ireland who operate the licence to provide cable television services in the Maynooth area has written to Maynooth Council seeking to arrange a meeting to discuss issues regarding the service they provide to customers in this area. Representatives of the Community Council will attend a preliminary meeting with the Company to find out what is being proposed.

Community Games - Need to form second committee likely to be appealed

Maynooth has reached the population levels that requires a town to form a second Community Games local committee, Ms Marie Gleeson informed Maynooth Community Council at the February meeting. The Community Games representative also informed the council that careful consideration must be taken in how the town is split, in order to avoid the need for a third split in the near future. It is likely because of the demographic profile of the town, that the existing committee will appeal to the need to form a second committee this year, as there is a difficulty in maintaining one committee at this stage.

Support sought for “Circle Line” from Maynooth Community Council

Maynooth Community Council Chairman, Mr. Tom McMullon got together with the Chairpersons of Community
Cont./

Community Council Notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES (Cont.)

Councils from the Navan Road to Kilcock including Lucan, Clondalkin, Dublin 15, Celbridge and Leixlip Town Commission to hear a presentation on the “Circle Line” rail proposal. The line would form part of the Luas Network and would effectively be laid along the route of the M50 Motorway. The proposers are seeking the support of all the community groups to lobby the Government to support the proposal.

Harbour Field/Geraldine Hall Committee - Calls for decisions

Maynooth Community Council has urged the committee representing the Community Council, the Maynooth Development Association, the Trustees of the Harbour Field, Maynooth GAA, Maynooth Soccer Club and the Athletic Club to move forward on establishing the future proposals for this area. Maynooth Community Council was informed that the owner of these facilities, the Hon. David Nall - Cain was prepared to hand over both to Kildare County Council, if the trustees of the Harbour Field were prepared to relinquish their trusteeship.

Gas Leak Debate continued at Community Council

Following a meeting between the Celbridge Area Committee members of Kildare County Council and representatives of Bord Gais, correspondence from the committee outlining the response received by the Councillors was read to the February meeting of Maynooth Community Council. The letter confirmed that it is the opinion of Bord Gais that the type of incident that occurred in Silken Vale just after Christmas was very unlikely to reoccur and that the highest standards are enforced in completing their work.

Festival Committee - Starts planning for 1999

Community Councillors and members of the public can put forward their ideas for the 1999 Community Festival. The festival committee will be holding their first meeting in March. Any opinions please contact the Community Council office.

Paul Croghan

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CREDIT UNION NEWS

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These delegates from around the country came to Maynooth to be informed on the progress of the Movements new £40 million computerised system which should be operational in the near future.

The I.L.C.U.s. hold many meetings and conferences around the country and thanks to the location of the Glenroyal Conference Centre, Maynooth has now been added to their venues list. Hopefully, our hotels will encourage more Credit Union activities that would highlight Maynooth.

Congratulations to both teams of overall winners of our School Table Quiz, we wish you the best of luck in the next round.

On other matters, Credit Unions like any other financial lending group have those people who fall behind with their repayments for one reason or another. Unemployment, short-time working, redundancy, sickness and family problems are all understandable reasons for members falling into arrears. Credit Unions do everything in their power to help their members in difficult circumstances and are always approachable if a member finds difficulty in repaying their loan.

However, there are those who become indebted by over borrowing, obtaining too much credit all at the same time and there are those who set out to intentionally defraud. In such cases as these, Maynooth Credit Union assure the members that every step is taken to recover all money owing to the Credit Union. Defaulting members are pursued vigorously by the Credit Control Committee even to the last stage, legal proceedings.

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Parent/Teacher Association of Maynooth Post Primary School held a Social Evening and Dance on Saturday, 23rd January last in the beautifully appointed Pavilion Suite of the newly-opened Dowdstown House Hotel which is located on the Maynooth/Straffan Road just five minutes drive from the Square in Maynooth. Tickets for the event were completely sold out and Gay and James luxurious Function Room in lovely shades of green and gold was filled to capacity.

Excellent music was provided by the popular "Millionaires" and the crowd showed their appreciation by filling the dance floor.

Among the attendance were Parent/Teacher Association committee members including the Chairperson, Mrs Mary Byrne, Treasurer Mrs Mercedes O'Rourke, and Deputy Chairperson Mrs Geraldine Tobin who put a lot of hard work into the event by co-ordinating ticket sales.

Mr Sean Ashe, School Principal and Mrs Ashe, Mr Tom Ashe, former Principal and his wife and Mr Andrew Dunne were among the Teaching staff who came along. A raffle was conducted (in her own inimitable style!) by Mrs Josephine Moore who introduced each prize-winner, adding some little anecdote about many of them, much to the amusement of the crowd.

In her address, Mrs Mary Byrne thanked everyone who supported the Social evening, Gay and Jimmy Hoare for providing the beautiful venue and "The Millionaires" for their delightful music.

Over the past number of years, consecutive Parent/Teacher Associations have raised in the region of £180,000 which has gone towards numerous projects, large and small, from the School Assembly Hall and Oratory to the provision of lockers for students, photocopying facilities, sports equipment etc. Also, funds have gone towards the day to day running of the School which receives only a limited budget each year from which it is expected to cover all costs associated with running a large school. Fund-raising events over the years ranged from a Monster Draw to Social Evenings such as last Saturday's, race night in Harold's Cross Greyhound Stadium and American Tea Parties.

The fifth-year and Transition year students staged "Grease!" in the Parish Hall from Wednesday 3rd to Saturday 6th February to a packed house every night. We congratulate the students and staff on their wonderful achievement. Apart from the large cast, a production crew in the region of 90 people comprising students, teachers and parents worked tirelessly over a period of 6 weeks on costume making, set construction, design and painting, sound, programme design

and set-up, lights, choreography and tickets sales.

The musical is now firmly established as one of the highlights of the year in Maynooth. Long may it continue.

Mary Oliver
P.R.O.
Maynooth Post Primary
Parent/Teacher Association.



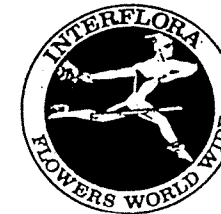
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PARENTS ASSOCIATION BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

We are holding our Annual Fundraising Disco in the G.A.A Club Moyglare Rd. at 8.30pm on Friday 12th March. Tickets £3 each or two for £5. These will be sent out through the boys at school and they will also be available at the door on the night.

We would also like to congratulate the boys who were confirmed on 20th February and to the teachers Mr McBride and Mr O'Connor who put in the hard work.

Claire O'Rourke,
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH-KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

The Maynooth-Kilcock No Name Club are hosting the Cabaret Awards Final on the 9th of April and the Youth Awards on the 10th of April. The Club is part of the National No Name Club which celebrates its 21st birthday this year.

The No Name Club itself was started in Kilkenny in 1978 as an alternative to the pub culture for the youth. The purpose of the club is to demonstrate a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol is seen to be unnecessary to the enjoyment of a good happy, cheerful social life for young people. Members of No Name Clubs learn through their experiences in the Clubs that they can make friends, enjoy social outings and have great fun without the use of alcohol.

Training in the running of a successful club in all its aspects is provided for the adult committee, hosts and hostesses are trained in personal development and in their roles within the club.

The Maynooth-Kilcock No Name Club is in its 7th year and at present are busy with the preparation of the Cabaret Awards and Youth Awards Finals. Our hosts and hostesses are in rehearsal for the cabaret competition and the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Over the last few weeks the club enjoyed a social outing, Bowling and Leisure Plex, Blanchardstown and an enjoyable visit to Naas No Name Club. We also held an Inter Clubs Night when Naas and Finglas No Name Clubs came to visit with a quiz and disco. Thanks to all who organised this event. We are looking forward to our next disco's and upcoming events.

Congratulations are sent to Rebecca Flynn and Conor O'Shea who have been selected to represent the Maynooth-Kilcock No Name Club in the youth Awards competition. We wish them both every success and luck.

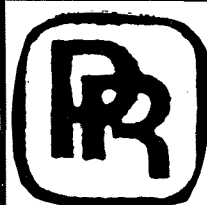
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MAYNOOTH FLOWER CLUB

The Annual dinner at the Moyglare Manor Hotel on the 19th January, once again proved to be a most enjoyable evening. The 'old world' ambience of Moyglare, complemented by an excellent meal, all contributed to an evening out to remember. I would like, on behalf of the club, to thank the staff who looked after us so well on the night.

A big thank you also to Toni Reid, who supplied us with a brain teasing questionnaire on flowers. The 'Kris-Kindle' proved very successful. It meant that there was a gift 'for everyone in the audience' and all went home happy.

Our sincere sympathies go to Rosemary Smyth and Mary MacInerney who lost their mothers recently.

I would like to thank all my friends who kindly supported me recently on the sad death of my Dad.

Our next club night is 16th March:

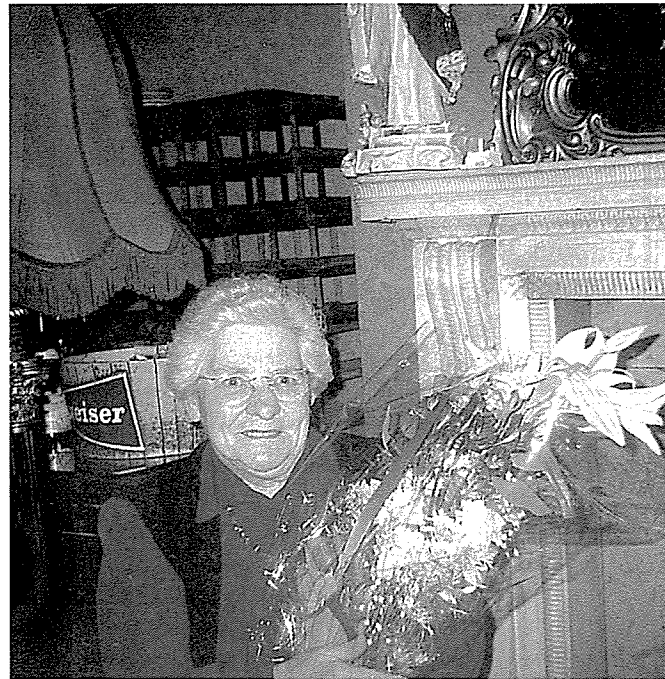
Demonstrator: Mary Calnan.
Competition: "St. Patrick" an exhibit.
Space: A 75 cm.
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Non-members are always welcome to attend our meetings.
Entry fee £3.00.

Maureen Fagan,
P.R.O.



*L-R Noleen O'Brien, Margaret Howell,
Moire Baxter, enjoying the dinner dance in Moyglare
Manor*



Una Kiernan who was presented with flowers on the night

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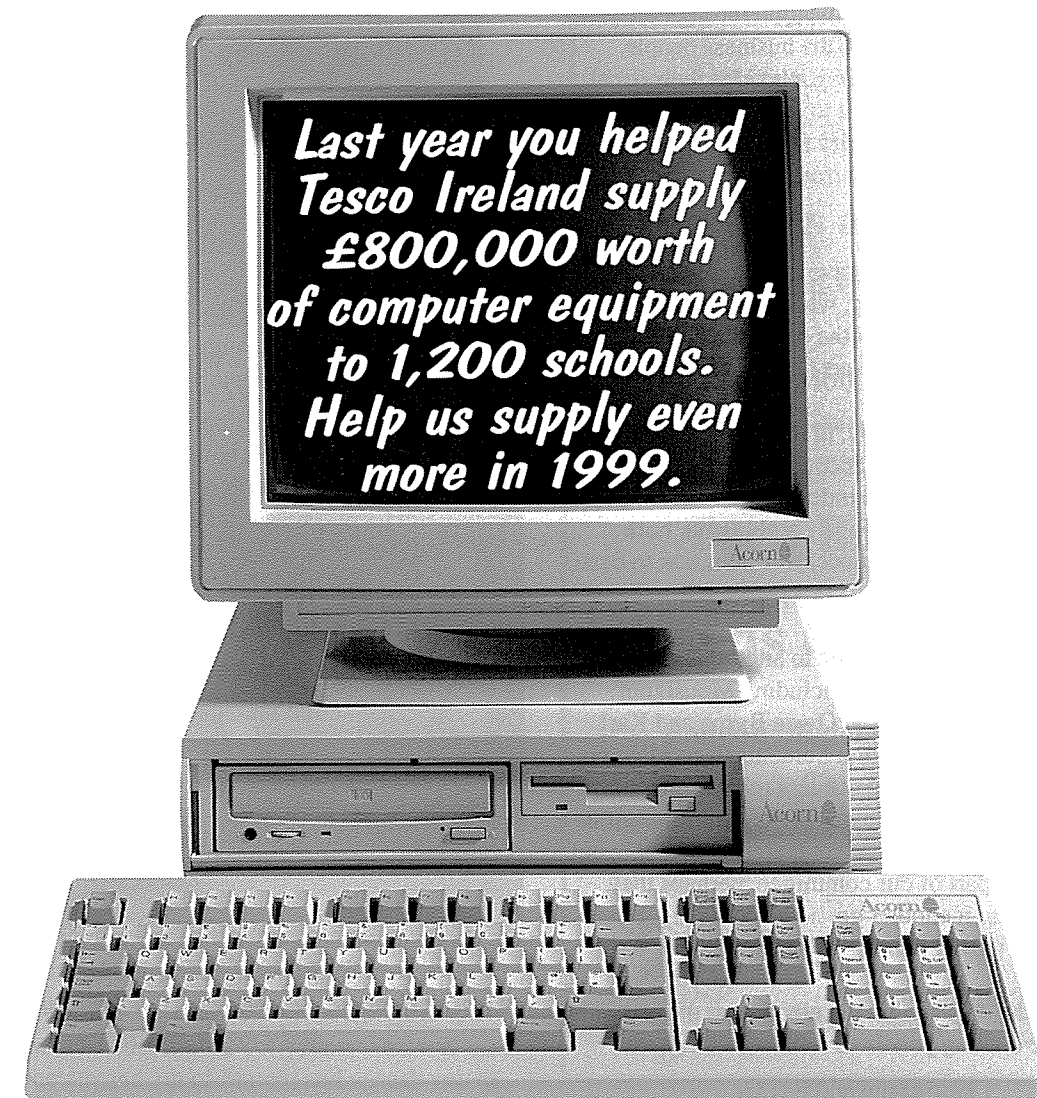
Work continues on building the fishing stands and re-aligning the slipway walls. Fifteen are currently employed on the scheme.

A Canoe Club for Maynooth:

Padraig Fay Telephone 6290801 is interested in forming a Canoe Club. The Club in N.U.I. Maynooth have generously indicated their support with the loan of equipment to assist in any start up. Padraig is very anxious to hear from experienced canoeists in the Maynooth area as soon as possible.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our Annual General Meeting took place on February 2nd in the Health Centre. Members and guests were welcomed by the chairperson Josephine Moore. In her address she thanked the committee for their dedication through the year. Appreciation was also expressed to the business people, organisations and the community in general for their fiscal and physical support, which is vital to our work. While I am on the subject, I take this opportunity to thank Vincent Doyle and his team of "Fleur De Lits" performers for their generous donation of £500.

The Secretary, Patsy O'Rafferty, gave a comprehensive account of the years events. Patsy, while remaining with the committee, is taking a break from the demands of this office and I thank her for the last four years as Secretary.

The treasurer, Catherine Mulready, in her financial report produced a detailed statement of accounts to the satisfaction of all present. These accounts are independently audited in January each year by Eugene O'Reilly and I thank both Catherine and Eugene for their impeccable attention to detail in this regard.

Many thanks to all who took the time to attend this meeting, members and non - members alike including Monsignor Alex Stenson p.p. Our Lord Mayor Owen Byrne and Karl Quinn who represented the Pastoral Students from Maynooth College, who assist us in visiting our less mobile members. We welcome Kathleen Giltens return to the committee after an absence of several years. There are many such people out there who were once part of our committee, perhaps they would consider giving it another go, how about it? We can always use an extra pair of hands.

The next item on the agenda was the election of officers. The committee for the coming year is as follows;

Josephine Moore	Chairperson and P.R.O.
Patricia Nolan	Vice Chairperson
Joan Lennon	Hon. Secretary
Mairead Bean	Ass. Secretary
Catherine Mulready	Treasurer
Patricia Cusker	Ass. Treasurer

Agnes Boyd, Imelda Delaney, Helen Doyle, Ita Loughnane, Georgina Mulready, Kathleen McAtamney, Betty Moore, Lily O'Riordan, Bridget Tierney, Patsy O'Rafferty, Sr. Mary Ann Stafford and Kathleen Gilton.

The final item on the agenda was our guest speaker Mary Nally Chairperson of Summerhill Active Retirement Association. Mary talked at length about the Senior Help Line which they have pioneered. This is a service for isolated or lonely older people. The freephone number for this service is **1850 - 440 - 444**.

This service has been funded by the North Eastern Health Board Trim Initiative for Development and Enterprise and



Betty Farrell - Winner of Valentine Card Competition



L- R Kathleen Bennett, Bridie O'Brien, George Fennell, Betty Boyd, (Celebrating her Birthday) and Florrie Wansboro.



*The most Romantic Couple 1st Prize
Leo and Eileen McGlynn*

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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZEN CONT.

the Department of Social Community and Family Affairs. The service is confidential and available for the price of a local call from any where in the country. Many thanks to Mary for travelling from Summerhill to give us an insight into a very special service.

It is interesting to see the cooperation between the North Eastern Health Board and the Voluntary sector in Meath. Our Committee have for years been seeking support from the Eastern Health Board to acquire a premises from which to run our activities, but every door has been kept tightly closed. We have never been high on their list of priorities. There are lessons to be learned here. It is time for greater cohesion between the Voluntary and Statutory Bodies in this part of the Country. Perhaps the powers that be in our Health Board are cut from the same cloth as those in our Co. Council....., or is there something in the water.....??

Our next event was our Valentine's party on Sunday 14th. This was preceded by a special Mass at 3pm in our parish church to celebrate "World Day of The Sick". During Mass the Sacrament of the sick was administered to all our older people and some not so old but in need of spiritual healing. This was a very poignant and beautiful celebration indeed. Many thanks to Monsignor Stenson who was the main celebrant and Frs. John, Gregory, Michael and Pat-Joe. All those who attended this Mass joined us for tea in the Post Primary School. After that it was business as usual. We danced and sang the evening away and searched for the most "Romantic Couple". There were quite a few couples who entered into the spirit of it all. The over all winner was Leo and Eileen McGlynn. Of course that was not the only prize. We also had a competition for the best Valentine card and verse. There were many excellent entries but the over-all winner was Betty Farrell. However all the cards were so good we gave everyone a prize. Congratulations to all and well done. In our club everyone's a winner.

Our next event will be our Annual Collection. This will take place between the 4th and 7th of March, and we ask you to be your usual generous selves.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the families of Ita McTernan and Nan Tracey. Ita was one of our more recent members. She was involved with many organisations when I was still a novice. She will be remembered for her involvement in the "Talent Contests" in the early seventies and more recently with the Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee. Whatever her roll she played it with flair.

Nan Tracey on the other hand was attending our parties and club almost from the outset, she will be remembered by those of us who grew up on the Moyglare Rd for her kindness, and gentleness, especially to children. Although there was almost twenty years between Ita and Nan, they had one thing in common, they were good neighbours. May they both rest in peace.

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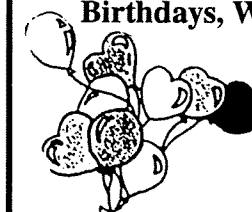
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The February Guild meeting was held on the 4th of February in the I.C.A. hall at 8pm, with Vice-President Mary MacNamara presiding. Mary welcomed and thanked us all for coming out on such a cold night.

Sympathy was extended to Betty Farrell on the death of her son-in-law.

Guild Activities:

Sport - Badminton continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall at 10.30am.

Crafts - Crafts continue on Monday nights at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

The winners of the February guild competition "Most creative Valentine's Card".

- 1st - Betty Farrell
- 2nd - Mary O'Gorman
- 3rd - Viva Kearins
- 4th - Mary MacNamara

Raffle Results:

- 1st - Ann Broughan
- 2nd - Mary MacNamara
- 3rd - May Haren

Quiz:

Viva Kearins, our secretary tested all our brains on a very enjoyable quiz. These quizzes always prove to be very popular. The winning team on this occasion was: Mary MacNamara, Helen Doyle and Ann Broughan. This was closely followed by: Irene Matthews, May Haren and Mary Flynn.

Our next Guild meeting will be held on the 4th of March in the I.C.A. hall at 8pm. The guild competition on the night is "An Emblem for one's Lapel on the theme of St. Patrick's Day".

Irene Matthews
P.R.O.

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Rince Gaelach:

We are now holding our Ranganna Rince Gaelach in the ICA hall. This is much more satisfactory than using the classrooms. We would like to thank the ICA for the use of the hall and their co-operation.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

This year we hope that 'Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich' will have one of the most impressive floats at the parade. Ingrid Mc Cann, Paul Coyle and Kevin Freeney are doing trojan work to make this possible. We are all thoroughly looking forward to the Parade, to see this spectacle! Míle Buíochas libh, Ingrid, Paul and Kevin as ucht bhúr gcuid oibre ar fad.

Swimming Lessons:

Rang a hAon will be attending swimming lessons in the college next term. We are ideally located for this as the children can walk to the college from the school, thus eliminating the need for a bus.

Enrolments for Sept. '99:

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Residents Associations

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting 1999

The A.G.M. of Greenfield Estate Residents' Association will be held on Wednesday March 10th, in the I.C.A. Hall, at 8.30 p.m.

Estate Maintenance

The grass cutting will start in early March, as soon as the ground is dry enough.

The Committee would like to thank Cllr. John McGinley for his success in getting the County Council to clean and concrete the mucky patches at the entrance to the Estate. The Shopping Centre owner also plans to make improvements around the carpark, including white lining and safety features to control traffic.

The committee's efforts to purchase new road name signs are progressing more slowly than originally anticipated but they will be acquired sooner or later.

The questionnaire seeking the suggestions of Residents on improvements around the Estate will have been issued with the A.G.M. notice. If you haven't already returned it to a Committee Member please do so as all opinions are useful to the work of the Committee.

Finally, thank you to residents and landlords who paid their subscription in 1998. There was a significant increase in the number of contributions received.

*Mary McGinley,
Secretary.*

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Notice of AGM

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 3rd March in the I.C.A. hall at 8p.m. . Agenda items include setting annual levies for the upkeep of the estate, elections of new officers as well as future plans for the estate. We are looking for a good turn out for this one meeting in a year, as we are faced with a major hike in the annual levies to meet increases in grass - cutting charges which has consumed all surplus monies carried over from last year. Several of the officers have also indicated a desire to step down and we hope to have some new faces willing to take their place. Hope to see you all on the 3rd and hear what you want to do with your estate.

Padraig O' Murchu
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Patricia 6286865

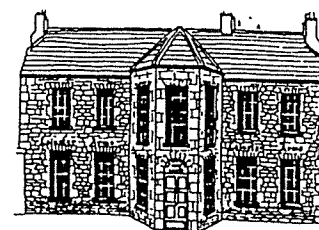
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GREASE A TRIUMPH

From Wednesday February 3rd, to Saturday February 6th, 'Grease' the musical took Maynooth by storm. The production which was the work of the teachers, 5th years and transition years from Maynooth Post Primary played to sell-out crowds every night.



*Elaine Comerford, Vicky Byrne, Stacey McGovern
Danny Keenan, Sarah O'Brien, Lorraine Dempsey.*

Under the hands of producer Mary Murphy, musical director Anne Marie O'Farrell, director Laurene Barry and choreographer Julie Walsh it was of the same high standard of productions from recent years. The students were involved in every aspect of the show, they even had a real car on the stage. There were twenty main parts and almost eighty in the chorus. The T-Birds were played by Sam O'Mahony Adams, Shane Folan, Danny Keenan, Johnny Hanlon and Cian Lennon. Sinéad Keenan, Erica O'Dea,

Sarah Owens, Ruth Lord and Eimear O'Meara made up the pink ladies.

It's a credit to the school that this musical was put together in just four weeks which is why all the people who worked behind the scenes who are too numerous to mention are also to be commended.

On the last night there was a big surprise for everybody when the principal Mr. Sean Ashe came out to do his usual speech and was dressed in black jeans, white t-shirt and leather jacket. He even had his hair slicked back in the style of the musical.

Now the students must get back to normal after their time under the spotlights and the rest of us can look forward to next years production.



*Johnny Nevin, makeup artist,
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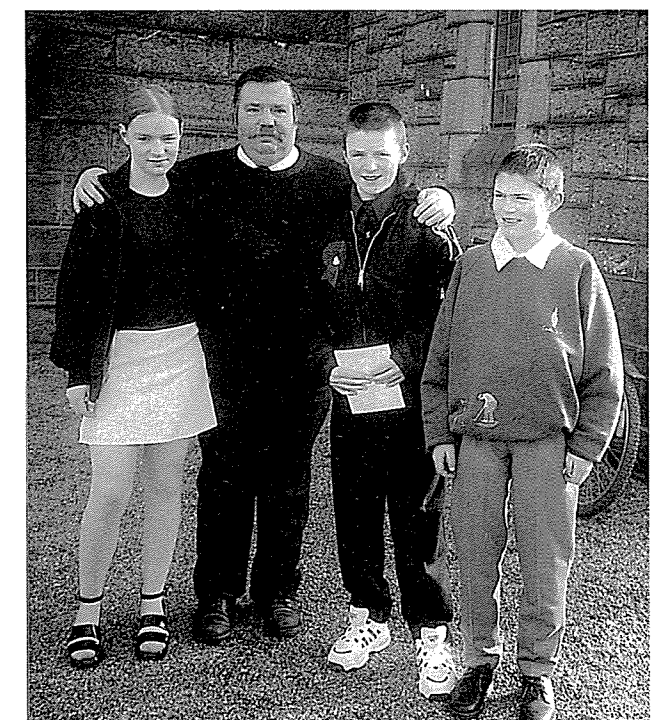
Anthony Doyle with Parents John and Ada



Jean & Ken Leonard with Robert and Grandmother Joan Kelly



Twins Martin and Gerald Hoare



John Fleming with Sarah, John Snr., and Shane

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R.J. COMMUNICATIONS

R.J. Communications has opened in Quinnsworth Shopping Centre, Maynooth. Niall Nangle, Robert O'Brien and John Walsh are the three partners involved with Niall being the actual Manager of the shop. They supply everything to do with communications. Mobile phones, stereo systems and C.B. radios for cars. They also have the new Esat Clear system which is a 2nd phone line and internet for the home. Another service they provide is the fitting of a hands free kit for the car.

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As part of this research, CPI is holding a number of open meetings to bring together parents and young adults to discuss what services people currently use and what gaps people feel there are in relation to services within the county.

CPI would like to invite you to attend one of these meetings to ensure that your voice is heard and your priority needs are highlighted. The meetings will take place on the following dates, please try to attend:

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STEPPING STONES PLAYSCHOOL

Stepping Stones is a new playschool which opened on the 18th January. The ladies running it are by no means new to the business with over 17 years experience between them. Evelyn McGrath is involved in playgroups for over 12 years. She had her own place for a number of years and has also worked in other creches.



The exterior of Stepping Stones

Frances Dalton has worked alongside Evelyn before and has about 5 years experience in dealing with pre-school children. The playschool is open Monday to Friday and there are two



Opening Day with Barney, Evelyn and Frances

sessions everyday, one at 9.30 a.m to 12.00 p.m and an afternoon session from 12.30 p.m to 2.30 p.m. They take children from 3 years old and are able to provide for twenty children per session. There are still some vacancies left. Stepping Stones is Eastern Health Board and I.P.P.A. registered.

As a member of the Irish Pre-School Playgroups Association the emphasis is to provide for the needs of young children through play and play experience, paint, finger paint, playdough, sand, water, home corner, imaginative play, jigsaws, puzzles, construction toys, books and music appreciation are all included in their activities.

It has an open door policy, you are welcome to call in and have a look around at any time. The interior is brightly decorated with cartoon characters which were painted by the girls themselves. Even the toilets are painted in beautiful bright colours and decorated with stencils.

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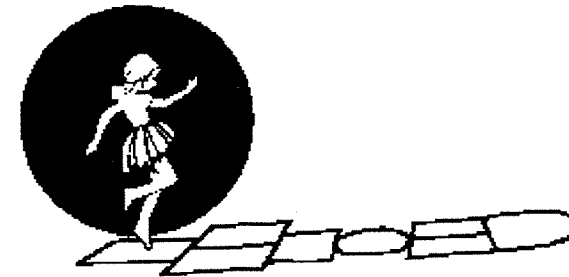
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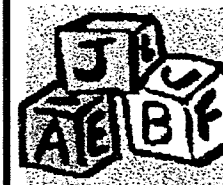
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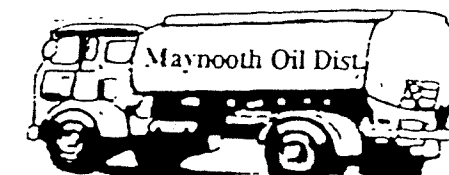


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And when his mates all took the piss
Well their remarks he'd just dismiss
With "Watch me make the most of this"
But now there can be little doubt
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stout I mean.

Then he found out folks from afar
Were choosing Murphy's as their jar
And leaving stamps out in the bar
But did these stamps all come to mother
No these stamps went to another
Did this make him mad!! OH BROTHER!!
The next night the promo ended
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A card with two stamps in his jacket
He declares "Its all a racket"
that's cost him a bloody packet
My finances were never worse
I've empty pockets empty purse
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Of promo's I have had my fill
And let me say from now until
The day that I am stiff and still
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Over these tonsils ever spill
So now you see there is not doubt
He'll never drink another stout
He'll never drink another pint of Murphy's
stout I mean.

Tommy Campbell

KENNEDY INTERIORS

Seamus Kennedy took over Ellen Interiors in Unit 9, the Glenroyal Shopping Centre on the 22nd January. Aged twenty-six and from Milltown he studied Interior Design and Interior Architecture in Dublin. He worked in retail and commercial sales in Tile Savers. For the last two years he has done interior design and interior architecture practice in Milltown, Newbridge.

The shop deals in curtains, blinds and wallpaper. He will also be introducing carpets, tiles, timber flooring and furnishings. The aim is to offer a one stop shop for clients for all interior decorating needs. He hopes to extend upstairs to show the extra stock.

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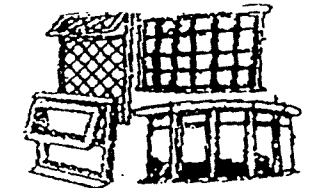
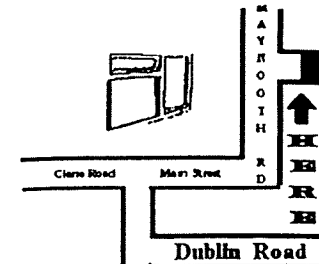
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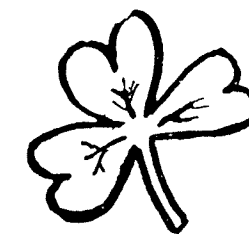
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Beer and herbs, a patch of strawberries (good to taste in their
plenty), haws, yew berries, nut kernels,

A cup of excellent hazel mead, swiftly served brown acorns,
manes of bramble with good blackberries.

Did the people remember that the year 1000 A.D. was the
celebration of 1000 years since Christ was born or were they
thinking of what they could charge for a bed in a stable or
for a cup of "excellent hazel mead" as happened on the first
Christmas night! Even the weather remains the same.

Weather 1000 years ago.

My tidings for you; the stag bells,
Winter snows, summer is gone.

Wind high and cold, low the sun,
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VIDEO REVIEW

Armageddon (12's)

Feeling more like an extended trailer for any one of half a
dozen disaster movies, Armageddon is one of those
everything-but-the-kitchen-sink drama blockbusters, with all
the subtlety of a kick in the groin.

With an asteroid having already struck Earth (thanks to Deep
Impact), it was feared this outing might not have the impact
expected by the makers. But not so; this film is all about
value for money! The fact that the plot is sillier than a
BBC2 play doesn't matter one bit - the message here is
forget the quality, just look at the quantity.

Bruce Willis plays deep core oil driller Harry Stamper, who
we're introduced to as he shoots golf balls off his rig at a
Greenpeace ship.

His chasing of young tearaway A.J. (Ben Affleck) with a
rifle after finding him in the sack with his daughter (Liv
Tyler), is interrupted by the arrival of the F.B.I. They need
Bruce and his merry men to, wait for it, fly into space and
plant nuclear explosives into rapidly approaching asteroid.
This movie is part Independence Day, part Apollo 13, and
part Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck. Originality is definitely
not one of its stronger points - it tries very hard to be hugely
entertaining but winds up just trying very hard.

Having said that, it could very well be a film that develops a
cult following over the years.

Verdict: For aficionados and big kids only.

Dr. Dolittle (12's)

Having made something of a miraculous comeback with The
Nutty Professor, Eddy Murphy does the same again with this
slick but often patchy remake of the 1967 children's classic.

Set in modern day New York, Murphy plays Dr. John
Dolittle, one third partner in a successful veterinary practise
that's about to be taken over by a huge corporation.

Keen to sell, Dolittle has long been indifferent to his patients
as well as to his own family. But then, driving home late
one night he hits a dog who growls "Why don't you watch
where you're going, Bonehead?" and naturally his life takes
a major turn. As more and more animals let him have a
piece of their minds, while those around him hear only
barking and chirping, Dolittle becomes convinced that he's
losing his marbles. Pretty soon he's in the loony bin,
determined to block out the animal chatter, even if it means
simply ignoring everything they say.

A movie that's literally bursting with comic potential, Dr.
Dolittle somehow manages to fulfil barely half of its
promise. It has a few very good one-liners, but very little
else really.

Verdict: Reasonably entertaining.



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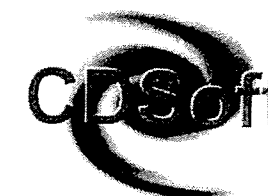
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MAYNOOTH HANDBALL

HANDBALL HISTORY MADE IN MAYNOOTH BY MARK BALL

Handball history was made at the GAA club at Maynooth on Saturday February thirteenth. The second half of the Leinster 40 x 20 Senior doubles semi-final was played on their court.

This fixture was originally made for Leixlip and indeed it started there. However, during the course of the game it became apparent that it could not be played to a conclusion there as the court was becoming increasingly slippery. With the score at seven four in the second game a halt was called and the necessary arrangements were made to transfer the remainder of the game to Maynooth.

Thus the first inter county player to step on to the court at Maynooth, to play a Leinster fixture, was none other then Michael (Ducksie) Walsh. A player regarded by many as the greatest player of all time. He was followed by his partner D.J. Carey. One of the best known sportsmen in the country. Is it any wonder that Declan Quigley, the handball chairman, (Himself a Kilkenny man) got so excited when welcoming the players to the club.

The opposition on this occasion was provided by Meath's Egin Jensen and David Gough. The referee was John Hoban (Dublin) and the marker was yours truly. The Kilkenny pair soon reduced the deficit, played excellent handball and won their way into the final. The whole experience was over far too fast for my liking and I, among many, can't wait for the next occasion when such a game will be played in Maynooth.

While it was very pleasing to have such great players playing in the court it was even more pleasing to hear them praise the court afterwards. The victors said that it was a great court to play on and they would be quite happy to play any of their future fixtures on it. However they did point out that unless the viewing area was greatly increased it was unlikely that the Leinster Council would fix any games for there.

The historic night concluded with tea and sandwiches. Made at the speed of sound by Ann Quigley.

Ducksie and D.J. could not have anything stronger because they are in training.

Mick Gillick tells me that he is at the planning stage of dealing with the lack of viewing facilities for the spectators, the matter is in hand he says so we can all expect to watch some great games in Maynooth in the near future.

KILDARE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Kildare County Handball Championships are about to commence. The following players from Maynooth have entered, Mick Duffy, Nial Leavy, Tony Fingelton, Eoin and Hugh Nevin, Mick Galvin, Darragh Kelly, Paul Ruane, Martin Bambrick and yours truly.

Mick Duffy gets the new season off to a start when he plays Leixlip player Pat Hilliard. I expect it to be a winning start for Maynooth. Eoin Nevin has a much harder game on his hands when he faces last years beaten finalist David Jordan. This all round sportsman will take a lot of beating. Maynooth clubmates Mick Galvin and Ger Loughran are drawn to meet in the first round. I predict a home win (safe or what?) Tony Fingelton has to travel to Leixlip to play Damien Carthy. I am hoping that Tony's craft and guile will win the day for him. Fingelton teams up with Nial Leavy in the doubles. They play father and son combination from Leixlip, Mark and Phelim Cribbin. This game could go either way but I think home advantage will stand to the Maynooth pair.

Des Lyons, Leixlip, is playing in two singles competitions and two doubles competitions in the championships. With eight clubs and eighty players taking part in the championships what are the odds against him being drawn against players from the same club in all four competitions? I don't know but what ever they are he has beaten them. He plays all his games against players from Maynooth. Paul Ruane plays him in the intermediate singles and doubles and Joe Rossiter plays him in the senior singles and doubles. His partner in both grades is Mick Connor. Martin Bambrick partners both the Maynooth players in their respective grades. I will be disappointed if Des gets a win in any of his games.

The committee has asked me to remind all members that membership fees are due now. They have also asked me to invite any handballers or intending handballers living in or around Maynooth to come on up to the G.A.A. and have a look at the facilities available and possibly join the club.

Alternatively they could phone the club and make arrangements to meet a member of the committee or for that matter any of the handballers. Come on Frank be the first, phone 6285020.

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Catherine Lynch, Jacinta Walsh & Geraldine Beatty



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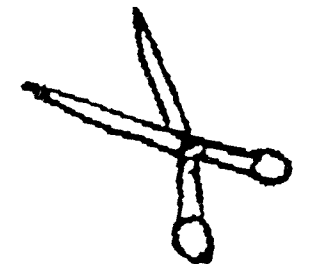
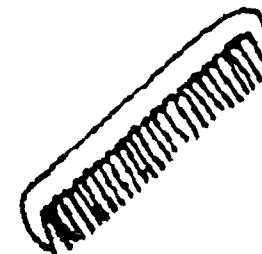
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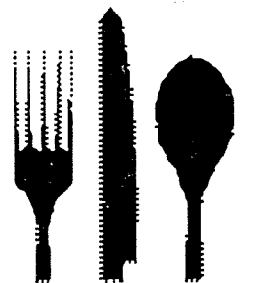
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You are welcome to join your local vintage group who provide a focus where you can get together during the year. There you will get all the information on insurance for your vintage tractor, vintage car, forthcoming events, vintage ploughing, sales and auctions, vintage road runs and rally events etc.

Safety and insurance must be uppermost in our mind. We have made much progress over the past three years putting in place a number of suitable policies at competitive rates and tailor made to suit all our vintage enthusiasts. Contact the I.V.S. and make sure you know what you are covered for (Don't wait, feel safe, be insured.)

The Irish Vintage Society will provide a warm cordial welcome to you, and you will enjoy the respect, dignity, and admiration of all your fellow members. You will get much satisfaction and fulfilment in preparing and exhibiting your own vintage items and in time will turn out to be a wonderful and rewarding hobby.

Each local group will have their own distinctive county membership badge and a certificate of your public liability insurance cover for the year 1999.

We will strive to encourage all participants and spectators to enforce the current health and safety requirements, so that we all can enjoy our hobby with the minimum of interference and danger.

We are a nationwide network of vintage enthusiasts. We will co-operate with all vintage groups with sensitivity on all matters of common interest such as insurance, legislation, health and safety.

We invite you to join with us and together we will strive to preserve our heritage for future generations.

*R. O'Reilly,
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WINNERS OF 'ST. VALENTINE'S DAY' COMPETITION

1st. Prize:

Dinner for Two plus Bottle of Wine in the Glenroyal Hotel

Winner: Margaret Walsh, The Green, Maynooth



My Valentine

I

I went for a walk one evening
and as I strolled along,
I saw him in the distance,
and my heart went ding-dong.

II

I didn't know what happened,
I lost all sense of time,
and standing there before me,
Was forever my "Valentine".

III

Although we're old and grey now,
and can barely walk along,
I'll have to say with honesty,
He's still "My Number One".

Runner up Prize:

Dinner for Two in Dowdstown Hotel

Winner: Peadar Maguire, 2 Beaufield Gardens

My Woman

I first met my woman in that old love nest the 'Glenroyal'. I had known her about a year and a half, but we only met for very short spaces of time. She was out with her friend and I was out with the lads. I spotted Rachael waiting at the bar and decided I really wanted to talk to her, so I decided to move in on my prey. I was trying to act all calm and collective and as she glanced around she spotted me. I walked up to her and said "hello" and she immediately asked me if I'd seen her friend anywhere as the two had managed to separate. I spotted her friend straight off but pretended not to so I could chat to her a little longer. We began walking around the place in search of her friend until a slow set would come on. It seemed like there was never going to be one, but eventually the D.J. managed to put one on. I invited her up to dance with me and she gladly accepted. We danced and chatted and discovered that we had a lot in common. We got on like a house on fire and I didn't want the evening to end, but end it did and sadly we had to part. I walked Rachael to the taxi rank as she doesn't live in the Maynooth area. She asked me if I'd like to see her again and without a glimmer of hesitation I surely replied yes. I gave Rachael my number and she promised she would ring the next day. She rang the next day and we arranged to meet in the Glenroyal that evening.

Now I had my debts coming up and I needed a partner to come with me. I thought Rachael would be ideal, in my eyes she was beautiful and this was strange because I never really thought like this before. I asked her if she would do me the honour of accompanying me to my debts. She thankfully said yes and the debts for me was now on track.

One month later the night of the debts arrived. I waited for her in her house. I was in the kitchen with all her relations staring at me. Rachael then entered the kitchen with the most beautiful of dresses. I thought she looked absolutely fabulous. We soon set off to Maynooth and when we arrived Rachael wanted to sit in the car because it was a little drizzly outside and her hair would supposedly get ruined, but I wanted to show her off because I believed I had the best looking woman at the debts. Anyway I won the argument and we both got a little wet. The night went well and I got extremely drunk. I got so drunk I even got up in the Karaoke and sang to her. I sang one of her favourite songs from Bryan Adams called, "Everything I do I do it for you". I sang that particular song because she told me previously that it was her favourite song and also because I had just fallen in love with her. Anyway I woke up the next morning with a sore head, but thoroughly enjoyed myself on the night.

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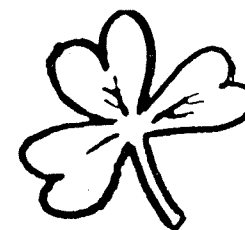
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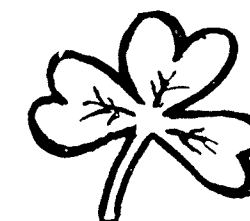
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WINNERS OF 'ST. VALENTINE'S DAY' COMPETITION (Cont.)

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Runner up Prize:

Dinner for Two in the Leinster Arms

Winner: Naoise NigFhloinn, (Age 11)
"Cillín", Dunboyne Road.

My Most Romantic Valentines Day

Valentines Day always seemed the same as any other day because my husband and I had divorced five years ago. My parents were both dead and my brother had been killed in a car accident three years previously so there was no one I ever expected to hear from on this romantic day.

One Valentines morning I awoke to the sound of something coming through the mail box. I thought it was the newspaper and that the newspaper boy had come earlier than usual. I got up to get it and found it was a letter addressed to me. The only one who ever wrote to me was my friend in Germany but as it was a Saturday I knew it couldn't be from her. I began to wonder who it could be from. Cautiously I opened it and to my surprise it said:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Meet me at midnight,
P.S. I love you.

There was another note inside saying. "meet me under the hawthorn tree". I began to feel very excited. It was the first Valentines card I had got in five years. I was so excited. I went out and bought new shoes, earrings, dress and make up. I thought I had to look perfect. It was boring waiting. I was waiting for hours and hours. Finally I heard my old grandfather clock strike midnight. I knew I was going to be late. I was supposed to leave my house at ten minutes to midnight but I fell asleep and the clock woke me up. I was dressed in my new dress and shoes but I had to rush to get my make-up and earrings on. I ran out the door and arrived at the hawthorn tree at ten minutes past midnight. When I arrived it looked like my admirer was late too. Suddenly I saw Stephen my old husband. "Oh Stephen" I said. "Do you really want us to get back together?". "Are you joking" he said "I have been married for three years" and he walked away. Soon it began to rain. A man walked under the tree

for shelter. I looked at my watch. It was twenty minutes to one. I began to cry. I tried to hold it in but I couldn't help it. The man came over to me and asked what was wrong. "Oh nothing" I said. "I bet you were meant to meet a man" he said. "How do you know" I asked. He didn't answer but continued talking. "I bet he sent you a Valentines card" he said. "Yes, but how do you know" I asked him. He reached inside his coat and took out a box of chocolates and a bunch of flowers. I looked at him and he looked just perfect for me and he seemed very kind. "Come on" he said. "You must be freezing out here without a coat, I'll take you to my house". I stayed in his house for a few hours and then he took me home. We kept in touch, went out on dates and after a year we got married. We had two adorable twin girls the very next Valentines Day and we called them Rose and Violet remembering the letter that David my husband wrote to me on the very first day we met.

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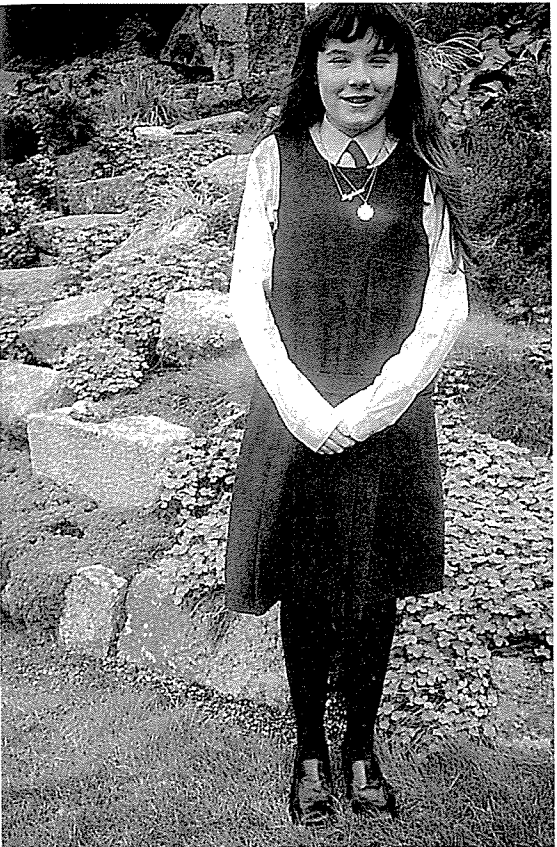
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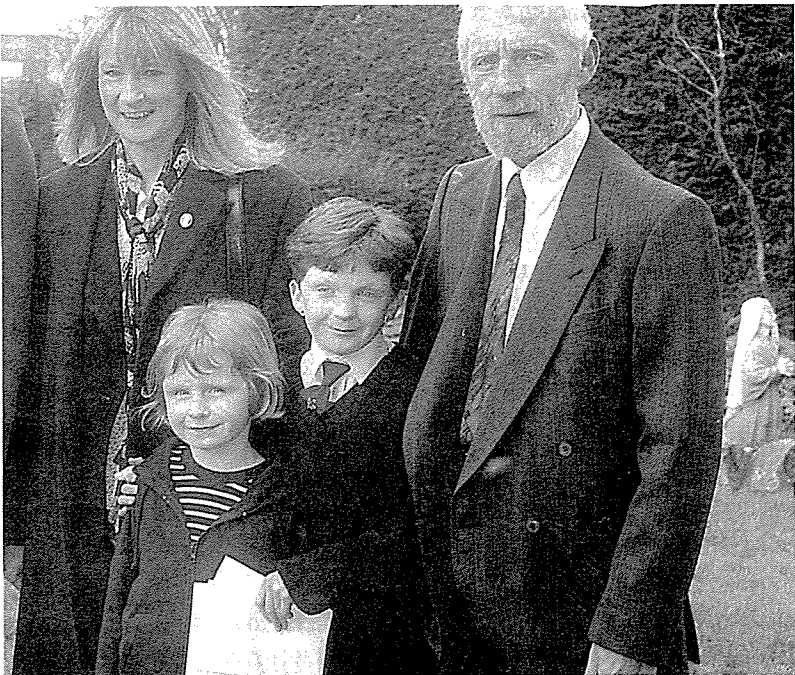
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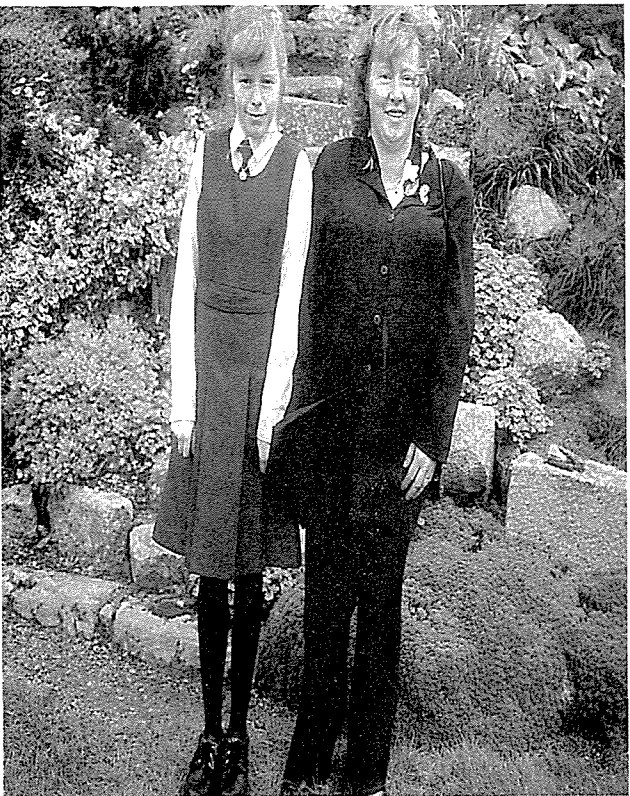
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Features

NEW SERGEANT FOR MAYNOOTH

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An athletic man, he has spent many years involved in the sport of rowing. He started his rowing career in 1978 at the Island Bridge Rowing Club, where he competed and then progressed into coaching. He left Island Bridge Rowing Club in 1989, and continued in the sport by taking up international coaching. He has been connected with names such as Niall O'Toole, whom he coached to the I.C.S. in 1991. He was also involved with the team who were in Barcelona in 1992 and the team who received a bronze medal in France in 1998. He is currently coaching the Irish Rowing Team for the next Olympics.

An active man by all accounts, Mr. Desmond is looking forward to cementing the present relationship which the Maynooth Gardai have with the public.

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6. Who teamed up with Bryan Adams, to sing "When Your Gone"?

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Features

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND, ENTIRE OF ITSELF!

BY
Sister Rose Patricia McHugh

If I were asked to sum up in two words the secret of human happiness and unhappiness, I would say without shadow of doubt that it consists in *interpersonal relationships*.

I almost wish that this was not true, that the key to human happiness lay elsewhere, that others did not hold my maturity in their hands, that the quality of personal relationships had not so large a part to play in my life! For there can be no denying that human relationships present problems far too numerous and complex to bear mention here. The point is, however, that we must not be deterred by problems. There is too much at stake for that. It was Carl Jung who once remarked with characteristic insight, that the serious problems of life are never solved, and if they appear to have been solved, then something important has been lost.

There is a ring of truth which has a particular relevance to our times in the words of John Donne, written nearly three-and-a-half centuries ago: *No man is an island, entire of itself*. For at a moment in history when so much emphasis is placed on the person and his right to assert his own individuality, there is the tendency to forget that we all began life, not as individuals but as members of society known as 'family'. We were brought into being through the creative power of the relationship of two people - our mother and father - and were born into the context of human relationships where our development as persons first took root. It is true, of course, that in order to actualise himself, or herself, the person must sooner or later assert his or her own identity and affirm his or her own individuality. But the original *we* is the backcloth against which each one of us grows as a person. To quote W.H. Auden

Whatever view we hold, it must be shown
Why every lover has a wish to make
Some other kind of otherness
his own!
Perhaps, in fact, we never are alone.

Personally, I think that there is also a sense in which it is true to say that none of us ever completely overcomes his loneliness, even in the happiest marriage, in the enjoyment of the closest, most intimate of relationships. The only thing is that love when it is real intensifies our sense of personal significance and because of this we are the better equipped to cope with limitations imposed by reason of the human condition itself. In any case it must be affirmed that, physically, emotionally, intellectually, religiously, a person's maturity can be assessed through his capacity for and realisation of relationships with other people. In relationships we actualise the highest personal capacity given to us, namely, our capacity to love.

But there is a certain poignancy in the remark with which I had initially intended to entitle this article: *If only I could*

relate to the people I'm related to! Here the question arises: "What is relationship?" Or, "How does one relate?"

Relationship presupposes in the first place, the ability to communicate and therefore to enter into communion with others. Communication of this sort is difficult because it calls for the kind of openness which permits of our really knowing and experiencing each other as persons. And not everybody is capable of this. It is not sufficient that we communicate with each other at the level of ideas which, after all, is easy enough given a modicum of intelligence and perhaps also certain common interests. No! We have to reach to the much deeper level of *personal feeling*.

Recent developments in psychology and psychoanalysis indicate a new appreciation of feeling which formerly was overshadowed by the importance accorded to reason. Modern psychology holds that what individuates and differentiates us as persons, and makes self-communication unique, is not so much our ideas but our feelings, because our feelings constitute what is uniquely our own. Others may share our ideas and convictions, but no one can claim to share identically the same feelings or experience, the same emotions as we have in relation to these ideas or convictions. My feelings pertain to what is uniquely personal, most individual, most assuredly myself. That is why a relationship which is deep and authentic calls for communication at this level. We either speak out our feelings in the context of interpersonal relationships, or, we act them out in all sorts of subtle ways that not only militate against the authenticity of personal relationships but tend likewise to destroy the integrity of psychological and personal health.

A further question now arises: Can we realistically afford to be so open and honest as all this would seem to demand? What about the risk of inflicting pain on others, or, of laying oneself open to misunderstanding and perhaps even to severe criticism?

Here we shall have to content ourselves with one or two brief remarks. First, there can be no such thing as a genuine relationship without mutual honesty and openness, but this is by no means to condone the mistaken notion that one must blurt out every passing feeling, irrespective of its effect on others, under the comfortable impression that this is what is meant by being real. Being real involves the difficult task of being acquainted with the ebb and flow of experiences going on within oneself- experiences characterised especially by complexity and continuous change. I would therefore insist on the need not only for honesty but also for *sensitivity*. This implies an empathic understanding of what is going on within the other person and how prepared, or otherwise, he

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NO MAN IS AN ISLAND, ENTIRE OF ITSELF! (Cont.)


or she is for honest disclosure. It involves the kind of respect for other people's feelings that calls into play *emotional control* - which is something quite different from *emotional repression*. Emotional control is both a cause and an effect of personal growth and maturity, while repression leads inevitably to serious problems of regression which keeps the person entrenched within the prison of his or her own ego.

It should also be understood, paraphrasing T.S. Eliot, that people can bear very little honesty because they can bear very little reality. So, while we can and must be friendly with everyone, we simply cannot make a friend of everyone. We must therefore be ready to adjust ourselves to people and circumstances in the light of experience as well as in the light of ideals.

Difficulties can also arise from the fact that there are people who are repulsed by someone's loving them. This evokes in others the fear of rejection if they open up or risk involving themselves in interpersonal relationships. Here it has to be insisted that nothing truly valuable can ever be accomplished in life without risk of error and even of failure. The person who risks nothing will never rise above the banality of everyday experience.

Finally, a great deal is said and written today about community. The Church goes further and provides the nearest thing to a definition of itself by speaking of the Christian people as *a community of love*- 'a people made one with the unity of the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit' (L.G.n.4). But what is this if not a relationship centred reality? True, not all Christians are capable of the kind of relationship envisaged here, but the fact remains that, 'when a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him' (LK 12:48).

To sum up very briefly. It is only when drawn into communion with other people that my own person is confirmed in being and my own love is made equal to the perfection to which it aspires. My full growth as a person occurs only as a result of interpersonal relationship. I grow and help others to grow as persons when I love and am loved in return. My uniqueness, my wholeness - and therefore my holiness become possible only when I break out of the prison of my own ego, relate to others and live for others.



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SAFETY CONCERNS EXPRESSED AT COUNCIL MEETING

Statement

At a scheduled meeting of Celbridge Area Councillors on Friday, 22nd January 1999, the Chairman of the Group, Cllr. Colm Purcell, informed the meeting that safety concerns were expressed by local residents and some committee members about an incident in Maynooth's Silken Vale on the Sunday evening after Christmas, when a lamp post caught fire.

Cllr. Purcell had invited senior management from the Distribution Operations section of Bord Gáis to attend. Gerry Geoghegan, head of Distribution Operations, and Pat Walshe, Manager of Standards and Safety joined the meeting.

In response to a range of questions raised by Cllr. Purcell, Cllr. Senan Griffin and Cllr. Catherine Murphy, the Bord Gáis delegation dealt firstly with the incident in Maynooth. The unusual combination of circumstances involved was described including the eruptive failure of other plants in the ground at that point, the leaching away of protective sand by the extremely heavy rain and the way in which ignition could have occurred. It was stressed that although the damage to the gas main resulted in a fire, it was confined to the lamp standard which was damaged. The Bord Gáis team also stressed the speed and expertise with which their response teams dealt with the situation.

Further questions from Cllr. Senan Griffin and comments from Cllr. John McGinley added to the discussion. Gerry Geoghegan then described to the meeting the national and international standards which apply to laying gas mains and the statutory obligations which are placed on Bord Gáis and other public utilities. It was his view that all the public utilities and Local Authority personnel co-operated quite closely, to ensure any works carried out involving excavation, are well planned and the subject of liaison whenever appropriate. However, accidents do happen and in recognition of that Bord Gáis have trained and equipped Response Teams on duty every hour of every day of the year.

In his closing remarks, the Chairman, Cllr. Colm Purcell, endorsed the comments already made by his Committee members in saying that the response by Bord Gáis management was full in detail and presented in laymans' terms, and that it served to reassure the Committee and North Kildare residents that Natural Gas distribution is undertaken in a proper manner, in compliance with appropriate standards and that their response teams are certainly an effective safety unit.

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY AND CIVIC FORUM

Fóram Cathartha agus Staire Áitiúla Mhaigh Nuad
"Promoting Local History and Social Debate"

The Maynooth 1798 Group has been reformed and now meets under the above title.

We are delighted to report that the first printing of 300 copies of our booklet **1798 and Maynooth** has sold out completely and that we have placed a re-print order with Cardinal Press. The strength of sales, the support of shopkeepers in presenting the booklet and the positive review in February issue of the Newsletter have all been very heartening.

At our recent meeting we agreed to concentrate our efforts on the following areas:

Historic Local Sites and Monuments:

Boycetown, Rectangular enclosure,
Kilcock, Church site and graveyard,
Branganstown, Enclosure site,
Gragadder, Castle site possible,
Portgloriam, Ringfort (Rath / Cashel),
Maws, Moated site,
Pitchfordstown, Enclosure possible,
Laraghbryan East, Castle site,
Laraghbryan East, Church and Graveyard,
Maynooth, Enclosure site possible,
Maynooth, Enclosure site
Maynooth, Tracksay,
Maynooth, Field system site,
Collegeland, Stone House site,
Maynooth, Architectural Fragment Present Location,
Maynooth, Castle,
Maynooth, Church,
Treadstown, Dwelling site.

The above listed sites, buildings, remains etc. are preserved by the State, but very little information is available. We plan to research, host guided outings, publish information and generally attempt to create greater awareness in the community.

Historic Walks:

We will be examining the possibility of researching and publishing suggested walks of interest in and around the town of Maynooth, in conjunction with Maynooth Action Strategy.

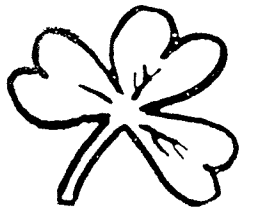
Local and International:

On the civic side of our Forum we plan to host public meetings on the theme of a community input to exploring Ireland's role in the world as we approach the new Millennium. Cancellation of Third World debts and possible Irish membership of the NATO sponsored Programme for Peace are issues that we are looking at.

Our group meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Library, Main Street, at 8.00 p.m. We would welcome new members to join us in our work.

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1. Man with sash Tim Wright, born 1884, died 1965, worked in College labouring, left Maynooth and went back to Allenwood and got married and had a family.
2. Paddy Wright (man with the ball). Worked in College labouring. He married a local girl named Nanny Carney and had two girls and one of the girls married a man by the name of Hugh Duignan, 7 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth. Paddy died and is buried in Laraghbryan.

Can anyone name the players in the picture? Some of them might be from Maynooth.

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE

How Maynooth was Finally Betrayed

(i) *How Councillors Neutralised the County Strategy*

Following the suspension of their planning powers three times by successive Ministers for the Environment, Kildare Co. Council engaged a respected consultant to advise them on what strategic aspects the next County Development Plan (1996-2001) should be based upon. This report suggested that the population of the county would increase by about 20,000 people between 1996 and 2006, of which about 8,000 should occur in the north-east of the county, in areas such as Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. After a great deal of equivocation, County Councillors unanimously voted to adopt this sensible strategy.

When the first drafts of the County Development Plan were circulated the wording encapsulated this adopted strategy in the following section:

"It is the policy of the Council to promote the southward move of development within the county to re-direct pressures from the north-east and to encourage the spread of development through the towns of the centre to the west and south of the county.... The substantial zoning of lands in Maynooth and the additional zoning of lands in Celbridge would be contrary to the aims of this policy."

County Councillors voted to remove the last sentence!

(ii) *How the Goalposts were Moved*

When it became clear that many towns had huge landbanks of undeveloped land available, Councillors faced the reality that large population increases would occur in many towns without additional rezoning. So how could a five-year plan for the period 1996-2001 be devised with tracts of new rezonings without stoking the engines of growth even further? In Maynooth, for example, 86 acres of undeveloped land existed which would permit over 2,000 more people without any further residential land zonings. The solution lay in pushing the goalposts out to the year 2003 and suggesting that rezoning of 1.5 times the appropriate area was necessary to achieve desired targets. Accordingly, 55 acres of new residential land was suggested for Maynooth, giving a target population of 10,500 for 2003, up 23% on the 1996 figure. Even this however was likely to err on the conservative side as a basic calculation of (86+55 acres) X 24/acre suggests almost 3,400 extra bodies could be added to a 1996 population of 8,528, i.e. almost 12,000 people could be accommodated in Maynooth within 4 years with this rezoning. Some of your councillors objected to these land allocations as not being sufficient. They wanted faster and greater growth - and much more land rezoned.

(iii) *How the Goalposts were moved to 2006*

The Draft County Development Plan of 1998 gave many Councillors what they wanted. The target populations were now specified for 2006, meaning much more residential land could be zoned. For Maynooth a target population of 11,500 was now proposed and the various area subcommittees were convened to agree new land allocations.

The area committee for Maynooth met on January 15th this year and the following extracts from the Minutes has been obtained:

"Mr. P. Jones (The County Planner) informed the meeting that the population target for Maynooth would only allow for the re-zoning of 40-50 acres."

Cllr. McGinley (Lab) stated that he was in agreement with the inclusion of zoning figures in the Draft County Development Plan, and also in agreement with the population targets of 10,500 to the year 2003 and 11,500 to the year 2006.

Cllr. Griffin (FG) enquired as to the difference between targets and projections and Cllr. Murphy (Lab) wished it recorded that she was in favour of approx. 100 acres being rezoned.

Cllr. Brady (FF) stated that in his opinion 160 acres should be rezoned while Cllr Griffin (FG) stated that between 130 to 160 acres should be rezoned in order to cater for the student population.

Cllr McGinley (Lab) recommended a zoning of 100 to 120 acres and a population target of 11,500. Cllr. Griffin (FG) proposed 130 to 150 acres and a population target of 12,500. Cllr. Brady (FF) recommended 160 acres and a population target of 12,700.

*On the request of the Chairman, the following proposal was put to a vote:
Population target of 11,500 to the year 2006 and re-zoning acreage 100-120 phasing.
It was proposed by Cllr. McGinley (Lab) and seconded by the Chairman.*

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MAYNOOTH PLANNING ALLIANCE (Cont.)

Those in favour: Cllr.J. McGinley (Lab), Cllr. C. Purcell (Lab)

Those against: Cllr. Cllr. S. Griffin (FG), Cllr. G. Brady (FF)

There being a tie between the number voting for and against, the Chairman exercised his casting vote in favour of the proposal."

(iv) *How Maynooth's Final Betrayal was Delivered*

As a result of the many submissions received by the Co. Council for its Draft Development Plan following its three-month display period, Councillors had several lengthy meetings during January and February. Obvious problems at a county level had arisen when the individual town target populations were added up together with rural amounts they greatly exceeded the projected total for the county! The solution to this and to related problems in other towns where land banks meant the population targets were likely to be exceeded was ingenious. Councillors decided to raise the population targets! For Maynooth this now went up to 11,840 for 2006.

But even this massaging of the figures was not enough for some Councillors. Unique of all the towns considered at the final meeting, Maynooth was singled out for special treatment by one of its own Councillors. Cllr. Senan Griffin (FG) proposed that, despite the decision taken at the area meeting attended by him, a further 30 acres of residential land be added to the Maynooth total. A majority not available to him at local level was brought to bear at full Council level to overturn the decisions he had been part of at area committee level. The two largest parties now voted together to support this additional rezoning for Maynooth. As a consequence of this action, Maynooth is now saddled with a target population of over 12,300, an increase of around 45% on current levels. A residential land availability totalling 234 acres has been decided for a town where the professional planning opinion was that approximately half this amount was appropriate. The consequence of this action is that if all of this land were to be developed (not unlikely in the present economic climate) a population of 14,200 would result for Maynooth within the next 6-7 years.

Slowly, but surely, an erosion of what started as a reasonable exercise in planning has occurred, and a travesty for Maynooth has resulted. For Kildare County as a whole the need to cater for a projected 20,000 increase in population under the original strategic plan has now evolved into an allocation of lands to sustain an increase of 55,000. What is even more alarming is the apparent absence of any guarantee that population targets will have any binding effect on the actual growth of towns in Kildare over the next decade. In reality, a 1996 population of 134,000 can now expand to over 210,000 within 6/7 years as a result of decisions taken over the past two weeks by County Councillors. Such a situation would place intolerable stresses on infrastructure such as schools and roads and on amenities of all kinds.

This report has highlighted how the situation has arisen and who have been the prime movers. It is for you to ask them why!

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One young woman to another "I didn't know he drank until he gave it up for Lent".

Customer to barman "When I turn my back - put a drop of brandy in that soda - I told the wife I wouldn't look at a drop of brandy during Lent".

There was a man who was afraid of his own footsteps so instead of walking he started running - which only increased the number of footsteps. What he needed to do was stop. Lent gives us a chance to catch up with ourselves. Remember it is the last Lent this millennium.

UKAI - TORIYAMA - JAPANESE HOLIDAY

Stepping across the threshold of Ukai-Toriyama is being transported back into country life of ancient Japan. On five acres of verdant growth traced with pathways leading to structures reminiscent of times when shoguns held sway over the land, Sadao Ukai has recreated a world of simple idyllic charm; a living memory of rustic communities when moss-covered water-wheels produced the only mechanical power. People who might have sung folk songs as they toiled in fields now listen to strains of traditional music while they seek quiet refuge from the frenetic pace of today's world. Dinners in this peerless restaurant reflect the finest examples of Japanese cuisine as it has evolved from those early days.

When Ukai-san moved the first country house from Gokasan to the green valley of Okutakao in Showa 39 (1966), he launched a hobby born of a passionate desire to preserve evidence from Japan's past. Other ancient examples of early architecture, such as the tea house belonging to the daimyo of the Maeda family so respected by Shogun Ieyasu Tokugawa, have been meticulously relocated and contribute to the dream-like atmosphere in a unique setting near the crystal clear stream, Nakazawagawa.

Newer buildings, with authentic design and construction personally guided by Ukai-san, lend harmony to the landscape. Each window is strategically placed to give viewers a definitive portrait of nature's bounty; a tree donning autumn colours in Katsuratei Garden, a water falls' tumbling froth as it cascades downhill, a bridge gracefully linking banks of a stream of carp swimming lazily in the clear waters of Kogetsuik Pond.

No detail escapes the ubiquitous attention of Ukai-san. His great pride in presenting a look into the lives of ancient people extends to his business, serving food. Diners who enter the portals of Ukai-Toriyama have the opportunity to experience Japan's finest food products superbly prepared to remind patrons of repast partaken by ancestors who gathered around the hearth.

Ukai-san personally supervises selection of all vegetables and fruits. He intends to insure that only the finest foodstuffs Japan has to offer are served at his table, Savour the subtle flavours of custard-like tofu prepared in Ukai-Toriyama's kitchen. Clear soup begins with pure pure spring water, and pheasant meatballs lend tantalizing flavour. Ukai-Toriyama's rice speciality prepared from a secret recipe to recall dining before the open fire of a rice farming family. Cooked in a flavoured stock, rice with vegetables of the season combine to create a unique taste experience. Every course is accompanied by delicious sauces and accoutrements to delight the most discriminating tastebuds. Tea is served with the meal.

Sake brewed from pure, cold water and high quality rice is available. Excellent examples of this traditional Japanese drink will compliment each course.

As many as 600 patrons can be accommodated at Ukai-Toriyama. One room in Gasshozukuri, the old country house, seats 120 persons, and another holds 60. Smaller groups of varying numbers are exquisitely served in Lord Maeda's classic tea room or in other individual dwellings. Dining areas are comfortably equipped with central heat and air.

To secure desired dining facilities and to maintain standards imposed by Ukai-san, reservations are required. If the party includes more than eight people, menu choices must be selected two days prior to the reserved time.

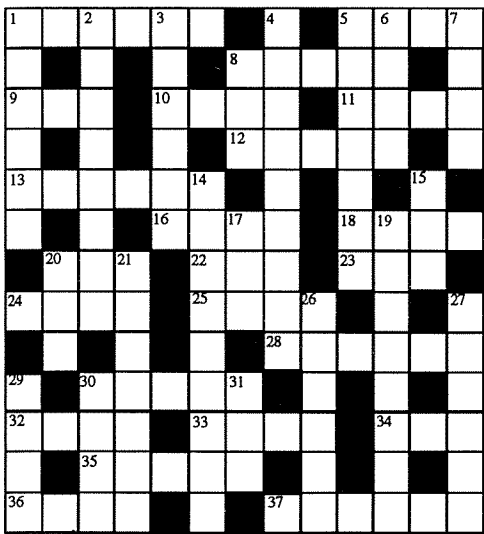
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Crossword No. 136



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Across:

- 1. Meat-pin (6)
- 5. Labour (4)
- 8. Musical instrument (5)
- 9. Contend (3)
- 10. Idol (4)
- 11. Scrutinise (4)
- 12. Swim (5)
- 13. Decayed (6)
- 16. Record (4)
- 18. Deadened (4)
- 20. Brick carrier (3)
- 22. Vegetable (3)
- 23. Animal (3)
- 24. Rod (4)
- 25. Final (4)
- 28. Knocked (6)
- 30. Impression (5)
- 32. Learn (4)
- 33. Assistant (4)
- 34. Horse (3)
- 35. Compel (5)
- 36. Victim (4)
- 37. Apartment (6)

Down:

- 1. Harsh (6)
- 2. Poll (8)
- 3. Resounded (6)
- 4. Announce (9)
- 5. Cleansing (7)
- 6. Formerly (4)

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- 7. Ruler (4)
- 8. Sphere (3)
- 14. Tact (9)
- 15. Bird (3)
- 17. Ocean (3)
- 19. Closed (8)
- 20. Crone (3)
- 21. Ruin (7)
- 26. Gift (6)
- 27. Slowly (6)
- 29. Vessel (4)
- 30. Secure (4)
- 31. Baked Dish (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 135

Across: 1. Derive; 4. Spongers; 9. So Long; 10. Palimony; 12. Evade; 13. Tennessee; 15. Apt; 16. Stern; 17. Arable; 22. Beaker; 24. Maize; 27. E.S.P; 28. Restrains; 31. Pitch; 32. Abounded; 33. Usurer; 34. Eleventh; 35. Escape.

Down: 1. Dispense; 2. Released; 3. Vengeance; 5. Prawn; 6. Noise; 7. Eloise; 8. Styles; 11. Attack; 14. Nib; 18. Arrest; 19. Lamp Posts; 20. Wisteria; 21. Recharge; 23. Ada; 25. Grease; 26. Ashore; 29. Rinse; 30. Inept.

Winner of Crossword No. 135
Mrs. S. Durack,
4 Nagle Court, Maynooth.



Deliciously Simple



Stir Fried Beef

450g rump or sirloin steak, cut into thin strips
3 tbsp soy sauce
1 leek
1 carrot, peeled
100g cup mushrooms
1 red pepper
2.5cm piece root ginger, peeled
3 tbsp sesame oil or vegetable oil
75g bean sprouts

Method

- Put beef in a shallow bowl and add soy sauce, coating the meat well. Leave to marinate for at least 30 mins.
- Cut leeks and carrots into match-stick sized strips. Slice mushrooms, chop pepper and cut ginger into thin strips.
- Heat oil in a wok or frying pan. Drain beef and add to wok, reserving marinade. Stir fry for 2 - 3 mins. Remove with a slotted spoon and keep warm.
- Add vegetables and stir fry for 3 - 4 mins, then add beef, marinade and bean sprouts. Cook for 2 - 3 mins. until vegetables are cooked but still crisp. Season and serve.

Seafood Stir Fry

700g of rock salmon or monkfish, cut into thin strips
2 carrots, scraped and cut into matchsticks (or vegetables of your choice)
2 peppers, red or green, seeded and cut into strips (or vegetables of your choice)
1 bunch of scallions, sliced lengthways
100g beansprouts
100g baby corn
2 cloves garlic, crushed and finely sliced
1 inch piece root ginger, finely grated
1 tbsp of each; soya sauce, orange juice, dry sherry, runny honey, pure vegetable or sunflower oil and flour, seasoned.

Method

Toss the fish in the seasoned flour to coat. Mix the soya sauce, orange juice, honey and sherry together. Heat the wok or frying pan over a high flame, add the oil and allow to get very hot. Quickly toss the fish in the oil for about two minutes until golden brown, remove with a slotted spoon, and keep warm. Stir fry the vegetables in the remaining oil. Give carrots, sweetcorn and peppers 2 minutes, the rest, including garlic and ginger, 1 minute. Keep the vegetables moving with a spatula to prevent burning. Replace the fish in the pan. Add the mixed liquid and stir fry for another few seconds until heated through. Serve immediately with boiled rice, or with noodles tossed after cooking in a little warm sesame oil.

Southern Fried Chicken on Saffron Rice

225g long grain rice
1 large pinch ground saffron
4 southern fried chicken portions
oil for frying.

Sauce

50g butter
1 onion, chopped
40g flour
425g canned tomatoes
1 tspn sugar
1 tspn dried oregano
1 bay leaf
salt and pepper
2 tbsp whipping cream
1 tbsp chopped parsley and 1 chopped spring onion to garnish.

Method

First make the sauce. Melt the butter and use to sauté the onion gently until soft but not coloured. Remove from the heat and stir in the flour. Replace over heat and gradually add the tomatoes, sugar, oregano, bay leaf, and seasoning. Bring to the boil, stirring constantly, and simmer for 5 minutes. Press through a sieve and stir in the cream. Meanwhile cook the rice in plenty of boiling salted water with the saffron added. Rinse with hot water, drain and add seasoning. At the same time, deep fry the chicken portions as directed. Place a bed of saffron rice on a hot serving dish and arrange the chicken on top. Reheat the sauce if necessary but do not allow to boil. Spoon sauce over the chicken and garnish with parsley and onion. Serve with fried aubergines.

Quick Vanilla Ice Cream

400ml carton fresh custard sauce
300ml pint double cream, whipped
2tsp vanilla essence
50g castor sugar.

Method

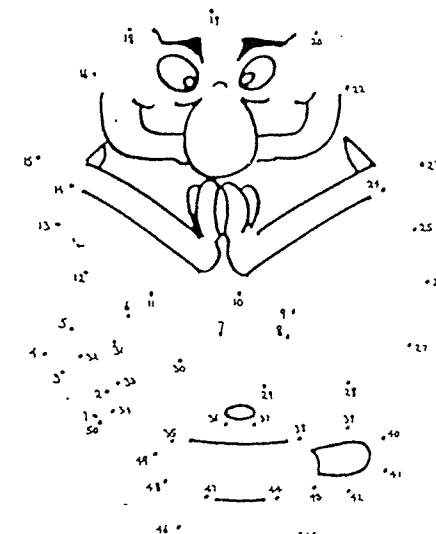
- Tip the custard sauce into a bowl, then carefully fold in the double cream, vanilla essence and castor sugar.
- Transfer the mixture to a shallow plastic container and leave in the freezer for 2 to 3 hours until firm, then serve.



Children's Corner

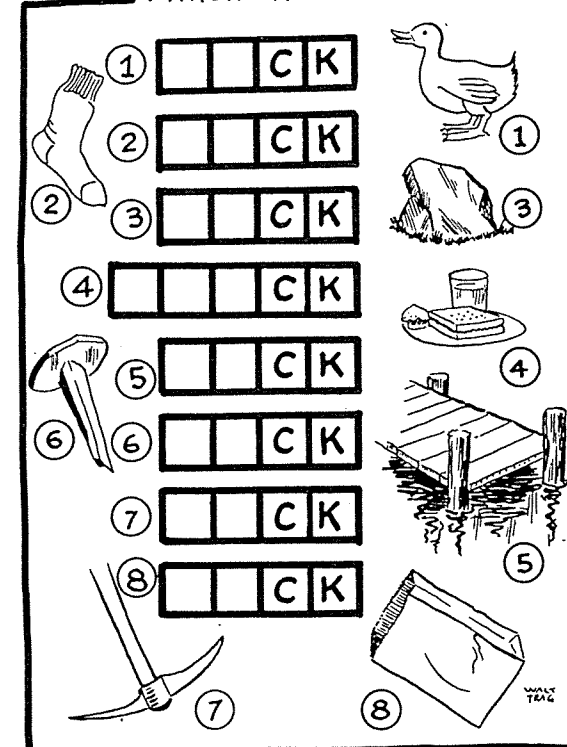


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Finish the words



ANSWERS: 1. DUCK, 2. DUCK, 3. DUCK, 4. DUCK, 5. DUCK, 6. DUCK, 7. DUCK, 8. DUCK.

Fill-in puzzle



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3rd Prize
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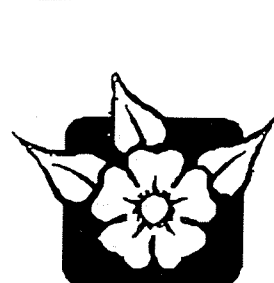
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1st Prize
Shane Byrne
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2nd Prize
Aine Bell
126 Castle Dawson
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3rd Prize
Shane Delaney
129 Kingsbry
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MARCH IN THE GARDEN

Flowers

Prepare the ground for sowings of hardy annuals by forking the soil and adding a general-purpose fertilizer. In sheltered and warm gardens, the first sowings may be made at the end of this month.

Remove dead heads of spring-flowering bulbs to conserve the strength of the bulbs.

Plant gladioli corms and lily corms.

Divide large clumps of perennial plants and replant the younger outer growths.

Hoe, feed and mulch herbaceous borders.

Plant out unsprouted dahlia tubers and cover them with a mulch to protect against frost.

Water outdoor plants in containers in sheltered areas.

Fruit

If not done last month, hoe in a general-purpose fertilizer round the root areas of all fruits and apply a layer of mulching material. Remove all weeds.

Tie in new shoots of cane fruits to their supports.

Continue to pollinate and protect from frost fruits such as apricots, peaches, nectarines and plums.

Place cloches over strawberries to obtain early fruits.

Spray apples and pears with a fungicide to prevent scab disease.

Remove low-growing or damaged stems from bush fruits such as gooseberries and currants.

Continue to plant strawberries, but don't let them fruit in the first year - remove the blossoms.

Vegetables

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

As soon as the weather is suitable and the soil friable, start successional sowing of green vegetable crops, including lettuces and radishes, either where they are to mature or in seed-beds. Continue planting potatoes, shallots and onion sets.

Thin out sowings of broad beans and peas made last month. Insert stakes or supports.

Give spring cabbages a nitrogenous fertilizer to encourage growth.

Trees, shrubs and climbers

Complete the planting of new trees, shrubs and climbers - both deciduous and evergreen - by the end of the month. Top-dress them with manure, compost or peat.

Set out hedging plants in ground prepared last month.

Prune bush hybrid tea and floribunda roses, and shorten tips of lateral growths on climbing roses to encourage more blooms.

Remove dead wood and very old wood from winter-flowering shrubs, such as chimonanthus and viburnums.

Hoe carefully to remove weeds and work in a general-purpose fertilizer over the root areas of trees, shrubs and climbers. Give these plants a good mulch.

Plant evergreen trees and shrubs, and complete planting of bare-root deciduous trees.

Under Glass

Complete the sowing of half hardy and summer flowering bedding plants.

Prick out seedlings of those sown last month into boxes for hardening off next month.

Continue to sow or plant greenhouse flowering plants, and thin the seedlings of those sown last month.

Discard winter-flowering pot plants, such as cinerarias and calceolarias.

Remove the dead flowers from azaleas and cyclamen, and fruits from solanums, if the plants are to be kept for next year.

Take cuttings from chrysanthemums, dahlias, fuchsias and pelargoniums, also perpetual-flowering carnations. Start into growth tuberous begonias and gloxinias (sinningias).

Continue to spray grapevines daily with water. Grapevines and stone fruits, such as peaches and almonds, need sufficient water to keep the root area moist.

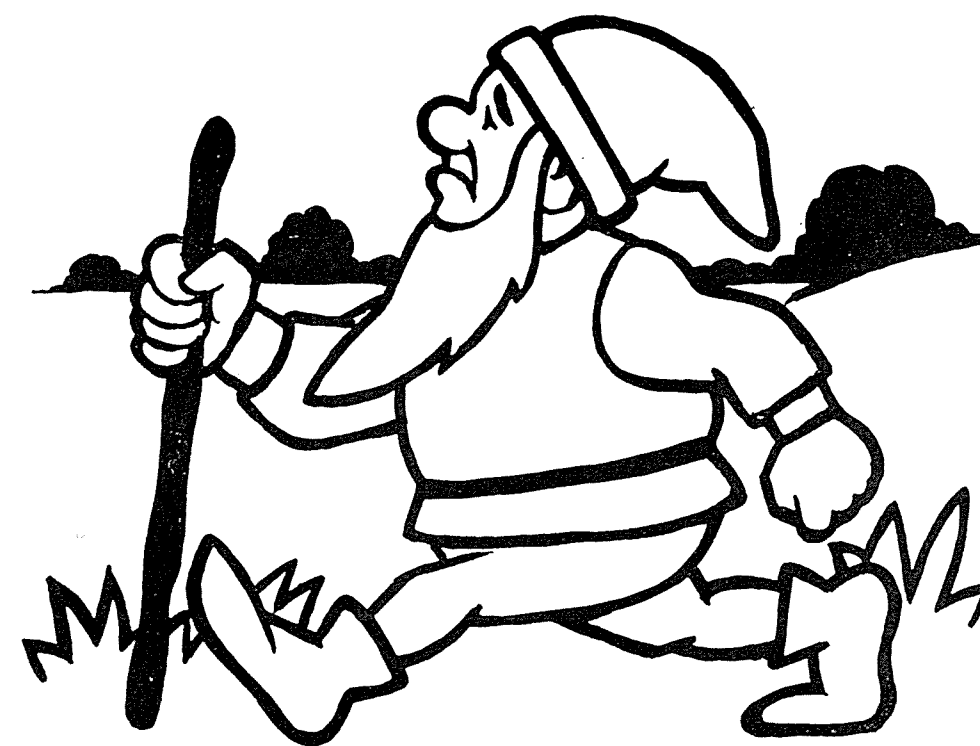
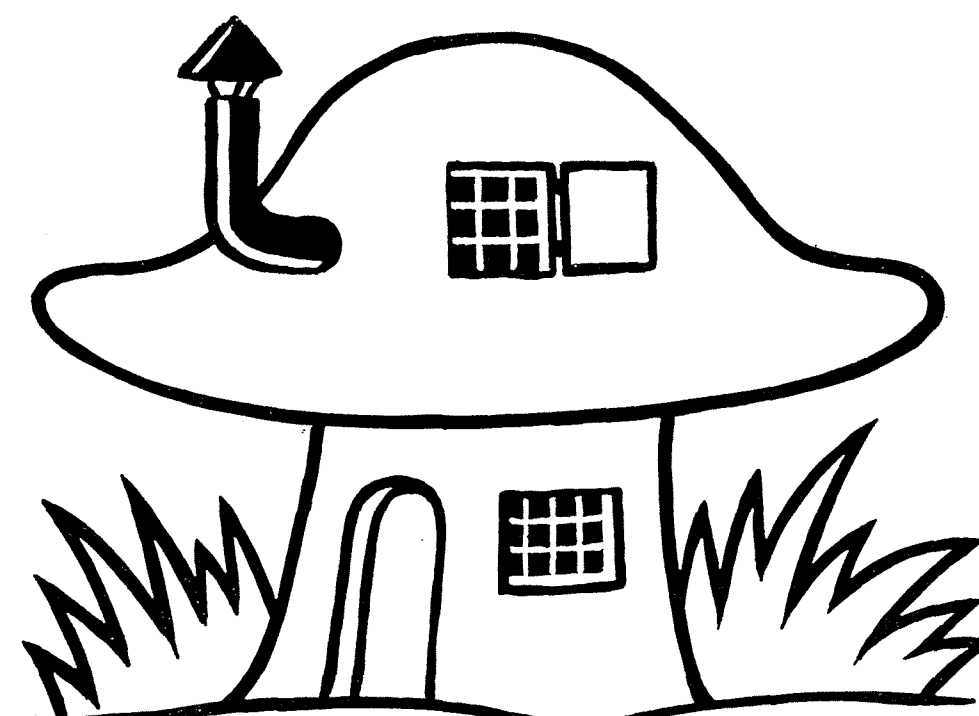
Sow melons, cucumbers, aubergines, sweetcorn, peppers and celery.

As forced bulbs complete their flowering, move them to a cool place. Feed with a liquid fertilizer.

.....and don't forget

Mow lawns, apply weed and moss-killers if necessary, and give the first spring dressing of a lawn fertilizer. Sow or turf new lawns, but take more care when cutting the grass and do not over-use the mower during the first summer.

This is a good month to create a water garden. Therefore, place orders for plants needed next month.



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This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds.
Closing date for receipt of entries is 22nd March by 5 p.m.

Party Political

FINE GAEL NOTES The County Development Plan

Wednesday 10th February 1999 finally saw the adoption of the long awaited county development plan and the rezoning of 120 acres of land to meet the population target of 11,840 by the year 2006 as projected by the county planner.

Cllr. Senan Griffin proposed a further thirty acres of land be rezoned to meet the needs of local first time house buyers. He also proposed that 20% of land to be rezoned should be made available for the first time buyer to encourage the Department of the Environment and Kildare County Council to actively participate in the PRIVATE SITES SCHEME. This Scheme allows Kildare County Council to sell sites to suitably qualified clients at a reduced rate. *This proposal will reduce the cost to the 1st time buyer by up to 50%.*

"It is the only method available to assist young people, i.e. the sons and daughters of the people of Maynooth who cannot otherwise afford a home in the present climate, to have an opportunity to purchase their own homes at an affordable price and not be confined to living in a flat, and wasting their hard earned money, said Cllr. Griffin."

Why propose an extra thirty acres? When formulating the population targets for Maynooth, the County Manager and County Planner included six acres at the rear of Noones and ten acres at the side of the Cattle Mart (beside the slurry tank) which are currently zoned for general development, but in reality will not be used for residential purposes. In subtracting this sixteen acres from the thirty proposed, a net gain of fourteen acres will accrue and increase the population by 336 people over the period up to 2006.

Cllr. Senan Griffin has fought a lone campaign to secure low cost housing for the first time buyer. During the past two years he has worked tirelessly to ensure that private sites are made available in both Leixlip and Celbridge. It is hoped that by the time that this publication is to hand that eighteen sites in Leixlip and Celbridge will be allocated to local people and that they can proceed to start building their own homes by mid-summer.

Currently Cllr. Senan Griffin has a motion before Kildare County Council, demanding that the Council make an extra 120 sites immediately available in the north of the County to first time buyers.

Public Lights

Kildare County Council has been requested by Cllr Senan Griffin to provide a public light at the bus turning bay on the Straffan Road at the Harbour field side. He has also requested Bus Atha Cliath to erect a bus shelter at this point so as to provide some protection to commuters awaiting long distance buses.

Private Sites

Cllr. Senan Griffin has urgently requested Kildare County Council to make available 120 private sites in the north of

the county, in order to alleviate the current housing crisis for those who are unable to purchase a house on the open market. These sites can be sold to suitable clients who then can proceed to build their own home for a price ranging from £60,000 to £70,000. This scheme has the full support of the Department of the Environment.

Unfinished Estates

Housing Estates throughout the County should be completed forthwith, said Cllr. Senan Griffin and he has demanded that Kildare County Council should where necessary utilise the bond to carry out any outstanding works needed to complete the development in accordance with the planning permission as granted by Kildare County Council.

Moyglare Road - Footpaths

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council, to proceed with the completion of the footpath at the Moyglare Road from the S.V.D. Hostel up to the telephone exchange. It should be possible to obtain finance from development levies, he said.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The A.G.M. took place on Sunday 7th February. Officers elected were:

President	John Carey
Vice President	Noel Brady
Captain	Tom O'Haire
Vice Captain	John Saults
Treasurer	John Saults
Handicap Secretary	Gerry McTernan

1st outing to Athy on Saturday March 13th
2nd outing to Moate on Saturday April 17th

Membership fee to be paid by April 17th

Maynooth Taekwon-Do School (Korean Martial Art)

By the time you read this article a new beginners class will have commenced in the Parish Hall, however it is not too late to join or find out more about Taekwon-Do. Classes are held on Monday and Friday nights in the Parish Hall and interested people can drop in and talk to the instructors about the classes. This is a martial art suitable to all age groups and provides for people looking for fitness, a pastime or a serious competitive sport. You can choose what approach suits you and regardless of your present ability you will be guided safely and progressively towards achieving your goal.

Beginners classes are taking place Monday nights at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

You can contact the School by Phoning 087-2796721 or 6280868

Party Political

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN/MAYNOOTH PLAN:

The Amended Draft County Plan was approved at the Council meeting on the 10th February. Unfortunately, it is bad news for the people of Maynooth as Councillors Griffin and Brady went against the recommendation of the Senior Planner and County Manager and against the decision of the Celbridge Area Committee. With the support of their Party colleagues they increased the amount of land to be rezoned by a further 30 acres and increased the population target by 850.

Maynooth is the only town where the views of the Planners and the decision of the Area Committee were ignored by the Councillors. The amended draft Plan will now go on display for a further month and the public will have an opportunity to make submissions on the changes made. Needless to say, your local Councillor, John McGinley, voted against the Griffin/Brady proposals.

GERALDINE HALL/HARBOUR FIELD:

Most communities would be overwhelmed if they had ownership of these two amenities. The Maynooth community is no exception, however, a small unelected, unrepresentative group of people, in a body called the Maynooth Development Association, is stopping the development of both the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field from taking place.

The Hon. David Nall Cain is the owner of both and he wishes to give the properties to Kildare County Council who will then lease the properties to a representative Maynooth Community Group. His Solicitors wrote to the four Trustees of the Harbour Field on the 8th of October, 1998 outlining his proposals and requesting them to relinquish their Trustees rights so that his proposal could proceed. (Kildare County Council sent a similar letter to the Trustees on the 17th September, 1998). None of the Trustees have got back to the Solicitors Brown and McCann. The Solicitors (who also happen to be Kildare County Council's Solicitors) wrote to Kildare County Council on the 9th February, 1999 wanting to know if some local intervention would help on progressing this wonderful opportunity. This information was passed by the County Secretary to Cllr. John McGinley. Cllr. McGinley has advised the County Secretary that the Maynooth Community would like to develop the Geraldine Hall as a Community Centre for Children, Youth, No Name Club, Senior Citizens, I.C.A. etc., with the Community Council and Citizens Information Centre as anchor tenants. Likewise, the Harbour Field could be developed for children's GAA, soccer and athletics, with the Town end of the field being devoted to passive amenity i.e. a park.

There is no shortage of funds available for such projects and indeed the aforementioned Maynooth Development

Association (MDA) collected community funding over 20 years ago which has remained dormant since then, but, could be used for such a community project with a lot of good will.

It is now incumbent on the Trustees and M.D.A. to act in the interests of the community and agree to the transfer of the property to Kildare County Council so that it can be used for community purposes only.

Girls Primary School/Carton Avenue Entrance:

At the Celbridge Area Committee meeting of Kildare County Council held on Friday January 22nd, Cllr. John McGinley, proposed; *"That the £200,000 grant, which was due to be spent on new footpaths in Mill Street, be diverted to the Girls School/Carton Avenue entrance area instead, where there is a much greater urgency on safety and for new footpaths."*

Cllr. McGinley in making his case to transfer the funding stated that the required works in Mill Street can be funded from Development Levies in the area, with particular reference to the proposed development at Kavanagh's. Cllr. John McGinley's Motion was as a result of representations he had received from the Board of Management of the Girls National School requesting his assistance in making the area safer for pupils attending the school. Kildare County Council had advised the Board of Management in writing on the 9th of December last that they had no funding to carry out the required works. Cllr. McGinley's Motion was greeted with enthusiasm at the meeting and was agreed to with no dissenting voices. The County Engineer will now prepare the designs for the improvements which will include a bus pull-in bay, pedestrian crossing and prohibition of parking at Carton Avenue entrance.

In order to ensure that there is no delay in carrying out this urgent work, Cllr. McGinley will seek monthly updates at the Celbridge Area Committee meetings.

MAYNOOTH CASTLE FUNDING:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his concern that funding for the development of Maynooth Castle is being diverted away from the project within the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands.

Concern has been expressed recently by members of the Maynooth Castle Restoration Committee that soundings from the Department were becoming negative with regard to the overall project and that a phasing of the project was being introduced because of a lack of funds.

Deputy Stagg tabled a question to Minister De Valera and in her response on February 2nd she indicated that Phase 1 of the Development Project will start in the latter part of 1999. She further indicated that the detailed programme of works will be considered in the light of available resources. This statement clearly means that there is now a question mark

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over the full funding of the project.

Deputy Stagg will press the Minister to restore full funding of the project and he described as ridiculous any attempt to do a botched job on the development of the Castle by proceeding in Phases without any certainty of the end result.

GREENFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE:

Following the representations from Cllr. John McGinley, Kildare County Council agreed to concrete in the two green (mud) patches at the entrance to the shopping centre. The owner of the complex, John Dolan, advised Cllr. McGinley that he intends to carry out other improvements i.e. marking out car park, placing decorative bollards around the perimeter of the car park. It is hoped that cars and lorries will stop driving on the greens here and in other areas.

NEW FOOTPATHS, MAIN STREET:

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley, the Project Engineer has agreed to decrease the spacings between the bollards. The present spacing is proving to be tempting to some motorists to break the law and park on the footpath.

NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS, STRAFFAN ROAD:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for consideration by the Celbridge Area Committee; *"That traffic lights be installed on the Straffan Road, Maynooth at an appropriate location to facilitate the exiting traffic from Old Greenfields, Silken Vale, Parklands and the Railway Station."* Because of the difficulty in getting out of these locations, it is Cllr. McGinley's view that traffic lights are urgently needed.

GAS HEATING IN COUNCIL HOUSES:

Cllr. John McGinley has placed the following Motion on the Agenda for the next Council meeting; *"That this Council would now draw up a scheme for the provision of a Natural Gas supply for the central heating in Council houses, in areas where same is available, and that finance for same be included in the estimates for 2000."*

UPGRADING OF FOOTPATHS IN THE 700'S OLD GREENFIELD:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to upgrade these footpaths out of the £150,000 provided in the 1999 Estimate for such purposes.

MAIN STREET, TREES:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for consideration by the Celbridge Area Committee; *"That a tree surgeon's report be carried out on the trees on Maynooth's Main Street in order to find out the condition of*

the trees."

When it is established how many need to be replaced because of age or disease the necessary action can then be taken.

INCREASED SERVICES ON MAYNOOTH RAIL LINE DELAYED:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his dismay that the upgrading of the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line is not progressing in line with expectations. In response to a Parliamentary Question tabled by Deputy Stagg, the Minister for Public Enterprise, Mary O'Rourke T.D. advised Deputy Stagg as follows:

- A comprehensive engineering assessment of the line between Maynooth and the city centre has been completed.
- Design work is well advanced for track remodelling, bridge renewal, re-signalling, new platforms and station upgrading.
- The installation of the new track will commence in the latter half of 1999 and the whole infrastructure improvement should be completed by the end of 2000.
- New diesel railcars for use on the line will be delivered in Autumn 2000.

However the Minister also advised Deputy Stagg that signalling work in the City Centre is not covered by the present work and that this matter will be dealt with in a post 2000 development programme, because the signalling works are not being dealt with in tandem with the other improvements commuters will not see the full benefit of additional services for some time. At all stages Iarnrod Eireann have indicated that without the signalling improvements in the City Centre train services cannot be increased safely. Deputy Stagg will press the Minister to give Iarnrod Eireann the resources to enable it to bring forward the signalling work.

ROAD SERVING HOUSE NO.'S 509-514, NEWTOWN:

The roadway here is in a terrible condition and Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out repairs as a matter of urgency.

TRAIN OVERCROWDING:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has again raised the issue of the over crowding of trains on the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line with Minister O'Rourke. He has tabled Parliamentary Questions to the Minister in relation to the role of her Railway Inspecting Office in ensuring passenger safety.

To date the Minister has indicated that she has no function in relation to over crowding, as the owner of the company she should insist that Iarnrod Eireann not pack passengers into trains which are already full to capacity. As Minister for Transport her policy should be to encourage people to use trains rather than private cars and certainly if the present

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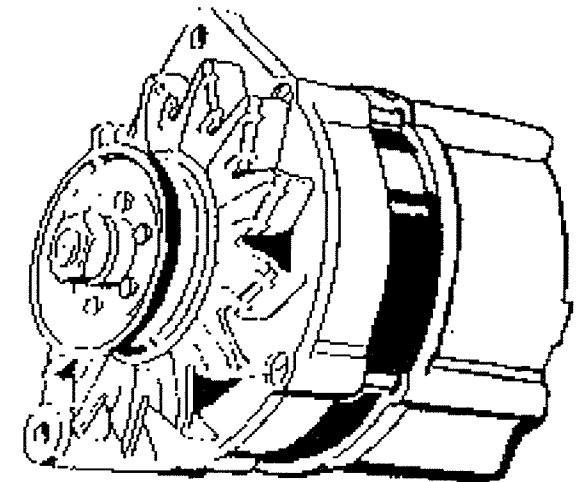
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system continues the problem will resolve itself, because people will stop using the suburban trains.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO BE PROVIDED AT MAYNOOTH MOTORWAY INTERCHANGE:

Following repeated requests to Kildare County Council, Cllr. John McGinley, has been informed by the County Engineer that traffic lights are to be put in place at the Maynooth Motorway Interchange within a matter of months. The County Engineer informed Cllr. McGinley that design work for the lights was near completion and that funding was in place.

Welcoming the news. Cllr. McGinley stated that the provision of the lights will make the area much safer for motorists exiting the motorway. It should prevent the continued back up of traffic from the slipway on to the motorway which in recent times has seen 30 minute delays at peak times. In addition to this exiting the motorway was always dangerous and this danger will be removed by the provision of the lights and the elimination of the priority status for traffic crossing the motorway bridge.

Cllr. McGinley will continue to press the County Engineer to carry out the work as soon as possible.

FOOTPATHS, PARSON STREET TO BOND BRIDGE:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to use Discretionary Grants money to resurface the three sections of footpath, Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Parson Court/Bond Bridge in this highly pedestrianised area. They are very much in need of repair.

BLACKLION HALTING SITE:

The Celbridge Area Committee approved plans for housing and improvements to bays at its meeting on the 22nd January. The plans will now be discussed with the residents for final approval before submission to the Department for funding. This face lift is long overdue and hopefully work will begin in the Autumn.

LANE BETWEEN MEADOWBROOK AND NEWTOWN ROAD:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has contacted the developers of Castledawson in connection with the condition of the laneway between Meadowbrook and the Newtown Road.

PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS:

Cllr John McGinley has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission to Dublin Bus for the provision of Bus Shelters at the following locations:

- Main Street - Outside Geraldine Arms.

- Main Street - Outside Coonans.
- Outside Kingsbry Estate.
- At 67A Bus Turning Point on Straffan Road.

COMMUNITY UNIT FOR OLDER PEOPLE:

Cllr. John McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg have been advised by the Eastern Health Board that a Design Team has now been selected for the development of a 50 Bed Community Unit for Older People at Leinster Street, Maynooth.

The new unit will provide a wide range of services for older people including respite/intermittent care, convalescent care, day care, rehabilitation and long stay care beds.

The design team are presently preparing plans for the submission on an application for planning permission to Kildare Co. Council.



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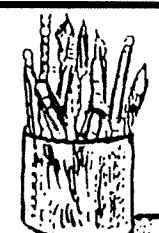
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Minor Football League Division I North (all games at 11.00 a.m.)

Fixtures

Sunday	28th February 1999	Maynooth v Leixlip (home)	
Sunday	7th March 1999	Na Fianna v Maynooth (away)	Venue Allenwood
Sunday	14th March 1999	Maynooth v Carbury (home)	
Sunday	21st March 1999	St. Cocas v Maynooth (away)	Venue Kilcock
Sunday	28th March 1999	Maynooth v Clane (home)	
Sunday	11th April 1999	Balyra v Maynooth (away)	Venue Clogherinkoe

Forthcoming Function in Clubhouse

Race Night on Friday, 5th March.
Purpose: To raise funds for Maynooth G.A.A. which caters for football / hurling / handball / camogie / ladies football. We are asking people to purchase horses, offer themselves as jockeys or to sponsor a race.
The fees are as follows: Race Sponsorship - £200
Horse Sponsorship - £20.

A race programme will be produced for the night which will offer an opportunity for advertising.
Given the vital contribution the G.A.A. makes to the local community by promoting our national games and preserving our cultural identity we would greatly appreciate your support on March 5th. For further details ring 6285020.

Music each Saturday night commencing at 10.00 p.m.
Archives slot (G.A.A. matches) shown each Friday at 10.00 p.m. Training for minor and senior camogie players on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m.

As part of their preparations for the forthcoming League Campaign Maynooth Intermediate Hurlers, despite short a number of regulars, played impressively to overcome the challenge of Kilmacud and a scoreline of 2-9 to 2-6 on the 7th February 1999.

To honour the achievement of the Junior Footballers in winning both League and Championship in 1998 a special presentation was made to the team and mentors in the Clubhouse on Friday 12th February 1999. Rody Molloy acted as the jovial M.C. for the night and Davy Dalton, Kildare All Star and current Manager of Maynooth Intermediate Football Team presided over the medal presentation to the players.

Congratulations to the following players who achieved this dual success:
Joe Edwards, Mark Nugent, Derek Fleming, Marty Byrne, Hugh Nevin, Noel Reilly, Alan Nugent, Karl Ennis, John O'Toole, Owen O'Neill, Aidan O'Dea, Martin Donnelly (junior), James Gilligan, James Gallagher, Niall Naughton, Sean Molloy, Danny Casey, Aiden Burke, Liam O'Toole, Thomas Farrell, James Delargy, Declan Buckley, Gerry Delaney. No team can operate effectively without a strong management team and in this regard, Mick Faherty ably assisted by Martin Donnelly (senior) and Mick O'Riordan rose to their task magnificently.

Tom Coffey, P.R.O.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB
WEEKLY LOTTERY RESULTS
23rd January 1999

This Weeks Numbers 8 - 16 - 19 - 24

This Weeks Jackpot - £550

Winner: No Winner

Next Weeks Jackpot - £600

WINNERS OF WEEKLY £10.00

1. Pat Comerford
2. Ann Marsh c/o Leaf
3. Anne Garnett, 14 Cluain Aoibhinn
4. Madeline Stynes, Moneycooley
5. Matt Carroll

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Maynooth P.P. 4-7 Enniscorthy C.B.S. 5-5
Maynooth fall to last gasp goal
but only after an epic battle

Maynooth P.P. travelled to Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow on Wednesday 3rd February 1999 to take on Enniscorthy in the Leinster Juvenile 'B' Football Championship Final.

Scores were hard to come by in a tight first half with Enniscorthy having a goal disallowed within the first couple of minutes. Enniscorthy eventually broke the deadlock with a well worked point. Maynooth took control for the rest of the half and were deserving of their goal when it came, which was neatly finished by Aidan Ferris. Maynooth went ahead at the break by 1-2 to 2 points.

The second half started in dramatic style with a penalty being awarded to Enniscorthy, which they failed to capitalise on. For the rest of the half, Maynooth trailed and were lucky to bring the game in to extra-time with a last minute free from Aidan Dalton. F.T.: Maynooth 2-4, Enniscorthy 2-4. Extra time started with Maynooth racing into a six point lead, with two solo goals from Maynooth's captain Aidan Dalton. At this stage, Maynooth looked to have the game in the bag and had a commanding lead at the end of the first period.

The second period saw Enniscorthy ease their way back in to the game with two goals in quick succession. Still

Maynooth had a solid two point lead with points coming from the boots of Ricki Moore, David Comerford and Fergal Molloy.

But as the referee was about to blow the whistle for full-time, instead he blew for an Enniscorthy penalty. And as the ball hit the back of the net, the tears began to appear on the faces of tired Maynooth players. A cruel blow for a team, who with so many star players in their ranks are sure to be back again to claim a Leinster title.

Maynooth's team was backboned in defence by full-back Daniel O'Neill and centre-back Alan Sweeney. Aidan Dalton gave a great account of himself in midfield, Fergal Molloy and Johnaton Kerins, who also doubled up as a third midfielder, in attack.

Maynooth Team and Scorers:

1. John McCarthy, 2. Ricki Moore (-1), 3. Daniel O'Neill, 4. Michael Dowd, 5. Liam Rattigan, 6. Alan Sweeney, 7. Colin O'Neill, 8. Aidan Dalton (3-4), 9. Ciaran McCullough, 10. David Comerford (-1), 11. Sean Rattigan, 12. D.J. Canning, 13. Fergal Molloy, (-1), 14. Aidan Ferris (-1), 15. Johnaton Kerins.
Subs: Wayne Byrne for Aidan Ferris.

Brendan Coffey, Maynooth Post Primary School.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB
WEEKLY LOTTERY RESULTS
31st January 1999

This Weeks Numbers 17 - 21- 18 - 5

This Weeks Jackpot - £600

Winner: No Winner

Next Weeks Jackpot - £650

WINNERS OF WEEKLY £10.00

1. Kathleen McDermott
2. Rose Hayes, 69 Cluain Aoibhinn
3. Fiona Lawlor, 181 Kingsbry
4. Ann O'Duffy, c/o Domo
5. Mick Goulding, c/o Allie

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB
WEEKLY LOTTERY RESULTS
14th February 1999

This Weeks Numbers 10 - 17 - 18 - 21

This Weeks Jackpot - £700

Winner: No Winner

Next Weeks Jackpot - £750

WINNERS OF WEEKLY £10.00

1. Richard Hatton, Kilcock
2. Bernard Flanagan, c/o Domo
3. Don Toppin, Moyglare Road, Mary Daly
4. Ann Moran, Moneycooley, c/o Domo
5. John Murray, c/o Domo

Sport

MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB DUBLIN AND DISTRICT SCHOOLBOY'S RESULTS

D.D.S.L. U12A1
St. Malachy's 3 Maynooth Town 4

After a nine week break without a competitive game, following Christmas and bad weather, this was not the ideal tie for the under 12 A1 side to resume their league campaign. With St. Malachy's unbeaten and top of the division the away tie was seen as one of the toughest test of the season. On the day this young Maynooth side were at the top of their form. It was twenty-five minutes into the first half before Maynooth opened the scoring when Shaun Doogan put Brian O'Malley through with an inch perfect pass. O'Malley finished off superbly to put Maynooth one up. Malachy's came back strongly and equalised two minutes later. A class high lob seven minutes into the second half gave Maynooth's in form keeper Sean Kennedy no chance and against the run of play the home side were 2-1 up. Maynooth were by no means out of it and continued to press forward. In the 43rd minute Shaun Doogan laid the ball wide to O'Malley who whipped in the perfect cross for Sean McAllister to drive home from 18 yards. Maynooth started to dominate and in the 49th minute, O'Malley was again in the thick of it with another superb cross for David Baxter to head home and put the Town in front for the second time. A disputed penalty decision allowed the home side to level the score at 3-3. In the final six minutes as the tie looked set for a draw Shaun Doogan was hacked down just outside the box. McAllister struck the resultant free kick into the top corner to give Maynooth a well-deserved winner. A tremendous all round performance with the Maynooth defence of Walsh, Cummins, Comerford and O'Connor well up to the task. Declan Bambrick in mid-field and Niall Doogan upfront were also at the top of their game.

Maynooth: Sean Kennedy, Cian Walsh, Mark Cummins, Kevin Comerford, Gavin O'Connor, Sean McAllister, Brian O'Malley, David Baxter, Declan Bambridge, Shaun Doogan, Niall Doogan, Jason Moen and Peter Lawlor.

D.D.S.L. U16B
Mountview Boys 1 Maynooth Town 1

Maynooth Town Under 16's travelled to Hartstown for what was a very competitive tie between two evenly matched sides. The commitment shown in this highly entertaining contest was a credit to schoolboy football. The Town settled well and the first half became a battle in midfield with neither side giving any quarter. The Maynooth defense of Bobby Kelly, Tom Farrell, Dan Corbett and David O'Brien were in top form and dealt well with any threat from the home side. It was ten minutes into the second half before the deadlock was broken. With Mountview pushing forward Maynooth failed to clear their lines and a close range shot gave in form Town keeper Dean Conway no chance. The Town refused to lie down and started to dominate putting the home side on the back foot. Just reward came in the 70th minute when Stephen King cracked his shot off the post and the rebound fell sweetly for Colin (Super-sub) Daly to coolly tap in from six yds. Both sides had late chances for the winner but the draw was a fair result. An all round good performance with Robert Stanley the engine in midfield but Man of the Match went to Bobby Kelly for an outstanding display at right back.

Maynooth: Dean Conway, Bobby Kelly, Tom Farrell, Daniel Corbett, David O'Brien, Ashley Ledwith, Stephen King, Stephen Dunk, Robert Stanley, Martin Conway, Trevor McMahon, Colin Daly, Stephen Kelly, Paddy King and Martin McMahon.

D.D.S.L. U8C
Maynooth Town 7 Balally Celtic 0

Balally Celtic were the visitors to the Harbour Field on a damp Sunday morning for this under 8C tie. The home side was always in control and after only 5 mins Peter Murphy broke clear and drove a low shot in from 6 yds. Just 4 mins later Shane McBride launched a 20 yrd. rocket that skimmed just past the post. Daniel Burke made it 2-0 in the 12th minute after an inch perfect cross from Peter Murphy. Following a deflected shot off a defender Maynooth lead 3-0 at the break. With goals from Sean Murphy, Gavin Doyle, a second from Peter Murphy, and two from Darragh Moore Maynooth ran out the easy winners. A good all round performance with Shane McBride outstanding in defence.

Maynooth: Sean Murphy, Peter Murphy, Shane McBride, Conor Bean, Darragh Dunning, Ailbhe Flynn, Gavin Doyle, Daniel Burke, Richard Hawkins and Darragh Moore.

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MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (Cont.)
DUBLIN AND DISTRICT SCHOOLBOY'S RESULTS

Under 9B1

Maynooth Town 0 Rangers 4

Two goals in two minutes from the visitors, half way through the first half, left Maynooth with an uphill task in this under 9B1 clash. The home side had contested well and had their chances to take the lead. A free kick on the edge of the box was superbly struck into the top right hand corner to put Rangers 0-1 ahead. Maynooth were pushing forward and got caught on the break to go two down. The second half again saw Maynooth on top for long spells but they were unable to break down a solid Ranger's defence. Another two minute period in the second half saw the Town concede two more to make it 0-4 a final scoreline that flattered the visitors.

Maynooth: Paddy Prendergast, Stephen Travers, Bill Gannon, Fintan Daly, Garth Hamilton, Eoghan Hinds, Stephen Byrne, Chris O'Reilly, Alex Delaney, David Scalley and Brian O'Dwyer.

D.D.S.L. U16B

Maynooth Town 2 Templeogue United 1

Two games in successive weeks has been a rarity for our under 16 side but given the chance to compete regularly they showed that they are capable of achieving results. Despite the difficult surface Maynooth played some attractive football and were on top for most of the tie. Despite having most of the play there was 30 minute on the watch before Trevor McMahon drove his shot low and to the left to give the keeper no chance. After the break Maynooth continued to press forward and were awarded a penalty for handball. Jason Newton made no mistake from the spot to put the home side two up. With 55 minutes gone Templeogue were reduced to ten men when their centre-half was dismissed for a second bookable offence. Following the sending off the visitors were at their most dangerous and began to push forward. In the 60th minute Maynooth keeper Dean Conway could only parry a fiercely struck shot and with the defence looking on the attacker was first to react to put Templeogue back in the game. The final minutes were played at a pace but Maynooth defended well to earn all three points. Best for Maynooth were Dean Conway and Daniel (the early bird) Corbett.

Maynooth: Dean Conway, Bobby Kelly, Jason Newton, Noel Healy, Daniel Corbett, David O'Brien, Ashley Ledwith, Stephen King, Stephen Dunk, Robert Stanley, Martin Conway, Trevor McMahon, Colin Daly, Stephen Kelly, Paddy King and Martin McMahon.

Other Results

Under 8B	Maynooth Town 2	St. Joseph's Boys 5
Under 8C	Shankill 1	Maynooth Town 4
Under 9B1	Carrighlean Boys 1	Maynooth Town 1
Under 11B	Maynooth Town 4	St. Anthony's Boys 3
Under 12A1	St. Joseph's Boys 2	Maynooth Town 0
Under14 Harmon Cup 2nd Round	Maynooth Town 3	St Anthony's Boys 1

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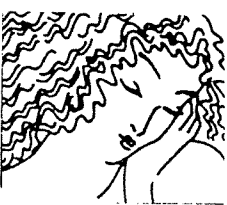
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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

All Ireland Indoor Results from Nenagh

Many of our young athletes made the journey to Nenagh, in order to compete against Ireland's best young athletes and taste the cut and thrust of top class competition. It was a great experience for the young boys and girls that will pay off in the future.

In the under 11 events twins Niamh and Alison MacAuliffe combined with Arek Ni Murchu and Ciana Ennis gave a good account of themselves in the relay, sprints and long jump. Ciana, second in the All Ireland cross country, was closest to a medal in the 300 metres but was edged out in the final straight.

For the boys Sean MacTernan had a great run in the 300 metres but a stumble at the start left him with too much to do.

Under 13s Kevin Comerford, Daryl O'Connell, Marc O'Murchu and Joseph O'Riordan performed heroically in the 600 metres without reaching the final and then were pipped in the relay heats. Muire Ennis and Elaine MacAuliffe ran a very tough 600 metres and despite finishing second and fifth in their heats, the medals continued to elude us.

Awut Ní Murchú followed her 600 on Saturday with a great run in the 300 on Sunday and finished fifth in her race.

Finally our first win came when under 17 David Campbell retained his 800 metres title despite a seven week lay off due to a knee injury.

The following evening Philip Campbell won a silver in the 1,000 metres after a tough battle, in which he eventually had to give way after bravely making the pace.

All in all it was a very successful and enjoyable competition.

All Ireland Cross Country relays.

Three of our athletes represented Kildare in the scenic village of Rostrevor in mid February and their efforts were rewarded with a gold and silver medal.

Muire Ennis captured the win under 13, while Ciana Ennis ran strongly to win second place.

In what was described as "one of the best runs of the day" Kevin Comerford battled to the line but the under 13 Kildare team finished in fourth place.

Next Committee Meeting in the G.A.A. club on Thursday 25th February at 8.00pm

Don't forget that training continues at 7.00pm Wednesdays and 10.00am Saturdays at the G.A.A. Club.

New members are welcome so come along.....

MAYNOOTH COARSE ANGLING CLUB

An update on our inaugural competition held on Sunday January 31st. A total of 16 anglers in both senior and junior classes competed in very cold, but dry, conditions. The results were as follows:

Senior: 1st. Mick O'Sullivan, 2nd Stephen O'Meara, 3rd Brian Browne
Junior: 1st Donald Tippen, 2nd Kellie Higgins, 3rd Andy Barry

Maynooth Coarse Angling Club would like to thank Luke and Pat McHale of McHale Scaffolding for their kind donation to the club.

More news in next issue.

Michael O'Sullivan (Sec)

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Michelle O'Sullivan** who was one on Feb 9th from Mammy, Daddy, brother Stephen and sister Rebecca.

To my beloved boyfriend **Tony** who celebrates his 21st birthday on the 15th March, love and kisses from your fiancée Gráinne and daughter Jade.

To **Yvonne** Happy Birthday on the 6th of March from all your colleagues in Maynooth Community Council.

Happy 14th Anniversary to **Trevor and Ruth Cassidy**, may there be many more, from Peter and Séan.

Happy Birthday **Ali Williams**: 4 years old from Mam and Dad.

Happy Birthday to **Jennifer Kavanagh** who will be 8 on the 14th of March. "Have a great day" love from Mam, Neil, Karen, Mark and Declan.

Happy Birthday to **Jennifer Kavanagh** on her 8th birthday love from Ian, Niamh and Seán.

Happy Birthday to **Jennifer Kavanagh** love from Nanna and Grandad Ankers

Happy Birthday to **Karen Kavanagh** who will be 19 on 5th March love from Mam, Neil, Declan, Mark and Jennifer.

Happy Birthday to **Karen Kavanagh** on her 19th birthday love from Ian, Niamh and Baby Seán.

Happy Birthday to **Monica O'Sullivan** of Killeaney from Cindy.

Happy Birthday to Mammy (**Carmel Mc Auliffe**) love from Marie.

Happy Birthday to **Peter Kinsella**, who was 18 on the 15th February from all his admirers in the Community Council Office

Happy Birthday to **Gerard McTernan**, Greenfield, on March 4th, best wishes from Daddy, Mammie, sister Claire, Granny and Grandad.

Happy Birthday to **Bill Hendrick**, O'Neill Park, on March 19th.

Happy Birthday to **Kevin McDonnell**, who will be 16 on the 8th March.

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O'Reilly: Editorial Board and Staff of Maynooth Community Council would like to send their deepest sympathies to Helen O'Reilly on the death of her mother Teresa (Tess) of Avondale, Leixlip

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Murphy: The husband Joe and family of the late Kathleen Murphy wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who travelled, attended the removal, mass and funeral, and all those who sent messages of sympathy, mass cards, floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Synott C.C. and to Fr. Stenson P.P. relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support. We trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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