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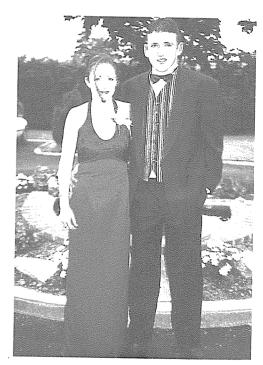
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Tara Walsh, Sean Ashe and Brigd Lee.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 5th October at 8.00 p.m.
Senior Citizens Committee Meeting Maynooth Health Centre (beside Fire Station).

Thursday, 7th October 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Maynooth Scouts resume - beside Maynooth Post Primary School

Tuesday, 12th October at 8.00 p.m.
Annual General Meeting - Maynooth Post
Primary School Parent/Teacher Association.

Sunday, 17th October at 3.30 p.m. Senior Citizens Hallowe'en Party - Post Primary School

Tuesday, 19th October at 8.00 p.m. Annual General Meeting, Maynooth Flower and Garden Club - Loftus Hall, Maynooth College.

Monday Nights - 8.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.

Céilí and Set Dancing Adult Classes - Boys National School.

Thursday Nights - 8.30 p.m. - 9.45 p.m.

Celbridge Friendship and Support Group Meetings - St. Eustace Parochial Centre, Main Street, Celbridge.

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EDITORIAL

Well Done Tidy Towns.....Not So Well Done Kildare Co.Council

In this months issue we publish the National Tidy Towns adjudicators report for Maynooth. This year Maynooth's score has gone up by fourteen marks to 178, the largest increase we have gained in any one year. Much of this is due to the Town Improvements Scheme which has resulted in a complete revamp of Main Steet and credit must be given to Kildare Co. Council for completing this project in the last year. When handing out plaudits, however, most credit for the towns improved appearance must go to the hard working Tidy Towns Committee. Their voluntary efforts in fundraising, maintaining and enhancing open spaces around the town and cleaning up the Main Street, back lanes and Straffan Road every Sunday morning make a real difference as far as the town's image is concerned. Voluntary effort in this area, however, can only take us so far and what is really needed is a much more proactive approach on the part of the Co. Council. A seven day week street cleaning service with emptying of litter bins over the weekend is the least we should expect for a town with a population of close to 10.000. Towns half the size of Maynooth in other counties benefit from much higher levels of service from their county councils. The other side of the coin is that we, the public, need to make a far greater effort in banishing litter from our streets. The crisp bags, tin cans and sweet papers strewn around the town are discarded by Maynooth residents. We don't have anyone else to blame and Maynooth's score under this heading of litter control remains well below the national average according to the Tidy Towns adjudicators report.

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Community Council Notes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank all my kind neighbours and friends who sent cards, flowers and said prayers during my illness. As many know I was out of action for some months but I am fit and well again and on the road to recovery.

To all who visited and a special thanks to Jim O' Rourke and my late friend Phil Burke who never failed to visit, also to my wife and family for all your support. May God give you all the strength he has given me.

I thank you all again

Yours Sincerely.

Owen Byrne, 14 Parklands Lawns, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Dear Editor,

Close your eyes and picture this -

The Irish wearing ENGLISH football jerseys, buying their clothes and food in English shops, watching English television channels, reading English newspapers and speaking in the English accent.

Now open them - anything look familiar? This is reality in the Ireland of the 90's. People all over the country are embracing English culture with a zest unlike any other time in the turbulent relationship between our two countries. Would Michael Collins or Wolfe Tone have believed it all those years ago - that in no less than seventy-five years after getting our freedom the Irish would be doing everything but wrapping themselves in the English flag? Some may consider this over the top but all you have to do is take a look around you. Walk down a street in any town in Ireland and see young people wearing Manchester United football jerseys, reading English tabloids such as The Sun. The News of the World and carrying bags with names like Boots. Tesco and Marks and Spencer. Listen to people discuss what happened last night on 'Corrie' or 'Eastenders' and then say thank you with a "Cheers Mate". What distinguishes this from any town in Britain? Not much is what I think. The aspect of this that I find hardest to swallow is when an English club football team comes to Ireland to play one of our National League sides and is supported by Irish people. Irish people cheer on foreigners as opposed to their own team. There is something seriously wrong here.

What causes this? Why does it not happen in other European countries? Is it still something in the Irish psyche originating from colonial days that IMAGINES that everything British has to be better? Some call it Grovelling Paddy Syndrome, some call it the Post Colonial Inferiority Complex, I call it a crying shame.

Name and address with Editor.

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For further information on Family Mediation Services you should contact the Family Mediation Service, 1st Floor, St. Stephen's Green House, Earlsford Terrace, Dublin 2 Tel: (01) 8728277 or your nearest Citizens Information Centre (list available in Golden Pages).

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Newsletter, Re: Elections

The issue of Local Elections was raised briefly.

The Editor, Peter Connell, replied to Senan Griffin, that he felt that all was done to give a fair review to all and that all had received fair coverage. Senan Griffin in reply said he still maintained that he did not get a fair showing in the Newsletter. He said that three Community Councillors had agreed with him. He will not withdraw his statement.

Harbour Field - Re. Grass Cutting:

John Doogan, Soccer Club, asked for a donation to help with the cost of grass cutting.

A short discussion took place. It was stated it was not possible to get an Amenity Grant for private lands.

Pádraig O'Murchú said that we owe it to the Community as Key-Keeper of the Harbour Field.

It was agreed to pay for grass cutting for the off-season period .

Harbour Field Re-Development:

It was stated that it was hoped to have a meeting with the Development Committee and Trustees soon, but it was also felt that it was more important that the Development Committee meet with the County Council.

John McGinley said that Mick Gillick was now home. The Community Council wished him and his family the very best and that Mick would soon be back to his old-self.

It was also noted that the Harbour Field is in a very bad state at the moment. It was stated that the Litter Laws are being blatantly disregarded. It is hoped that something will be done very soon.

Canal Festival:

It was noted that the Royal Canal Amenity Group, had a Boat Festival on the canal.

Maynooth Community Festival:

It was felt that overall the Festival went well. The events in The Square were not well attended. It was felt that the Festival would need to be reviewed. It was noted that Nora and Freda and the Committee had done a great job. It was felt that the G.A.A. Festival went very well and that it was a great addition to Community Week.

Project for the Millennium:

Tony Bean of the Task Force stated that with the cooperation of Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President, St. Patrick's College, it was proposed to light the spire on the College Chapel as the spire can be seen for miles around and it would remain lit for all time. It was felt that this was a wonderful idea. John McGinley stated that 1001 Oak trees will be planted in Kildare by Kildare County Council, 100 for each electoral area.

Rockfield / Railpark Estates:

It was stated that gangs gathering drinking etc are causing dreadful problems for the residents, the Community Council to write to the Gardaí and Superintendent.

Elections - Re: Community Council:

It was agreed to have elections in March-April 2000.

Community Council Meetings:

Meetings to be held on 2nd Monday of the Month.

Senan Griffin paid tribute to the G.A.A. for gaining Senior Level and their over-all showing this year.

Maynooth Tidy Towns:

Maynooth did very well in this year's competition and gained more points. Congratulations to the Tidy Towns Committee.

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BAND BULLETIN

Could we have a roll on the drums and a fanfare of trumpets please. THE BULLETIN IS BACK. Despite the intervention of the Labour Court the replacement reporter declined to take up the position because there weren't enough 'notes' in it for him so your old scribe is back - at 1950 rates.

I will try over the next couple of issues to bring you up to date on past happenings while keeping you informed of upcoming events and the progress of the Band in general.

Winding the tape back to last April the Band took part in the National Band Championships in Rathfarnham. In 1998, having won the Junior section the previous year, we stepped up to the much more competitive Intermediate level and came second last of eight bands. This year we had a better idea of the standards, practised hard and came a very creditable third against tough competition from all over Ireland. Can 2000 be our year for Gold?

There was a reasonably wide variety of engagements during the year. Kicking off with our trip on St. Patrick's week-end to Manchester (U.K.) to march in their "St. Patrick's Dav" Parade closely followed by the REAL Paddy's Day Parades in Maynooth, Kilcock and Enfield. Dublin Corpdration engagements this year included recitals in Fairview and

Financially speaking we once again were forced to whisper "sweet nothings" in our Bank Managers ear when we found it necessary to spend almost £12,000 replacing a number of our larger instruments which were over twenty years old. Seems a great deal of money but we actually availed of a 2 for the price of 1 offer and it was indeed an offer we couldn't

Once again we take our hats off to the hundreds of locals who supported our Annual Flag Weekend in August and generously gave over £2,000 to help reduce the outlay on the instruments. Many of you gave not once but twice or three times over the three days of the collection. We thank you most sincerely for your generosity which will help in no small way to reduce our debt.

So much for the past, what about the future. Well, we have a hectic three months ahead with a Fund Raising Supper Dance in Dowdstown Hotel on Saturday 2nd October; in November we have our Mass for Deceased Members as well as our yearly Race Night in the G.A.A. Club and to finish the Millennium we hope to take part in the two Church Carol Services, give our Christmas Carol Recitals and put on our main event of the year, our Annual concert. Somewhere in the middle of all that activity we plan to record the Bands very first CD which we hope to have on sale for Christmas. Doesn't leave much time for sleep, does it?

Our Supper Dance on Saturday 2nd October in Dowdstown Hotel runs from 10pm til 1am, music is by Bourbon Street and tickets are only £8. Accommodation is very limited so please come early. Special Guest on the night are Route 66, a recently formed Big Band mainly made up from musicians from our own Band. They have a Big Brassy sound and hope to whet your appetite for further appearances during the year. Don't forget tickets are limited and are available from Michéal Dempsey (6286948) and Paddy Boyd (6286468)

Thats enough oul guff for this month, see you here in November with a further update.



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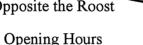
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- multi-denominational;
- co-educational;
- child-centred:
- democratically-run;

NKNSP is only in operation for five years, but already has an enrolment of over 200 children and employs six teaching staff. The school is based in temporary accomodation in Ballymakealy Lower, on the Clane road out of Celbridge (adjacent to the Setanta Hotel). However, we recently received approval for the building of a permanent school beside the new St. Wolstan's Community School. It is hoped that the new building will be open by September 2001.

NKNSP follows the standard national school curriculum. However, its multi-denomination ethos is reflected in its unique treatment of religious education in the core school curriculum. This has four components: personal development, family/group/community, the world, and world religions and belief systems. The school does not favour any one religion above another or as between belief and non-belief. Religious instruction, which fosters a child's commitment to a single belief system, is provided outside of the school curriculum by parent-led faith groups.

Another distinctive feature of NKNSP is the key role allocated to parents in its school management and administration. Parents are involved at a number of levels:

- membership of NKNSP Limited, the legal structure which acts as the patron of the school through the auspices of a democratically - elected executive committee;
- representation on the board of management (four seats in all);
- involvement in school activities, e.g. sharing a hobby, helping out on outings;
- participation in out-of-school activities, including information meetings and social events;
- frequent consultation on the development of school policies and initiatives;
- involvement in *Educate Together*, the umbrella body for multi-denomination schools.

Also, the school has agreed a one class per year policy. This ceiling on pupil numbers is designed to ensure the maximum attention to the needs of children and to maintain a strong sense of community between teachers, children and parents.

The catchment area for the school is north Kildare, with children attending from Leixlip, Maynooth, Clane, Straffan, Celbridge and even Lucan. Currently, there are children from eight Maynooth families at the school. A free bus is provided in the morning and afternoon. A Maynooth person, Gerry Folan, is the chairperson of the board of management. Last year the school participated in the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This is the first of a series of periodic features on NKNSP. Contact Rita Galvin, principal, or Gerry Folan, chairperson, for further information on the school at 01-6274388 or email at nknsp.ias@eircom.net or visit our web site at http://homepage.eircom.net/-nknsp.

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CLANE MUSICAL SOCIETY

Clane Musical's show for the Millennium is "Sweet Charity" by Bob Fosse. The show is a hilarious comedy set in the 1960's. Its main character Charity Hope Valentine is unlucky in love - to say the least, her relationships provide plenty of entertainment for the audience along with hit songs such as "Big Spender", "If They Could See Me Now" and "Rhythm of Life". You won't want to miss this show, so pencil in March 2/000 for your show of the year.

1999 was a very successful year for Clane - they performed to packed houses each night, but the icing on the cake was when the sets were nominated and won "Best Sets" category at the National Musical Society Awards in Killarney this summer. Next years good news is that the production team is continuing for 2.000 with Mary Power - Cooney: Director/Choreographer, Brian Brady: Musical Director along with Marie Cusack: Set Design & Construction and Trish Fusco: Wardrobe Mistress.

If you'd like to know more about the show or society please feel welcome to drop in. Rehearsal nights are Wednesday, at 8.30pm in The Old School. If you'd like more information please contact Anne Noonan at 045 868735.

A number of society members were busy over the summer at the production of the "King and I" which took place in the National Concert Hall. Well done to the group.

Cast: Helena Reynolds, Marie Reynolds, Fiona Shirran, Ann Clifford, Sarah Flynn, Marion O'Keeffe, Aaron Donnelly.

Stage Crew: Marie Cusack, Tom Donnelly & Colin O'Reilly.

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(An exhibition by local artists in association with Maynooth Flower and Craft shop.)

Residents of Maynooth and surrounding areas can mark the end of this Millennium and celebrate the beginning of the new by visiting this **important** exhibition to be held at the Glenroyal Hotel on December 12th from 12-6pm in the Galway Suite.

Works by various local artists will be on display. Prices are very affordable to serve both as Christmas presents and home decor ideas.

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SCOUTS NEWS

It is that time of the year again, the Scouts are starting back after a good Summer Camp in Lough Key Forest Park in Roscommon, a good time was had by all. We also qualified to compete for the Melvin Trophy in Larch Hill from the 19th of August to the 22nd. We would like to congratulate our Maynooth Scouts for doing so well. They came thirty-second out of sixty-four in the All Ireland. We had a young team. Watch this space next year.

Maynooth Scouts names are John Perry P.L., Paul Reilly A.P.L., Jessica Perry, Sharon Flynn, Nora Mc Glinchy, John O' Toole, John Flood, and Mark Dotherty. Well done, we are proud of you.

We are starting back on the 7th of October from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. All new members are welcome between the ages of 10 1/2 up to 16 years old.

We are situated beside Maynooth Post Primary in at the back of the school. I would like to thank all who supported us with drinks, snacks, and transport.

Martina Perry, Scout Leader.



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NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1999 MAYNOOTH GAINS FOURTEEN POINTS BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH TO DO!

On Tuesday the 14th September last, Clonakilty (257 points), County Cork was declared the tidiest town in Ireland for 1999! Up seven points on last year, this gave them a two pointmargin over last year's winner Ardagh (255 points) Co. Longford. One of the features of Clonakilty's win is the fact that it competes in category D, which is for towns with a population of greater than 2.500 and less than 5.000. The overall prize in recent years has usually gone to small villages. Maynooth competes in Category E (less than 10,000 population) and the National winner in this category was Carrickmacross (246). Co. Monaghan. Category F (over 10,000 population) was won this year by Ennis (244) Co. Clare. In Co. Kildare. marks were up for some competitors. but generally little change. Except for Kill (239) and Johnstown (232), most Kildare towns did not feature. North Kildare's top competitor this year was Clane (206) with Celbridge (200) coming next, although in a different category.

For the majority of Tidy Towns Committees, the real competition is within their own counties in efforts to continue to increase the marks over the previous years results. Maynooth (178 points), increased by fourteen marks this year. This is an excellent improvement in one year and it is mainly due to the new Main Street. Other work contributed to our result, but regrettably in Litter Control and Tidiness we are still scoring well below what we are capable of achieving. Residential Areas are holding their score and it is hoped that this could be improved on next year.

Without the small band of volunteers there would not have been any improvement in our marks. Special thanks must go to the the Glenroyal Hotel for the sponsorship of our new ride-on-lawnmower. Special recognition for effort must go to our Chairman, Robert O'Reilly for giving at least twenty hours a week to the work of Tidy Towns. This level of commitment should not be needed from any one person. It is ironic that we were judged on a Sunday this year, bearing in mind the fact that our Sunday Voluntary crew are out each week doing a clean up of the Main Street, back lanes and the Straffan Road. Much appreciation for their help must go to Richard Farrell and Don O'Mahony for their work in cleaning the weeds along the Straffan Road.

Without funds we could not undertake the tasks that we do and in this regard we gratefully acknowledge the contributions made by the public at our Church Gate collection and the generous support of the business community. These will be acknowledged at our annual "best shop front" and "best estate" competitions prize-giving evening later this month. Finally, this year we were extremely grateful for the assistance of the Maynooth Flower Club members who planted and took care of the flower beds at the Church, The way forward for Maynooth Tidy Towns is to continue partnership arrangements like this and to develop new ones with other groups in the community. Maynooth doing well in the National Tidy Towns competition is to all our benefit.

In keeping with other years we publish the adjudicators report on Maynooth without comment at this stage. During, October we will call a meeting to discuss the points raised in the report and on the same occasion announce the winners of the "Best Shopfront" and "Best Estate Competitions", which are sponsored again this year by Coonans, the local Auctioneers and Financial Services Company.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you very much for the completed entry form and the submission of your document entitled the First Steps. This really is a very well presented journal and highlights many of the contemporary issues impacting on the town. Though its production is to a very high quality it should be seen that the three to five year plan is a live document and that this publication must be updated each year to assist in adjudication of the most recent events.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Shops in the main street look very well and the new street improvements really add to the town setting. Perhaps the advertising sign at the entry to the main street from Leixlip is overpowering and should be rescaled. The back lanes are presentable. However, there is a need to tidy up the junctions between private property and public road.

LANDSCAPING

It should be considered that the potted plants on top of the town square arches should be removed as these are a danger. The canal walk is very well maintained with the mown grass along the edge of the paths and though the space looks well, it could do with more amenity planting, as the canal is no longer an industrial feature but more an amenity space. The graveyard is very well presented but do not lose the charm and character associated with the old part. In the area of new graves, structural planting should be considered to give a sense of enclosure for these areas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This category is not well covered in either the entry form or First Steps and really is something that must be discussed in the three to five year development plan. It is noted that new wildlife habitats will be created along Carton Avenue but more detail should be given as to what direction this is taking. The natural setting along the road verges into the town is very effective and produces significant colour and this too should be described more from a management point of view.

LITTER CONTROL

This aspect is varied. The bins in general were cleared on the day of adjudication but there were quite a number of areas with large pieces of litter. However, it is perhaps the small pieces of paper that get wedged onto surfaces that are visually most unattractive. In general though there are

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improvements about the town.

TIDINESS

The main street is still under construction but the signs of improvements of an urban setting have been very effective. One needs to wait for the completion of the scheme to properly adjudicate these set of works and how they marry with the efforts of the Tidy Town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Pebble Hill is very new but it should look well in future years. Glenroyal landscaping is very good and Rail Park has a very mature setting and where there are no walls between the roads and private gardens, there is a very effective landscape character produced. Parsons Lodge is very neat and the Green Field Estate has good setting however, the shops do provide a very hard impact at the entry into this area and perhaps could do with better integration of mature plants and trees. Carton Court has a similar character to Rail Park while at Kingsbry there is very effective screening along the main road but management of kerbs where weeds grow should be more effective. There is a need for more street trees in this estate. Beaufield has a very good entry with very good enclosure created by the mature trees. The cut grass at the base of the trees is well maintained and provides a strong statement. Cluain Aobhinn has good planting arrangements at the entry which provide very effective colour but they are inclined to hide the name of the estate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Parsons Road is very mixed, given the variety of special opportunities however, it should be noted that the weed killing of plants around the bridge area is quite unattractive as the weeds are not removed after they have died. The main new road leading from the by-pass into the town square needs future planting to soften up the rather hard setting with the very wide road, pedestrian areas and cycle paths. The new work on the Main Street was in progress and very much defines the Main Street as a central space to this town. There is need for better management of kerbs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Maynooth is consolidating many of the public spaces associated with the main street and around the campus areas. Many of the residential areas are maturing very well and at present perhaps the Tidy Towns Committee should seek ideas to find better integration between the residential areas and the more commercial areas. The document entitled First Steps is an excellent example of the standard that is being put forward to seek a future strategy plan and the committee must be congratulated.

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

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The 19th of October is our Annual General Meeting so I hope we have a large attendance. There will be some members stepping down from the Committee. If there are members thinking of going on the Committee be sure and put your name forward.

There will be an imposed class on the 19th of October with six competitors:

Judge: Nuala Hegarty.

Plant Competition: 3 Stems of Autumn Foliage.

The Club is really looking forward to our Gala Christmas Night on the 24th of November.

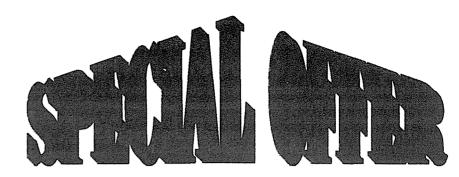
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Anyone wishing to buy tickets, contact members selling tickets, on the following numbers 6289102 or 6289300.

All meetings to be held at 8.00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College. Visitors are very welcome. Entry Fee £3.00 and includes refreshments.

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The first Committee meeting of the new School year took place on Tuesday, 14th September last.

Among the items discussed was parental representation on Vocational Education Committees. P.A.V.S.C.C. (Parents Associations for Vocational Schools and Community Colleges) held a meeting in Naas on the 19th of May at which two parents were elected for nomination to Kildare VEC.

Draft legislation on an amendment to the V.E.C Acts is currently being prepared which is intended to update aspects of the law in relation to the VEC Committees. One of the central elements of the Bill will be an amendment to the composition of VECs. to give parents a statutory role. When the Bill is enacted by the Oireachtas, the current VECs. will be dissolved and new VECs. established which will include parental representation.

We will be having a Social Evening in Dowdstown House Hotel on Saturday, 16th October with music by "The Millionaires". Tickets will be sold by members of the Parent/ Teacher Association in the coming weeks.

We wish to congratulate the Leaving and Junior Certificate students on their excellent exam results and of course, their teachers and parents.

All parents are cordially invited to the A.G.M. of the Parent/ Teacher Association which will take place in the school on Tuesday, 12th October next at 8.00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ann Hughes from A.C.L.D. (The Association for Children with Learning Difficulties). The theme of Ann's talk will be recognising dyslexia and its effects on children.

The draw for £1,000 worth of prizes for those who contributed to the Bond Scheme will take place at the A.G.M. also.

Membership of the Parent/Teacher Association involves just one meeting per month. It is an excellent way to get involved in the school (particularly for parents of first-year students who have not had a child in the school previously), meet teachers and others parents.

We organise some fund-raising activities each year which, apart from being enjoyable, social events raise valuable funds for the school. Over the past three years such funds have assisted in the purchase of lockers, a photocopying machine, funded sports activities the School Debating Society and a new piano.

So, we look forward to a great attendance on Tuesday, 12th October!

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With Autumn well underway most people's thoughts turn to the depressing, long Winter nights, but not us. No, we look forward to our club re-opening, party trips etc. Our morning club is in full swing since September and our Halloween party and fancy dress parade will take place on Sunday October 17th in the Post Primary School at 3.30 pm. So on with the thinking caps and come up with something spectacular. This shouldn't prove too difficult as there is a lot of food for thought in the news at the moment. With "pillars of society" making such entertaining "gaffes" at the moment the choice is wide and varied. So make an effort, give us a good laugh and we'll give you a good prize. Don't forget everyone in the area from sixty upwards is welcome to take part in all our events.

Speaking of Halloween, may I remind those of you living alone that this is also a great time of excitement for our younger folk. It can be very noisy with "Bangers" and "Bonfires". If you have pets keep them indoors as they can get very frightened and run away. Now a word to our young people. Do let older neighbours know whats happening, as the unknown can be very frightening. If you are calling to houses of older people living alone just keep your Grandparents in mind. Somebody like you somewhere is calling to their door. Would you like them to be frightened?? Have fun, but please temper it with consideration for others.

And while I'm at it may I remind our older people and their Carers once again about safety and security in the house. We continue each Summer to put smoke and personal alarms in place as the need arises. However the system will only work with care and co-operation. So please ensure that all open fires are protected, chimneys are kept clean and newspapers and clothes are kept well away. Avoid smoking in bed. Test smoke alarms and make sure they work. If they are ringing occasionally, the battery needs changing. Safety chains should be on doors before they are opened to callers, but should not be left on in case someone needs to gain entry in an emergency.

Never admit anyone to your house unless you know them. If you are unsure phone someone. Remember the motto, "if in doubt, check them out". Avoid climbing, as bones are easier broken than mended. Keep your larder well stocked with imperishable foods, as our Winters can be unpredictable. Stay warm, room temperature should not drop below sixty five degrees (65°) which is clearly marked on your "room temperature guide". Hypothermia is a real danger at this time of year. This advice is intended to instil caution, not fear. Safety and security is just common sense. With a little forethought, many incidents and accidents could be avoided.

Our "Sale of Work" takes place this year on Sunday November 21st. More about that next month. Just remember the date, our survival depends on it.

A reminder to our Committee members, including our new members, that our monthly meeting takes place on Tuesday October 5th at 8pm in the Health Centre. [Beside fire station].

Finally may I wish Agnes Murphy and Ted Connolly, both of whom are in Hospital at the moment, a very speedy recovery and hope too see them both back with us very soon.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson & P.R.O. Tel. 6285206

CÉILÍ AND SET-DANCING NEWS IN MAYNOOTH

The "floor is hopping" every Monday night down in the Boys National School. What is happening?? I hear you ask. Between toes tapping, hands clapping and mouths yapping, all to the sounds of the diddley-dee music, the place is buzzing. We have the Céilí and Set-dancing bug...

From 8.30pm-10pm every Monday night, it's time for the adults to take to the floor. We come in all shapes and sizes and from a variety of different backgrounds and cultures. Even if you think you have two left feet that won't stop you! We grab a partner put on the music and sure there's no stopping us. You think you would like to 'dance around the house and mind the dresser,'? well come along to the Adult Céilí and Set-dancing classes on a Monday night in the Boys National School Hall and book your spot on the floor. What a better way to keep fit than swinging your partner around the floor and learning a few steps as well. We certainly have a bit of fun. So come along any Monday night and see for yourself. We even stop for a cup of tea and a few biscuits. Make new friends, and have a bit of Craic!!! You have nothing to lose by coming down on a Monday night and trying it out. You don't need a partner. And who knows before long you might have that "dancing - bug"!!

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GAELSCOIL UÍ FHIAICH

Fáilte ar ais:

We would like to welcome you all back to a new school year at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich. We would especially like to welcome our new parents. No doubt you will get to meet each other at our various fundraising and social events during the year.

Múinteoirí Nua:

Due to our growing numbers we have two new teachers at our school. Niall ó Torráin will be teaching Naíonáin Shinsir and Rang a hAon and our second new teacher Máire Nic Amhlaoibh is our remedial and special needs teacher. A very warm welcome to you both Niall and Máire agus go n-éirí go geall libh!

Rangana Ceoil:

Feadóg classes for Rang a hAon and Rang a Dó will start back at the end of the month. These classes will be held after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. We also hope to employ a violin teacher during school hours for Rang a hAon and Rang a Dó. Watch this space for more details.

Swimming Classes:

We are very grateful to Colm Nelson of N.U.I. Maynooth for once again providing us with the use of the College Swimming Pool. Rang a Dó will be attending lessons for the first half of the year followed by Rang a hAon in the second

Fundraising Events:

The Cairde Committee are holding their first fundraising event on Sunday, 3rd October. We hope to hold a Sponsored Walk in the College Grounds to raise much-needed funds for the development of our school. Please be generous!

We also intend holding our Annual Fashion show in November.

Ranganna Gaeilge:

Beginners Irish classes for parents will be held in the school for 10 weeks commencing on Wednesday 29th September at 8pm. A minimum of 12 people are needed and the cost is £15. Further details are available at the school. Phone 6290667.

Rince Gaelach:

Rita will be joining us again this year and the Irish Dancing Classes will be held in the I.C.A. Hall on Wednesdays.

All children will recommence French classes during school hours this term. We are very grateful to the Cairde Committee who meet the cost of these lessons.

Thanks to Local Councillors:

We would like to thank the following Councillors who promised their support in allocating a permanent site for our school in the New Maynooth Development Plan:- Cllr. Catherine Murphy, Cllr. Senan Griffin, Cllr. John McGinley and Cllr. Colm Purcell. All were extremely co-operative and sympathetic to our dilemma and offered their full support now and in the future.

Míle Búiochas libh!

New School Secretary:

We are very grateful (once again) to the Cairde Committee for providing the funding for our new school secretary. This eases the administrative burden on us all at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich.

Annual School Mass:

We hope to hold our School Mass in the Parish Church this term. Thanks to Fr. John Sinnott for his co-operation on this

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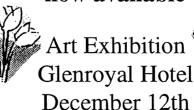
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The dream of L.S.G. was to win a medal at the National Finals. Up to this year the medal has alluded the school. Sunday 29th August was a proud day for young Ciaran Ryan, a member of Leonards School of Gymnastics who became National Champion in the boys under 8 at the National Finals of the Community Games in Mosney. Also competing in Mosney representing Kildare were Denise Goff, Anthony Davidson and Donal Finnerty who competed with distinction in their first ever National Finals.

All four competitors have been members of the school for the past 3 years. Displaying talent and determination for this demanding sport they won through their respective counties to win gold medal and qualify for the National Finals. During the month of August these children trained 4 days a week to prepare themselves for the finals. Their training went extremely well as did their competition. Ciaran Ryan has the honour of being the first National Champion for Leonard's School of Gymnastics. He performed his very technical routine and with a magnificent score of 9.3 was declared National Champion to the huge applause from his family, coach Leonard Bhattachayra, and his supporters. Many congratulations to the above competitors whom the school are very proud of. We wish you great success in the future.



Back row: Grace Fox, Elaine Pollard Front: Claire McNamara, Elaine Houlihan

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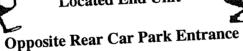
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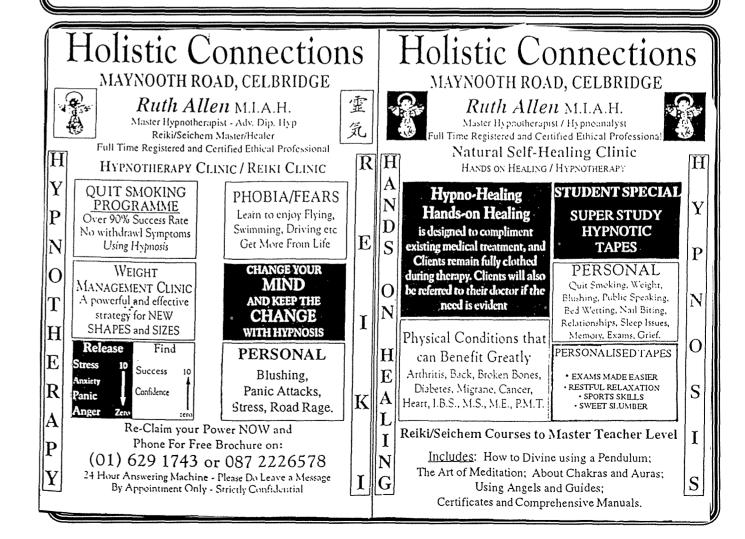
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THE PAPAL VISIT TO MAYNOOTH SEPTEMBER 1979

When asked to relate my memories of the Papal visit I mused what a pity that the Holy Father did not postpone his visit until July 1999.

Why? Because of the attention to detail of the facade of Maynooth and its environs by the Kildare Co Council in September 1979, the involvement of all the community of all creeds to play their part to honour this visit. Carried out in the true spirit of the late Canon Hayes of Muintir na Tire.

For 10 days prior to the event, the roads, streets and lanes were swept daily, by the almost resident motorised sweeper. The grasses on all approach roads were cut, gutters and kerb-sides cleaned, signposts given an "Autumn Clean", additional street lighting erected. Any litter or weeds were immediately removed. All this action would have been worth 10 extra points in the Tidy Towns Competition.

The combined efforts of residents, traders, I.C.A. and all other associations contributed to enhance the environs with flower arrangements, wreaths and garlands.

Many Eucharistic Congress flags circa 1932, were unfurled in day light for the first time since the cessation of the Corpus Christi processions from the Parish church to the convent in the late 60's. These would have contributed another 10

Some days prior to the event the Media descended on the Village and College, helicopters in the skies, V.I.P. cars on the roads to and from the College, security checks and rechecks, people rushing about, flowers in their arms seeking vases or glassware to fill with water to insert their blooms, pressmen with glasses slightly filled with water hoping to find a bottle of amber liquid, with which to top up.

An autumnal mist descended on the town, mid morning on the eve of the visit, remaining until the Pope departed. At midnight we began to assemble at our posts. It was then, whilst on a security patrol around "the graf," that we realised of the importance of this occasion to this long established bastille of the R.C. church in Ireland. What joy beyond the dreams and aspirations of former clerics Dr. Callan, Daniel Morris, Dr Mac Rory, John Dalton, Kissane, MacBrien, Hourihan, Cardinals, Bishops and former presidents all too numerous to mention, who devotedly served God and the church. We were so fortunate to have Christs Vicar on earth to walk in our midst. Alarm just before 8am, visit delayed, possible cancellation, fog too dense, rumours, counter rumours. The Pope's security. Dr. Marcincus concerned, delay would cause late arrival in the U.S.A.

This would be a mortal sin.

Mist rises, minutes later sound of helicopter, then sight and touchdown, cheers, the arrival of the Popemobile; shadowy at first in the morning gloom.

The realisation, He is here, it is not a dream. Some senior citizens unashamedly wept, they were witnessing the unbelievable, the culmination of their lives, they could die happy.

THE POPE IN MAYNOOTH

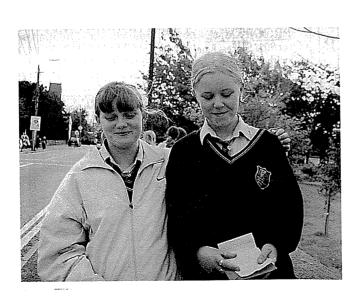
The atmosphere of that cold misty morning warmed every one, a once in a lifetime experience. After addressing clerics and students, blessing the foundation stone for the new library, the great man appeared on the platform erected at the rear of St. Marys, to prolonged applause and cheers, eventually addressing the multitude corraled on the "graf". Then finally the drive through the people, along roads where for over a century walked Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and Students during their time in the seminary.

Truly an emotional few moments for all present. Finally the moment of sorrow as the helicopter ascended to the sky and disappeared in the morning fog, all stood and stared upwards, reminiscent of Christs Ascension.

Maynooth greatest's moment in the 20th century was over. Surpassing the visits of King Edward and Alexandria 1903, and of King George and Queen Mary 1911, or so said octogenarians who remembered the Royal visits. It is sad that recent revelations of a few errant clerics have somewhat blighted the memories of such a momentous ecumenical visit. On exiting the College, a very active man in our community stated, perhaps we shall receive a miracle from the Pope's visit. I asked him what? He replied "In the 60's we started a fund for a Public Swimming Pool, in the 70's, 1974 to be exact, we were promised it by the then Minister for Local Government, the 80's, maybe the Papal visit will provide it" He died some years ago in the 90's.

Perhaps his wish will belatedly be given by the Celtic Tiger in the next century, the new millenium.

Robert O'Reilly



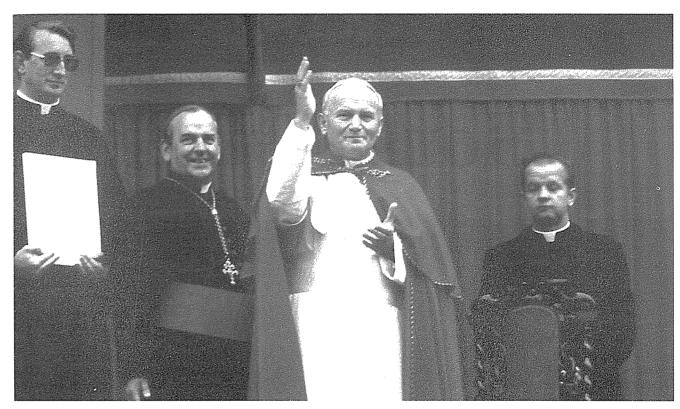
Marie Burke & Lisa Finnan with their Junior Cert Results

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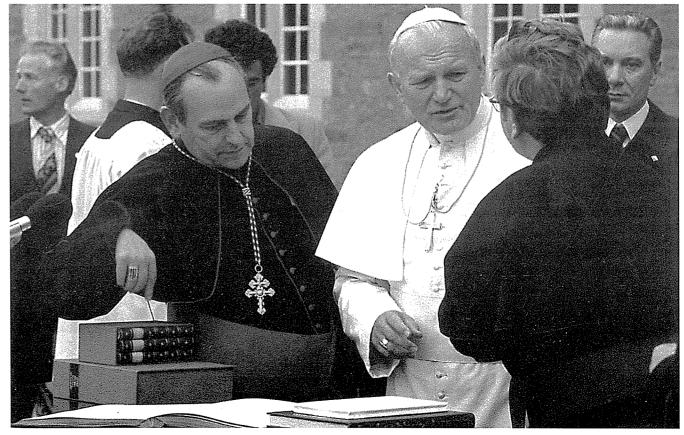
PAPAL VISIT TO MAYNOOTH

Gearóid McTernan recalls the Pontiff's visit to Maynooth College with such fond memories as he was one of the many stewards there on the day. He remembers the whole town being decorated with bunting and banners to mark the occasion

One of the most treasured memories that Gearóid holds dear is of the Pope mobile passing by, the Pontiff waving and smiling at him. He also remembers the many hundreds of people in the town and says that he had never seen the town looking so well.



Dr. B. Devlin, Cardinal O'Fiaich, Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Casaroli, Secretary of State



At 'The President's Arch' the Holy Father signs the College Vistors' Book for distinguished guests and receives gifts

POPE JOHN PAUL'S VISIT TO MAYNOOTH

1st October 1979 was a long awaited day in Maynooth. Preparations started months in advance, and for several weeks we had gardaí, telephone engineers and platform erectors, as well as several church agencies co-ordinating and planning. The Pope's visit was to be a two-stage event, he would first visit the College Chapel, where he would address the seminarians of Ireland, and then he would address the people of Maynooth and the clergy and religious from a podium overlooking the College Park.

The seminarians held a prayer vigil from 11.00 p.m., and from long before dawn, people made their way to the College Park behind St. Mary's building, trying to stake out the best locations to see the Pope. There was a sense of pilgrimage, of prayer and of quiet. Many had got up in the middle of the night, and brought flasks to keep the chill at bay. They brought babies in pushchairs and many bought special foldup chairs for the occasion. The fog that enshrouded the town added to the occasion. This was to be the Pope's last day in Ireland and he was to start his day at 7.45 a.m. in Maynooth. We had all seen the wonderful images of the young people in Galway and the million people in the Phoenix Park, and now he was coming to us.

As we gathered, we did not realise the consternation that was taking place elsewhere. The Pope had spent the night with the Papal Nuncio on the Navan Road in Dublin, and the helicopter that was to bring him to Maynooth could not take off in the fog. The schedule was very tight, Maynooth, Limerick, Shannon and then on to Boston for the first day of the Pope's first visit to the United States. The decision was made to delay a while, in the hope that the fog would lift. However, the fog did not oblige and Archbishop Marcinkos advised that Maynooth be dropped from the schedule, as they had to get to Limerick so that they could leave Shannon on time. After all, the first U.S. event was to take place that evening on Boston Common, and Archbishop Marcinkos was an American!

Meanwhile in the College Chapel, the 454 stalls were full to double capacity with students alternately standing and sitting. All the seminarians from Wexford and Waterford, Carlow and Kilkenny, Thurles, Clonliffe and All Hallows were there. In addition, seminarians from all the religious orders had squeezed in to the chapel. While they waited, James Galway and the New Irish Chamber Orchestra, who had come to play for the Pope, entertained them.

Out on the grounds, thousands had gathered. Everyone living within miles of the College seemed to be there. There were hundreds of stewards and gardaí. In the various sections there were sisters, priests and brothers from every order in Ireland who had been issued with garda passes. Both inside the Chapel and outside in the grounds the feeling of expectancy was intense. The dawn broke slowly revealing the fog. However, the Pope still did not come. 7.45 a.m. came ... and went.

The word from the Papal Nuncio was that the Pope would be driven down to Maynooth. He was to have landed in a hurling field known as High Field, so the alternate plan was put in place, gardaí were deployed on the road to Dublin, the President of the College, Monsignor Michael Olden and the College officials moved their reception committee to the front of the College ... and then the fog lifted. Back to Plan A! About an hour behind schedule, the helicopter could be

heard in the sky and this vast throng broke in to rapturous applause, waving of flags and tears.

Whatever about the anxiety of Archbishop Marcinkos, if the Pope was anxious, it did not show on his face. Once again, Archbishop Marcinkos tried to shorten the programme by having only the one, outdoor ceremony. However, Cardinal Ó Fiaich was heard to say ná bac leis, and the party moved to the College Chapel, and the seminarians had their visit. The Pope's one concession to the schedule was that he did not deliver his speech to the seminarians. Those who were in that chapel however, did not need the speech. They were overwhelmed by his presence, and their prayerful demeanour prior to his arrival was abandoned by many seeking to touch his outreached arms. He eventually silenced their cheers and enthusiastic applause with his blessing.

Father, in your plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people.
Bring to fulfilment the good work you have begun in these young men.

Raise them up as worthy ministers for your altar, and gentle servants of your Gospel. Through them, may the compassion of your Son, Jesus

heal the wounds of sin and division. AMEN.

With the pressure of time, unfortunately he did not get to hear the beautiful music of James Galway.

The Pope then headed to the President's Arch where he signed the Visitor's Book, and accepted gifts from the College. They included leather bound volumes of Healy's "Maynooth College, its Centenary History", and a Polish translation of Walter Macken's historical trilogy The Scorching Wind, Seek the Fair Land and A Silent People.

Accompanied by Cardinal Ó Fiaich and Monsignor Olden the large entourage now included the Administrative Council of the College, Archbishop Marcinkos, Fr. John Magee, the Pope's secretary (later to become Bishop of Cloyne), and Cardinal Casaroli, Secretary of State. The group arrived at the podium to a rapturous welcome from the crowd. The words that were said have faded from my memory, but the sense of occasion, the warmth of the welcome, the wonder at being in the presence of this awesome man will never leave

The Pope-mobile toured the various paths of the park bringing him really close to all who attended in Maynooth. He continually waved and smiled, but in a few minutes we once again heard the engines roar as the helicopter took off for Limerick. We had been there. We had done it. Now Monsignor Olden led a concelebrated Mass on the podium in thanksgiving for the wonderful occasion.

It was a defining moment in my life. Could it ever be the same if the Pope visited again? I doubt it. In twenty years we have changed. Our society has changed. Our expectations have changed. We have gained so much, and lost so much too.

Dominic McNamara
1st October 1999
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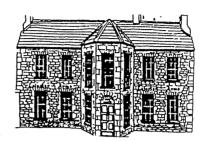








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PHILIP AND SINEAD IN A MATCH FOR ALL TIME

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For Philip Farrelly and Sinead O'Keeffe there was no pitch in sight either. And the man in the middle was Fr. Paul O'Boyle.



This was not a cup final but there was a chalice, an altar and a wedding, the wedding of a Maynooth man and a beautiful young woman from neighbouring Kilcock.

Sinead, from Highfield Park, is the sister of Kilcock footballer of note, Barry O'Keeffe

Philip's father Noel is the club secretary at Maynooth. The Farrelly's live in the Old Rail Estate.

"Both Kilcock and Maynooth were winners today" said Mary O'Keeffe, the mother of the bride.

After the official ceremony in St. Coca's Church, Kilcock, the wedding party repaired to Harry's Hotel in Kinnegad.

Sinead and Philip, along with their parents Mary and Séan O'Keeffe and Mary and Noel Farrelly, family and many friends had themselves a night to remember.

Bridesmaids Helen Bright (Sinead's best friend), Denise (Sinead's sister), and Emer (Philip's sister), were only matched for style by the groom's men.

Philip's best friends and identical twins Seamus and Christopher O'Reilly played the part of best man and groomsman respectively, causing much confusion. Sinead's brother Barry also took on the role of groomsman.

And it was not long before the happy couple were jetting off to Lanzarote for their two week honeymoon.

They both managed to get sunburnt but true love provided plenty of compensations.

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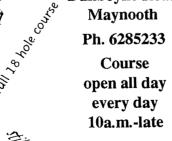
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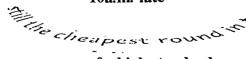
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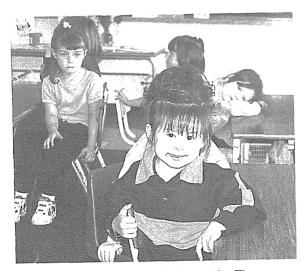
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Peter HUSSEY is Artistic Director of Crooked House Theatre Company.

Mary LINEHAN is co-founder of Smashing Times Theatre Company.

Annie RYAN is Artistic Director of The Corn Exchange.

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Resurfacing Back Lanes:

Following a request from Clir. Senan Griffin, Kildare County County has accepted a proposal to resurface the back streets of Maynooth. The Senior Engineer will cost the project and Cllr. Griffin has asked that the work be given priority. The Area Engineer has also accepted a request from Cllr. Griffin that the mechanical sweeper be used to sweep the back

Kildare County Council have purchased three new 'Green' machines for street cleaning and expect delivery of same shortly. It is expected that one of these machines will be allocated to Maynooth.

Greenfield Estate:

Kildare County Council has arranged for an upgrading of sections of Greenfield Estate and are about to put the project out to tender. The completed work, which includes the building of two new houses and extra tree planting, should serve to enhance the estate.

Oak Trees:

Kildare County Council will be planting 100 oak trees in the Maynooth area. Residents wishing to have some of these trees planted in their estate should apply to the Secretary, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare.

School Safety:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed his disappointment to Kildare County Council at their failure to provide the bus bay at the Convent school, prior to the return of the students. It is now anticipated that the bus bay will be put in place in the next few weeks.

Meadowbrook Link:

Kildare County Council engineering staff have accepted a motion from Cllr. Senan Griffin "that a two metre stone wall be constructed along the proposed link from Meadowbrook to the Straffan Road, in order that the privacy and security of the Kingsbry residents backing on to the proposed new road is maintained." The engineering staff will recommend that the wall be constructed.

The link road is an important development in easing traffic congestion in Maynooth. Despite some previous statements, the Dunne family have never objected or refused to make their land available for this project.

And Finally...

Cllr. Senan Griffin would like to thank all those who voted for him in the local election. A special word of thanks to those who gave of their time in canvassing and to those who gave moral support. I hope to continue giving of my very best efforts for the next five years. My priorities, as I promised during the June elections, will be amenities (passive/active). affordable housing, ring road and better educational facilities.

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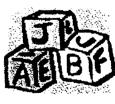
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MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

GIRL'S SCHOOL - BUS BAYS

At the Council's Area Meeting of the 3rd September, it was agreed to provide parking for one coach and two minibuses by removing the grass verge in front of the school between Charter House and Carton Avenue. The estimated cost is £9,700 and this will come from Development Levies in the area. Cllr. John McGinley has asked that these improvements be carried out as a matter of urgency.

PARSON STREET TRAFFIC CALMING

Cllr. McGinley has been pressing the Engineers to carry out these long overdue safety measures. At the September Area Meeting, the Area Engineer expressed concern about safety to cyclists and difficulties with drainage if they proceed with the kerb buildouts. The Engineers wish to proceed with the designed Scheme, excluding the kerb buildouts, and monitor its calming effect.

BOND BRIDGE/MEADOWBROOK LINK TO STRAFFAN

Council officials have advised Cllr. John McGinley that they expect to go to tender stage for the new bridge before Christmas. Consultants submitted a report with two options at the beginning of September. The Council Engineers will put their proposals to the Area Committee at its meeting on the 1st October for approval.

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to make one project out of Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road. Giving the project to the same contractor would mean that the Meadowbrook Link could be in place before work starts on the Bridge. This would minimise the disruption. Construction of the Meadowbrook Link could be completed within a couple of months as it is a trouble free run. The County Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that the landowner has now indicated that he is willing to sell the land to the Council for the roadway. This is good news as a Compulsory Purchase Order would have taken up valuable time.

FOOTPATHS AND GRASS VERGES IN NEWTOWN

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have agreed to lay a footpath between Beaufield and Cluain Aoibhinn. They will also trim back the hedges.

BUS BAYS IN MAYNOOTH

It was agreed at the September Area Meeting that the two bus bays on Main Street should have "Bus Only" written in the bay. This should help deter those drivers who presently park there illegally.

LITTER CONTROL IN MAYNOOTH

A lengthy debate took place at the September Area Meeting on Councillor John McGinley's Motion. According to the County Secretary the biggest problem in extending the street cleaning services is the shortage of staff. The Council are trying to rectify this at present. A "Green Machine" costing £35,000 is due for delivery in September. When an operator has been trained on its use, it will be put into service straight away. It was confirmed to Cllr. McGinley that it will also be

used to clean the car park behind Caulfields/The Elite. As residents will know the car park is in a terrible state with litter. Cllr. McGinley has asked the County Secretary to provide costings for extending the cleaning service to seven days per week for the next Area Meeting.

LAURENCE AVENUE FENCE

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's Motion, the County Secretary has asked the Roads Engineer to identify funding for the new

RESURFACING SIDE LANES

At the September Area Meeting, Councillors Griffin and McGinley asked that these lanes be resurfaced as a matter of urgency. A lot of damage has been caused by contractors working on Super Macs and other buildings. These contractors should be responsible for the proper reinstatement of the lanes. In addition, there are Development Levies available for such work.

1,001 OAK TREES FOR MAYNOOTH

In August, Kildare County Council advertised that as part of their Millennium celebrations they were going to plant 1,001 oak trees in the County. The only recommendation from Maynooth was from Woodlands Residents Association. They asked for 10 trees for their Estate.

Councillor John McGinley proposed at the September Area Meeting that 10 trees be planted in Woodlands and 90 in Pound Park. The allocation will be approved at the full Council Meeting on the 27th of September.

OLD GREENFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The draft plan was agreed at the Area Meeting on the 3rd of September and it will go on Public Display in the Library for one month from the middle of September. Following that, funding will be sought from the Department of the Environment (Such schemes are 100% funded by the Department) and then tenders will be sought for the work.

NOISE FROM THE MOTORWAY OPPOSITE GREENFIELD **DRIVE AND CARTON COURT**

The increase in night traffic on the M4 is causing sleepless nights for residents because of the increased noise level. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide banking or proper screening on this section of the motorway to overcome the problem.

FLOODING AT LAURENCES AVENUE

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to take immediate action to overcome the serious flooding problem in this

HEDGES AT BACK OF HOUSES NUMBERED 740 TO 750, **OLD GREENFIELD**

Following complaints from residents, Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to trim these hedges as they are fairly overgrown making it difficult for drivers.

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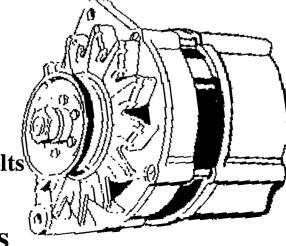
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Dalton's Devils Deny St. Kevin's

Maynooth 0-11 - St. Kevin's 1-6

Davy Dalton capped his first year in charge of Maynooth by guiding them to victory in the Kildare Intermediate Football Championship on August 29th last.

This victory comes just a couple of weeks after Maynooth gained promotion to Division 1 of the Kildare Senior League. However it took Maynooth two games to claim the Intermediate title. Played in dreadful conditions, the first game was something of a non-event with Eamon Gallagher's last-minute point earning Maynooth a draw. The replay was of a much higher standard and after a hard fought battle, the Crom Abú prevailed to claim their first Intermediate Crown

Youth was a key factor in Maynooth's win with six of the starting fifteen under twenty years of age but having experienced players like Paul Flood, Mick Nevin, Pascal Ennis in key positions, the Maynooth men looked to have the perfect combination. But it was St. Kevin's, who dominated the first half and were well worth their one goal lead at halftime.

Kevin's went out all guns blazing in the first fifteen minutes and had Maynooth on the back foot for long periods. They isolated Mark Fitzharris and John Casey in the full-forward line who caused a lot of problems in the Maynooth full-back line. After four minutes of play, the tactic paid off when Casey laid the ball off to Brian O'Keefe who shot to the back of the net. That really shook Maynooth but they didn't need a second warning and the defence tightened up for the rest of the game. And after weathering the St. Kevin's onslaught, they eased their way back in to the game with points from Earnon Gallagher, Paul Garvey and Darren Naughton. Midway through Maynooth started to dictate the game and played the game at their own pace.

Penalty The game took a dramatic twist on twenty-four minutes when referee Bernard Duff awarded St. Kevin's a penalty after Fitzharris was fouled in the parallelogram. Fitzharris took it himself, but, to his dismay, sent the ball agonisingly wide. Maynooth were let off the hook but still trailed by 1-5 to 5 points at the break.

Second-half A different Maynooth side took to the field in the second-half and played some much better football. It was the turn of the Maynooth forwards to cause problems in the opposing defence and the full-forward line, in particular started to put some nice moves together. Paul Garvey was the pick of the forwards, contributing four points from play in that second period.

But by no means was the second half a one sided affair, and St. Kevin's gave as good as they got, to keep their noses in front. It was the last ten minutes of the game which were most significant and the game really lit up. Both teams produced performances that epitomised what Championship Football is all about, it was end to end stuff.

With about ten minutes remaining. Paul Garvey got the equaliser with a point from ten yards when a goal looked the most likely outcome. Within seconds though, Kevin's were straight back up the field and had a goal chance of their own. Geoffrey Murphy, goal-scorer in the drawn game, found himself twelve yards out but from a tight angle, he shot narrowly wide. Seconds later, Kevin's missed another

chance to take the lead when a thirty-five vard free fell short. Three minutes remained when Maynooth broke menacingly up the field and Joey O'Riordan was presented with a glorious opportunity to wrap it up for Maynooth. William Farrelly's goalbound shot was blocked out as far as O'Riordan but his shot was brilliantly saved by Colin Ward in the Kevin's goal. However, Maynooth had a third stab at it when the ball broke out to Paul Garvey who coolly slotted it between the posts.

Kevin's then went attacking in droves searching for an equaliser but it was a score they couldn't find and Maynooth broke away once again where Joey O'Riordan was on hand to put Maynooth two points ahead.

The deafening roars of sheer delight and joy that followed signalled the end and Maynooth took the Intermediate crown.

For the winners the blend of youth and experience paid dividends and from Paul Flood in goal right to the three subs and all twenty-seven players on the panel, it was a well deserved victory and with the prospect of playing in the Senior ranks next year, an exciting season lies in wait for the Crom Abú!

Brendan Coffey.

Maynooth Add 'B' Title to 'A' Success

Maynooth captured the Kildare Intermediate Football Championship for a third consecutive year, defeating Monasterevin at Carbury on 5th September last, on a scoreline Maynooth 1-9 Monasterevin 0-10.

Trevor Naughton's goal midway through the first half proved vital and was the difference between two well matched

Maynooth now go on the the Jack Higgins Cup Semi-Final against the winners of the Senior 'B' Championship. The team has also reached the final of the Junior Football

Maynooth Team and Scorers: Martin McTernan, Derek Fleming, James Gallagher, Stephen King, Pauric O'Sullivan, Mick Faherty, Marty Byrne, Aidan Burke, Hugh Purcell, John O'Toole, Aidan O'Dea (0-1), Joey Edwards (0-3), Trevor Naughton (1-4), Sean Molloy, Liam O'Toole (0-1) Subs: Declan Buckley for Mick Faherty, Danny Casey for Pauric O'Sullivan, Peter Kinsella for Liam O'Toole

Many thanks to Supermac's Maynooth for providing an after match meal for the panel.

Under 13's Start Autumn Campaign With A Win

Maynooth's Under 13 football team defeated a strong Balyna team in the North Kildare Autumn League on 6th September last with a fine 3-5 to 2-7 win.

Played in heavy rain the Maynooth team showed great determination and no little heart to beat a Balyna Team they had lost to in the Spring League earlier this year. A last gasp point from man of the match Stephen Kane gave Maynooth a deserved win.

Maynooth Team and Scorers: Aidan Corkery, David Gahan, Robert Leonard, Adam Gunne, Martin Hoare, Sean Kennedy (Captain), Kevin Comerford, Niall Corcoran, Cont./

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Stephen Kane, Declan Bambick, Brian O'Mallev. Andrew Higgins, Damien O'Neill, Mark Cummins, David O'Hare.

Subs: Edmund Cooney, Martin Furey, Paddy Broghan, Morgan McInerney, Peter Lawlor, Tadug Dunne, Danny Walsh, Paul Curran.

Scorers: Mark Cummins1-1, Niall Corcoran1-0, Stephen Kane1-2, Stephen O'Malley 0-1, Declan Bambrick 0-1.

Best for Maynooth: Aidan Corkery in goal, Kevin Comerford at left half back, Andrew Higgins and David O'Hare in the forwards.

Upcoming Fixtures:

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| 23rd October 1999 | - | Straffan | <u>v</u> | Maynooth |
| 16th October 1999 | - | Maynooth | <u>v</u> | Carbury |
| 2nd October 1999 | - | Cappagh | <u>v</u> | Maynooth |

Many thanks for on-going parental support and lifts to matches for the team.

Johnny Nevin.

Maynooth shine on centre stage to claim Intermediate Title Intermediate Hurling Championship Final Maynooth 1-13 Clane 1-11

Maynooth's hurling stars came up trumps on Friday 20th August in Raheens to earn their second major hurling title in five years by defeating Clane by two points, writes Brendan

In 1994 the Crom Abú claimed the Junior Championship. defeating Clane in the final and only five years on from that success, claimed the Intermediate crown with Clane once again suffering defeat in the final.

Three of the starting fifteen were retained from 1994 but the additions to the team were vital in Maynooth claiming victory. Local boy Stephen Brennan shone brightest on the night, contributing six points with a man-of-the-match performance to pave the way for Maynooth's victory.

However, Maynooth were a bag of nerves in the first few minutes of the game and Clane had two points on the scoreboard, courtesy of David Harney, before Maynooth had a proper scoring opportunity. Stephen Brennan steadied the rocking Maynooth ship, when he matched Harney's two points to level the scores after seven minutes of play. Harney and Brennan were to dominate the game for either team, scoring-wise, from then on, with Harney scoring all bar four points of Clane's total and Brennan contributing six points.

Inspirational Scores

There wasn't much to pick between the teams but as the game wore on, Maynooth seemed more likely to win after some inspirational scores from Ciarán McGuinness and Donagh Hollan. First, Hollan received the ball in midfield, set off on a solo-run and seemingly running himself into a cul-desac hit a super shot off his weak side from all of forty yards. If that wasn't enough to inspire a Maynooth victory, Ciarán McGuinness shot an even better point close to the endline. seconds later.

That left Maynooth seven points to five ahead after twentyfive minutes of play, and when Mark Nugent shot over another point two minutes from the end of the half, the Crom Abú looked in a strong position heading in to the break.

Penalty

Dramatically, seconds from half-time, Clane were awarded a penalty after a foul on Pat White in the square. David Harney stepped up to take the penalty but he sliced his shot high and wide. The disappointment was no more evident than in Harney himself, as referee Jack O'Connell drew the half to a

Second Half

Clane soon had the penalty miss put behind them and a couple of minutes after the restart, reduced their deficit to a point with points from Paudie Reidy and Ritchie Cribbon. Conor Diggins and Harney then exchanged points before Maynooth got the vital score of the half.

Broken Ball

Mark Nugent set off on one of his trademark solo runs but his shot was blocked down and found the waiting Conor Diggins on the fourteen yard line. He instinctively pulled first time and found the Clane net with a blistering shot.



That Winning Feeling - Maynooth Intermediate Hurling Captain Fergal Scully savours the moment after leading his team to a famous victory.

Clane didn't let Maynooth celebrate that score and hit back straight away with another point from David Harney. Centreback Brian Murphy then hit a boomer from way out the field to edge Clane even closer.

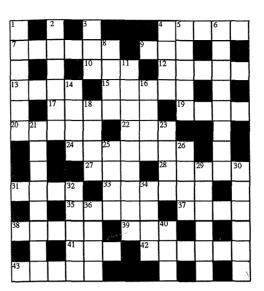
Clane's fightback, however, didn't seem to unsettle Maynooth and they pulled away again with three points in succession from the excellent Stephen Brennan.

Now with a five point advantage, the Maynooth men seemed destined to take up the cup and started to defend their lead rather than attack.

Clane laid siege to Maynooth's goal as the game went on into the final five minutes. Their defence was holding strong but Clane's most potent attacker, Harney, threw them a lifeline when he hit a hard, low shot from twenty yards past the despairing dive of Karl Ennis in the Maynooth goal.

Cont./

Crossword No. 141



Entries before Monday 18th October Name

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Phone Across:

- 4. Untidy (5)
- 7. Pleated (6)
- 9. Levy (3)
- 10. Resin (3)
- 12. Teacher (5)
- 13. Melt (4)
- 15. Played (5)
- 17. Injury (6)
- 19. Seabird (4)
- 20. View (5)
- 22. Unwell (3)
- 24. Told (7)
- 27. Drink (3)
- 28. Cancel (5)
- 31. Yield (4)
- 33. Consetved (6)
- 35. Anon (5)
- 37. Grub (4)
- 38. Hammer (5)
- 39. Barrier (3)
- 41. Beer (3)
- 42. Hidden (6)
- 43. Scan (5)

Down:

- 1. Free (6)
- 2. Scratch (6)
- 3. Solididy (3)
- 4. Partner (4)
- 5. Ooze (5)
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- 18. Flesh (4) 21. Pact (8)
- 23. Ohle (4)
- 25. Trial (4)
- 26. Sketched (4)
- 29. Loved (6)
- 30. Hatred (6)
- 32. Entreat (5) 34. Uttered (4)
- 36. Pal (4)
- 40. Spoil (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 140

Across: 2.Sapid; 7. Flee; 8. Incite; 9. Amaze; 11. Her; 13. Pad; 15. Aped; 16. Era; 18. Else; 19. Profane; 20. Dear; 22. Dare; 23. Toppled; 25. Crew; 27. Tor; 28. Mere; 30. Kid; 31. Did; 33 Renew; 36. Divide; 37. Away; 38. Plead.

Down: 1. Sleep; 2. Sea; 3. Pea; 4. Die; 5. Act; 6. Atlas; 10. Zero; 11. Haddock; 12. Related; 13. Pleased; 14. Deleted; 16.Erupt: 17.After: 18. End; 21.Row; 24. Lore; 26. Rigid; 29. Rival; 32. Sin; 33. Rep; 34. New; 35. Wad.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES (Cont.)

Battling Qualities

But try as they might to avenge their two point deficit, they found themselves behind by three points again when a break-away from Maynooth ended with a Stephen Brennan point. The Crom Abú battling qualities were much apparent in that move, when a tremendous block by Hugh Nevin started the move.

With nearly every player engrossed in the Maynooth half, the Crom Abú spirit withstood everything thrown at it and ensured Maynooth would claim the victory on a scoreline of 1-13 to 1-11.

Man-of-the-match: Stephen Brennan (Maynooth).
Scorers: Maynooth: S. Brennan 0-6, D. Hollan (0-2),
J. White, M. Nugent, C. McGuinness and P. Daly (0-1 each).
Clane: D. Harney 1-7, B. Murphy, D. Cafferty, P. Reidy and
R. Cribbon 0-1 each.

Maynooth Team: K. Ennis, E. Nevin, H. Nevin, P. Ward, R. Kelly, F.Scully (C), J. Cahill, J. White, S. Brennan, M. Nugent, P. White, C. Diggins, D. Hollan, C. McGuinness, P. Daly. Subs: Tom Farrell for Diggins

Clane Team: R. Maloney, B. Gleeson, J. Reidy, J. Curley, E. Curley, B. Murphy, G. Sullivan, D. Cafferty, D. Fitzpatrick, J. Gleeson, S. Lyons, D. Harney, P. Reidy, R. Cribbon, P. White.

Subs: Fergus Smith for J. Curley, Brian Cahill for E. Curley, Seán O'Dee for Cribbon.

Referee: Jack O'Connell (Coill Dubh).

Maynooth Captain Fergal Scully in accepting the cup praised all members of the Intermediate Hurling panel for all their hard work and dedication during the year, selectors Mick Gleeson and Larry Comerford and Team Manager Ciaran Diggins who prepared the team so well.



Maynooth Intermediate Hurling Champions for 1999. Front row from left: Tom Mullarkey, Rory Kelly, Justin White, Stephen Brennan, Fergal Scully, Donagh Hollan, Jimmy White, Padraic Ward, Conor Diggins, Declan Buckley, John O'Brien. Back row: Senan Griffin, Mark Nugent, Seamus Cummins, Paul White, Hugh Nevin, Paul Daly, Karl Ennis, Eoin Nevin, Ciaran McGuinness, Aidan McCarron, Matt Carroll.

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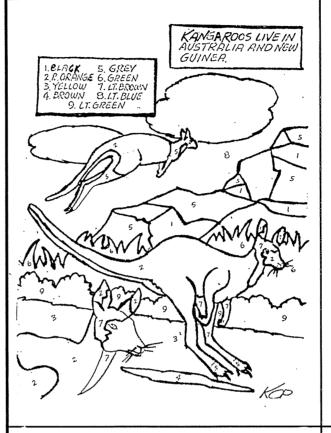
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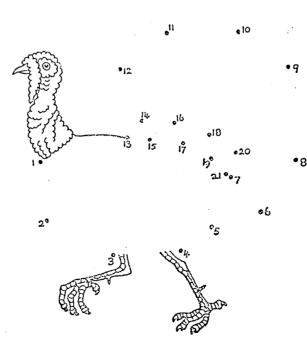




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Sport

THE HANDBALL YEAR

Having a really good year in sport can have its disadvantages. Expectations can become too high, circumstances beyond ones control can come into play and the result is usually disappointment. This is what happened to Maynooth handball club in the season just finished. The season had its high points. Declan Quigley won Leinster and All Ireland titles. The alley had the first inter county match played here in which none other than Ducksie Walsh and D J Carey participated, Mick O'Donnell transferred in from the Boyle Club in Roscommon and the club ran two internal competitions. Visits were made to Carrickmacross and Kilkenny for friendly inter-club matches and arrangements are in hand to invite both clubs to Maynooth in the near future. However, having won five county medals in the previous season it was very disappointing not to win any this season.

The will to win is still strong within the club and there is no better example of this than Niall Leavy and Tony Fingelton. After losing in the first round of the county championships last vear both players were back in the alley within days, training and looking for coaching. This season both players, much improved, went into the championships with higher expectations. Tony was unfortunate to meet one of the seeded players in the first round. Niall, on the other hand, had an easy victory over clubman Ger Loughrey. He travelled to Leixlip for his second round match and had another win under his belt. In the third round he was pitted against David Jordan my favourite to win out the championship, whom he defeated well in the first game. While leading the second game he got injured and had to concede the game to Jordan. Most players would feel that the god's were not on their side. Not Niall. As soon as his injury was better he was back in the alley winning his section of the club league. No less than six players were forced to pull out of the county championship this season because of injuries, Paul Ruane: shoulder, Paul Hand: elbow, Martin Bambrick: hip, Joe Rossiter: knee and Christy Stokes: arm. This was before the championships started and then there was the aforementioned Niall.

A Christmas turkey tournament was ran on a handicap basis. Most of the players in the club took part. Joe Rossiter was the eventual winner with Des Lyons the other finalist. Three

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Of those who played in the county championships Mick Duffey gave the best value for money. He won his first round game against Leixlip's Pat Hilliard by a single point in the third game after a two hour marathon struggle. Alas he was defeated by Damien Carthy, Leixlip, in the second round. A similar fate befell Mark Quigley at the hands of Damien's brother Shane. Mark had previously knocked Moon's, Phil Morrissey out of the competition in the first round. Mick Galvin, playing at the novice one level for the first time, put in a very good performance and was defeated by two points in the third game by Leixlip's Seamus Brennan.

October 17th has been nominated as National Handball Day for this the final year of this century. Watch out for the posters re same.

Mark Ball



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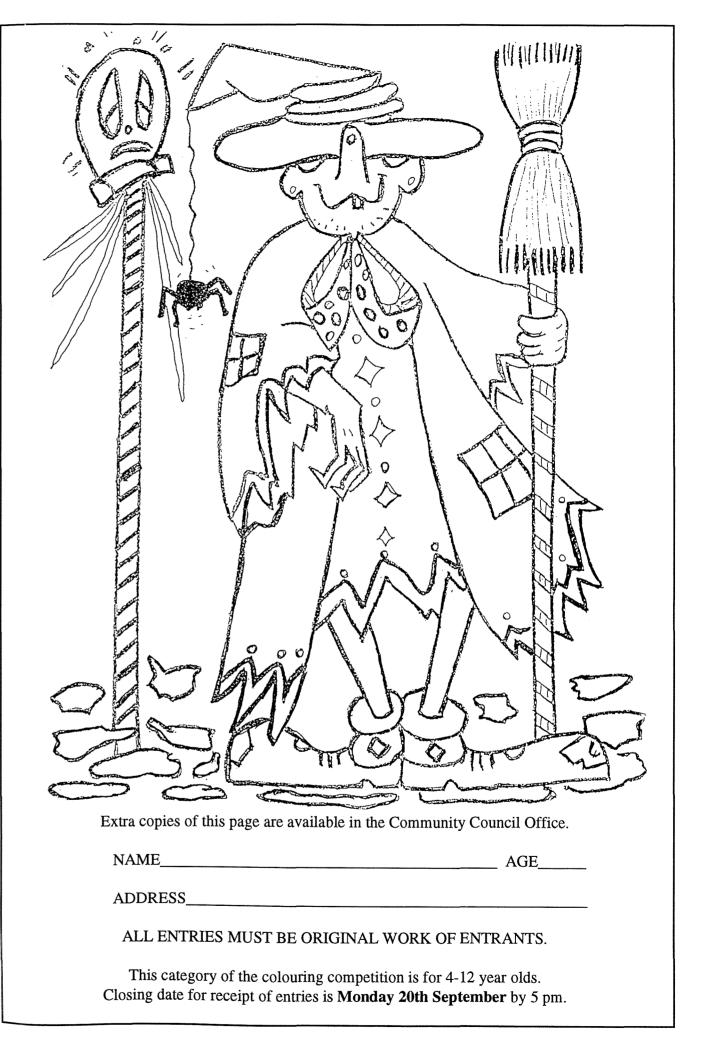
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Sport

MAYNOOTH LADIES SOCCER

The ladies team have secured promotion to Premier A in an undefeated season this year in the Dublin Women's Soccer League. The team scored 65 goals, I lost count after 50 and conceded 3 goals. It was a great season with excellent soccer being played at each match. Our only disappointment was being beaten by Shamrock Rovers (a class team) in a cup match. There's always next year!

A lot of hard work and brilliant commitment was given by the girls who were unselfish in the time given to training and all the travelling that they had to do over the summer. Without their dedication Maynooth would not be able to boast about this achievement.

Congratulations women on your success.

At this point for those of you unaware of our other success Emma Kilduff was selected to play for the Irish National Senior Squad as well as the under 18's for the European Championship in Hungary and Poland. I am trilled with Emma's success and wish her every good fortune along the way. So watch out world!!

Congratulations also to the members of the team who were successful in their college exams and also the Leaving Cert. I wish you all the best of luck in your future careers and study at home and abroad.

The team are taking a well earned winter break but we hope to resume our training programme in January under the watchful eye of Anto Mooney.

At this point I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people whose help, support and guidance I would have been lost without:

Tony Mooney, who always had the pitch marked for the team and shouted support from the sidelines, John Doogan and Michael Dempsey for listening to my tales of woe, Frances Kearney for keeping the team going, our sponsors Tony Kelly, Heating and Plumbing for our kit and RJ Communications for the player of the Year Trophy. And Noel Brady (Brady's Pub) who allowed and endured us sing our hearts out on the night we won the League. To everyone who came and watched the matches, thank you and we hope to see everyone again next year.

And finally to the team. Without you I would have nothing to write about. Without your dedication I would have nothing to do on a Monday night. And more to the point we would not be celebrating your promotion to Premier A on the 14th of October next.

The Team: Defending the back line honour: Rachel Watson and Aideen Mc Cann both sharing the responsibility of the goal mouth, Ginny Breslin, Brid-Ann O'Shea, Paula O'Shea, Joanne Smith, Eimeir Coughlan a wall of strength at the back.

The centre field gang: Skinny Kelly, Anto Mooney, Rachel Agnew, Emma Kilduff, and Rachel Alcorn.
The rocket team to the front: Maedbh Flood, Simone Gilabert, Aine Coughlan, Leanne Hughes, and Ger Breslin popping the goals in like there was no tomorrow.

We are always on the lookout for more players so if you are interested in playing soccer even if it is a while since you kicked a ball around please contact either myself on 086 24 67 357 or Anto Mooney 6289736 for further information.

Looking forward to a great season next year, Melanie Oliver.

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Emma Kilduff

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK EMMA

Letter from your proud Aunt

Last Saturday, September 4th, 1999 the Irish International Women's Soccer Team played the American World Champion Soccer Team in Foxborough Stadium, Boston, MA. I travelled from Maine to Boston to see the game and am so glad I did. I just want to express how proud I was of my niece Emma and her team mates. Emma you did a great job! I was so proud of you. Actually we all should be - after all, it's not every town that can boast of an International Soccer player!

Sylvia Dunne (Deschaine) of Old Greenfield Sabattus, Maine, USA.

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MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES

As the new season got under way last month there has been a need to find an extra playing surface to facilitate the growing number of teams that Maynooth Town Football Club now supports. The Club is deeply grateful to Doyle's Mart Maynooth for the continuing use of the Dublin Road pitch. Without their support Maynooth Town F.C. would not support the amount of teams we do today. Pressure of fixtures in the Dublin Road and a lack of progress in acquiring a permanent home for soccer in Maynooth saw the Club approach the North Kildare Club for assistance.

A deal was finalised and there will be six schoolboy teams using the new pitch on Saturdays and Sundays when the cricket season has finished. Unfortunately the strain of maintaining three pitches in different locations takes away valuable resources both in man-hours and funds. We look forward to the day that all seventeen teams can come together to play within the one ground and we can focus all our efforts into making that ground the envy of all visiting teams. We will require the support of the whole community including all our elected representatives to achieve this goal. If our efforts save only one of our youngsters from the deadly evil of drugs or a life of crime it will have been well worth it. The choice is in the hands of our elected representatives, sufficient active amenity space now or possible a drug treatment centre or a prison later.

MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SCHOOLBOY MATCH REPORTS

Mountview Boys 1: Maynooth Town 2
D.D.S.L. Under 12C

Home Team Sponsor: Mooney and Co. Solicitors, Maynooth.

Maynooth Town's Under 12C side got a flying start to the new season at Mountview Park recently. Goals from Danny Walsh in the first half and Sean Geoghegan in the second secured the points in their first game. Walsh got his just before the interval and Geoghegan shortly after it. Good defending by Maynooth and a number of excellent saves from the Town's keeper Anthony Doyle kept the home team at bay until five minutes from time when they pulled one back. Maynooth from: A. Doyle, N. Hanlon, M. Cooney, M. Doyle, E. McDermott, M. Doyle, B. Bean, P. McGreal, S. Geoghegan, D. Walsh, D. Fagan, T. Franklin and Eddie Power.

Maynooth Town 2: Lakelands 0 D.D.S.L. Under 12C

Home Team Sponsor: Mooney and Co. Solicitors, Maynooth.

Maynooth Town's Under 12C side made it six points from two games with a home win over Lakelands at the Dublin Road recently. The two sides appeared evenly matched for the first twenty minutes but in the twenty-third minute the game turned in the home sides favour. Danny Walsh picked up the ball and fired a superb high lob from twenty yards out. The visiting keeper had no chance as he back peddled only to see the ball drop beneath the crossbar. The Town began to up the tempo and were unlucky not to have increased their lead before the break. The second period saw more of the same from Maynooth as they began to grow in confidence. *The Lakelands defence was by far the busier but it was not until the last minute of the contest that the home side got their second, courtesy of Johann O'Donoghue.

Maynooth from: A. Doyle, P. Clerkin, T. Dunne, M. Cooney, M. Doyle, E. McDermott, D. Walsh, T. Franklin, D. Harkness, J. O'Donoghue, P. Kennedy and M. O'Murchú.

Maynooth Town 1: St. Columbans Boys 2 D.D.S.L. Under 13A

Home Team Sponsor: Coonans Auctioneers, Maynooth. Maynooth Town's newly promoted Under 13A side faced a tough challenge for the first home tie of the new season. The visitors had finished third in this division last season and showed the type of stylish football necessary to compete at this level of schoolboy football. Although the Town were under pressure of periods in the first half they coped well with all the Saints threw at them. It was a hotly contested offside decision that gave the visitors the lead after twenty minutes. As the home defence pushed forward the Saints attacker appeared to be in a offside position as he fired hard and low to give the home keeper no chance. Despite this set-back Maynooth kept their composure and five minutes into the second half got their just regard as Niall Doogan rounded two defenders and let fly with a cracker to bring the sides level. The visitors continued to push forward and despite several brilliant saves from man of the match Sean Kennedy it was the Saints that struck to take the three points. Maynooth could have shared the spoils but failed to convert good chances from both Shaun Doogan and Brian O'Malley. Maynooth from: S. Kennedy, C. Walsh, G. O'Connor, S. McAllister, M. Cummins, D. Canny, N. Doogan, L. Daly, D. Bambrick, S. Doogan, N. Doogan, D. O'Haire, B. O'Malley and J. Moen.

Maynooth Town 8: Dunboyne 3 Brenfer N.D.L. Under U11 League Cup Home Team Sponsor: Iarnroad Eireann

Dunboyne were the first visitors to play in the new venue of the North Kildare Club on a damp Sunday morning. It was a visit they will probably want to forget, as Maynooth Town's talented Under 11's ran riot. The Town started strongly and were 4-0 up after just twenty-two minutes with Ciaran Kilduff (2). Joey Glynn and Fiachra Moriarty all finding the target early. Dunboyne then started to play some nice football on an excellent surface. Maynooth started to sit back on their lead but the visitors were not done with yet. Dunboyne pulled two back to make it 4-2 at the interval. The half-time team talk reminded the home side that they only get one chance in a knockout competition and they started the second period as they began the first. Kilduff struck home following a perfect through ball from Fergal Divilly a minute after the re-start to clinch his hat trick. Dunboyne got their third shortly afterwards but Maynooth sealed the tie when Glynn sidefooted in from close range with twenty minutes remaining. Glynn notched up two more to finish with a tally of four. Maynooth from: G. Walsh, M. Gillick, J. Galvin, C. Canning, O. Hannigan, S. Sinclair, F. Divilly, D. Mulhall, F. Moriarty, J. Glynn, C. Kilduff and P. Robinson.

Maynooth Town 4: Artane/Beau 4 Brenfer N.D.L. Under 13E

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Home Team Sponsor: Value Tile, Maynooth.

The new home ground of the North Kildare Club was the venue for this Under 13's Brenfer League tie between two evenly matched sides. The earlier under 11's cup-tie had produced eleven goals and the large crown of spectators that watched this clash were to see almost as many. It was the

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MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES (Cont.)

visitors who struck first as the Town took time to settle. The Maynooth defence was caught cold after only two minutes when they failed to clear from Artane's first attack. The home side wasted no time in getting back into the game and two goals from Laurence Hutchinson and one apiece from Paddy Broughan and Tadgh Moriarity saw them leading 4-2 half-way through the second half. Artane refused to lie down and having pulled back to within a single goal the visitors were awarded a penalty in the dying minutes. The well-struck spot kick gave the Town's Aidan Corkery no chance and the points were shared in this highly entertaining contest. A good all round performance from Maynooth with Kevin Farrell at centre-half at the top of his game.

Maynooth from: A Corkery, A. Higgins, P. Nelson, K. Farrell, P. Leavy, P. Broughan, L. Breheny, M. Coneely, T Moriarty, L. Hutchinson, A. Tighe, M. Murphy, P. Lawlor, M. Dunworth and B. Harney.

Maynooth Town 5: Firhouse 0 D.D.S.L. Under 17A1

Home Town Sponsor: The Leinster Arms, Maynooth.

The Dublin Road ground was the venue for this Under 17 clash that saw a talented Maynooth side run out easy winners and Firhouse going home lucky not to have conceded into

double figures. The Town started well and dominated the first half with a flowing type of football that was admired by all. Paul O'Hanlon struck twice in the thirteenth and thirty-fifth minutes to give the home side the advantage at the break. Maynooth could have had three or four more had they finished as well as they moved forward. A heavy downpour made conditions trickier in the second half and it was sixtyfive minutes before Maynooth got their third. A tremendous solo run from Bobby Kelly, that began well inside his own half and finished with him being hacked down inside the Firhouse area, resulted in a well struck spot kick from Robert Stanley. It was Stanley who struck again to put the Town 4-0 up after some determined work in the middle of the park by Shane Folan. Although Firhouse did get some chances the rear guard of Noel Healy, Dean Conway, David O'Brien, Bobby Kelly and in-form Maynooth keeper Stephen Kelly always looked like keeping a clean sheet. O'Hanlon finally got his third in the seventy-fifth minute when the luckless Trevor McMahon's shot was parried into his path by the visiting keeper. An excellent display by Maynooth and well worth the soaking received by those brave enough to stay on through the downpour.

Maynooth from: S. Kelly, D. O'Brien, D. Conway, N. Healy, B. Kelly, J. Leddy, S. Folan, R. Stanley, S. Dunk, P. O'Hanlon, T. McMahon, K. Halligan and C. Daly.

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CONGRATULATIONS - to Darren Moen who graduates from Dublin City University on the 29th October with an Honours B.A. Degree in Computer Applications. Well done Darren from your family at 292A Greenfield. Best of luck in the future.

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