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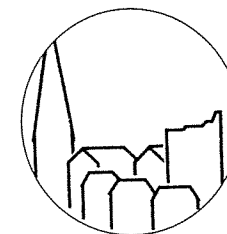
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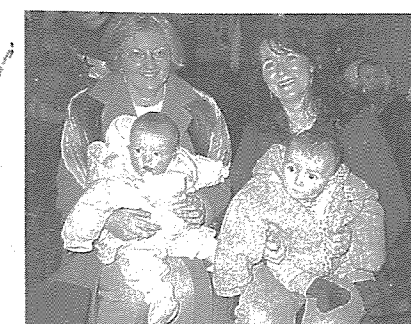
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Social & Welcoming Committee

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THE MOVE

After almost 15 years in Main Street, the Community Council offices are moving to the Dunboyne Road. Following the loss of one of our Community Employment Schemes last year and a drastic cut in the number of our staff, it became obvious that we needed smaller premises. The former Cardinal Press offices on the Dunboyne Road became available recently and the move is to take place in early February.

Over the years the Main Street offices have been a hive of activity and a focal point for community affairs in the town. Literally hundreds of people have worked on schemes run from the office, all gaining valuable experience, and many going on to secure well paid jobs. The monthly production of the Newsletter, the organisation of the Summer Festival and St. Patrick's Day parade, the production of local business directories and local histories, together with administrative support for the Community Council and a commercial typing service are just some of the activities that have been run from our old Main Street offices over the years.

The move to the Dunboyne Road will mark a big break with the past. We will miss our neighbours - The Community Information Centre and Royal Canal Amenity Group - and we have also had a good relationship with our landlord, Trevor Reilly, over the years. Our new offices has the advantage of being on the ground floor, which will certainly provide easier access for the public. And on that note, callers, especially newer residents in Maynooth, are more than welcome to give us a call.

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Senior Citizens Launch Booklet; Closure of Maynooth Pitch and Putt; Booking your holidays with your travel agent or on the Web; Feature on Stepping Stones Playgroup; Valentine's Night plans revealed!

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Editorial

A Note from the Staff and Supervisor of the Newsletter.

We wish to apologise to any or all of our customers if it appears that this Newsletter is not quite up to the professional standard that you have all become accustomed to over the years. This, and indeed the last two months we have been, as some of you are already aware, under an extreme amount of pressure, due to several factors. The Millenium has brought the Winds of Change to our Community Council, with the moving on to bigger and better things, of our excellent Supervisors Norah and Freda, and the starting of a new Supervisor who may already be known to some of you - Sarah O'Connor. Sarah has joined the Community Council at a time of depleted Staff, and added to the pressures of learning new systems and up-dating the old, we are finding it quite difficult to recruit new participants. Plus we produced this month's Newsletter under the added duress of moving office premises.

This is not an excuse for shoddy work, as the Newsletter is and always has been recognised as an outstanding product for and by the Community. We simply wish to apologise in advance for any possible errors or omissions in our features or advertisements in the February Issue. The intense pressure of producing a quality product by so few, when in times past there were so many to do the same amount of work, has proven a task of no small measure. I hope that our customers in the business community, and of course our dear readers, without whom the Newsletter would not be possible, will be understanding in these times of change. We are looking forward to doing increased business with you from our new premises (in the old Cardinal Press offices on the Dunboyne Road) in the very near future.

Editorial

At the time of going to press the An Bord Pleanala hearing into the proposed Kilcock incinerator is taking place in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The hearings have attracted huge public interest with standing room only on most of the days this week. Obviously local opinion is unanimously opposed to the development. Having heard both sides of the argument for the past few days it is almost inconceivable that Bord Pleanala could allow the incinerator to be built. Thermal Waste Management's fire protection plans are inadequate, Kildare County Council's emergency services could not deal with a disaster associated with the transportation of hazardous wastes to Kilcock, the water supply around Kilcock is inadequate to supply the plant, the transport network in the area could not safely handle the volumes of waste being transported to the plant, TWA's environmental impact statement is deficient, the plant would pose a threat to the valuable stud farm industry in North Kildare. All this is in addition to the question of health risks associated with emissions from the plant.

Last month An Bord Pleanala refused permission for a huge retail park on a green field site north of Naas although the development had been given the go ahead by Kildare County Council. One of the main reasons given for refusing permission was that the location of the retail park would not be consistent with sustainable development.

A huge toxic waste incinerator in Kilcock, imposed against the wishes of Kildare County Council and virtually every citizen in the area could hardly be called 'sustainable development'.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Office Report

Maynooth Community Council is moving to a new office. Múireann Ní Bhrolcháin said they expect to move over the next week. The new office will be in the Cardinal Press old premises. It was requested that Community Councillors make themselves available to help with the move. Sarah O'Connor, the new Supervisor, was introduced to Councillors at the last meeting. Sarah is settling in well. There are still places for workers in the office. People over thirty-five and who have been unemployed for over three years can apply for these places.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley informed the meeting that the first meeting will take place in Caulfields Meeting Room on the 20th January. He asked if the office could take on the administration work for the Parade. It was agreed that it would. It is hoped that a Northern Ireland representative would take part in the Parade this year.

Tidy Towns

It was stated that a new Fás Scheme would be up and running soon. Tom McMullan felt that the report on each estate should be published and each estate would know what could be done to improve the look of their estate. It was also stated that bus turning points needed attention.

North Kildare / South Meath Alliance Against Incinerator

Representation was made to Maynooth Community Council regarding the Oral hearings before An Bora Pleanála. The hearings are taking place in the Glenroyal Hotel from the 24th of January and may continue for between five and ten days. It was agreed that two Community Councillors would attend. It was also hoped that the general public would attend on all days.

They gave a brief report on funding needed to support this campaign. It is hoped that a decision will be made by March 9th.

Moneycoole Business Park

It was noted that Ray Grehan will attend the next Community Council Meeting. He will outline the project. While it was stated that the Business Park would be very good for Maynooth. There was still some worried.

Re: Term 'Cider Party'

The Cider Industry Council have written to Maynooth Community Council objecting to the term 'Cider Party' being used to describe the goings on in Laraghbryan Cemetery. Rachel Sherry of the Cider Industry said that 'Cider Party' gave the impression that only cider is available. It was agreed that this was generally not the case.

Sporting and Social Events

Both the Summer Project and Community Games find themselves hard-up for new members. It was felt that if new people don't get involved with both of these groups they will disappear. Between both of these events each year about five hundred children take part. An appeal was generally made for more people to get involved with sporting activities in the town.

Moyglare Wall

Paul Croughan thanked Leixlip Area Committee for the funding for the Moyglare Wall.

Christmas Lights

It was generally felt that the Christmas lights were very impressive in the town and expressed thanks to the business

people of the town. A few members felt that the lights in the trees also looked well.

Festival

It is hoped to get a group of young people involved with the festival this year to bring in new ideas.

Tribute to Johnny Thompson

John Doogan paid tribute to Johnny Thompson saying he was a very active member of the Soccer Club all his life. He was a dedicated mentor to the under age and very involved with the Ladies Soccer. Johnny will be truly missed.

Harbour Field - Re: Grass Cutting

John Doogan thanked the Community Council for the cheque for £500. However he wanted to make it clear that this was not a donation to the Soccer Club. It was a contribution to the grass cutting of the Harbour Field from the Community Council for all the youth of the town.

Bond Bridge

Senan Griffin stated that the design is ready and should be on display in the Library by the end of the month. He expressed concern about proper access to the Station Road from Bond Bridge and to the parking area.

Heavy Traffic Parking Problem

It was stated that there is a lot of heavy vehicals parking in estates and while there is by-laws prohibiting this, why is it not being enforced?

Elections

There will be election of Community Councillors in March or April 2000. Would all Resident Associations, Sporting and Social Clubs and all members of the community take note.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th February.

Marie Gleeson, P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP (RCAG)

The Royal Canal Amenity Group (RCAG) is busy planning for the year 2000 following confirmation that the scheme has been renewed.

In a recent article in the Liffey Champion newspaper, our Chairman, Matthew Kennedy, gave a few words: "In recent years FAS has been cutting back on their schemes in the Dublin and North Kildare areas, so it was great news to get before Christmas."

The improvement plans for the Canal this year include provision of four to six fishing stands for the disabled, installing new bollards, known as 'Timberheads' for mooring in Maynooth, Kilcock and Confey.

During the course of the up-coming year the fifteen approved participants will be encouraged to participate in a variety of courses, ranging from computer courses, accountancy to horticulture.

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TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR MAYNOOTH IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

The concept of sustainable development can be understood as a process of development which is sustainable economically, socially, and environmentally, though it is normally the latter that usually attracts most attention. But sustainable development is ultimately about striking a balance between all three aspects; it is about "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs", terminology coined by Brundtland in 1987. In Ireland, two essential considerations apply when sustainable development concepts are discussed. Firstly, it is emphasised that development must not harm the natural environment. This is important because so much of the national economy is dependent on a 'clean, green' image. A large part of Irish gross national product depends on this image being maintained. Secondly, it is clear that the link between economic growth and increased stress on the environment must be de-coupled if sustainable development is to become a reality. This is not a pipedream but a necessity for all of us to realise, not least in the area of waste management. This has become quite a live issue over the last few months as the controversy over Kilcock incinerator has raged. Growth without environmental degradation is not possible but ultimately essential in the new millennium. Today, February 2000, Ireland has income levels equal to the EU average and at least in eastern parts no longer qualifies for 'Objective 1' status as one of the EU's lagging regions. These parts also fail to meet the criteria for 'cohesion funds' from the EU Regional Fund. The Structural Funds which have transformed the economic landscape of Ireland will certainly not be flowing as freely in the years ahead. Growth in this part of Ireland will however undoubtedly continue to be rapid, though hopefully not on the scale which has seen Maynooth add 800 houses to its stock in the past four years and which has placed strains on many areas of community and social infrastructure.

To plan in this context of rapid growth involves a drastic change in thinking very different from the past where development at any cost was sometimes a more common sentiment. Planning for the Celtic Tiger in the new millennium must, however, be guided by sustainable development considerations. These must be incorporated into planning procedures also. In devising the Maynooth Development Plan, now expected in late spring one hopes the following principles are being followed.

1. The Plan should focus on the needs of the future Maynooth resident as well as the present. We should not sacrifice precious amenities like open spaces, or resources such as water supply, for short term needs. Some things are limited, like the ability of the Liffey to assimilate waste, or the ability of the Main Street to handle traffic. There is no point in adding forever to their burden. Instead we have to learn to match projected growth with the capacity to absorb growth in a much more realistic manner that was evident in the earlier drafts of the Maynooth Development Plan which found such widespread rejection. Traffic is perhaps the major legacy of past mistakes. A recent survey found that approximately 700 cars travel in each direction on the Straffan Road near the motorway interchange between 5.30 and 6.30pm. With a car every 3 seconds passing, it is small wonder that the exit from the railway station or Glen Royal complex is blocked. The way the motorway traffic was routed through the town was a major error of the last decade. Who pushed for the spinal road directly into Maynooth instead of a junction at Blacklion,

east of the town, which would have relieved horrendous traffic flows in the Main Street? Maynooth Planning Alliance knows the answer to this question. Do you? Have we learned from past mistakes? Regrettably the answer is no. It now appears the new Bond Bridge is being constructed without an entrance to the railway station. If this happens, 1000 cars will now be trying to exit onto the Straffan Road at the rush hours, trying to find that three second gap! The result can be easily imagined. It now also appears that the mistakes made on the Mill Street-Parson Street junction will be repeated on the Moyglare Road. In this area of south west Maynooth massive residential development feeding onto the Main Street was sanctioned by our Councillors despite the absence of any route to the motorway other than through the Main Street/Straffan Road. Incredibly they now seem set to propose a similar exercise on north Maynooth on the Moyglare Road-even more vulnerable to congestion because of the schools and university traffic flows. At the end of the next decade for some Maynooth residents we may be 'only an hour from Leixlip' if what seems to be our Development Plan is carried out.

2. Integrated and broad ranging objectives should be pursued by a partnership approach-not catering for narrow sectors at the expense of the entire community. Maynooth today is an increasingly sophisticated community. It will easily recognise any attempts to camouflage unnecessary residential rezonings and those responsible will not be forgiven easily. Last year demonstrated this at the local elections-this year it is not impossible national elections will provide a further test for our politicians. Whether it be a Science Park or Public Park, a Sports Centre or Social Centre objectives will only be attained if a community consensus is behind them.

3. Improved physical, recreational and social facilities in Maynooth should not be achieved at the cost of quality of life for its inhabitants. Educational facilities and passive amenity pursuits such as walking for pleasure are vital components of any town. But they must not be provided for by a short sighted rezoning exercise which leaves everyone back where they started. In the medium term, the age structure of Maynooth will tilt away from the teens and twenties towards a predominantly older population. The recreational needs of these must be provided for also. Alternatives to 'development-led' planning in this area must be devised and incorporated into the forthcoming plan.

4. The plan should be people oriented, one which builds on existing strengths, and which enables people to be comfortable with their town. A pause in the headlong rush for growth of recent years is the best way of achieving this. Fortunately the delay in the appearance of the plan provides a small breathing space before the next wave of growth accelerates. This should be used by our elected representatives to seek implementation of their goals other than by further residential rezoning.

Understanding the concept of sustainable development is one thing. Putting it into practice is another. Maynooth has so many natural advantages that, given the chance, it could be the model to which others strive. Let us hope that population target for Maynooth and other towns for the period up to 2006, as agreed by our councillors, signals a commitment not to squander this opportunity.



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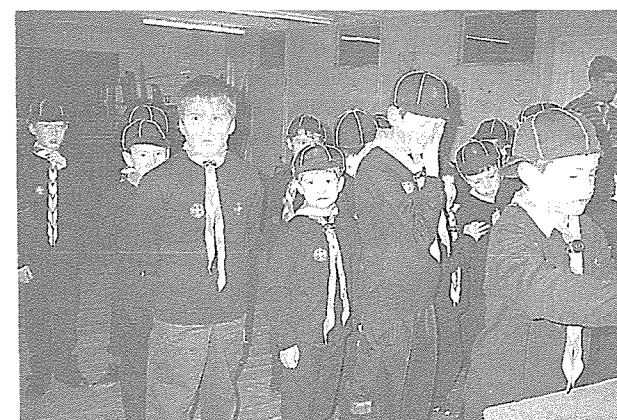
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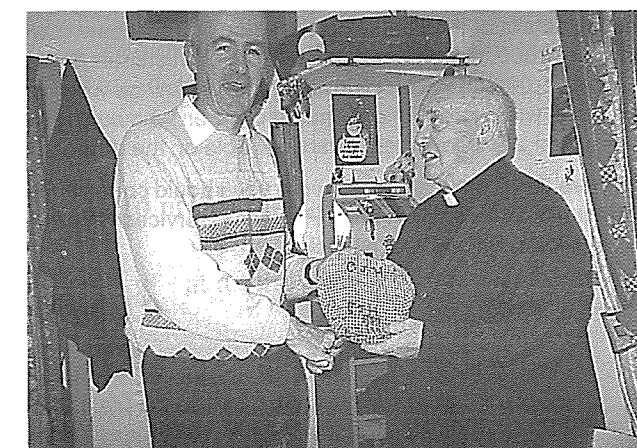
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CLANE MUSICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Clane Musical members would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported the Auction, Carol Singing and Raffle before Christmas. They were all a great success - and it was due to your support.

Don't forget to get your copy of the new **Business Directory** for Clane and surrounding areas, which was compiled by the Society recently. It's on sale for £1.00 in most local shops.

Musical members are back to hard work and good crack at rehearsals these days! It's all systems go now until March when **SWEET CHARITY** will be staged. If you are looking for an entertaining, fun night out - then keep a night free between **Sunday 19th and Saturday 25th of March 2000.**




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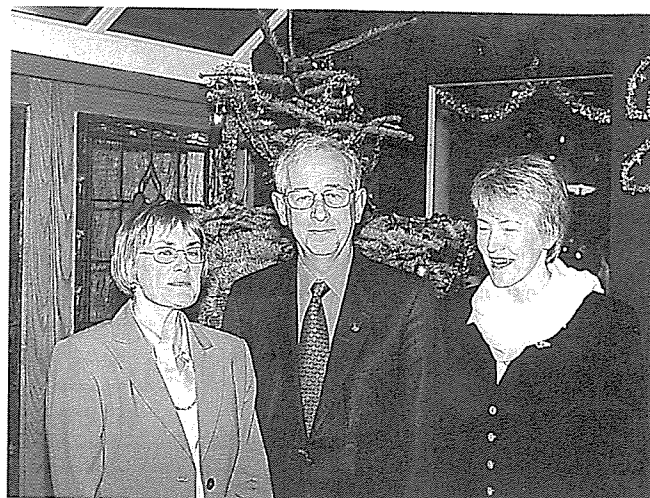
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

We held our Annual Dinner this year on December 19th in Dowdstown Hotel. In so doing we celebrated our own new beginning as this event, for the past sixteen years, was held in the Post Primary School and sponsored by O'Brien Catering to whom we owe an immense gratitude. That said, judging by the reaction that followed the event, Dowdstown Hotel was a wise choice.

Having commenced the evening with a "wine and Santa" reception (a role well played by Vincent Mulready) we sat down to a superb meal served with an exceptional helping of speed and efficiency and followed by the personal touch of Gay and James Hoare mingling with all our guests. Many thanks to Eamon, Laura and all the staff for their courtesy and attentiveness throughout the evening.



Dr. Grogan presenting Booklet to Kitty Thompson overseen by Rita. Book Launch 99



l.r. Dr. Grogan, E.H.B., Emmet Stagg and Bernadette Larkin, E.H.B.

To celebrate the transition from "International Year of Older Persons 99" into the year 2000 we launched our new Booklet entitled "Independent Living for Older People" which is a study of the many facets of life affecting older people and their carers. The Booklet, which was compiled by "yours truly" and published by our own organisation, was formally launched by Dr. Fionnuala Grogan, Co-ordinator of Services for the Elderly in the Eastern Health Board and presented to our oldest resident Kitty Thompson who will celebrate her hundredth birthday in April. Kitty is a perfect example of independent living and she is now well cared for by Rita and all the family. And yes, there was a booklet for everyone in the audience. Many thanks to Dr. Grogan and Bernadette Larkin, Senior Nurse for Community Care E.H.B. for making the time, which is at a premium right now.

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Our Booklet is now on sale in Maynooth Bookshop, Donovan's Londis and Barry's Newsagents for the princely sum of £1. Many thanks to John Byrne, Sean Donovan and Sean Groarke for selling our Booklet without monetary gain. I also thank Joe Wall, Carol and all the staff at Cardinal Press for their patience, help and expertise.

With all the speeches and photographs out of the way, we danced off the calories to the most entertaining sound of "Bourbon Street". This was big band music at its best and enjoyed by all. This was truly a great night, in fact the only minus was the weather. It was a very cold and frosty night but thankfully it did not deter anyone, including our transport providers, Seamus Grant and Seamus Murray who epitomize dependability. Thank you to Emmet Stagg who always makes time for all our events and to Bernard Durkan who, although he could not stay for the festivities, brought along a most generous hamper of "Christmas Fare" which, with the help of Sean Ashe and the rest of the teachers and staff of the Post Primary School, raised £300. A big thank you to the young people from the "No Name Club" who presented us with a cheque for £150; to the Golfing Society whose members braved the elements once again on our behalf and raised £271; and to the management, staff and clientele of Caulfields who contributed £500, from their 'Monster Draw'.

Last but not least I wish to acknowledge the grant for £1,545 from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs and the National Lottery Fund, towards the cost of Socially Monitored Alarms for the elderly. We have, to date, installed fifteen alarms at a cost of £245 each. If you add up all those contributions, (with the exception of the state grant which can only be spent on security), you will see we covered our expenses for the evening very nicely. So take a bow all you generous people. You never fail us. If you wish to know in more detail how your money is being spent you may come along to our A.G.M. which will be on February 1st at 8.00 p.m. in the Health Centre.

Our Morning Club is now in full swing, with cards and bingo on Tuesdays and bingo again on Thursdays. So now all you bingo lovers you'll be spoilt for choice. Our Valentine's Party will take place on February 20th when we will be looking for the most romantic couple and the best card and verse.

Finally we extend our sincere sympathy to the families of John Thompson, Peter Lannon, Danny Fitzpatrick and Christina Aherns. May they rest in peace.

Josephine Moore.



Members of the 'No Name Club' presenting cheque for Senior Citizens to Josephine Moore at Annual Dinner and Book Launch.

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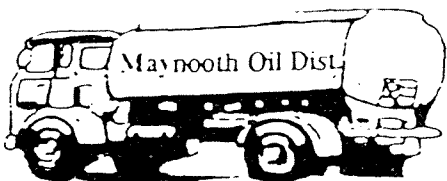


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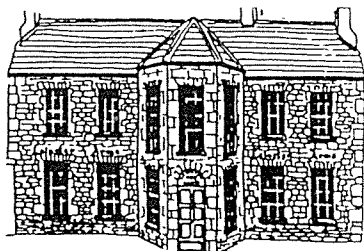
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Along with other groups that are entirely dependant on voluntary effort, the Summer Project is in danger of being unable to continue.

Last year, with great effort on the part of the Committee, a reduced Project lasting two weeks was organised. This year we are under greater pressure as a number of the present Committee are resigning for various reasons.

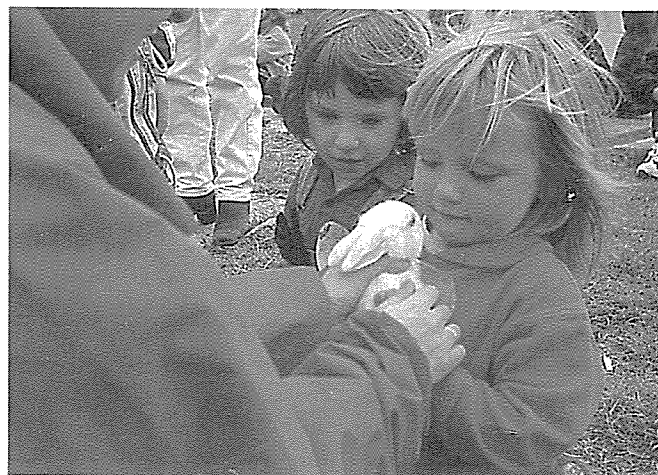
Each year approximately 300 children between the age of seven and thirteen years register for the Project. We try to organise a varied programme of activities both at home and away. For many of these children this may be the only holiday they will get.

The program of events has to be decided on in good time so that bookings can be made and transport arranged where necessary.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 2nd February in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.00 p.m. If you would like to join us on our Committee or would like more information please come to our meeting. We will also be looking for helpers during the two weeks in July to supervise the various activities.

Maynooth Summer Project has been going for over twenty years and it would be a great shame if it was to stop in the first year of the new Millennium.

Claire O'Rourke, Secretary.



Ciara on the Alison Farm

MAYNOOTH BOYS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to all the boys and their teachers who put on a very entertaining Christmas concert. The Parish Hall was filled to capacity for the very lively show which was enjoyed by all.

The Parents Association hope to run a fund raiser this term. We will let everyone know the details once they have been finalised.

Well done to all the boys from Mr. Grundy's class who have their pieces published in the Newsletter and also Mr. O'Connor for his informative article on the early days of the school.

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BAND BULLETIN

The first Annual General Meeting of the Millennium attracted a larger than usual attendance with every member full of good intentions and highly resolved to make Y2K a year to remember.

Following the usual doses of complaints, congratulations and advice a new Committee was elected with a number of 'new players' in new positions. The outgoing Chairman, Michael Dempsey, did not seek re-election on health grounds.

The Year 2000 Committee is:-

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| | Eloise Macanerchannig |
| | Micheál Dempsey |
| | Elaine Bean |
| | Lorraine Davey |
| | Kevin Boyd |

This year promises to be the busiest for a long, long time. First off is our Millennium Reunion Dinner Dance in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 18th February. We hope to meet many of those who have passed through the Band Room doors since the Boys' Band was started in 1954. Secretly we hope that some of those past members will still feel young enough to make a fresh start by rejoining the Band. You are never too old to start (or restart), ask Paddy Maher! He's like a young lad now and he joined when he was forty something.

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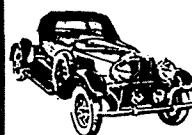
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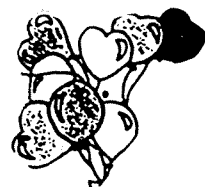
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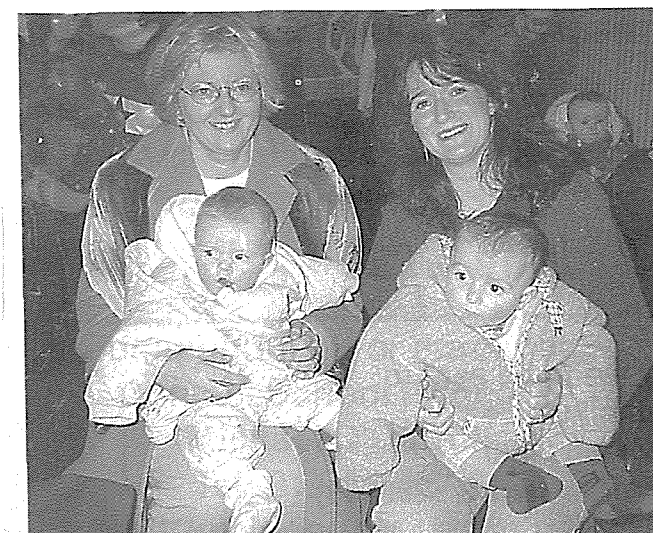
The Tidy Towns Millennium Competition is being improved and greater resources are being made available. We in Maynooth Tidy Towns will be at a meeting with groups who are interested in Maynooth and it's environs in late February to see how we can improve our town and position ourselves to continue our improving ratings in the Tidy Towns Competition.

A qualitative market research project on National Tidy Towns has been conducted and here are the main findings.

- The competition has a decidedly rural image and people in larger cities feel that it is not relevant to their lives.
- Larger areas lack the natural borders to make people feel a sense of ownership and this is complicated by through roads which are impossible to control.
- Many believe that it is to do with litter control and the promotion of tourism - an area where it has made a major contribution with an emphasis on 'beautifying' towns.
- limited awareness of how the competition actually operates.
- Stronger enforcement of litter legislation required;
- There's a view also that the competition favours smaller towns with 'picture post-card' scenery.

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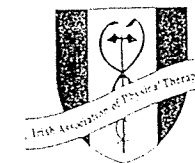


Maeve Cowhey and Mum and Dillon Hunt and Mum.

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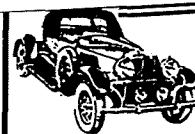
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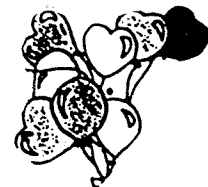
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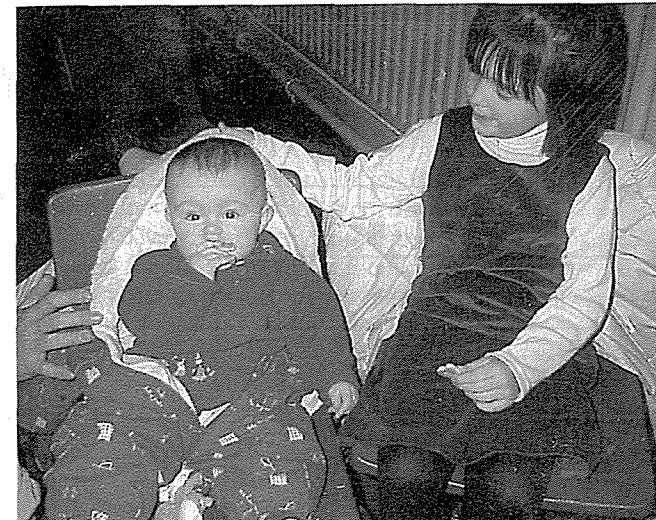
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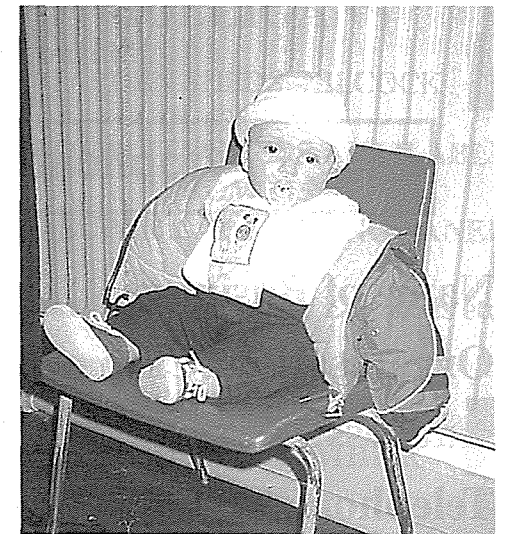
SOCIAL AND WELCOMING COMMITTEE

A special Mass was held on Sunday 9th January for all the babies baptised during 1999. Invitations were sent to all parents and there was a good attendance of about 50 children.

There was a large banner at the top of the church with pictures of some of the babies.



Ciara Condon with big sister Sinéad.

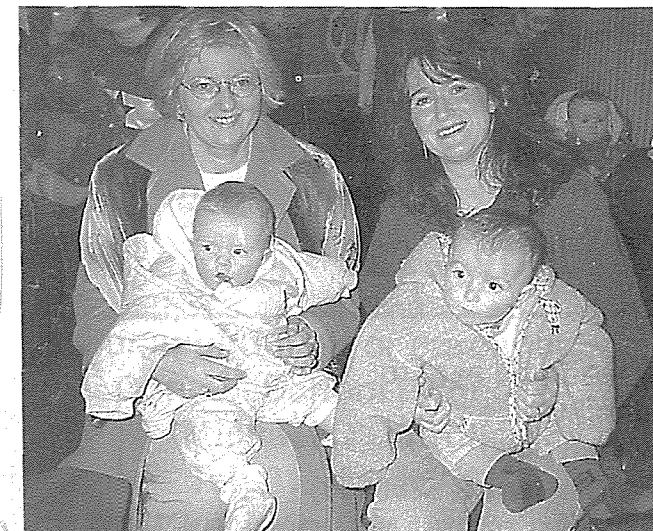


Lisa Harison.

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MAYNOOTH SCOUTS NEWS

In December 1999 we had our investiture of our new Scouts and three leaders. In attendance were Tony Muldowney unit leader and Kevin Byrne Regional Commissioner and families of the Scouts. The same night we had a party and a sleepover for all the scouts, not very much sleep was got but fun was had by all.

We intend having plenty more camps and competitions and these will just be as good if not better.

We would like to welcome two new comers to our pack. They are Jeffery and Stefan I am sure they will settle in and enjoy taking part.

Our first day back this Millennium was 13th January, and we still have room for new comers both boys and girls. We meet on a Thursday night at 7pm - 9pm in the M.A.D. E centre at the back of the Post Primary School.

We wish all our past and present members and Leaders a Happy New Year.

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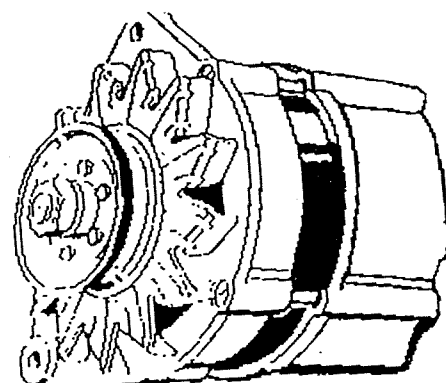
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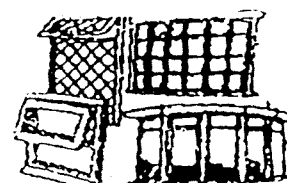
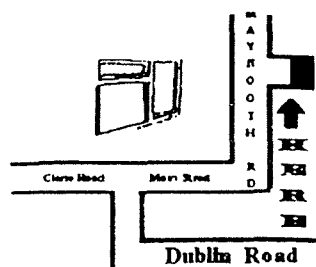
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

A very enjoyable evening was had by all at our annual dinner in the Moyglare Manor Hotel, on this special year of the new Millennium. The meal as usual was delicious and the entertainment this year was singing and drama. The singing and drama proved to be an excellent nights entertainment. A big thank you to Margaret Kenny who entertained us with her amusing piece of drama.

A.O.I.F.A. our new charity elected by all for the year 2000 is "The Arthritis Foundation of Ireland".

Our annual outing this year will be May 12th-14th to the National Festival of Flowers, Cork City Gaol, where the event will be entitled 'Spanning the Bridge of Time'. Details later in the year.

Our next club night will be on Tuesday February 15th. Our demonstrator will be Maura Murphy.

Competition: "Millennium 2000".

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Plant Competition: 3 stems of spring flower.

All meetings are held at 8pm on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College. (except where otherwise stated). Visitors are welcome, entrance fee £3, includes refreshments.

Maureen Fagan P.R.O.



Toni Reid with her beautiful arrangement of flowers, which she received from the Club for her great effort in raising the sum of £700 to give to "The National League of the Blind", well done Toni

THE NO NAME CLUB MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK

The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club would like to wish all our members a very happy and peaceful New Year.

We would like to welcome all parents to the next A.G.M. which will be held on the 15th February 2000 in the Arts Block N.U.I.

The next disco for the New Year will be held on the 19th February 2000. This will be our Valentines disco, the doors will open at 8p.m. and the disco will end at 11.30p.m.

Michael Madden P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Due to a very small turn out at our A.G.M. a small Committee was formed. This Committee has agreed to run the Community games for the year. We can only run a very limited amount of events. We would appeal to anyone who is interested in entering to get in touch with the Committee. Committee: Chair: Marie Gleeson Ph.6285246, Treasurer: Madeline Styne 6286443, Patricia Mc Auliffe, Jim Flemming, Mick Gleeson, Nicholas Fitzgerald.

MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Maynooth National Junior Champion David Campbell won the 800m National Junior Championship at Nenagh indoor track on Sunday 22nd January. David positioned himself well, and took the lead with 150m to go and won by 5mts, in time for 1.56.74. a minute. This was a great performance of David who is just back after an injury. Training will start back in the G.A.A. in February. Training night will be Wednesdays, at 7pm. For further information ring David Jolly or Marie Gleeson Ph.6285246.



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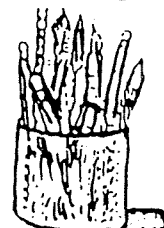
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DEVOTION TO A CAREER

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I reflected on a scene in Rathcoffey 50 years ago, when I witnessed two E.S.B men, in competition to dig the most pole holes that day.

For the curious 7 each was the score at finishing time, for the basic pay of £5-17-6 per week.

Then I remembered the Co. Council steam roller driver of the 1940s & 50 who live in Varraghmore near Athy in the south of the county, who cycled 60-70 mile round trips daily to Ann's Bridge Maynooth, Leixlip Confey and Moyvalley in the extreme north on the Co. Meath border.

I write of Robert O'Connor (Bob) now in retirement Bob had to depart home early enough, to arrive in time to clear out the firebox of the engine and have full steam up at 8am starting time. Such diligence is a rare thing today.

Bob in retirement still very active, a staunch Tidy Towns volunteer, has received many awards from the Co. Council. And with his wife Ann he is a very active member of the Irish Vintage Society being an owner of vintage tractors and oil engines. Can be seen most Sundays at vintage rallies around south Leinster.

R. O'Reilly.

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MAYNOOTH FLOWER & CRAFT SHOP

Ann Doohan of Maynooth Flower & Craft Shop celebrated 2 years in business by organising an Art Exhibition held in the Glenroyal Hotel on December 12th. Over 20 artists participated from Maynooth and neighbouring areas. A big number of original paintings were on display to provide ideas for a unique Christmas present for family or friends. Anne has a large display of paintings at her shop at all times. A picture framing service is also provided. Anne would like to thank the Glenroyal Hotel and all the artists who participated in this successful exhibition. Special thanks to Martin Corroon who set up display stands. Art classes will begin in January.

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KILDARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD INVITATION TO ATTEND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

The proposed Kildare County Development Board, which will be composed of representatives from Local Government, Local Development, Statutory Bodies and the Social Partners (Business/Employers, Trade Unions, Farmers and the Community / voluntary Sector) will be established shortly. The Board will consult on, draw up and oversee the implementation of a comprehensive *Economic, Social and Cultural Development Strategy for County Kildare*.

There is a strong commitment to ensuring that the Community and Voluntary Sector is effectively represented on the County Development Board and in its work. All those interested in securing further information are invited to attend a series of local information meetings detailing the role of the County Development Board and the proposed County Strategy. These information meetings will be held as follows:

| Date | Time | Venue |
|----------------------|-----------|--|
| Mon., 31st Jan. 2000 | 8.00 p.m. | Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas. |
| Tue., 1st Feb. 2000 | 8.00 p.m. | Allenwood Enterprise Park, Station Road, Allenwood North |
| Wed., 2nd Feb. 2000 | 8.00 p.m. | Irish Wheelchair Association, Teach Emanuel, (Grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital), Woodstock North, Athy. |
| Thurs. 3rd Feb. 2000 | 8.00 p.m. | Liffey Valley House Hotel, St. Catherine's Park, Leixlip. |
| Mon., 7th Feb. 2000 | 8.00 p.m. | Setanta Hotel, Clane Road, Celbridge. |
| Tue., 8th Feb. 2000 | 8.00 p.m. | Aras Bhride, (Chapel Yard), Bride Street, Kildare Town. |

A further meeting for those unable to attend at night time will be held on:

| Date | Time | Venue |
|------------------------|------------|---|
| Thurs., 10th Feb. 2000 | 11.00 a.m. | Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas. |

The Information Meeting will also include a briefing on Strategic Policy Committees of Kildare County Council and possible developments thereon.

Further information on the County Development Board is available on the Kildare County Council Website www.kildare.ie or from Mr. W. Carroll, Director of Community and Enterprise, Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare. Tel. (045) 873859, Fax (045) 876875, e-mail wcarroll@kildarecoco.ie.

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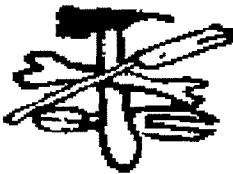
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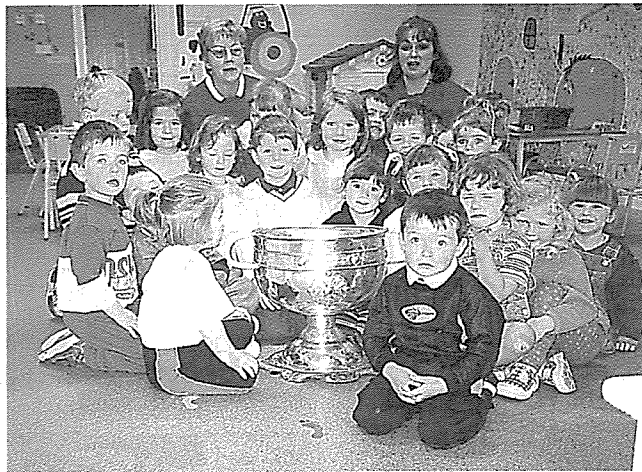
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STEPPING STONES PLAYSCHOOL - DIARY OF FIRST YEAR

Stepping Stones Playschool opened on the 18th January 1999 at Unit 8 Newtown SC Beaufield, under the guidance of Evelyn McGrath and Frances Dalton both with many years of childcare experience.

The playschool received a warm welcome from parents, children and visitor "Barney" on this open day.

Stepping Stones provides a well needed service for pre-school children and their parents in the area. As a member of the Irish Pre-school Playgroups Association, the emphasis is to provide play and play-experiences for children age 3-5 years. The playschool is fully insured, registered and inspected by the Eastern Health Board in accordance with the Child Care Pre-school Regulations 1996.



Sam Maguire visits Playschool.

The playroom is divided into different work areas and interest.

'Home Corner' (pretend play, role play, dressing up, sharing and co-operation).

Quiet/reading area with library.

Art/sand - available freely for creative development.

Table top activities (jigsaws, puzzles, practical life activities, beading, threading) all encourage fine motor skills.

Block area (lego and blocks for construction).

Garage, Train Set, Doll's house (these floor activities encourage co-operative play).

Parents, guardians are always welcome to visit, chat or join in our play.

During this first year there were many memorable and fun occasions. The Easter party, the trip to Morelle Farm in Straffan with children and parents enjoying fun on the farm. The sports day where children and parents ran, jumped and hopped, sang and had fun.

The parent's night where parents received an opportunity to sponge paint, finger paint, play with play dough and enjoy a cup of tea and meet each other.

The July Summer Camp where the children played sports outside and enjoyed fun in the sun.

The graduation of the children who went to "Big School".

In September new children and families came to playschool and settled in to meet new friends. Christmas '99 was special with a visit from Santa and the Christmas concert performed by the children (and Santa) with parents and friends joining in with a party for all.

The playschool during the year was visited by Lorraine, Fiona and Aisling all on work experience from Maynooth Post Primary, Scoil Dara Kilcock and NUI Maynooth. Evelyn and Frances wish them the best with their future careers.

Also the Sam Maguire Cup made a welcome visit to school. Perhaps future players will have started in Stepping Stones.

It has been an eventful and fun year enjoying the children make friends, and grow, and the parents also sharing their friendship.

All enquiries to the listed phone numbers or just call up anytime during school hours.

Evelyn and Frances, Stepping Stones Playschool wish to express their deepest sympathy to Padraig O'Murchu and family on the death of Acol Bentiu. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now at these sad times.



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A LENTEN LETTER

No! this is not the regulations to be read from the pulpit by order of his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, but a reflection of Lent in the last century. If we were remiss about the season, we were awakened at mass on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday. The priest unfurling this enormous sheet of paper, carefully folding it to manageable size and proceeding to read the Lenten regulations for the diocese.

I was bemused then and am still, why the first regulation was. "No catholic could study in T.C.D., without the explicit permission of his grace the Archbishop". Why at Lent? Was it alright at other times? Lent meant something very special those days.

Fasting: One full meal and two colations each day, Sunday and St. Patrick's Day excepted. Abstinence: Meat or meat products forbidden on Wednesday, Friday and on the eve of Holidays. We all knew that because the "Far East calendar had a fish imprinted on the date. Wearing of sack cloth and ashes long since discontinued from the turn of the previous century.

From Ash Wednesday all Statues and Icons shrouded in purple until holy Saturday. All cinemas had to close at 23.30, except on the feast of St. Patrick's when Ceilis could continue until 3 a.m. except when it fell on a Saturday. Holy Hour on the first Sunday of the month, rosary and benediction the other three or four. Stations of the cross, every Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m.

Voluntary abstinence from alcoholic drink and smoking was encouraged with the promise of 100 years indulgence from purgatory for a departed relative or friend, or could be reserved for oneself for future use.

Being young I often wondered what became of these indulgences, if those you nominated were snugly upon high playing harps, or you wound up roasting chestnuts or stoking furnaces in the nether regions.

Some well intentioned 'hard chaws' exercised licence of their own making. The Lenten regs not applying to Sundays and Feast Days, had a few smokes and a tipple to alleviate the ennui.

Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day invariably fell around St. Valentine's Day, heralding the season of whipping tops for the children.

Holy Week was quite another occasion of Lent, following the blessing of the palms, we the altar servers, were summoned each evening to attend the church, for rehearsals of the ceremonies on the following days.

These sessions normally had an interlude whilst the priests heard confessions.

To keep out of mischief, we busied ourselves with competitions. One was to see who could cast the smallest stone into either of the two now no longer existing sheep dipping ponds beyond and below the front of the church.

It was the era of Jim Bradock, Max Baer and Joe Louis, and all the servers were boxing fans, friendly bouts were arranged; accidents did happen, and many of us served on the altar on Monday, Thursday and Good Friday sporting shiners' much to the amusement of our late Parish Priest, also a boxing fan.

Robert O'Reilly.

MAYNOOTH ACTION STRATEGY

As traffic congestion in and around Maynooth grows more serious by the month, Maynooth Action Strategy is very disappointed to learn that the current proposals relating to the realignment of Bond Bridge have no provision for motor access to the Railway Station from the Rathcoffey Road. MAS originally proposed and lobbied for the extension of the Railway Station car park and Iarnrod Eireann is to be congratulated on the fine job that has been done in developing the new car park on the Rathcoffey Road side of the station. Failure to provide adequate access to this car park as part of the Bond Bridge development would be a retrograde step.

The plans for the new Bond Bridge prepared by HGL O'Connor, consultant engineers, were recently presented to Kildare Co. Council. While all our local councillors favour the provision of motor access from Bond Bridge to the Railway Station, as things stand this will not be part of the design when the project goes to tender in May of this year. Originally technical reasons were given as to why a slipway from the bridge to the station carpark could not be constructed. It now emerges that it simply a question of finance with a figure of £95,000 being quoted as the cost. This seems a very small sum given the overall cost of the project and the tremendous benefits that would flow from providing this additional point of access to the Railway Station. The engineers have also quoted issues of safety, stating that poor sight lines at the proposed junction at Bond Bridge would create a traffic hazard. Maynooth Action Strategy believes that there are technical solutions to that problem and that, in any case, the existing exit onto the Straffan Road is far from ideal.

Currently there is serious traffic congestion at the Railway Station in the evening as dozens of cars attempt to exit the station onto the Straffan Road. It can regularly take 15 minutes to negotiate the traffic jam leaving the station when passengers disembark from the 17:15 and 17:52 trains from Connolly Station. This situation will obviously disimprove when Iarnrod Eireann's plans to extend rail services to Maynooth are put into place in 2001 and the service is more heavily used. Providing access to the station from the Rathcoffey Road could relieve much of this congestion. In addition, hundreds of residents in the Newtown area would benefit from much more convenient access to the station rather than adding to traffic congestion in the village and on the Straffan Road.

With the support of our partners Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Chamber of Commerce, NUI, Maynooth and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth Action Strategy intend to lobby Kildare Co. Council on this issue.

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HOLIDAYS ON THE WEB

Our local travel agents will always be with us and they will undoubtedly continue to provide an important service for many people when they come to arrange their annual holiday. Increasingly, however, it is becoming possible to research and book your holiday using the Internet. From personal experience holidays in Portugal and Holland have been successfully organised using the Web. In both cases it was possible to contact hotels directly by email and to view pictures of the hotels facilities. Until recently many people were cautious about using their credit cards to pay for services on the Web. But most of the security issues have now been sorted out and it is probably safer revealing your credit card number to a reputable site on the Web than it is to hand over your card to a waiter in a restaurant where you haven't dined before.

Three Irish sites have recently become available:
www.direct-holidays.ie
www.falconholidays.ie
www.jwtholidays.ie.

Direct Holidays is a Scottish based tour operator, which sells package holidays direct to the public, rather than through the conventional route of travel agents. They were formed in November 1991 and following a successful launch of the business from Glasgow and Prestwick airports (Summer 1992 and 1993) the company expanded its departure airports to Edinburgh (Summer 1995), Liverpool (Summer 1995), Manchester (Summer 1996), Newcastle (1998), Belfast, Leeds Bradford, Humberside and Teesside (Summer 1999) and Dublin (Summer 2000). The company claims that "when you book with Direct Holidays you cut out the travel agent. More importantly you cut out all their commission. This means you save money on the cost of your holiday". The Web site is well organised and allows you search for, book and pay for a flight to a range of holiday destinations including Faro, Malaga, Tenerife, Ibiza, Malta and Gran Canaria. It also provides very comprehensive information on accommodation, prices and holiday health.

Both the Falcon Tours and JWT sites are attempts by well-established travel companies to tap into business on the Web. JWT have published their 4 holiday brochures on their Web site - 2twentys, Selection, Florida/Mexico Sun and Winter Sun. Again it is possible to search for and book a holiday having worked through the brochures online. The Falcon site has a very similar approach and their 5 brochures - Summer Sun 2000, Villa Sun 2000, Cruises Sun 2000, Ski 1999/2000 and Winter Sun - are searchable in the same way as the JWT brochures.

The other way in which the Web can be used to plan your holiday is by using it to research your destination. Let's say you are lucky enough to be heading off to the Bahamas next week. You know it's nice and sunny with blue seas and beautiful beaches but you would like to find out a little bit more about the country. By typing in 'Bahamas' into any of the search engines on the Web you will get back dozens of links to sites about the Bahamas. One of the best is www.bahamas.com, which features maps of the islands leading to a complete guide of the whole region. Fancy going to Crooked Island? This is what it has to say:

"Crooked Island (together with Long Cay) forms the northwest part of the atoll system. The deliciously sweet scent of native herbs and flowers inspired Columbus to call it "one of the fragrant islands." He christened the island "Isabella" after his queen, and it was called "Samoete" by the Arawaks, but, somehow, the more functionally descriptive Crooked Island is the name it is known by today.

Quiet and remote, the island's natural attributes are many. An abundance of bird life thrives on the cliffs and reefs around the islands, and magnificent limestone caves hide secrets from the past. Coral gardens, shelves and reefs are a treat for divers, and the deep creeks, tidal flats, and pools filled with game fish make it a sportsman's delight. Spectacular, untouched, white sand beaches stretch for miles".

WHAT'S AVAILABLE ABROAD THIS SUMMER

Now that Christmas and the New Year is over it is now time to think about your Summer Holidays and at Usit Now in Maynooth we would delight in giving you some ideas of what's available this year.

For those of you have still not decided on where to go this Summer there are still some holidays available. Usit Now in Maynooth have the following offer:

The Canary and Greek Islands are once again proving very popular with the young singles in the search for some romance in the sun!!

Spain and Portugal once again are the main choices for family holidays due to the large entertainment programme available to keep the children happy while the adults soak up the sun.

Orlando as always is ideal for a family holiday with Disney World and other attractions for the children.

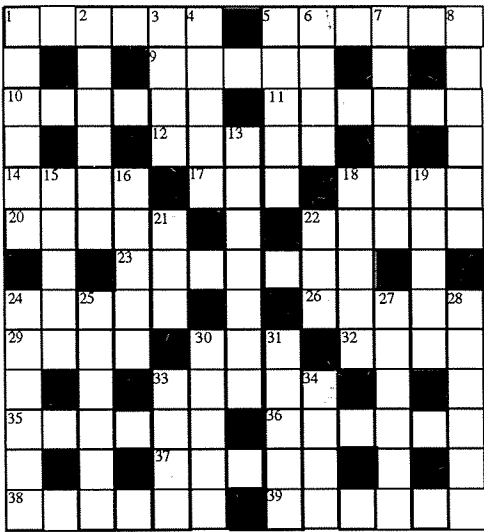
For those who want the extra special treat why not take a **Caribbean Cruise**.

Morocco and Tunisia always prove popular for people who like something different and want to experience some other culture and creeds.

There are such a wide range of holidays available from Ireland that any taste can be catered for. We have found this year that coach touring holidays come into the fold due to the fact that people want to see more of the countries rather than lying on a beach for two weeks.

Everybody will agree that there is no better feeling than the adrenalin rush you get when you are heading to the airport for your holiday. Want to experience this feeling? Book your place in the sun today!

Crossword No. 145



Entries before Monday 21th February

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Across:

- 1. Marionette (6)
- 5. Wreckage (6)
- 9. Coupled (5)
- 10. Slumbering (6)
- 11. Stopped (6)
- 12. Fiend (5)
- 14. Frozen (4)
- 17. Beam (3)
- 18. Lake (4)
- 20. Dissuade (5)
- 22. Temptress (5)
- 23. Empty (7)
- 24. Liability (5)
- 26. Decoration (5)
- 29. Hero (4)
- 30. Girl's (3)
- 32. Reign (4)
- 33. Jockey (5)
- 35. Respect (6)
- 36. Remark (6)
- 37. Stitched (5)
- 38. Staggered (6)
- 39. Jammed (6)

Down:

- 1. Calm (6)
- 2. Chicken (6)
- 3. Watched (4)
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- 5. Lure (5)
- 6. Paradise (4)
- 7. Rota (6)
- 8. Abrupt (6)
- 13. Ripened (7)
- 15. Yielded
- 16. Satan (5)
- 18. Skinflint (5)
- 19. Kingly (5)
- 21. Rodent (3)
- 22. Total (3)
- 24. Tremble (6)
- 25. Rebound (6)
- 27. Cheating (6)
- 28. Myth (6)
- 30. Leased (5)
- 31. Renovate (5)
- 33. Trick (4)
- 34. Travelled (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 144

Across: 4. Spout; 7. Archer; 9. Col; 10. Top; 12. Faith; 13. Grab; 15. Organ; 17. Pistol; 19. Turn; 20. There; 22. Van; 24. Derided; 27. Rod; 28. Weary; 31. Diva; 33. Better; 35. Scene; 37. Drip; 38. Lasso; 39. Tar; 41; Err; 42. Lounge; 43. State.

Down: 1. Target; 2. Scrape; 3. Set; 4. Sofa; 5. Plant; 6. Ulterior; 8. Root; 11. Provident; 14. Bird; 16. Glad; 18. Seer; 21. Hesitant; 23. Newt; 25. Robe; 26. Deed; 29. Arrant; 30. Yapped; 32. Asset; 34. Teal; 36. Core; 40. Row.

Features

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Micheal Hegarty

I'm going to a football match in Roscommon. Afterwards I will go for a nice romantic meal and a few pints.

Ollie Bright-Fire Station

I'll be going to Dowdstown Hotel for a nice romantic meal if I can get the night off.

Rosemary Hanley

I hope to go on a romantic weekend, to a secluded cottage in Co.Clare with my husband.

Veva Kearins

I'm off to Jury's Hotel in Sligo.

Margaret Houlihan

I'm off to Paris for the weekend.

Hugh Cash (Maynooth Jewellery Shop)

I'll be going to the nearest pub, that's giving away free beer by candlelight.

Ann Broughan: College Green

I'll be going for a candlelit dinner with my hunky husband, and hopefully getting a big bunch of red roses.

Pat & Siobhan Manon with baby Rebecca

We will celebrate Valentines with a nice romantic dinner for 2. Siobhan is hoping for a big bunch of roses with a nice parcel inside.

Angela Reilly-Londis

I'll be in Caulfields having a few drinks with Shane and afterwards a nice romantic meal in some restaurant.

Celine Galligan-Greenfield Drive

I'll be going to see a romantic film with my boyfriend David, and afterwards on to a nice expensive restaurant for a meal.

Dominic Nugent-Boys School

I'll be bringing my wife for a nice romantic meal and present her with a bunch of red roses.

LEIXLIP NO MORE

As you may be aware, the ESB area office in Leixlip has been closed for some years, in keeping with the rationalisation policy of the "New ESB".

In early January 00 the last electrical crews were transferred to Finglas depot.

The original office opened over 60 years ago, beside the present day "Rockafellas". The late James Smyth was appointed the first Area Electrician. He and his staff set up a great rapport with the consumers, knowing all of them personally from their initial connection to the network. Rural electrification was still 8 years in the offing. The original area radiated through Lucan to Palmerstown, Clondalkin, Tallaght, Brittas, Manor Kilbride to Kill, Donadea, Kilcock, Enfield, Dunshaughlin, Rathoath, Curragh, The Boleys, Dunboyne, Mulhuddart, Clonsilla, with Maynooth, Celbridge, Straffan and Rathcoffey in the centre. Quite an area in War-time and rationing; Jim reigned supreme until his death.

Three of his longest serving staff were Benny Greene, RIP, Martin Keegan, RIP, the former Lord Mayor of Lucan, and our own Gabriel Flood, O'Neill Park.

The area grew from hundreds to many thousands in the 60s and 70s. Consequently the area reduced gradually. Losing Palmerstown, Kilcock, Dunshaughlin, Clondalkin and Tallaght and finally Lucan in the late 70s. In the late 80s with the demise of Kilcock it regained Batterstown and Dunshaughlin.

On January the 6th many of the former and present staff met at a farewell party in the Springfield Hotel, to say goodbye to an institution of our time.

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GAELSCOIL UI FHIAICH

NEW SITE:

Due to our rapidly expanding numbers we will have to move to a new premises this September. Following numerous meetings and conversations with the local councillors and local land owners 2 sites have been proposed for our use. As soon as a final decision has been made on the location of the site we will immediately begin to look for planning permission and hope to move into it in September.

REGISTRATIONS:

We already have a waiting list in place for this coming September and subsequent years are rapidly filling up. If you wish to enrol your child please contact the school on 6290667 and we will send you an enrolment form.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Our Christmas party was held in the Glenroyal Hotel this year and was an enormous success. Santa arrived in the fire engine and there was great excitement. As with most of our extra-curricular activities without our parents the Christmas party would not have taken place. So, to all the parents who organised the party - Mile Buiochas libh, we would also like to thank you landlord Mr. Les McAssey for his generous donation which made our party possible.

SHCOOL CONCERT:

Our first school concert was held in Dowdstown Hotel last December and was a tremendous success. We did a Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich version of Cocaitin Dearg (Little Red Riding Hood) and all of our audience would agree that it brought the house down. Every child had a part and we all agree that it was a well worth while activity.

FIRST COMMUNION:

We will have our first First Communion this year in Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich, on Saturday 27th May. Once again, we hope it will be an inclusive ceremony with each child playing an important part.

Le Buiuchas.

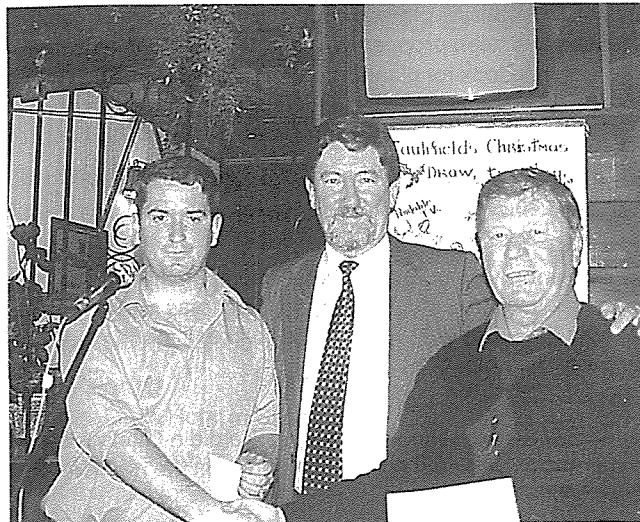
Aisling Ni Bhriain.



Maynooth couple, Raymond and Noelle Topley meet Pope John Paul II in the Vatican during the recent Millennium celebrations. Mrs. Topley teaches in the local girls school and Mr. Topley teaches in the College. 25th January 2000.

FEATURES

CAULFIELD'S MONSTER DRAW



Sean Fitzpatrick, John McGinley and Mick Noone receiving cheque for £500 on behalf of St. Mary's Brass Band.



Sean Fitzpatrick, John McGinley and Mick Kelly receiving cheque for £500 on behalf of Senior Citizens Committee

Monster Draw winners: 1st prize Mary Mackey, 2nd prize John Nevin, 3rd prize Pat Harte

Valentine's Day Vox Pop



Siobhan and Pat Mahon and baby Rebecca



Ollie Bright



Dominic Nugent

Community Council Elections

Elections to the Community Council will be held in March / April this year. Further details in our next issue



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MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Bond Bridge Design Going on Public Display for Comments:

At the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 7 January the Draft Design for PART X Planning Permission was presented to the Councillors by the Consultants and Council Engineers. The design is as expected, apart from three areas which Cllr. John Mc Ginley asked to be changed.

1. There should be a vehicular entrance to the train station so that cars would not have to use Parson St. and Main St. to gain access to the Straffan Road entrance. The Consultants said that they could not recommend this for cost and safety reasons. They stated that it would cost an extra £95,000 and that the new junction at the bridge would create a traffic hazard because of poor sight lines.
2. The 1.2m walls should be stone finished and not plaster finish as proposed.
3. There should be a pedestrian entrance to the College opposite Parson Court to reduce the pedestrian traffic in Parson Street.

The basic design of the new bridge is as follows:

- * The roadway will be 21ft wide with a 6ft footpath and a 5ft path on both sides.
- * There will be a 17ft clearance over the railway to allow for future electrification. This means that the bridge will be 2ft higher than the existing bridge.
- * The Meadowbrook stream and the Joan Slade river will be culverted from Meadowbrook Lawns to Parson Lodge (This would facilitate the pedestrian entrance to the College at Parson court).
- * Newtown Grove will become a cul de sac at the Newtown Road end.

The bridge will be kept open most of the time during construction. However, it will have to close for a day or two, on two or three occasions. The County Engineer told the meeting that he expected the Meadowbrook Link to the Straffan Road to be completed by then and that it could be used as the diversion. The bridge will be open to pedestrians at all times during construction.

The Programme of Work is as follows:

- * The Council to apply for PART X Planning Permission before the end of January.
- * Go to tender in May.
- * Contractor begins work in July.
- * Construction period will be 18 to 24 months.

New Traffic Lights for Straffan road:

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John Mc Ginley the Council have agreed to install traffic lights at the Railway Station/ Parklands/Castlebridge exits. These lights will also facilitate traffic exiting from Old greenfield and Silken Vale. Motorists are finding it increasingly difficult to exit from these locations because of the volume and speed of traffic on the Straffan Road. The new lights will mean improvements for everyone—motorists and pedestrians.

New Traffic Lights for Parson Street/Main Street Junction:

Council Officials advised Cllr. John Mc Ginley at the Area Meeting on the 7 January that funding is now in place for these traffic and pedestrian lights that were an integral part of the Main Street Improvement Works. This will make life much easier for those exiting from Parson Street and will also allow pedestrians to cross the road safely at this very busy junction. The pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland will be removed when the new lights are in place. These lights are a hazard for pedestrians at present because traffic keeps coming from

the Straffan Road though the pedestrian lights are green.

Moyglare Village Boundary Wall Gets Funding:

Cllr. John Mc Ginley motion 'That funding be allocated from the next Discretionary Block grant to build a boundary wall between Moyglare Village and Moyglare Road' was agreed at the Area Meeting of 7 January. This means that money will be allocated from the Discretionary Grants next March/April for this purpose and the wall will be built. It will be a great relief for the residents to know that their children can play in safety on the green.

Problems With Bus Eireann & Dublin Bus:

It was agreed at the Area Meeting on 7 January to invite Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann to our next meeting so that we can iron out two major problems:

1. Bus drivers cause serious traffic build ups on Main Street because they don't pull into the bus bays for passengers.
2. The two bus turning bays on the Straffan Road are an eyesore as a result of buses driving up on the 'green' areas. It is hoped to agree on a new design for the turning points.

Doctors Lane:

The Councils Senior Executive Engineer is to come up with traffic calming proposals for Doctors Lane for the next Meeting. It is inevitable that a serious accident will take place involving pedestrians if nothing is done.

Inclusion of Maynooth in Dublin Taximeter Area:

Councillors asked at the last Area Meeting that Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Straffan be included in the Dublin Taximeter Area. This would mean that taxis could not refuse to take individuals from Dublin to these Kildare towns as in the case at present. They would also be forbidden to charge other than the meter charge. Some Maynooth residents were charged £45 for a taxi from Dublin to Maynooth recently.

Restoration Work on Obelisk:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, to provide funding for essential restoration works at the Obelisk. Deputy Stagg stated that Capital funding for such works had increased by 8% in 2000 and that it was now time to proceed with the work.

Temporary Footpath Parsons Hall to Castledawson

Arising from requests from residents in Parsons Hall, Deputy Stagg contacted the developers of Castledawson concerning the provision of a temporary footpath on the reserved section of green area fronting Castledawson at the Parsons Hall end. The developers duly obliged and Deputy Stagg thanked them for their assistance.

Work on the provision of a proper footpath fronting the Castledawson boundary wall which is costed at £20,000 is due to start shortly.

Gaelscoil ui Fhiach

The Minister for education is still being pressed by Deputy Emmet Stagg to sanction permanent recognition for Maynooth Gael Scoil. The application was made in April, 1999 and the delay in sanctioning same is unacceptable.

Traffic Route Lighting - Celbridge

Cllr. John McGinley has requested Kildare Co. Council to provide Traffic Route Lighting on Celbridge Road, Maynooth, from the junction with the Straffan Road to the end of Laurences Avenue.

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FINE GALE NOTES

Proposals for Bond Bridge Construction at Maynooth
Cllr. Senan Griffin welcomed, with some reservations, the new proposals as outlined by H.G.L. O'Connor at the Leixlip Area Meeting on Friday last 7th January, regarding the realignment of the Bond Bridge in Maynooth.

The proposals allow for the construction of a 6.5 metre wide road, with a 1.9 metre wide and a 1.5 metre cycle path at both sides of the proposed new road layout.

The construction will involve piping a section of the Joan Slade river bounding the College wall along Parson Street. The new bridge will be about 600 mm higher than the existing roadway levels so that a clearance of 5.13 metres can be accommodated for the rail line. The proposed road will be bound by a wall of approximately 12.3 meters high, which Cllr. Griffin has insisted should be of finished stonework.

The major drawback in the proposed new roadway said Cllr Griffin, is that it fails to provide for motor access to the car park at the Railway station from the Rathcoffey Road.

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested the engineer in charge to ensure that access to the car park at the Railway Station is provided, in order to alleviate traffic congestion on the Main Street by forcing motorists to drive through Parson Street, Main Street and up the Straffan Road to gain access to the station. Traffic congestion can be easily avoided by providing this simple access point, said Cllr. Griffin.

The time limit for this project is that it is likely to go to tender in May 2000 and construction should start in July 2000 which will take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete.

Cllr. Griffin hopes to circulate a map outlining the consultants proposals to all households in the Rathcoffey Road area.

Celbridge Interchange Gets Go Ahead

The County Engineer advised the Leixlip Area Committee at their meeting on January 7th that the order to proceed with the purchase of the necessary land to accommodate the interchange, has been granted by the Minister for the Environment.

The provision of this link to Intel / Hewlett Packard and Celbridge is vital for the proper management of traffic in the area and will result in a reduction of traffic hold-ups in Leixlip and Celbridge. The Minister's order also allows for the removal of the existing bridge at Leixlip Gate leading to the right of way at Castletown in Celbridge.

Cllr. Senan Griffin, in welcoming the advancement of the project, stated that the link to Celbridge is long overdue and that the residents of Main Street, Castletown, Oaklawn and Green Lane Estates in Leixlip, will be overjoyed by the elimination of the huge volume of traffic through their estates. The sooner this project is completed, the better for all concerned said Cllr. Griffin.

Private Sites:

Cllr. Senan Griffin's motion to Kildare County Council to provide forty private sites in Leixlip, has been accepted in principle by the Leixlip Area Committee at its recent meeting. As a result of the motion, the Committee is to request the full Council to formulate a transparent policy on the housing needs of the people of Kildare.

The need for local authority housing plus affordable housing

has long been advocated by Cllr. Senan Griffin, which was also announced in the Bacon Report, together with the need for private sites throughout the whole of the county.

Completion Works at Main Street, Leixlip and Main Street, Maynooth:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to draw up a snag list for the completion of the Main Streets in Maynooth and Leixlip.

In drawing up the list, Cllr. Senan Griffin has also requested that the nameplates for the various streets be put in place similar to the style provided in Kilcock.

However, Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed his concern at the poor quality of some of the completed works in both Maynooth and Leixlip and has suggested that the contractor be recalled to complete outstanding works.

Kilcock Incinerator:

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have lodged an objection to the proposed incinerator at Boycetown Kilcock with An Bord Pleanala. Bord Pleanala have accepted that the grounds for the appeal will be confined to planning matters only as set out by Deputy Durkan and Cllr. Griffin.

In objecting to the proposed incinerator Deputy Durkan and Cllr. Griffin highlighted the lack of road infrastructure, shortage of water and sewerage facilities plus the protection of the Royal Canal. Issues such as air pollution and emissions will have to be dealt with by the E.P.A.

The Fine Gael position in North Kildare has always been to oppose this application by T.W.M.I. at Boycetown Kilcock. It is of the utmost importance that Bord Pleanala reject this application and uphold the decision of Kildare County Council.

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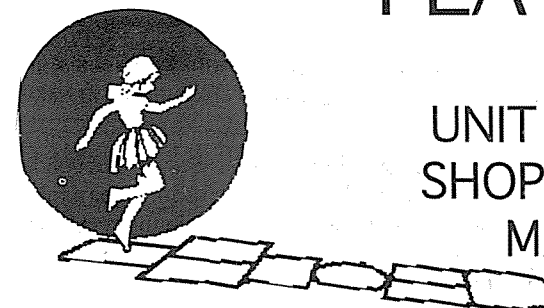
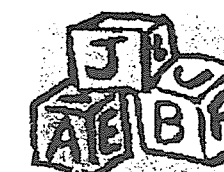
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MAYNOOTH PITCH AND PUTT

Dear Editor,

The recent closure of Maynooth Pitch & Putt has been a very difficult decision for myself and my family. Having invested in producing a course of a high standard it has been saddening to now find that our dreams of some ten years ago are not possible and reality dictates that we must take this unfortunate measure.

However I am writing this letter for reasons other than lamenting the demise of one of Maynooth's finest facilities. I want to acknowledge the people and events of ten years of Pitch & Putt in Maynooth. It has been a very enjoyable and satisfying time despite flood, pestilence and disease and we often thought that we should be doing anything other than providing Pitch & Putt. The people that we have dealt with over the life of the course have been from all parts of this country and indeed from all parts of the world and regrettable we did not keep a visitors book it would have made interesting reading. Our encounters with these people have been varied and stimulating with both good and bad aspects to them but our overall impression is one of pleasant, decent people who have been a pleasure to meet. I hope that we have left a similar impression on them.

Through the initial years of business there were several crisis mostly due to unwanted water.....!! and although it is likely that people like Ollie Bright and Melanie and Elaine and Willie and Noreen have forgotten their help I want to thank them for being there when their company and good humour was as important as their hands. Important in keeping grass affairs in order were Dermot Saunders and latterly Jim Byrne who were always available to discuss and advise on what to do and sometimes what not to do with the Greens. It's amazing how much more there is to grass than just mowing.

No matter how hard or easy the work was the most important aspect of the whole operation was to have people play on the

course and while I am not going to name them individually I want to thank them one and all for their support. I want to especially thank the Sunday Morning Clubs and indeed telling them of our demise was the hardest part of making the decision to close. We over the years shared all weathers, good and foul and indeed probably the many kinds of physical states that Sunday morning can often bring!!! The funny thing is looking back now getting up on those early mornings wasn't really so awful, with the exception of the mornings when all the flags were stolen from the course.

Without the hard work and dedication of Mary this whole project would never have been possible. Modesty will prevent her from admitting so much but in truth it was really her business which she ably managed and organised through the years and in fact became the face of Maynooth Pitch & Putt. Her energy and efficiency in dealing with the Business was limitless and always good humoured. I want to publicly thank her for that commitment to Maynooth Pitch & Putt.

In a last round up of other people who were involved over the years I want to thank Tom and Patricia for their constant support and advice, the Post Primary School and the Primary School classes and teachers who played on the course, the Community Games organisers and players, also Colm, Donal and Graham, Paddy Brennan for years of grass cutting and Winnie Brennan for allowing us take Holidays. Aisling, Brian and Conor for all the odd jobs, Bridie for vigilance and anybody else who doesn't fit in to any of the above categories.

In conclusion it has been a wonderful experience enjoyed by us all and I hope in some way we made a contribution to our community in Maynooth.

Yours sincerely
Tony Bean.

HANDBALL

Now that the Millennium fever is almost passed and the new handball season has started it is time to reflect on the clubs achievements since its reformation in 1997.

We entered several players in the County Championships that year. They were entered more for the experience than with any expectations of achieving success. And so it was that, while they equited themselves well, they did not win any trophies.

In 1998, with the experience of the previous year under their belt they hoped for greater things at County level. However, no one expected them to win Five County medals, which is exactly what they did. And if that was not enough they also added two Leinster medals. Maynooth Handball Club has arrived. Not only at County level but at National level also.

1999 came and it was not a matter of winning County medals But how many! Come the end of the year and there was a grave shortage of silverware at the club. No County Medals to show for a hard years training. However the year did have its high spots with the first All Ireland medal coming to the

club. We also forged important handball and social links with Carrickmacross in Monaghan and O'Loughlins in Kilkenny.

The New Year started with a complete new set of jerseys, which were kindly, sponsored by Mr. Sean Donovan Londis Maynooth. I don't know if this was a great inspiration to the players or what but on their first outing in them they won Six County medals. O.K. They were not winners medals but they got to the final of the very prestigious triton shield team event. The six players narrowly beaten in the final were: Sean Molloy, Mick Galvin, Niall Leavy, Anthony Fingelton, Paul Hand and Declan Quigley.

The County Championships are in full swing at the moment and our club has players entered in several grades. I will keep you up to date on their progress.

A program of juvenile coaching was set in motion before Christmas and already there are indications that the future of handball in Maynooth is bright.

Mark Ball

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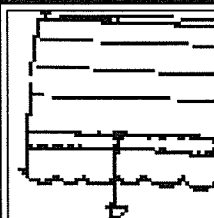
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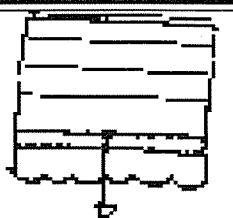
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Portmarnock F.C. 2 Maynooth Town 2
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After a long lay-off following the Christmas break and cancelled matches due to bad weather Maynooth Town's under 17A1 side were slow to get started against a talented Portmarnock side. The home side was on top for long periods in the first half and led 2-0 at the interval. The Town started the second period in a more positive frame of mind and immediately took a firm grip on the game playing some

excellent football. Trevor McMahon hit the crossbar with a powerful header before Paul O'Hanlon put the visitors back into it with an unstoppable shot from the edge of the box. Maynooth continued to pile on the pressure and drew level in the 65th minute when Daniel Corbett scored from 20 yards with a superbly struck volley. The Town continued to dominate and it was Portmarnock who were happier to hear the final whistle. The Maynooth defence of Stephen Kelly, Healy, Conway, Halligan and the in form Bobby Kelly were outstanding. The mid-field of Stanley, Corbett, Leddy and Dunk totally dominated in the second half and provided some fine balls to the Maynooth forwards McMahon, Folan and goal-scoring super sub O'Hanlon.

Maynooth from: Stephen Kelly, Bobby Kelly, Keith Halligan, Noel Healy, Dean Conway, Robert Stanley, Daniel Corbett, Stephen Dunk, Jonathan Leddy, Alan Baxter, Trevor McMahon, Paul O'Hanlon, Jason Newton and Colin Daly.

John Doogan

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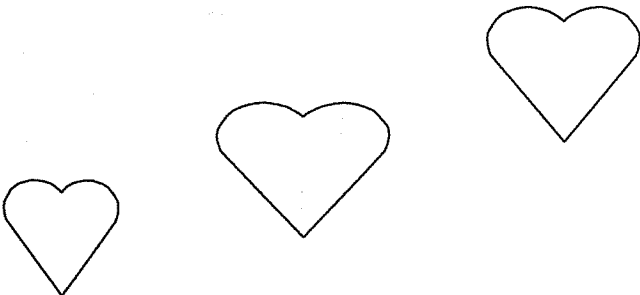
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

To honour the success of the Junior Camogie and Intermediate Hurling Teams in 1999, a special Medal Presentation Night will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday February 12th, commencing at 9.00 p.m. It promises to be an exciting and entertaining night so please come along and enjoy the celebration.

Tom Coffey,
Joint P.R.O.

| MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB WEEKLY LOTTERY RESULTS | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| DATE: 19th December 1999 | |
| This Week's Numbers 7-11-19-21 | |
| This Week's Jackpot £3,500 | |
| Winner: Helen Douglas | |
| Next Week's Jackpot £1,300 | |
| Winners of Weekly £20.00 | |
| 1. | F. Ward, Barroestown, Maynooth. |
| 2. | Denis Nolan, c/o Ollie. |
| 3. | Paul Hand, c/o Domo. |
| 4. | I. Kavanagh, c/o Domo. |
| 5. | Kevin Galligan, 6 Maynooth Park. |

| MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB WEEKLY LOTTERY RESULTS | |
|--|--|
| DATE: 9th January 2000 | |
| This Week's Numbers 1-7-12-22 | |
| This Week's Jackpot £1,400 | |
| Winner: No Winner | |
| Next Week's Jackpot £1,500 | |
| Winners of Weekly £10.00 | |
| 1. | Brendan Moran, 175 Barrington Court. |
| 2. | T.J. Sullivan, c/o 6293030 |
| 3. | Anne Naughton, Mooretown, Celbridge. |
| 4. | Brian Marlborough. |
| 5. | Margaret Gillick, 56 Greenfield Drive. |

| MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB WEEKLY LOTTERY RESULTS | | | |
|--|---------|------|----------------|
| 9th Jan 2000 | 3,4,29 | £800 | Don Foley |
| 1th 6 Jan 2000 | 3,11,18 | £825 | Imelda Dowling |
| 23rd Jan 2000 | 4,6,30 | £850 | Ian Kennedy |

| MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB WEEKLY LOTTERY RESULTS | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| John Gannon | Eamon Carty | Mick Dempsey | Michael Murphy |
| Ger Horan | Anthony Maher | Rachael Cassidy | Mary Houton |
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Nuala Walsh and family, "Slíabh a Nora", Leinster Park, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all neighbours and friends in Leinster Park and the Maynooth area for their kind expressions of sympathy on the occasion of Hugh's recent death, and for their ongoing support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the intentions of all. The family would like to wish you all every good health and happiness for the Year 2000.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to **Colette McMahon**.

Happy 23rd birthday to **Niamh Holland** on the 8th February, love from Sinéad, Natasha, Darrielle, Shannon, Ronan, Mammy and Daddy.

Birthday greetings to **Sean Durack**, Kingsbry, Maynooth, age nine, love from Mammy, Daddy, Grandad, Aunties, Cousins, Connor and pal Rikki.

Birthday greetings to **Ann Marie Burke** age 9 on February 21st from Daddy, Mammy, brother Shane and Grannie.

Birthday greetings to **Gerard McTernan**, Greenfield, February 25th his brother **Larry**, Kilcock, February 27th, Larry's wife **Marie**, February 1st, their daughter **Gillian**, age 18 on January 24th and son **Paul** February 4th. Best wishes from all the Macs.

Birthday greetings to **Maeve McTernan**, Rail Park whose birthday was on January 24th from Daddy, Mammie, sister Deirdre and Grandad.

Birthday greetings to **Phil Brady**, Clock House, who celebrated his 93rd birthday on January 19th from family and friends.

ANNIVERSARY

Belated happy Anniversary to **Brian and Liz Farrell** on the 24th of January from Mrs Dowling.

VACANCY

Qualified Staff required for Longtown Creche. Send C.V. to Manager, Longtown Creche, Sallins, Co. Kildare.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VERGIN

(never known to fail)

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful divine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin assist me in my necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here, you are my Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power sweet Mother. I place this cause in your hands (three times). O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse for thee (three times). Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen. this prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted. this prayer must be published. P.O.S.

PRAYER

I wish to thank the Blessed Virgin for favours received over the years.
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O Murchú: The Community Council and Newsletter Staff would like to express their deepest sympathies to the family of Bentiu O Murchú who died tragically on the 18th January. Bentiu will be sadly missed by her husband Padraig and young family, Awut, Areka, Colman, Mark, Diarmuid and new baby Achol Bentiu. Our prayers are with you in this your darkest hour.

Thompson: Wife Rita, sons Gerard, David and John, daughters Anne Marie and Rita, his mother Catherine, brother Pat, daughter-in-law Tina, grandson Mark, sister-in-law Maura, relatives and friends of John Thompson, Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Smith: 14th January 2000. Deepest sympathy to Sheila Fleming and family, Maynooth Park, on the death of her beloved mother, Elizabeth Smith, Drumgoon, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.

Fitzpatrick: Wife May, daughters Geraldine, Martina, Catherine and Bernadette, sons Eugene and Donal, son-in-law Gerard, grandsons Mark and Philip, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Daniel (Danny) Fitzpatrick, Maynooth Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Smith: Wife Jacqueline, sons Vinnie, Gary and Mark, daughters Ruth, Yvonne and Rebecca, grandson Cian, his mother Bridget, brothers Sean, Andy (Canada), Colm, sisters Angela, Gertrude, Margaret and Mary, his mother-in-law Betty, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a large circle of close friends, neighbours and business associates in Leixlip of Vincent Smith, Mulhussey, Maynooth and (formerly of Pullamore, Cavan).

Tierney: Wife Anne, son Tommy, daughters Anita, Fiona, Yvonne and Valerie, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, father-in-law, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of Patsy Tierney, Rathcoffey, Donadea, Co. Kildare (late of Maynooth).

Colgan: brothers, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives and friends of Mary (Maisie) Colgan, "Ard Lorcan", Stillorgan (late of Moyglare, Maynooth).

Hearns: husband John, sons Michael, John, Gerard and Paul, daughters, Tina and Mary, grandchildren, Georgina, Janine and Ryan, Aunt Mag, relatives and friends of the late Christina Hearns (nee Larking) Greenfield Maynooth and formerly of Green Lane, Leixlip.

Brennan: nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late Daniel Brennan, Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare and formerly of Fairview Strand Dublin and Lipstown, Narraghmore, Co. Kildare.

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