

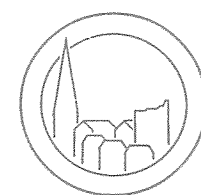
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18th January	Maynooth Flower and Garden Club Annual Christmas Dinner Moyglare Manor Hotel
1st February	Maynooth Senior Citizens A.G.M.- 8.00 p.m. in the Health Centre
March	Clane Musical Society "Sweet Charity"

The Editorial Board wish to acknowledge the assistance of all those who helped in compiling this issue especially those who made photographs available

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# Community Council Notes

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

**Community Council support Moyglare Residents for wall**  
The failure of Kildare County Council to keep Residents Associations informed of discussions between the Council and Developers regarding the completion of estates was criticised by Paul Croghan at the December meeting of the Community Council. His remarks follow the experience of the Moyglare Residents association in pursuing a wall as the boundary between Moyglare Village and the Moyglare Road. He warned other Residents Association that they will have similar difficulties. Maynooth Community Council is to write to Kildare County Council in support of the position adopted by the Moyglare Residents Association.

### Maynooth Action Strategy - praised for lighting College for Millennium

Maynooth Community Council Chairman, Tom McMullon complimented Maynooth Action Strategy for the excellent ceremony and the lighting of the College Spire that took place on the 10th of December last. The lighting of the spire was the major Millennium project for the Town.

### Maynooth Tidy Towns - urged to give estate reports to Residents Associations

Don O'Mahony the representative from Carton Court, supporting a proposal from Tom McMullon, urged the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee to consider giving residents associations a written report on how their estates scored in the annual Best Estate competitions, sponsored by Coonans. Mr. O'Mahony felt that this information would help estates to identify areas that needed attention and would improve their chances in the competition next year.

### Incineration out, but still no seven day cleaning service - Community Council told

Cllr. John McGinley advised Maynooth Community Council that the Kildare County Council Waste Management Plan no longer includes a reference to Incineration as a policy option. He also informed the Community Council that the County Council has refused to provide a seven day a week street cleaning service in Maynooth.

### New Community Council - Supervisor

Ms. Sarah O'Connor has been appointed to succeed Ms. Freda Kelleher as supervisor with Maynooth Community

Council.

In thanking Ms. Kelleher for her efforts over the years, Council members also acknowledged the help of Ms. Margaret Lennon who has managed the day to day operation of the community council office since Ms. Kelleher's departure.

### Concern expressed over condition of Presbytery

Community Councillors raised their concern regarding the worsening condition of the presbytery in Leinster Street. The building was last occupied by the late Fr. Cogan before his transfer to Porterstown. The house and grounds have not been maintained and it was the view of community councillors, that as a community we should not allow this property to fall into ruins.

### Carton Court Residents seek Community Council support on Fires

Maynooth Community Council members were informed about the impact on residents of fires being light in a commercial premises close to Carton Court. The opinion of councillors was that these fires were likely to be illegal and are certainly causing a nuisance to residents. A letter supporting the residents position is to be sent to Kildare County Council and copied to the offending party.

### Tesco criticised for lack of choice in Maynooth shop

A number of Councillors were critical of Tesco Maynooth for their failure to offer a choice of goods and keeping their shelves adequately stocked. There were a number of incidences cited by councillors about their failure to get what they wanted in the shop in recent times.

### New Chess Club in Maynooth

Community Council members for Moyglare, Gerald MacCann informed councillors that he formed the Maynooth Chess Club and affiliated with the national body. He told councillors that he had already started one in the Boy's School and was now looking for Adult members. Information can be obtained from Maynooth community Council office.

**Paul Croghan**  
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It will be an offence to use a car liable for testing in a public place, without an NCT certificate. The penalty for an offence may be up to £350. Motor Tax Offices will not tax a liable car (including a second hand import) unless it has passed its NCT.

**All cars that were first registered before the 1st January, 1992 are due for testing in 2000;** cars first registered from 1992-1996 will be due for testing under the National Car Test in 2001; all four year old 'liable' cars will be due for test in 2002. In the relevant year car testing will be due on the anniversary of the first registration date and subsequent tests will be due every two years.

Under the National Car Test the items to be tested include suspension equipment, steering, lighting and signalling, vehicle identification (e.g. proper registration plates), wheels and tyres, transmission, bodywork, chassis and chassis components, braking, exhaust emissions. There are forty-three dedicated NCT Centres. If you want more information you should contact Customer Enquiries, National Car Testing Services (NCTS), Lakedrive 3026, Citywest Business Campus, Naas Road, Dublin 24. Tel: 1890 200 670.

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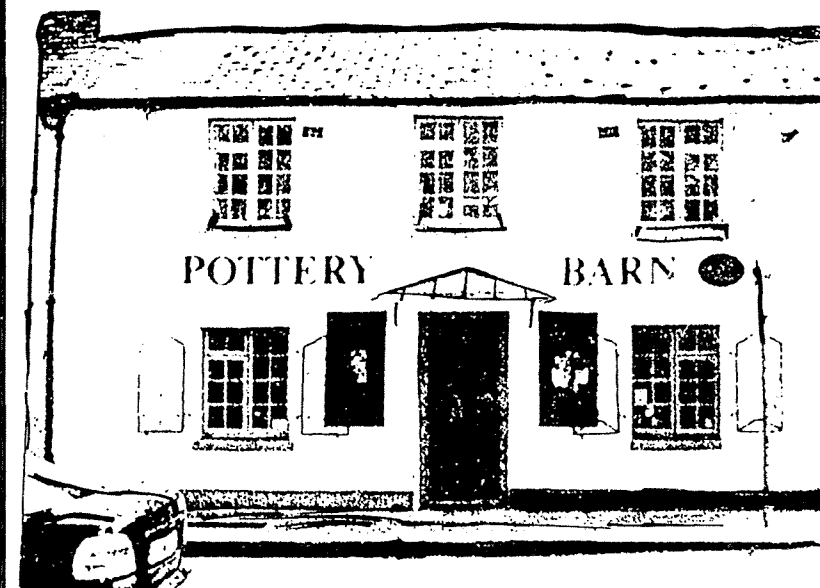
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### I.C.A. Notes

Our December meeting was very well attended, Rosemary Hanley, President, extended sympathy to Teresa Brennan on the death of her brother. We hosted a very successful Kildare Federation Meeting on November 17th. We thank Sean Ashe, Senan Griffin and staff for their help and generosity in giving us the use of the Post Primary School. In February the Federation are holding a Millennium Ball in the Ambassador Hotel, Kill. They have also invited guilds to contribute one flower arrangement to a Display in the Hotel on the same day. Our guild competition for December was most unusual, it necessitated making a Christmas Decoration incorporating a plastic bottle. Our Judge had a very difficult task picking a winner from the large number of excellent entries.

#### Competition Winners Were:

1. Mary O'Gorman
2. Rosemary Hanley
3. Marie Breen

January Competition will be a slice of Christmas Cake. We also had a Quiz to complete the evening, various prizes were awarded for some specific questions however the overall winners were:

1. Betty Farrell & Mary McNamara
2. Irene Mathews & Marie Breen

Crafts will resume in January 17th. Badminton will recommence on January 18th.

Our next Guild Meeting will be on Thursday 13th January. We hope you all have a very Happy Christmas, Peace and Prosperity in the New Millennium.

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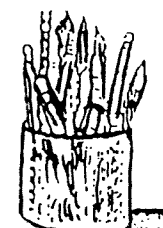
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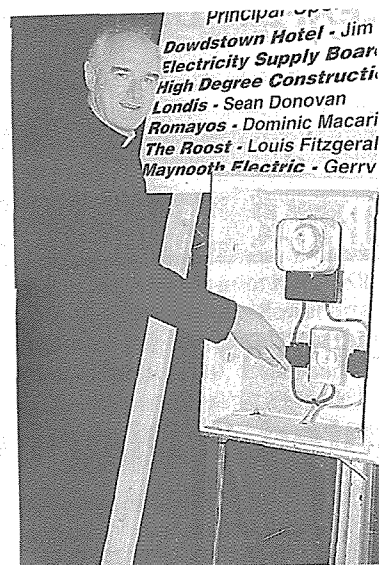
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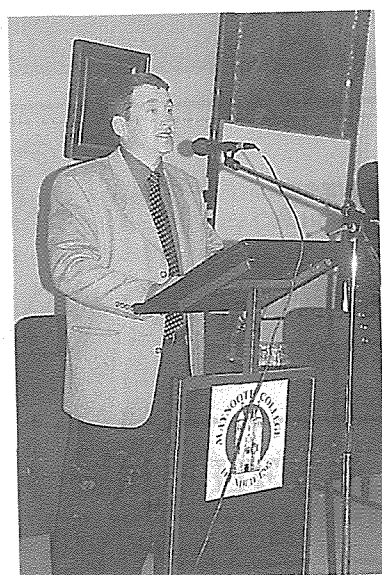


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### Lighting of Church Spire



Monseignor Dermot Farrell, President, St. Patrick's College, switching on the lights



Tony Bean, Maynooth Action Strategy

An £8,000 project came to fruition on Friday, December 11th when Msgr. Dermot Farrell switched on the lights to illuminate the College spire. Maynooth Action Strategy would like to thank the following sponsors of the project: Louis Fitzgerald, Dominic Macari of Romayo's, ESB, Paddy Mooney of High Degree Construction, Jim Hoare of Dowdstown Hotel, Sean Donovan and Gerry Sullivan of Maynooth Electrical Wholesale.

Eoin Donovan and St. Mary's Band entertained those who assembled to watch the lighting up ceremony.

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## MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS

As we turn the corner into a new beginning it almost seems an affront to mention Nov. '99, but mention it we must as our 'Sale of Work' was too late for the Dec. deadline. This was the most successful event to date as our final figure has now reached £7,187.33. This is all down to a co-operative and dedicated committee, a loyal group of helpers and a generous community.

I thank you all for playing your part so well. We are very grateful to the new proprietors at Tesco for the continued use of their premises to sell the tickets for our "Monster Draw". This raffle alone accounts for a third of our over-all intake. So it is a very important part of the event. Many thanks to Ollie who arranges the facility and indeed supports us on many occasions during the year. We missed "Donovan's Restaurant" this year and their usual hospitality to our collectors. However, their generosity in other departments was not lacking.

**Congratulations to those who won prizes on the day, especially James Byrne Old Railpark, who won our "Monster Hamper".**

**M. Bracken, 11 Parklands Court won £100.**

**Lima Higgins, 740 Old Greenfield won £50.**

**Sharon Fanning, Old Greenfield won a C.D.Cassette. Recorder**

**Angela Caffrey, Kilcock Road won a Presentation Basket**

**Kathleen O'Reilly, won a Soft Toy**

**Elizabeth Nolan won a bottle of Champagne**

**T. Carrigan, Rathcoole won a painting by B. Tuohy**

**Penny O' Callaghan won a bottle of Whiskey**

**Siobhain Denman, Leinster Park won a Soft toy**

**Edel McHugh won a bottle of Irish Mist**

Many thanks to all who supported our Sale of Work, which raised £6,800

"Super Value Extravaganza", took place on Tuesday night dec. 14th. This was once again, a most enjoyable night of shopping. Its not often that we use the words shopping and enjoyable in the same sentence, but when you consider that our older people had the supermarket all to themselves, plenty to eat and drink and were serenaded by Gerry Burgess while tripping up and down the aisles what other words could you use?. It certainly gives "dancing in the aisles" a whole new meaning! Many thanks to Brian, Derek, Ann, Margorie and all the staff who were so kind and helpful throughout the evening. I take this opportunity to congratulate Brian Murphy the owner of Super Value on winning the "Hygiene Excellence" award in his store. An award well deserved in my opinion.

As I write our Annual Christmas Dinner will not have taken place, so all about that next Month. Our Club will reopen on Jan. 11th and the Laundry Service and Day Hospital will return on the same day. Our next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday Feb. 1st at 8pm in the Health Centre. This will be our Annual General Meeting and all are welcome. Meanwhile I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and I shall you the best for the New Year, the New Millennium and a new beginning.

*Josephine Moore*

## MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

For the year 2000 a new competition has been announced for Maynooth Tidy Towns participants. The competition is called Green Town 2000. We have entered on the theme educational / practical project on litter control and waste management. Over the coming months you will be hearing and seeing more of our ideas on this project.

Maynooth Tidy Towns would like to thank all who helped us during 1999 and look forward to your support in 2000.

In particular we thank the Glenroyal Hotel for sponsorship of the sit-on grass mower, Gerard Mulcahy, Family Butchers, Greenfield Shopping Centre (St Patrick's Day Sponsorship) Coonan for sponsorship for the best shop fronts, Estates Competition, Maynooth Community Council, staff and officers, Royal Canal, Kildare County Council, Maynooth Flower Club, Sunday Morning clean up crew. The people of Maynooth for their support of our Church gate collection and our collectors. The following businesses who contribute to

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Our new Committee has been elected and they are as follows:-

Chairperson	Margaret O'Neill
Secretary	Michelle Hever
Treasurer	Grainne Kelly
P.R.O.	Claire O'Rourke

We are having tea and light refreshments after 11.30 mass on the 9th January for all children who were baptised and their parents. Do come and show off your babies.

The Committee are asking families in the area if they would like to invite a foreign student from the University for a Sunday lunch. If you are interested please contact any Committee member or leave your number with Martina in the Parish Office.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

*Claire O'Rourke,*  
P.R.O.

### CAROL SERVICE

The Choir, the Maynooth Bank, the Girls School Choir and the Folk Group all took part in the service. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church was represented by Fr. Sinnott and the Church of Ireland was represented by Rev. Wilson.

John O'Toole read A Child's Christmas Story about Santa, a poem and a reading were also done by members of the congregation. Six altar servers said prayers in both English and Irish. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening.

Afterwards there was tea, coffee and mince pies served by the Social and Welcoming Committee. This was welcomed as it was such a cold night.

*Mary Molloy.*

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We would also like to thank all the boys who brought in gifts for the Parents Association to distribute to less well off children. They were much appreciated.

Our Book Fair went well as is the twinning with Leggamaddy School in Co. Down.

We would like to thank Londis (Sean Donovan) Greenfield Shopping Centre for their kind donation towards refreshments for the Leggamaddy children.

*Claire O'Rourke,*  
Assistant Secretary

## SUMMER PROJECT

Our Flag Day is coming up in January and we would hope that you will all be as generous as in previous years.

Our A.G.M. is also coming up in January, we have set no date yet but will let you know shortly. We would hope to have a lot of new parents as we need your support.

We would also like to wish all parents, children and leaders a very happy New Year.

*Clare O'Rourke,*  
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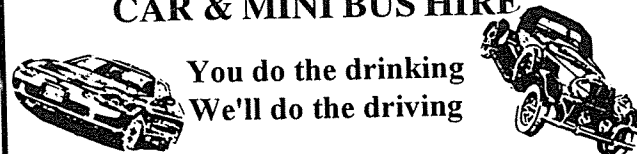
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At our Christmas Club work night on the 7th December Imelda Desmond and Sarah Angel produced some novel ideas in flower arranging for the Christmas season. A big thank you ladies. Our Annual Christmas dinner will take place in the Moyglare Manor Hotel on the 18th January 2000, tickets cost £20 each. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

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Clane Musical Society recently held their auditions for the next year's production of **Sweet Charity**.

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As always the standard was very high and the show was cast successfully from within the society.

#### The principle characters are:

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Sweet Charity was written by Bob Fosse and composed by Cy Coleman, with lyrics by Dorothy Field.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

The turn of the year is usually a time for reflection. A time to look back over the past year and a time to consider plans for the future. This year, as we pass from one century and one millennium into another, perhaps it is appropriate that as a community we take stock by celebrating our past and marking out our future.

Recent excavations in Maynooth Castle suggest that the place we call Maynooth has been inhabited for thousands of years. Perhaps thirty generations of Maynooth people have lived here since the 12th or 13th century when the village had its humble origins. Its history from then until the 19th century is dominated by powerful families, principally the Fitzgeralds, while little is known of the ordinary lives of the local people who worked as labourers, servants, blacksmiths and cattle drovers. Some of the articles in this issue for the Newsletter attempt to throw some light on that 'hidden Maynooth' by recalling the lives of some of the local people who worked in St. Patrick's College in the early years and by recounting some of the folklore associated with the village. As we move into the 21st century the links with our own community become more tangible. An article listing out all the family names, street by street, in Maynooth in 1911 will no doubt stir some memories for our older residents. The photograph on the front cover, taken in the early years of the last century, portrays a quieter, more peaceful Maynooth than what we have become used to in more recent years. Maynooth

G.A.A. and St. Mary's Band are enduring 'institutions' in the town and a number of articles reflect the active part they have played in the life of our community.

In the last thirty years Maynooth has undergone more dramatic changes than in the previous seven hundred years - from a quiet village to a bustling university / commuter town. But the faster we grow the more important it is that we recognise and value our community's past. A community with roots and an appreciation of its heritage is much more likely to be a success. The recent enhancement of Main Street and the future development of the Castle certainly promote the physical heritage. And the recently formed local history group is also to be complimented on the various projects on which they have been engaged. On the other hand local voluntary groups in the town complain of growing apathy and falling participation. Looking to the future, without the active involvement of both long established 'locals' and newer residents in the community life of our town those bonds of neighbourhood and place which has sustained Maynooth through the centuries will fade. One hopes that in this new century the people of Maynooth can enjoy some of the qualities that characterised Maynooth in the past - good neighbours, friendship, a sense of belonging - combined with a material prosperity which many who lived here before us could only dream of.



Genevieve Fay and Miriam Nolan on Confirmation Day - April 1988



Karen Higgins, Susan Connolly, Valerie Rafferty and Aine Flood who all made their Confirmation on May 21st. (July 1987)

## Features

### MILLENNIUM 2000 - THE YEAR OF GREAT JUBILEE

I would like to thank the Maynooth Newsletter for their kindness in inviting me to share some thoughts at the beginning of the Third Millennium, 2000 AD - the Year of Great Jubilee.

In May 1998 there was a G8 meeting in Birmingham, England, where the leaders of the eight richest nations discussed world finances. Outside and around the building, 100,000 Christians joined hands and asked these leaders to cancel or at least seriously reduce the international debts of poorer countries. To give an example: Ethiopia spends 50% of its national income repaying its international debt. In that country 64% of the people are illiterate, 54% are without any health care, 75% without access to safe water and 600,000 babies die within their first year. And all this is still happenings in 1999! These people were making the point that the issue was not simply economical but had serious ethical implications. Indeed the Pope's recent meeting with Bono again focused on this very appeal.

What many may not realise is that such an appeal is deeply rooted in the very idea of Jubilee which had its roots in Judaism. For the Jews, the number seven was particularly significant to them. In their Creation stories, had not God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh - the Sabbath? (cf. Gn. 2:3) Every *seventh* year was a sabbatical year when "the land would be rested" (Lv. 25:4). Even more significantly, *every seven weeks of years* (i.e. 7x7 or 49 years) was followed by a *50th* or *Jubilee Year*, when they were instructed to "let the land lie fallow, that is, you shall practice Sabbath: you shall forgive debts, letting forgiveness in; you shall free captives and proclaim liberty; you shall find out what belongs to another and give it back; you shall hold a great feast; learning to sing the canticle "Jubilate" (cf. Lev 25:8-19)". This thinking reflected their deep conviction that the land is God's and therefore given for the benefit of the whole community, for the good of all. Moreover, their Jubilee Year was a time for "tikun olam", for making a fresh start for restoring and repairing the world. Debts were cancelled, slaves set free and those driven off the land by poverty had a chance to return home. It was a Year of Grace - a Year of God's Favour. It was ushered in by the blowing of a ram's horn - a *Jobel* - the origin of our word Jubilee.

For Christians celebrating this Jubilee Year, we recall that approximately 2000 years ago, God in Jesus Christ newly entered our world. When he first began to preach at the synagogue in Nazareth, his message was replete with Jubilee themes: "He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's Year of Favour" (Lk. 4:18). It was a message that met with opposition. Indeed it was so powerful that his hearers wished to kill him that very day! (cf. Lk. 4:29)

It is again JUBILEE time, a time for celebration, and for reflection on our past, present and future. Pope John Paul II sees the Jubilee Year 2000 as a '*SPRINGTIME*' for great social change. He identified many '*seeds of hope*' in the scientific, technological and medical progress being made, means whereby our world can be repaired and restored. He recognises that ecologically and environmentally there is a far greater awareness today of Creation as God's 'gift' - a gift which we must protect and nurture rather than destroy. Similarly, with the commitment and struggle for justice and peace, for reconciliation among communities, so particularly noticeable in our own land in recent years and months, he acknowledged the impulse of the Holy Spirit. And on a wider scale, the movement towards Christian Unity and towards genuine dialogue with all religions and none, give him and indeed all of us further grounds for hope and optimism. All these seeds augur well for the new Millennium and help reassure us that the Holy Spirit is powerfully active in our world.

Individually, for each one of us it is also a time for celebration and for reflection on our past, present and future. As with any Golden (50th) Anniversary, it is an occasion when past events are recalled, friends again gather, old ties restored and hopefully, old wounds healed. May it be for each one of us such a time of healing, of restoration and of repair.

My prayer for you at this time is that wonderful ancient Jewish blessing: "May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He let his face shine upon you; and may He fill you with his peace".

**Alex Stenson, P.P.**



Back row l-r - M. Leavy, M. Mulready, T. Nolan, K. Brady, K. Dunne, A. Kenny, M. Maher, F. Bennett.  
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Gretta Corraway. Front row l-r - M. Kiely, M. Nolan, M. Tracey, M. Dunne.

## Features

### ST MARY'S (CHURCH OF IRELAND) MESSAGE FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

If you are reading this magazine you are a very privileged person indeed! It falls to very few people in the history of the world to witness the dawning of a new Christian Millennium. Reputedly the last time this happened many people were worried that it meant the end of the world and feared the day so much that some even committed suicide! We are not so pessimistic these days and many people have planned parties or special events with friends and family to welcome in 1st January 2000.

However not everyone will be celebrating this change of date. There are those for which it holds relatively little significance. Members of the other great world religions operate on different religious calendars, some of which are very ancient. This reminds us that it is a Christian Millennium we are celebrating, 2000 since we officially date the birth of Jesus Christ.

There are also those even in Christian countries that have little to celebrate. Their lives are made very difficult because they live in the developing world where massive debt repayments mean that their governments have little to spare for health care or education. They are caught in a cycle of deprivation and poverty out of which they will never break

free as long as these debts remain. Sadly those who took out these loans were often military dictators who spent the money on arms to suppress their own people. Even after the dictators are gone, their people are still oppressed by this legacy of debt. That is why all the main Christian churches have called for this calendar change to be marked as a year of Jubilee. This idea from the Old Testament calls for a time when the slate is wiped clean and debts struck off in order to give people a fresh start. The Churches have called on western governments and financial institutions to meet this challenge in a creative manner.

A newspaper article earlier in the year on the topic of Millennium babies asked an important question. Its headline read "what will their future be?" In reality it said that the real millennium baby will probably be born in a part of the world where there is no clock to record the time of its birth and it may not even live long enough to be given a name. This fact is a challenge to all people of differing religions and none to make the world a more equal place for all its citizens.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the readers of the "Maynooth Newsletter" a happy and hope filled New Year.

**Rev. Adrian Wilkinson**

## NATURE'S WEATHER FORECASTS

We are all used to hearing at the end of each news bulletin "Here is the weather forecast". But it was not always so. In the days, before modern technology and the weather forecasts on radio or television, people looked to the sky for their weather forecasts.

**Weather forecast:** Men could gauge the weather forecast by seeing how high or how low the clouds hung in the sky. In the mornings when the mist hung low, fog lingered near the water and the sheep scattered out over a wide area on the commons they made their plans to go out working.

*Red sky in the morning is the shepherd's warning  
Red sky at night is the shepherd's delight*

The animals could sense a change in the weather. When the farmer saw his sheep come together on the commons and look for shelter under the trees, the dew stay on the ground or a heavy coat of frost he knew that it was time for him to make sure that his shelter was secure and that he had plenty of turf in against the miserable weather that was coming. The moon and sun governed their days and seasons. If St. Swithin's Day was wet it would be wet for forty days afterwards. "The north wind doth blow and we shall have

snow" while blowing from the west was a sign of good weather. A ring around the moon or a rainbow in the sky was the sign of heavy rain. Rays in the sun were misleading as they were the sign of long periods of rain. Not only was the sky observed but behaviour of the fowl was also noted. Hens pecking themselves or going to bed early were signs of a bad night. The turkeys going in along with the hens meant it was time to take in the clothes off the line and the hawthorn hedges because a wild night was on the way.

**Here are some weather signs from the birds in the air, on land and in the water.**

Fine weather:	Crows and swallows flying high.
Wind:	Swans on the land.
Snow:	Birds looking for shelter.
Frost:	Geese coming in to land.
Wet weather:	Crows and swallows flying low. Curlews whistling.

The animals and birds could sense a change in the weather. We, too, could watch them and try to decide for ourselves if the old weather signs were more reliable than what the meteorologists tell us.

## NEXT GENERATION - NEW MILLENNIUM

### What The New Millennium Means For Me.

MILLENNIUM: a period of 1,000 years;  
2: a period of great happiness for every one.

Years ago people thought that by 1999 people would live on the moon and get to work by space shuttle but as we all know this idea is totally untrue; we have a lot still to learn about our Solar System, let alone other galaxies and the rest of the Universe.

1,000 years ago (approx.) the Vikings invaded and Ireland was thrown into chaos. One millennium on are we really any better off? Our politicians are more interested in how much money is in their bank accounts rather than the welfare of Ireland! In Northern Ireland, does the new devolved government actually mean everlasting peace.

For scientists the new millennium holds a vast range of discoveries on this planet and in space. For doctors, the possibility of a cure for cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

But what does the next millennium have in store for ordinary people like us?

Will everything go smoothly or will the 'Millennium Bug' wreak havoc? Only time will tell.

For me the millennium holds the possibility of World Peace and a ban on guns and other artillery. I also hope that space exploration will help us discover new worlds and races.

The downside to this is the fact that the drastically increasing amount of pollution will make the hole in the ozone layer bigger and the 'Greenhouse Effect' might melt the Polar Ice Caps, or the huge advances in computer technology might leave us in a fully automated world!

All I can say is 'WHO KNOWS!'

Signed: *[Signature]*

### WHAT THE MILLENNIUM MEANS TO ME.

To me the millennium means bringing in the next thousand years and celebrating the year two-thousand with family and friends.

I would hope to see peace in northern Ireland for good. It also means a new start for some.

I don't think many people are going away with the Y2K coming. My family and I are just going to my aunts and at 12:00 am we will let off some fireworks left over from halloween.

And then  
PARTY !!!

By: Hayley Brazil.

### WHAT THE MILLENNIUM MEANS TO ME

The Millennium to me seems it is going to be a new world because nearly every thing is going to be different such as the money. The pounds are going to be changed to Euro which I do not like because we will have to get used to them in school.

Then comes the decorating of houses there are going to be all different types of decorating which is what I do like. There are supposed to be all different types of millennium cars as well and I do like that.

The Millennium I hope might change some poor peoples lives. The Millennium only comes around once every thousand years and I feel very happy that I am going to be around for this millennium.

There is talk about computers that may not work because of what its called the Millennium bug. If this happens there will be a lot of problems for people in industry, business, medicine, telecommunications and so on.

This millennium bug may cause problems in the home, with the things such as personal computers and electronic equipment that have computer chips inside them.

I am looking forward to the new Millennium because it will be a very historic time.

By: Kathryn O'Hara

### WHAT THE MILLENNIUM MEANS TO ME

The Millennium is a really special time of year about celebrating another 1,000 years! This is a bit about the Millennium and what it's like for me.

For most people the Millennium is a great thing going into the year 2000. But for some computers it isn't as good. Older computers which give the date only give the year with two digits so when it turns 2000 some computers will get confused and get a disease known as the MILLENNIUM BUG.

In the Church we're celebrating 2000 Jubilee in memory of Jesus being born 2000 years ago in a manger in Bethlehem.

For me I've decided not only to do my New Years resolution of trying to be kinder to my brother and helping around the house (especially in the morning). I've going to think about how happy it makes my family feel and try my very hardest to keep my resolution up.

Some people are afraid of the Millennium and turning 2000 for various reasons. But if you try to think of it as just turning any normal year but with just a bigger title, it might just help.

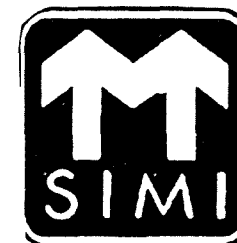
I think everyone should do something special for the Millennium because it's not just any year, it's not just a century it's a Millennium!

When you have the glass of champagne in your hand on New Years Eve just waiting for the second of 59 and the crackle of fireworks, just remember it's a celebration for Jesus as well. So start the New Millennium with a great start. So.....

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

by  
Jennifer Dornan.



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## NEXT GENERATION - NEW MILLENNIUM

### What The Millennium Means to me

Hi my name is Ciana Ennis. I live with my family. News Year Eve I hope to be with my family and friends.

The Millennium means to me that I can start a new and safe way of living. People should work together for the Millennium. People should take people for what they are, for the Millennium we should be nicer. In all of this I am trying to say turn over a new leaf. We should pray more. Remember Jesus and what he did for us.

Last of all think of everyone. If I had one wish I would wish for peace in the whole world. God bless you and I wish everyone happiness in the rest of your life.

What I think about the Millennium.

The Millennium is a new year, a new generation, a new century, a new beginning. The Millennium is a once in a lifetime experience.

Some people go out and have a party or some people would prefer a family dinner. You hear a lot about it on t.v. When you pass someone on the street they are saying 'are you having a party?' But I'm just going stay at home.

I think the millennium is a new beginning. I think it's just a normal year, having dinner bringing the family together. This is a big day for a lot of people. On the news people talk about the coming of the euro.

By: Niamh Mollloy.

### THE MILLENNIUM

When I think of the Millennium I think of Jesus' 2000th birthday. When other people think of the Millennium they think of celebrating and others think it is the end of the world. Others prepare for the coming of Jesus. Some people have started to prepare for what they think is the end of the world.

People who work with computers are very worried about the Millennium bug. The Millennium bug is when at midnight all the computers break. It is a threat to airplanes, trains and most offices.

In years to come I would like to tell my children and grandchildren about the Millennium and about how excited I was. I think the Millennium is so special because we will never see another time like this.

The Millennium Dome is in Greenwich, London. It was built as a memorial for the Millennium. In Ireland there are big time capsules in which poems, letters, newspapers, cd's, video's and all sorts of things are placed. Years from now people will open them and see what life was like. For the Millennium I am going to stay at home with my family and celebrate the NEW MILLENNIUM.

by Joanne Cawley

### What The Millennium Means To Me:

The millennium is about celebrating a new year and celebrating Jesus Christ's birthday. I think the millennium is important because we are celebrating Jesus's 2000 birthday.

This is my first time witnessing a millennium. People are frightened that something will happen in the year 2000. I think nothing will happen. The millennium also brings people together.

A lot of people are going out to a party on New Year's Eve. I think they should stay at home and spend the last night of the millennium with their family. I was asked to go to a party on the 31st of December, but I said I was spending the 31st with my family.

Things will be changing in the millennium, example, the money will be changing in to Euro in the year 2002. Computers will not work on January the 1st.

The millennium is also about a new beginning, and also a new life. For the millennium I am going to help more around the house, that is what I feel about the millennium.

By: Meghan O'Sullivan

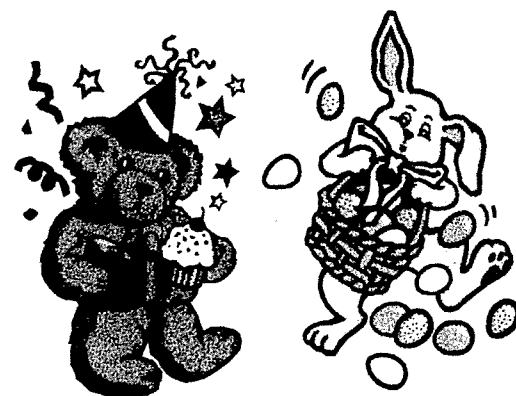
### WHAT THE MILLENNIUM MEANS TO ME

To me the millennium means more than just one big party night or just a new year. It means a new 1000 years, a new start or fresh beginning, something to say to our grandchildren like 'I've lived through 2 millenniums'. Into day's news bulletins we can say that 'In our first millennium there were wars and poverty but in future years we hope to read in the news bulletin 'World Poverty Wiped Out'.

In history people have prophesied the world to end on the 1/1/2000 but to many it means a new start or fresh life to live. Instead of night clubbing or going to the pub people might stay in. More often, donate to charities or give up an extra hour on a Sunday to go to mass.

This millennium many inventions were created such as batteries, telephones, X-rays and televisions. But in the year 2085 who knows what there could be maybe even flying cars?

By: Nora Mc Glinchey.



## CENTURY'S END DIARY

Year: O'Donoghue | Mr. Grundy  
10-12-99

David Fagan Mr Grundy's class  
6-12-99  
I got up had breakfast I was very tired, I ate toast sat down and watched television and played with my little brother

At 2:00pm I had lunch and went shopping with my mam and little brother my Mum took an hour at shopping then we went home.

At 6:00pm we had our dinner after dinner I went in and played with my computer. When I got bored I watched TV and at 10:00 clock I then read my book and went to sleep.

Today, I got up at half seven in the morning. I had my breakfast and then I watched skiing on the T.V. At 9 o'clock, I went to school. We had assembly at 9:30 until 10 o'clock. Then we hurried up the moles for the annual mole competition for Christmas. Then we got swimming. For the first time the water was warm so I quite enjoyed it.

Then we got back to school at 12 o'clock and the pullman gave out the milk to the classes. Then we had lunch. After lunch, four of us went into the computer room to do a special project. Then I went back to class and at 3 o'clock I went home.

At home I changed out of my school uniform and into my tracksuit. I then watched T.V. and then played my Playstation.

At half five it was getting dark and at six I had my drink. I had baked beans, hash browns and fish fingers. Then after we went to Quinsworth to buy food. At eight o'clock we got back and I watched T.V. Then I went to bed.



Nursery and Junior infants

Front row L-R: Ann Reilly (Flynn), Marie Flood, Patrick Burke, Michael Sullivan, Vincent O'Donoghue, Jonny Tinkler, Rachel Flood (Cassidy), Ronnie Farrell (Cassidy), Ann Dempsey (Fahy), Maureen Fay, Ann Lettuce (Feeney), Ray Troy, James Connolly.

Second row L-R: Gerry McTiernan, Fintan Byrne, P.J. O'Neill, Mícheál Flood, Mary Murray (Casey), Sally Dunne, Mary McCarthy (Burke), Carmel Durack, ? Curran, Bridgid Delaney, Bobby Gee, Noel Redmond, ?.

Back row L-R: Sr. Bridgid, Vincent Mulready, Tommy Fay, Barry Fitzgerald, Michael Tolan, Tommy Hendrick, Barney Daly, ?, Declan Reilly, Dick Sheehan.

## Features

### ST. MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

How things have changed over the years.

In the 1960s, Maynooth was a Secondary School. Mr. Frank Walsh initiated the Secondary cycle in the early sixties due to lack of secondary schools in the area. It was one of the first schools in Ireland to prepare pupils for Leaving Certificate. This came to fruition in 1965 when the first class sat their Leaving Certificate.

Mr. Walsh was ably assisted by Pearse O'Connell, Des Kearns and Pat O'Connor who joined the staff in 1966. Mr. Joe McBride joined in 1967.

Mr. Walsh taught five secondary classes with the assistance of primary teachers who helped out in Latin, Science and History. There were four main classrooms in the old wing of the present school.

The modern Physical Education hall was divided into classrooms as was the present staff room.

Free education was introduced by the Minister for Education, Donough O'Malley in 1969.

Maynooth was one of the first towns to have a secondary school. The new school was opened in 1971 with Mr. T. Ashe at the helm. Mr. Walsh retired, Mr. P. O'Connell became Principal of the primary school, now reverting to

normal primary school. Mr. Pat O'Connor became the Vice Principal.

In the early seventies infants and first class enrolled in the Boys' School. Numbers increased dramatically as new development and urbanisation took place.

The new wing was built in 1975. Mr. O'Connell became an administrative principal in 1976. The same year history was made as Ms. M. Morressy joined the staff as the first female Teacher. She later returned to her native Tipperary and Ms. Keenan and Ms. Leahy both took up their appointments in January 1977. Mr. O'Connell remained until his retirement in 1996. Mr. Peter Mullan is now Principal of the sixteen teacher school.

The priests of that time were Fr. O'Riordan, Fr. Duffy, Fr. O'Higgins, Fr. Walsh, Fr. Supple and Fr. Cogan, all now deceased.

From the mid sixties Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Collins and Mr. McGrath joined as full-time secondary staff - as the school expanded.

By 1970 there were five teachers in the secondary section.

**Pat O'Connor,**  
**Vice Principal.**



**Class Photograph 1964**

**Front row: Tommy Nelson, Thomas Farrington, Joe Gorey.**

**2nd row: Fergal Eiffe, Michael Scanlon, Philly Burke, Brian Moran.**

**3rd row: Michael Kelly, Bernard Leavey, David Heslin**

**4th row: Kevin Kilduff, Frank Rielly, Jim Geoghan, Mick McGovern, Tommy Hopkins**

**5th row: Mark Cullen, Joe Brennan, John Bean, Pat Kennedy.**

**6th row: Tommy Tracey, Peter Tracey, Vincent Watson. Teacher - Sr. Agnes.**

## Features

### MAYNOOTH FOLKLORE

In the late 1930s the Irish Folklore Commission undertook a huge project which involved recording local customs, history, cures and ghost stories from children in schools right across the country. The Presentation Convent in Maynooth participated in the project and the notebook used to record the folklore of Maynooth can be viewed in the Folklore Department in UCD. The children were supervised by Sister M. Borgia. In many cases the names of the adults from whom the stories originated are recorded. Below are some extracts from this notebook.

#### The Fairies

In Tagado, about two miles from here, and near the Maynooth - Naas road, stands an ancient building like a tower. This old ruin is supposed to have been built by the fairies. During the time of its erection a turf man who happened to be passing one night saluted the fairies, saying, "God bless the work". The fairies answered him, uttering blasphemy and so the building was never completed.

At a certain time of the year music of the fairies can be heard near Crewhill, this is also supposed to be a lucky omen. Crewhill, a favourite haunt of fairies, is situated on the Moyglare Road about three quarters of a mile from the town of Maynooth. The narrator of this, herself heard the fairy music on one occasion.

*Theresa Monahan, Double Row as told by Mrs. O'Sullivan Main St.*

#### Ghost Story

I was told that on the Doctor's Lane, Maynooth, there is to be seen a big black dog and a little woman dressed all in white. One night my mother was throwing out water and a black dog came up beside her. When she turned round to come in the dog disappeared and my mother came in and fainted. She was confined to bed for three weeks after it.

*M. Lettis, Greenfield*

#### The Big Wind

There was a big wind in the year 1903. The slates were blown off Carton House like paper. Lots of the trees were blown down and the crows that were in their nests had not time to fly out. Some of them were killed and others were going about with their wings broken.

*Edward Waldron, Leinster Cottages*

#### Cures

The cure for a sty in your eye is to pluck ten gooseberry thorns, point one to the eye each morning, throw away the tenth.

*Mrs. C. Duffy, Maynooth*

An old cure for the whooping cough - give an ass a piece of bread and the crumbs that fall from his mouth pick them up and give them to the person who has the cough.

*Mrs. Clancy, 7 Leinster Cottages*

This is a cure for the whooping cough I had myself. The cure is to get a bit of bread from a woman whose name did not change when she married.

*Mrs. Reilly, Greenfield Cottage*

A cure for headaches. There is a well in Ladychapel. You have to put your hand in the well three times and then rub it on your head.

*Mrs. Nolan, Newtown*

The cure for consumption is to boil the roots of primroses....Another cure for whooping cough is to get water from the Rye River and drink a little each morning for nine mornings.

*B. Duffy, Dublin Road*

A black snail is a cure for a toothache. Bog water is good for corns. To carry a raw potato in your pocket is good for rheumatism.

*M. O'Neill*

There are quite a lot of cures that doctors do not give. For St. Anthony's Fire get the comb or blood of the cock and rub it to it. For corns, put the poker into the fire and get a piece of washing soda and when the poker is red put it to the soda and hold it over the corn and let it drop onto the corn. This is to be done for nine nights and the corn will be cured. For whooping cough, cure by holding the child over boiling tar.

*Essie Fox, Grangewilliam*



**L-r Derek Horan, Eileen Nolan, Peter Finnan, all from Greenfield. (August 1986)**



**Cllr. Emmet Stagg hands over cheque for £760 to the Chairperson of the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.**

**Mrs. Brady. The cheque was the outcome of a sponsored walk organised by Maynooth Labour Branch. The walk is to continue on an annual basis and is to be known as the Tony Smith Sponsored Walk in memory of the late Tony Smith. (July 1982)**



## Features

### MAYNOOTH FAMILIES IN 1911

**Main Street:** Carroll, Dawson (grocery and hardware), Dawson staff, Redmond (hotel), Dawson, Bagnall, Pitts (pub), Corrigan and Hackett (grocery), McGowan (spirit grocer), Mooney, Martin, Weafer (carpenter), Cleary, Fitzgerald, Green, McMahon (tailor), Blake (grocer), Keeley, Lyons (dressmaker), Carr (painter), Farrell, Connolly (grocer), Cahill (butcher), McGuire (governess), McCarthy (dressmaker), Kennedy (cycle/motor engineer), Doran, James Coughlan (butler) & Margaret (district nurse), Glennon (boot and shoe maker), Domhnall ó Buachalla (ceannuidhe), Haughtoin (victualler), Matthews, Keely (lodging house), McDermott, Fulham, Caulfield (draper), Fagan, Keane, Mullen, Magee, Meade (confectionery shop), Bean, Murtagh (lodging house), Smith, Caulfield (post office), Keely (barber's shop), Printers, Swithwick (tailor), Matthews and curham (bootmakers), Keely (bricklayer), J.P. Keys (ex N.T.), Patrick McDonnell C.C., Fulham (carrier), Caulfield (draper), Fagan (butler), keane, Mullen (harness maker), Magee (jarvey), Meade (shopkeeper; dressmaker; A. Wilson - postman; James Murphy railway porter), Bean (carpenter), Murtagh, Caulfield (sub post master).

**Doctor's Lanes:** Leavy, Newman, Fleming, Broad, Lettuces, Dempsey.

**Double Lane:** Scully (tailor), Dunne, Mulligan, Reilly, Sullivan (fish dealer), Kirwen, Bristley, Costelloe, Murphy, Leavy (shoemaker), Fahy, Mullen, Hanlon, Bourke, Keaney, Dowling, Donnelly, Nolan, Sherry, Weafer (carpenter), Waldron.

**Dillon's Row:** Gorman, Brady, Dunphy, Caffrey, Mahan, Bailey (groom), Connolly, Murphy (slater), Doyle (butler), Doyle.

**Dublin Road:** Shaw (gate lodge), Duffy, Fulham, Kiernan (farmer), McConnell, Finnerty (watchman), Reilly (carrier), Murphy.

**Fagan's Lane:** Sherry (dressmaker), Keane, Kirwan, Kelly, Murphy (carpenter), Berns, Magee, Meaney.

**Leinster Street:** Canning, Fox, Little, Raleigh (blacksmith), Dempsey (coachbuilder), Flood (carpenter), Coyne (postman), R.I. C. barracks - sergeant and constable, Finnegan, Buckley, Fitzsimons (grocer), Maguire, Brady, AcArdle (mill manager), Carney (chemist), Kavanagh (cook), Wogan (coach bodymaker), Kavanagh (miller and corn merchant).

Daniel Mannix was President of St. Patrick's College, 767 persons in seminary, seven Sisters of Charity.

**Railpark:** Dixon, Grady, Kiernan, McGovern, Regan, Byrne, Kelly, Dempsey, Cassidy, Chambers.

**Parson's Street:** Flaherty, Farrell, Wallace, Sauls, Dunne, Hynes, Dunne, Mooney, Holbrook, D'Arcy, Kelly Doolan, Agnes Smith (housekeeper in the Rectory : the Rector and his family were in Portugal), Gallagher, Kelly, Gibson, Burke, Reilly, Reilly, Kearney, Leavy (blacksmith), Delaney (slater/plasterer), Sauls, Nolan (blacksmith), Kearns (coachmaker), Costelloe (railwayman), Murphy (tailor), Thornton, Hyland, Kenny (lodging house), Kenny.

**School Lane:** Newman, Rourke, Mullen, Conway, Boyde, Conway, Bennett (shepherd), Dempsey, Quinn, Farrelly (shepherd), Keaveney, Carroll, Farrelly, Dignam (butcher), Harley, Donovan, Kelly (lodging house), Horan, Thompson, Fallon, Gray, Kelly, Edward Browne N.T.

**Back Lane:** Murray, Hyland, Waldron, Higgins, Boyd, Finnerty, Sheridan, Fitzgerald.

**Convent Lane:** 22 Presentation Nuns and 3 servants. The oldest nun was Sr. Ann McNamara (92) from Co. Meath and the youngest was Sr. Bessie Cagney (20) from Co. Cork. Cogan (tailor), Moss, Shadwell (dressmaker), Mooney, Neill, Doyle (shoemaker), Conway, Fleming, Mangan, Dowling (groom), Finn (blacksmith), Doran, Kearmey, Coyne, Boyd, Bagnall (coach builder and dressmaker), John J. Martin ex N.T., Gough (engine driver).

**Court House St.:** Constable Michael Nolan, Perry, Keane (carpenter), Dr. Stanley Moore (surgeon and physician).

**Newtown:** Nolan, Fay, Thompson, Greene (farmer), Mahon (farmer), Farrell (farmer).

**Mariaville:** Coyne, Dempsey, Craughwell (victualler), Weafer (carpenter), James Hunt P.P., Walsh, McGrath (farmer), Ward, Treacy, Dignam.

**Greenfield:** Nolan, Dowling, Reilly, O'Neill, Reilly, Coughlan.

**Other people who were not householders:**

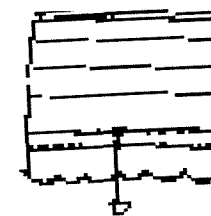
Hannah Roache (milliner), Angeal Scanlan (typist), Emma Bagnall (teacher), Lillian Fitzgerald (Queen's nurse), Peter McMahan and Elizabeth Tully (post office clerks and telegraphists), James Greene (shoemaker), John Green (insurance agent), Margaret McCaffrey (lace instructress), James Keely (hairdresser), John Boyd (postman), Annie Carr (teacher in convent).

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### MILLENNIUM EVE MASS

At sunset on the last day of the 20th Century the Maynooth Community assembled at 4.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church to celebrate the ending of the century. Millennium candles were lit at sundown. St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, all choirs and children from the local schools participated.

On New Years Day a yew tree was planted in the Church grounds.



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## MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY

Maynooth or Magh Nuadh, the plain of Nuadha is named after Nuadha of the silver arm, one of the Kings of the mythical Tuatha de Danann who led his people into Ireland, but was later disqualified from kingship because of the 'blemish' of his silver arm. In ancient times it was situated on one of the great roads to Tara, the Slighe Mor. Archaeological evidence tells us that humankind has been passing through this landscape for thousands of years. But they not only passed through, they also settled. Recent excavations which have taken place at the present Geraldine castle site have unearthed evidence of a neo-lithic [3000 - 1500 BC] house with postholes.

When Christianity came to Ireland, because of the rural nature of Irish society, a monastic way of life developed and church sites still remain at Laraghbryan, Donaghmore and Taghadoo. Laithreach Mor - where it is believed St. Patrick visited on his travels throughout the country and Taghadoo - Teach Tua or the house of the O'Tooles. Over the years the monasteries became centres of wealth and power and were taken over by the privileged classes, with offices often being passed on from father to son. However at the beginning of the second millennium the movement for reform and reorganisation came from within the Irish church.

Before the necessary reforms could take place two events came together which in turn affected not only Ireland and the Irish church but also Maynooth. The Anglo-Norman Prince, Henry II came to the throne of England and an English Pope, Adrian IV was appointed in Rome. It is said that the Pope was genuinely concerned with the condition of the Irish church and subsequently papal overlordship of Ireland was proclaimed and Henry II was authorised to enter Ireland.

Maurice Fitzgerald, who later became Lord of Maynooth arrived in Ireland in 1170 to assist King Henry in gaining a foothold in the country. And as history shows, they succeeded. The Fitzgeralds, also known as the Geraldines, originally came from Florence in Italy. There is on record a letter dated 27th May 1507, written by Gerald, eighth Earl of Kildare, to the Gherardini of Florence, acknowledging them as relations.

But of course, the invaders did not come to an empty land. The present Co. Kildare is said to have been formed out of three native territories and a portion of a fourth, with each of the areas belonging to a particular sept. Each sept would have contained a number of families and their retainers, all of whom would have had blood relationships with the head family from which the chief was chosen. During this period Maynooth was part of the Ui Faelain kingdom, belonging to the descendants of Faelain - the O'Tooles and the O'Byrnes.

It is difficult to know how people lived at the time, but according to one record, of the territory belonging to a sept, 'part was used as common tillage, meadow, forest, or grazing land, part was occupied by raths and dwellings, part was reserved for the use of the chief, and part was held temporally by the heads of families'.

With the coming of the Normans, two cultures, two ideologies and two ways of life clashed. Whereas the native Irish measured wealth in terms of cattle, the Normans measured wealth in terms of land and they were land hungry. Secondly,

while the native Irish elected their leaders from the sept, the Normans believed in the primacy of primogeniture - inheritance moving from father to eldest son. By 1210 Kildare had become one of the seven counties of Leinster created by King John of England.

From the middle ages to modern times, the political and religious history of Maynooth have been bound up with the Fitzgeralds family and the foundation in 1795 of the Royal College, present day NUI Maynooth, and both have been well documented. While political upheavals took place on a regular basis throughout the centuries, with the Fitzgeralds gradually supplanting the O'Byrne's and the O'Tooles, it was not until the Protestant Reformation took place in the early 16th century that religious upheaval took place.

The Fitzgerald family survived because they were on the whole, politically astute, and throughout the years realised, like O'Byrnes and the O'Tooles, that during times of upheaval, survival depended of the ability to adapt to changing circumstances and this they did. Secondly, the Fitzgeralds were also lucky in that in each generation they succeeded in producing a male heir.

In the long run, the Protestant Reformation was also responsible for the foundation of Maynooth College. During the penal times when parents were forbidden by law to provide a Catholic education for their children, those who could afford to do so sent them abroad. By the late 18th century however, when revolutionary Europe was questioning the divine right of kings to rule, the government of the day thought it more shrewd to educate young priests in Ireland where they were less likely to be influenced by new ideologies.

Almost a thousand years have passed since the Fitzgeralds first set foot in Ireland. To-day, Maynooth has become a busy thriving university town. On reflection at the start of the third millennium, a connection can still be found between the mythical world of Nuadha and his silver arm, the Tuatha de Danann, Gerald, the eleventh earl of Kildare and NUIM. Firstly, the Irish name 'Magh Nuadh' with its relevance to Nuadha and his silver arm has survived throughout the millennia. Also, according to tradition, the Tuatha de Dannan, who are said to have beauty and agelessness and to be proficient in every art, now reside as fairies in the various raths and mounds which surround our countryside. Secondly, according to another legend, Gerald Fitzgerald, who became known as the 'Fairy Earl' or the 'Wizard Earl', because of his interest in astronomy, medicine, alchemy and philosophy, now sleeps in the rath of Mullaghmast. It is said that he emerges every seven years riding a horse shod with silver shoes. Finally, NUIM, with its many faculties, is at present through its Science Department making a significant contribution to the exploration of outer space. The journey continues.

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Rita M. Edwards - Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum January 2000.

## THE YEARS IN MAYNOOTH 1930 - 1960

In the Thirties the village and residents had some similarities with the town of 1999.

Tower, I.O.C. and G.S.R. buses served the village. Boys and girls travelled to secondary schools and men and women travelled to their employment in Dublin. Then as now the G.S.W. Railway served Maynooth en-route to and from Galway, Westport and Sligo. The Dublin terminus was Broadstone at the top of Dominic Street, a five minute walk to O'Connell Street.

Horse drawn canal barges regularly traversed the Royal Canal. Hour old morning and evening newspapers were carried on the G.S.R. buses, which in their latest news panel, usually carried the result of the 4.30 race at some track or other to be read at 5.45 on arrival at Geraghtys or Caulfield shops fresh off the Longford bus. A far cry of the evening paper of today, arriving shortly after three o'clock. Morning papers would carry a report of a boxing match in New York at 3.00 a.m. complete with radio pictures.

Education in the Convent and Boys School was top class. Alas for the scholars, particularly the girls, as the many sisters and small classes of ten or twelve pupils, meant personal and uncomfortable attention to everyone.

Despite the U.S. and British depression, there was little unemployment but wages were low. Chief employers were the College, Carton Farms, Convent Laundry, Kavanaghs Mills, Dawsons shops and many flourishing trades people.

Entertainment consisted of ceilis, dances and films in Nolans Hall, occasionally supplemented by a film show for charity in the Convent, which also operated a lending library every Sunday morning. Variety concerts organised by the band usually held on Easter and Whit Sunday nights Carricford and Daniells Travelling shows, indeed Stephen Brennan and Robert Carricford went to school in the town. Radio reception for 2RN Athlone and 2LO London plus short wave stations.

Electricity from the E.S.B. arrived in the early thirties, taking over from D.C. supplies to some houses and public lights from the College, Dawsons and Tom Carrs. Water supplies were from hand pumps on wells in The Square, Dublin, Straffan, Moyglare and Newtown Roads and other locations in the village. Some houses in the Main Street had wells and pumps in their back gardens. Many a tanner was earned by school boys pumping water into overhead tanks each day after school. Mail was delivered every morning by four postmen on their bicycles around the village and outlying areas. Mail was collected at the Moyglare cross-roads box every evening at 4.30 p.m. Fresh milk was delivered daily by three local dairies. Many residents had their own cows in the many paddocks either side of the Dublin Road.

Recreation and sports consisted of the G.A.A. long established, rugby, cricket and tennis in the North Kildare Club. Fishing on the Rye Water and Canal. Tennis was later available in Leinster Street, now the Health Centre. Snooker, billiards and table tennis later in the thirties at the C.Y.M.S. club now the Geraldine Hall. Boxing in the Old School in the late 40's. Music at the Bank Hall now the I.C.A. Swimming at the Canal sand banks, Black Lane and College, Jackson and Bond Bridges. Popular walks, Celbridge, Straffan, Rathcoffey, and Kilcock Roads. The four mile circuit Moyglare Road, Moygaddy, Dunboyne Road ever popular but more dangerous today. Carton Avenue, Lovers Lane, now known as the Mont Lane and atrocious to walk. Circuit was



**Phil Brady, President, N.K.C.C. presenting Kildare Grand Prix Cup to winner B. O'Brien, N.K.C.C. (Sun. June 29th 1957)**

very popular in Spring and Summer evenings. Pre war Carton Demesne was open to the public on Sundays. Greyhound racing and coursing had many followers. Breeders, trainers and competitors apart from the local farmers, most of the greyhound fans dwelt in the eastern end of the village. The Square then as now had its traffic jams. Easter Monday punters from the south enroute to Fairyhouse, Cunningham Cup Day at Puncherstown, days at Naas and the Curragh with punters from the North.

In the late thirties, early forties D.U.T.C. Dublin United Transport Company superceded the I.O.C. and with war clouds gathering over Europe, many accepted routines changed.

In September 1939 the greatest of all Carnivals was held in the Convent Grounds, now the site of the Girls School. The theme song of that carnival was, Vera Lynns rendering of "Its a lovely day tomorrow". The last night of the event a Gala

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**J. Murphy, Chairman, Leinster Darts Club, presenting Mrs. M. Kelly, Secretary, Maynooth Old Peoples Committee with cheque. Also included are Mrs. B. Brady, Mrs. T. Kenny, S. Moran, L. Murphy and D. Horan. (1979)**



## Features

### THE YEARS IN MAYNOOTH 1930 - 1960 (Cont.)

Dance was held, where many of our youth said goodbye and some were never to return, as they left for England to work and later serve in the allied forces.

The Army occupied Carton House and consequently the gates closed on the public access for the last time, never again to open on a full-time basis. Everyday life continued on a lower key. Coal became scarce, so a Parish Council was set up and plots or the bog were cut for turf. Allotments were made available to landless and Gorderlery residents at Kilcock Road, present day car park and Pebble Hill. Entertainment such as dances, ceili, concerts, film shows every Saturday and travelling shows in Nolan Hall. Band, L.D.F. and L.S.F. marches on St. Patrick's Day, plus the regular Band Parades.

Children, boys and girls alike took to the whipping top craze each spring, many becoming experts of endurance i.e. keeping the top going non stop, another pastime was wheeling hoops.

Arising from the latter, an enterprising young schoolboy obtained many used car and bus tyres and formed a make believe bus service, each tyre correctly branded with its number and destination. Every afternoon boys could be seen rolling these tyres to various points around the village, the most popular route was Aston Quay - Maynooth i.e. a stream at Manor Court to Castle View opposite the Garda Barracks. The most unpopular one was Cork route, i.e. Twomeys gate on the Crinstown Road.

All this activity amongst the coming and going of turf trucks ferrying turf to the Phoenix Park and the Tuesday cattle drives to the Market for the North Circular Road with never an accident.

For the curious yes the boys were paid a 1d a week on condition that they attend a film show at the cost of 1d every Friday night at entrepreneur home. Needless to say the film show came first. The entrepreneur, a very successful business man retired in England.

However all was not sunny as the war wore on, brown envelopes bearing the crown, revealed we regret to inform you - missing or killed in action to some homes including this scribe however many thankfully were premature with happy endings, others were not so lucky.

The hostilities ended, but the village never returned to pre war status. Right enough the men gathered at their usual corners. There were five along the Main Street, and others at a one time shop on whose big step they listened intently to the residents revelations of down country places he had visited during his travels that day.

Seven-a-side football competitions were a regular summer game. Daniels film shows ceased, and later the Convent Laundry was converted each weekend and continued until the advent of T.V.

As the Forties passed into the Fifties people became more insular. A lot of the innocence of the Thirties was gone forever. But some of the good things carried on via the wit of certain brothers. One who on boarding the double decker at the old Kiernans shop, particularly on a wet dreary Monday morning, hat on the side of his head, Woodbine smoking on his lips, would greet everybody with, "good morning master", and proceed to tell funny yarns and stories which would raise a laugh out of everyone and have the bus in uproar before reaching Leixlip.

The highlights of the twenty-five years 1930 - 1955 must be:  
The Eucharistic Congress 1932  
Donal U Bucalla - Governor General  
Mains water supply - 1947  
British Prime Minister - Clem Atbe journey through Maynooth to the West. Hundreds lined the street - 1949.  
Michael Nolan winning the Irish Billiards Championship - 1953.

Characters, a very witty painter, who with a comic story and wit, brightened the gloomiest of mornings on the first bus out of time. A retired butcher, who could turn a story of a five minute walk from the College to the Main Street into an hour long saga, not missing a single action or confrontation on that stroll. Unlike the seanachí his tale was factual. Another gentleman would outshine Jimmy Magee with his revelations and expertise on every sport, world wide. Ever rich in talent in business, entertainment, trades and sport. Many local people reached the pinnacle of success world wide, Britain, Australia, U.S.A. and South Africa. Indeed five participated in the Boer War and returned and lived into the late 50's. Others had success on the stage and music.



Lr. The late Paddy McDowell, Michael Kelly, the late Michael Nevin, Frank Spring (now Br. Finbar O.S.A.) Leo McGlynn and Paddy Devaney at Maynooth College awaiting the arrival of the Bishops for their June meeting.



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## ARCHBISHOP DANIEL MANNIX

A short biography of Archbishop Daniel Mannix  
President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth 1903-1912

Daniel Mannix was born on the 4th March 1864 in Charleville, Co. Cork. He studied at St. Patrick's College Maynooth where he was ordained priest in 1890. He taught Philosophy here in 1891 and Theology in 1894. From 1903-1912 he served as president of the College. He was consecrated titular archbishop of Pharsalus in 1912, arrived in Melbourne in the following year as coadjutor archbishop and became Archbishop of Melbourne in 1917.

He was the first bishop to be consecrated in the College Chapel. The ceremony was conducted by Cardinal Logue.

He was vice-president of St. Patrick's College for only one month when there was the Royal visit of Edward II and Queen Alexandra on 24 July 1903. He was the organiser of the event and saw the visit as a substantial benefit to the College. Similarly in 1911 the visit by George V and Queen Mary drew major attention to the College. Eight hundred guests were invited to join the welcoming party. The Royal party was shown the chapel where the organist played 'God save the King'. From there they went to the Library and signed the visitors' book. The Artane Band played just before the party left.

While Mannix was President he tended to adhere to the policies of the Catholic hierarchy in Ireland and tended to support the government of the day. His importance in Irish politics was greater after he left Ireland.

Mannix was one of Australia's leading political figures. From Australia he supported the 1916 rebellion. His campaign on behalf of Irish Independence caused the British Government

to prevent him from coming to Ireland. He finally visited Ireland in 1925 and publicly supported Eamon de Valera's republicanism which was a major cause of its success.

Through his educational policy he contributed to the integration of Irish Catholics in Australian society. He built schools, parishes, hospitals, convents and seminaries. He was leader of the anti-conscription movement of World War One and encouraged Catholics to support the trade union movement and the Labour Party as a means of applying Catholic social principles. After World War II Mannix sought to stop Communist infiltration of the Australian trade unions. He played a controversial part in the dissensions within the Australian Labour Party. Many Catholics left this party to form the Democratic Labour Party, a strong anti communist body and one of the many Catholic 'political' groups to emerge in the Australian political scene and one which Mannix supported.

Archbishop Mannix died on 6 November 1963 at almost 100 years of age. About 200,000 people paid their respects. He had opened 150 new schools in his Archdiocese, 24 hospitals and charitable institutions and 87 new parishes. He left little worldly wealth. His assets amounted to £155- two gold watches and a mantel clock which he left to the Archbishop of Melbourne. By the end of his life Mannix had achieved his goal - discrimination against Australian Catholics was a thing of the past.

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**Susan Durack**



Back L-R: J. Nevin, J. Gallagher, E. O Muircheartaigh, D. Fleming, E. Dunne, S. Noonan, N. Naughton, P. Burke, E. Gallagher, K. Fagan, S. King, P. Ennis, S. Molloy.  
Front L-R: P. Garvey, J. Jordan, H. Nevin, M. Nevin, P. Flood (Capt), N. Byrne, D. Naughton, J. O'Riordan, M. Noone, P. Stynes, D. Mahoney

# Features

## SERVANTS, LABOURERS AND TRADESMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE MAYNOOTH, 1911

This piece is the edited result of a more detailed project that was completed in 1996. It is particularly appropriate for the millennium issue of the Newsletter because it looks back to the beginning of the 20th century Maynooth and because it highlights links between the St. Patrick's College and the wider community of Maynooth.

St. Patrick's College was established by an Act of the Irish Parliament in 1795 through representations of the Irish Hierarchy. In 1869 it was established as a Pontifical University and it has been recognised as a College of the National University of Ireland since 1910. Now it comprises three institutions, the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, the pontifical University and the Seminary of St. Patrick's College.

In addition to Stoyte House, built at the end of the eighteenth century, new buildings were added over the years - St. Joseph's Square was completed on three sides by 1839. Logic House and Rhetoric House were built in the 1830s. A grant was received to permit the building of St. Mary's Square in 1845. The College Chapel and Spire were completed by 1902. The living quarters comprised seminarians' rooms, servants' rooms, kitchens, pantries, senior and junior refectories. In 1911 there were 551 seminarians present. Seven Sisters of Charity looked after the infirmary, kitchens and pantries.

The census return shows that there were game fields, ball alleys, and a swimming pool, fourteen stables, coach-house, harness room, calf-house, twelve cow-houses, eleven piggeries, boiling house, two barns, one turf house, one potato house, two workshops, three sheds, two stores and one laundry.

There were sixty-eight servants in St. Patrick's College at this time, sixty-five of whom 'lived in'. There were twenty-seven labourers and eleven tradesmen employed by the College and all except one came from Maynooth itself or within a half mile of it. Three female labourers worked in the vegetable garden on a seasonal basis. A female servant was also employed to clean the new College Chapel.

All 'live-in' college servants were male, single and Roman Catholic. Two higher servants, the cook and butler, lived in Leinster Street and Main Street respectively. The birthplace

of the college servants shows that they came mainly from Meath, Kildare and the City of Dublin. This is also the pattern for those servants who had left the College in that year. The policy of recruiting non-local labour was in keeping with the pattern of servant recruitment in general - for example 39% of country houses had no local labour and a further 35% only had one local person. Recruitment was by word of mouth mainly, but references would have been required. The majority of the servants in Maynooth College were under thirty years of age. There was a high turnover of servant staff in the College - seventeen had left the College between May and September 1911 (these were replaced along with twelve extra). The frequency of changing their job was a commonplace occurrence for servants in Ireland.

The Census Report for 1911 show a population for the town of 886 (435 males and 451 females). This was a decrease on the 1901 figure of 948. There was a reduction in the number of houses from 227 to 207. Horner (1995) states that 'the early twentieth century stimuli that sustained the town over much of the previous century were weakened'. College building work was completed. Carton Estate owned by the Duke of Leinster was in decline. Dawson's shop was expanded and became a general store but most of its staff - three assistants, two apprentices, two domestic servants did not come from Co. Kildare. The manager Thomas McGloin came from Co. Donegal. Other employment would have come from Maynooth Manor Mills, Laundry (established in 1887) and local farmers (Horner, 1995).

The occupations of servants within the College, classed in terms of 'professor's servant', '1st delfman', 5th kitchen boy' and 'corridor servant' reinforced boundaries and a hierarchical structure. The rates of pay for servants were comparable to the national average. A general servant was paid £9 - £20 per year, this range is reflected in the wage range for servants within the college, the lowest pay being £2.10.0 per quarter up to £5.4.0 per quarter. The average wage for a 'superior' cook was £30 - £40 per year between 1910-20. The College cook (non live-in) was paid £50 in 1911. The characteristics of servant employment in the college reflected those of general servants in country houses in rates of pay, frequency of change of employment, occupational hierarchy and recruitment practices.



Breda Flaherty, Kilmacredock, who was conferred with the B.A. degree in Maynooth on November 11th 19 . Breda is the daughter of Seamus and Máirín Flaherty. (Dec. 1987)



Larine Players, Carol Barton and Mary Burke, rehearsing for "Womberang"



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### SERVANTS, LABOURERS AND TRADESMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE MAYNOOTH, 1911

Outdoor work was done by twenty-eight labourers and eleven tradesmen. Almost all labourers employed by the College did agricultural work. Some worked in the garden. The Irish farm labourer might expect to earn 10s 9d weekly which was much less than in England and 'absurdly less than his relatives employed in foreign cities' (Fitzpatrick, 1980). Labourers in Maynooth College were paid 6/- to 30/- per week. The majority were paid 2/- per day for 6/7 days.

Four labourers had no children in 1911, eight had or were part of families where members were working and could supplement family income. Eight labourers had young families (averaging three children), the remainder did not appear on census entries, but oral sources confirmed that they lived in the locality. Three female labourers were paid 1/- per day for a six day working week. The female servant of the New College Chapel was paid £3.5.0 per quarter. Most labourers lived in second class housing and none lived on the Main Street.

Eleven tradesmen were employed, ten of whom lived in the town. The other, an electrical engineer came from Warwickshire in England and was resident in the College. Four tradesmen lived on the Main Street. The remainder came from Backlane, Dublin Road, Parson's Street and Moyglare.

With labourers there was confusion when defining occupations. There were 'conceptual and linguistic problems associated with separating agricultural classes in Ireland' and that one of the major problems was the 'widespread habit of returning themselves or their dependants as 'labourers' or 'servant'. An example of this is seen when John Kenny 'painter' (in College tradesmen book) is described as a 'general labourer' in the census returns. Also some tradesmen were paid at the labourer rate.

There was no evidence of turnover of staff amongst labourers and tradesmen, mainly because work was close at hand and hours were set, and the College provided the security of long-term structured employment at a time when there was a lack of employment diversity in the town.

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Susan Durack



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**Middle Row: Rita Murray, Deirdre Guinan, Padraig Hogan, Michael Meally.**  
**Front Row: Clara Power, Stephen Noonan. (November 1986)**



**Maynooth Amateur Dramatics from times past. (March 1987)**



**Canal Crew: Paddy Doonan, Patrick Miles and Robert Bannon. (October 1998)**

## Features

### THE QUESTION IS BY JOSEPHINE MOORE

As we celebrate the new Millennium  
 Can we look back and say  
 "International Year of Older Persons"  
 Made a difference in any way.

For when the "party" is over  
 Will we still be as we were  
 Or will society have discovered  
 The ways in which we err.

Who knows, it may not matter  
 We may not even notice  
 Our lives may be too busy  
 For our minds on age to focus.

And what of this new Millennium  
 What is the celebration  
 Do we know the guest of honour  
 Will He receive an invitation?

Or is it just another party  
 An excuse to eat and drink  
 Do we know the real occasion  
 Have we time to stop and think

That just two thousand years ago  
 Christ reigned upon this earth  
 He came and left without the "pomp"  
 His death just like His birth

We seem to have forgotten  
 Perhaps blinded by the pace  
 As we speed through this turbulent world  
 There are no winners in this race.

So let's celebrate Christ's Jubilee  
 And give simplicity a chance  
 Give more time to each other  
 Our lies it may enhance.

Yes, to me it means a party  
 To celebrate our living  
 As Christians in a troubled world  
 That longs for peace and giving

To give is such a selfless act  
 Not counting cost, takes "moral fibre"  
 But the enrichment of a generous heart  
 Will out-live that "Celtic Tiger"

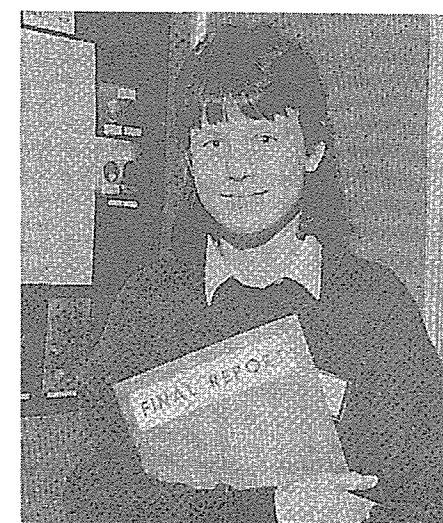
So in our celebration  
 In generosity let's not lack  
 For the measure we afford today  
 Is what we'll be given back.



**Emer McCormack, Rallpark, with her parents Mr. and Mrs. McCormack. (January 1987)**



**Sandra Kenny, Greenfield Maynooth. Winner of Canal Queen Title. (March 1988)**



**Janet Whittaker  
 Award winner - Young Scientists Exhibition.  
 (January 1988)**

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The 'New' Parish Hall

(from Maynooth Newsletter, November 1972, price 1p)

The new hall was officially opened and blessed last Sunday, 12th November. The heavy rain no doubt kept many people away. We are grateful to Monsignor Newman for honouring the occasion with his presence, and to all who braved the elements to come. We also thank the church choir and St. Mary's Band for taking part. However, the Bingo fans had the distinction of being the first to use the hall. They came in great numbers and enjoyed their new-found comfort. The first supper-dance on Sunday night was also very successful. The acoustics of the hall proved satisfactory. The hall committee and dance committee, both chosen for their special competence and interest, are working hard to make the new hall a real community centre where people can enjoy themselves in the way they like. These committees deserve the thanks and support of all. Some few small-minded "hurlers on the ditch" are too ready to find fault.

The dance committee in particular is determined to tolerate no rowdiness at the dances they propose to hold on Saturday nights. Trouble-makers from near or far will be kept out. We are sure that the vast majority of people agree with this policy. They want the Maynooth hall to maintain high standards and a good name. We especially thank the Garda Síochána for their help.

There will be a dinner dance in the hall on Sunday, 3rd December. In the interests of comfort it will be limited to three hundred

Maynooth Cycling Week 16th-23rd May, 1954

Committee: J. Maguire, T. Flood, S. Cleary, S. Nolan, J. Murphy, P. Brady, J. O'Brien, E. Smith, B. Macken, K. Sloane

The races attracted riders from eight counties with fifteen from the North Kildare Cycling Club including B. O'Brien, K. Sloane, J. Thompson, P. Thompson, S. Carroway, P. O'Connor, J.J. Dolan, B. Smith, P. Brady, R. Morrison, T. White, C. Heatherman, P. MacGarr, M. Lettis, M. MacAndrews

The programme for the races (price 6 old pence) contains advertisements for a range of businesses in Maynooth including:

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## CHRISTMAS - TIMES PAST MAYNOOTH IN THE WAR YEARS

On reflection pre war Christmas heralded the end of a era, which was followed by a gloomy five wartime years, followed by the first changes which ushered in the hope and expectations in the post War years.

Indeed Maynooth like many other rural villages would never return to those heady years.

Some of our young and not so young men and women left the village and environs, in the hope that they would make a vital contribution, towards making the world a better place and to rid Europe of Nazi tyranny, some never returned.

My recollections of those Christmass were, of the days preceding, of the numerous pony and traps, cars and other vehicles lining the Main and Leinster Streets. Hoards on the street and in local taverns, the customers in Dawsons. The final purchases for which to celebrate the feast day.

Dawsons, was a grocery and hardware store with a garage and showrooms and were agents for motor cars, tractors etc. Hence the influx of customers not only local but from the surrounding counties. Other shops catering for all needs were Weafers, O'Neills and Haughton Butcher Shops, J.C.'s Barber Shop, a popular venue for the men.

Two shops stand out in my memory. Caulfields, owned one adjoining the Post Office, recently demolished by A.I.B. The other 'Joos' now the Irish Permanent.

The decoration and toy displays vied with larger stores in the city. In those days there was an ample supply of Japanese clockwork metal toys, cars, trucks and war vehicles, for boys. Girls had a choice of many dolls made from different materials. Golliwogs and teddy bears were in great demand. A great demand for 'Kris Kringle'. Bicycles were available from Buckleys or Dawsons.

I can still visualise the display windows of these shops, cotton buds stuck to the inside of the glass simulating snow. Frost and snow were not uncommon at Christmas time those days. Traditional fare was available in M.P. O'Briens, Dawsons, Kiernans, Buckleys and Connollys.

Christmas trees were not as popular then. Holly was the favourite and abundant in the hedgerows, now defunct just outside the village. The annual ritual of the 'divvy' from the Mortality Society swelled many a purse in those days.

Christmas Eve, businesses closed for two days, people were attracted to the village. St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band played carols in The Square, as residents walked to Midnight Mass in the Parish Church and others going to St. Mary's, Parson Street.

Christmas Day, the only movement to be observed was people going to or coming from Church services, except the annual parade of the Band after 11.30 Mass to Carton Avenue. St. Stephen's Day and the arrival of the 'Wren Boys' in multi coloured costumes, awakened the village. The day was normally quiet, culminating with the annual dance in Nolans Hall now Noonan's Mall, dancing 9.00 p.m. - 3.00 a.m.

Despite the limited conditions, the shops continued the traditions and decorative windows, snow and frost added to the atmosphere. The former imports of foreign toys were replaced by Irish made dolls for girls and a spate of wooden trucks for boys. Turf lorries were the most popular being made of timber were much larger and could carry five sod,

propulsion via a long cord fastened to the front swivelling axle and towed by a very happy boy.

The Band continued with the normal Christmas performance. Midnight Mass was discontinued.

The arrival of the new Principal of the Boys School heralded the birth of St. Mary's Parish Choir, a four part choir of boys, girls, men and women. Carol singing on the streets added much to alleviate the mid winter war time gloom.

The war over, Christmas in Maynooth moved up a gear. The advent of rural electrification, to the hinterland. The boys and girls home from the hostilities, normality returned. The shop windows carried on the traditional decorations. Sales of Christmas trees increased each year. Santa Claus brought larger and more varied gifts to the children. The most popular gift to the women were nylon stockings.

The choir continued with carol singing extending to performances in local villages and Navan, Naas, Drogheda and Edenderry, culminating in being invited by Radio Eireann to broadcast five times from 1946 to 1949 - quite a feat.

Our emigrants now domiciled abroad always came back for Christmas. On one occasion a Galway man whose family lived in Maynooth gave an hour long rendering on the number 66 bus from Dublin of "If I was in Cladda I walk on the pier". Many passengers wished he had walked off the pier, he had been imbibing in O'Meara's awaiting the bus.

The season extended to the New Year. On New Years Eve the band played in The Square, the choir sang carols and there would be a New Years Dance in Nolans Hall.

Snow was regular at Christmas in the 40's, on one occasion the canal froze solid, some skated on the ice and a dare-devil drove his Fiat 500 from the towns bridge to the harbour on the ice, "Hit the Ice" was the top film of that Yule tide.

Happy New Year.



*Sub-officer Lenny Murphy directs fire fighting at the scene of Kavanagh's Mills outbreak. (November 1987)*

# Features



### Local Security Force - I.C.A. Hall

#### Front Row L-R

Dos Caulfield, Mick Kelly Snr., Ned Smith, Mattie Weafer, Phil Brady, Sergeant Donnelly, Larry Keely.

#### Second Row L-R

Tom Rossiter, Mick Carey, Stephen Keane, Paddy Frayne, Sup from Naas, Davie Lawlor, Dr. Osborne, Jack Keyes.

#### Third Row L-R

Mick Murphy, Joe Coyne, Sean Byrne, Jim Fay, John McLaughlin, Tommy Kearns, Jack Bennett, Joe Weafer, Mick Dempsey, Micky Boyd, Christie Coyne, Mr. Matt Burke, James Tracey, Mr. Kilduff.

#### Front Row Standing L-R

Jim Carney, Garda Johnny McDonagh, Johnny Byrne, Ger Caulfield, Peter Farrelly, John Carey (J.C.), Ted Smyth, Paddy Carr, Dick Leavy, Tipton Waldron.

#### Back Row L-R

Tommy Murphy, Paddy Kennedy, Jack Murray, Peter Smith, Jimmy Horan, Scar Doolan, John Sauls, John Barnwall, Paddy Plunkett, Paddy Nolan, Jack Thompson, Tom Waldron, Garda Eugene O'Sullivan, Ned Kenny.



# Features

## MAYNOOTH IN THE EARLY TO MID NINETEEN THIRTIES

There are readers, I am sure, who will well remember the following accounts of happenings in this community in the early to mid nineteen thirties. There are no doubt stories behind all of these events which should be told, because I believe, this knowledge would enable younger generations to form a greater understanding (along with some pride), in how our town has developed up to now.

The events and information given below have been gleaned from the minutes of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band Committee Meetings covering the period October 1933 to November 1936.

It is the onus of all organisations to fund raise in order to continue in existence and provide their services to the community and it is in this regard that we can begin to form a picture of the social side of how Maynooth people enjoyed their leisure time the nineteen thirties.

Dances in Leinster Hall were very popular which, at times, incorporated "Old Time Waltz" competitions. The entrance fee for the dance on St. Stephens Night in 1933 was one and threepence including tax with dancing from 10pm to 3am.

Other forms of entertainment in the hall included the staging of concerts, plays, pantomines and sketches. The "Elequent Dempsey" was performed on the first Sunday of December 1933

Card playing was another popular feature of the times and numerous card drives were organised during the Winter months. A drive, held in the Band Hall on 1st December 1935, had 77 players in attendance at a cost of one shilling per card.

The band provided much entertainment for the people of the town through their many recitals in the square and their performances at processions. One such event was when the Band led the first Papal Nuncio to visit Maynooth College in 1933.

Among other occasions were the Bands attendance at the official openings of Maynooth Lawn Tennis seasons and the opening of the C.Y.M.S. New Hall on the last Sunday of February 1936. The Band also provided their services at various sporting occasions of the time. I wonder if anyone can remember them marching to the tunes of "The Foggy Due" and "Teddy O'Neill" in Croke Park on 19th July 1936?

How many Maynooth people would have travelled up the avenue to see the band performing at the annual Carton Fete organised by Lady Nesta Fitzgerald? After a performance on 11th June 1936 the committee received the following correspondence:

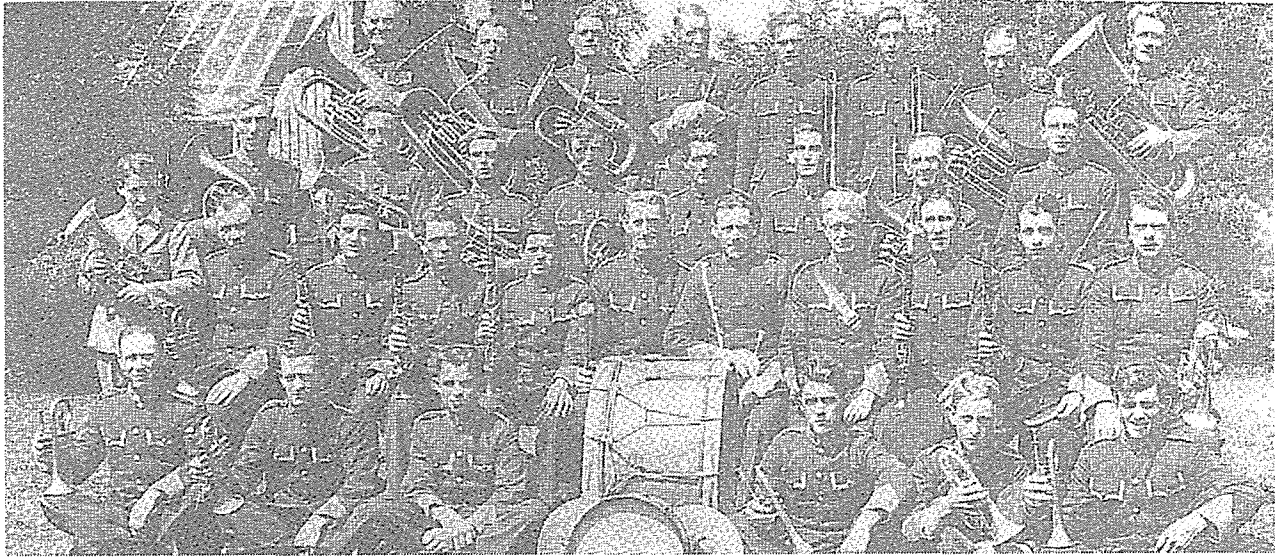
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Left to right - Back row: M. Murphy, K. Boyd, A. Kelly, P. Waldron, M. Dempsey, N. Dempsey, P. Boyd, J. Murphy. Middle row: J. Dunne, G. Flood, S. Flanagan, M. Foy, C. Dempsey, J. Nolan. Front row: D. Mullins, T. Flanagan, L. Higgins, M. Brady, C. Murphy, J. Bean, N. Byrne, S. Nevin, P. Treacy, J. Boyd.

# Features

## MAYNOOTH IN THE EARLY TO MID NINETEEN THIRTIES (Cont.)



L-r Front row: C. Melia, O. Graham, R. Burke, E. Tracey, T. Tracey, B. Farrelly. Second row: J. Troy, T. Farrelly, D. Coyne, J. Thomson, J. Coyne, J. Waldron, P.J. Weafer, J. Hanlon, M. Monaghan, M. Carey, S. Kavanagh. Third Row: P. Dunne, J. O'Neill, K. Dunne, Ned Kenny, C. Waldron, B. Grady, J. Byrne, T. Carr. Back Row: J. Nolan, E. Farrelly, J. Doyle, J. McElroy, P. Farrelly, C. Thomson, M. Nolan, ILT. Waldron.

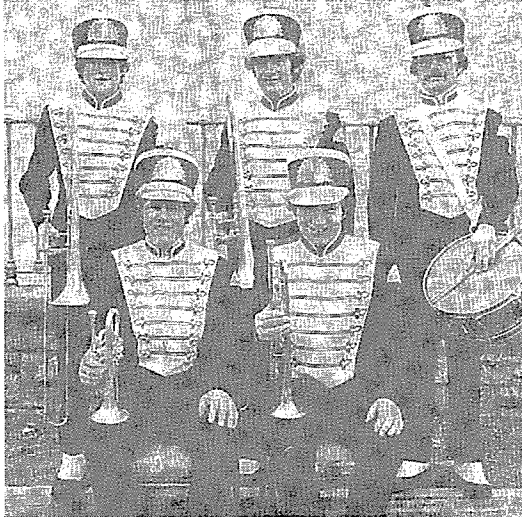
### Carton Maynooth June 12th

Lady Mabel Fitzgerald is delighted to have heard and seen the band and enjoyed the music very much. She was much impressed at the way they marched around the garden keeping such good formation at the corners. They looked so smart. She encloses a cheque for £5-0-0 for the Maynooth Band Fund. They really play very well indeed.

Though there is so much more to be related on events during this period, I think the above note adequately brings this article to a conclusion. Not only can we feel pride in our band playing members but, more importantly, in the committee members who gave up so much time in sustaining a service to the community and keeping records to enable us to appreciate our past history.



Front: (l-r) P. Boyd, Cissie Demplsey, P. Dunne, Ml. Dempsey, C. Murphy, Mick Dempsey. Back (l-r) David Grant, Damlen Grant, L. Higgins, N. Kearlins, P. Brazil.



The Boyd Family: Back Bian, Paddy, Willie. Front: John and Kevin.



SOME RECIPES FROM THE OLDEN DAYS

When we are tired of all the turkey and plum pudding we could try some of the recipes that were used by our grandparents and by their grandparents. How about some boxty, cally or flummery. They are all low in fat and in calories. Potato cakes and brothan are the ideal food for the cold winter evenings after a hard day at the Christmas and New Year sales.

**Recipe for Flummery:** Oatmeal Water

Mix oatmeal and water in a large bowl. Leave for twelve hours. Pour off the liquid. Cover with plenty of fresh water. Leave for twelve hours. Pour off the liquid. Cook until it boils and thickens. Pour into dishes. Leave to cool. When cold put on plates. Traditionally flummery was served with honey, sugar or jam as a dessert or supper dish. It was sometimes accompanied by a glass of cider or beer.

**Recipe for Brothan:**

500 grams winter vegetables  
100 grams oatmeal  
Litre water or milk and water  
500 grams bacon (optional)  
Knob of butter  
Pinch of seasoning

**Cooking time:** Simmer for one hour.

Traditionally brothan was eaten with a dish of potatoes when milk was scarce. The bacon was eaten at another dinner time. Nettles were used if vegetables were scarce.

**Recipe for Apple Jelly:** 1.5Kg. Cooking apples (crab apples or windfalls)  
Sugar 1.5L.Water 12 Cloves.

Wash and chop the apples. Low simmer until soft. Strain off liquid. Add 750 grms. sugar to each litre of liquid. Boil mixture until sugar dissolves and liquid gels when a spoonful is tested on a cold saucer. Allow the jelly to cool. Pot in clean dry jam jars and seal while still warm.

**Farm House Scones:** 500 grams flour baking powder  
1 egg, pinch salt, sugar  
250 grams butter  
Milk preferably fresh home made butter milk.

**Cooking time:** 15-20 minutes in a pre heated hot oven. Sieve the flour, baking powder and salt. Rub in the butter. Beat the egg and milk together. Add the sugar, then the egg and milk to form a loose dough. Knead lightly. Flatten out to about half an inch thick. Cut in circles. Bake at the top of the oven. They are delicious with home made butter and apple jelly for afternoon tea.

**Recipe for Boxty:** 250 grams raw potato 250 grams of freshly boiled mashed potato.  
Pinch of salt. 125 grams butter  
125 grams flour.

**Cooking time:** 3 minutes a side on a pre heated frying pan until brown both sides.

Grate the raw potato. Squeeze the pulp into a piece of cloth to let the liquid ooze. Mix the pulp, mashed potato, flour, butter and salt. Roll out thinly on a floured board. Cut into shapes. Cook.

**Recipe for Potato Cake:** 500 grams freshly boiled mashed potato.  
125 grams flour, knob of butter  
Pinch of salt.

**Cooking time:** 3 minutes a side on a pre heated frying pan until brown on both sides.

Mix the ingredients. Knead well. Roll out into a circle. Cut into quarters. Cook. Potato cakes or farls are delicious with bacon, egg and black and white pudding.

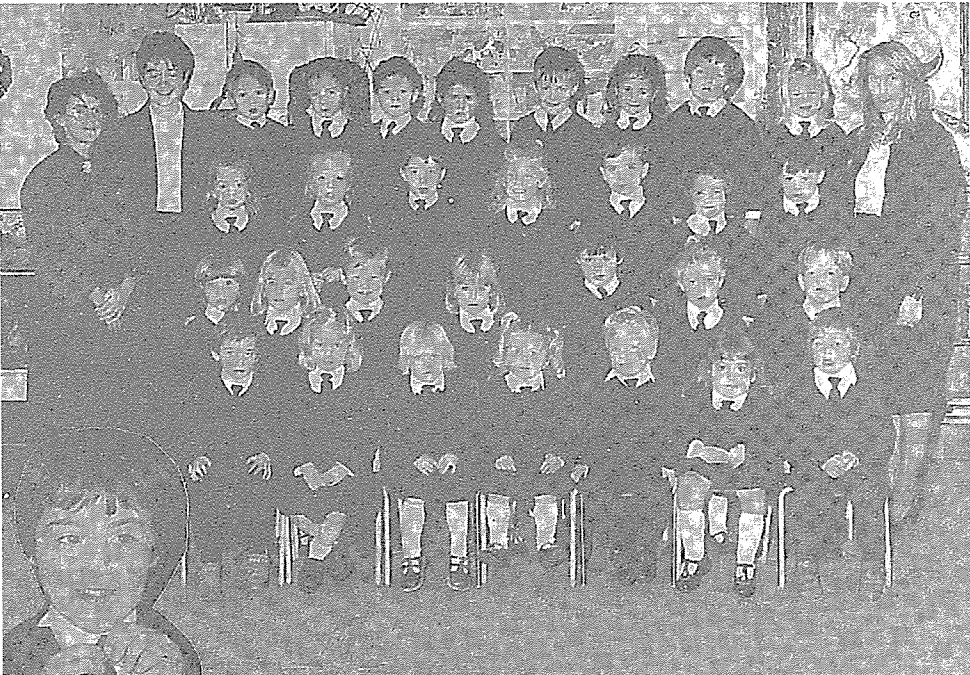
**Recipe for Oaten Bread:** 250 grams oatmeal. Pinch of salt. Hot water.

**Cooking time:** Cook on a pre heated pan or griddle until firm. Mix the ingredients. Make into a large flat cake. Cook.

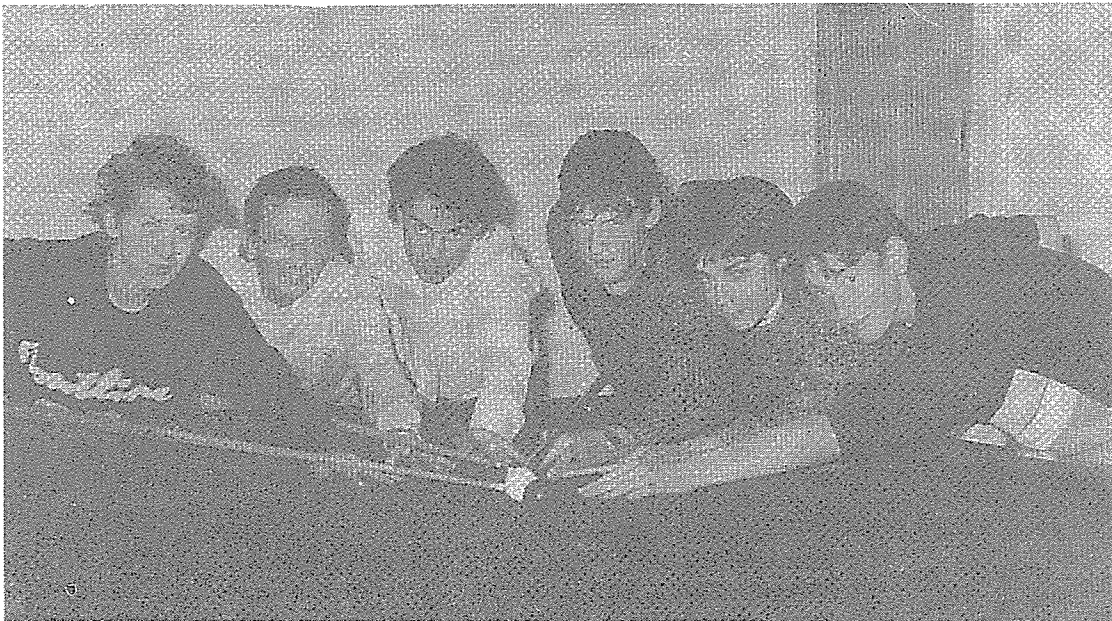
Traditionally oaten bread was made around the turf fire on cold winters nights. It was taken off the pan and let stand up against the fireplace to dry. The people brought it to the fields, to the fairs and markets and the children took it to school.

**Recipe for Cally:** 1 kg. potatoes scallions  
300 ml. milk , seasoning

Peel, boil and mash potatoes. Chop scallions. Cook them lightly in the milk. Then mix with mashed potatoes. Serve hot with a knob of butter in the middle of each plateful. Traditionally the potatoes were cooked in a big pot over the open fire in the kitchen. Each house had a twenty inch long plank of wood called the "pounder". The potatoes were mashed with the pounder. It was a childs treat to be allowed to scrape the pounder and eat the scrapings.



**Class of 1988 - 1989 from Caroline's Montessori School, Convent Grounds, Maynooth.**  
**Front row left to right:** Richard Burton, Lydia O'Connor, Antonia de Burgh, Elmeare O'Rourke, Fintan Lalor, Edel King, Patrick Robinson.  
**Second row left to right:** Cathal Smyth, Laragh de Burgh, Mark Watson, Aldeen Dunne, James Keegan, Duireann Duignan, Damien Maloney.  
**Insert:** Sarah Geraghty  
**Back row left to right:** Assistant Teacher, Mrs. Margaret Payne, Teacher, Miss Marie Reilly, Jamie O'Neill, Sinéad Redmond, Daniel Murphy, Rebecca Hayden, David Robinson, Rebecca Ryan, Barry Coughlan, Roisín Lally and Principal Teacher, Mrs. Caroline S. Foran, Mont. Dip. Ed.  
**3rd row left to right:** Amanda Lyons, Erin O'Connell, James Hoare, Katie Rearden, Ronayne O'Mahony, Fiona Ryan and Enda Holmes.



**24-hour Snooker Marathon played in Geraldine Hall, which started at 12 noon, 1st November and continued throughout the night until 12 noon the next day.**  
**left to right:** Mark O'Brien, Derek Horan, Patrick Farrell, Barry Desmond, Michael Smith, Frank Desmond. Missing from this photo are Paul Rafferty and Robert McNamee who also took part. (Dec. 1986)



### MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

Founded 1876. One of the oldest clubs in the country. The club helped to found the Association in the country and have been there ever since. They captured the senior title in 1913. Since then they have made a lot of attempts to stop in senior ranks but without success. They have won the Intermediate final on five occasions. They have also shone at hurling and won their first titles at the turn of the century. Their black jerseys with white sash commemorate a great Gael! Thomas Cullen, killed while playing for them in 1889. In 1966 they officially opened their new club grounds and their new social centre in early 1995.

Most prominent players who have served our club and country well include: Josie Murphy, Peter Delaney, Jim Nolan, Tom Nolan, Tim Twomey, Dan Buckley, Eddie Dunne,

Fred Leavy, Brendan Edwards, Liam Farrelly, Joe Nevin, Eddie Kavanagh.

In 1990 a committee was set up to promote hurling in their club. This has shown to this day as they are fielding teams in all grades, and in 1992 they won an under-sixteen hurling league and in 1993 won a minor 'B' hurling championship, so the future looks good for the hurlers.

Back in 1984 when they won a junior 'B' championship and junior league. Before that back in 1976 when they won the Jack Higgins Cup. That year they beat St. Kevin's in the final.



*Maynooth 1936 Leinster Leader Cup Winners*

*Back row: Mick Gaynor, Paddy Dunne, Barney Masterson, Joe Moore, Dick Underwood, Peter Delaney, Tim Tyrell (Captain) Joe Murrin (suit).*

*Front row: John Jo Cahill, Benny Farrelly, Jim Nolan, Sonny McGovern, Jack Connolly, Seamus Burke, Tom Connolly, Paddy Reilly.*

*Sitting: Paddy Cahill, Michael Mulreid (mascot), Josie Murphy.*

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MAYNOOTH'S GREAT VICTORY

REPORT OF LEINSTER CUP FINAL 1936 SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 1937  
SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM

"Maynooth is the last team in the world that I expected to be handing the 'Leader' Cup to." So declared Mr. T. Lawlor, Chairman of the Co. Kildare Board of the G.A.A., in Naas on Sunday after Maynooth had annexed the 'Leinster Leader' Cup of 1936 by defeating Ellistown by five points to four in the final played at the Father Brennan Memorial Park. And no wonder he made that remark, for there is a touch of romanticism attached to Maynooth's meteoric rise to fame. When the draw was being made last year for the 'Leinster Leader' Cup it was discovered that another team was necessary to complete the panel. Maynooth, who had won the junior championship that year, immediately volunteered to fill the vacancy as a kind of stop-gap. So others thought "God help Maynooth if they meet Raheens (senior champions) in the first round," remarked the Chairman at the draw. The draw was made and sure enough Maynooth was drawn against Raheens. The latter, of course were very confident of victory and agreed to play Maynooth on their own grounds. Then came the sensation. After a gruelling game Raheens had to admit defeat from the junior champions. And to prove that the win was no fluke Maynooth then went on to beat Leixlip, Newbridge and other fancied teams and defeated Ellistown on Sunday. Thus ended one of the most glorious chapters in the history of Maynooth.

Mr. Lawlor, in representing the team recalled the old days when he played against the Crom Abú and added that the team he saw playing that day was as good as any that he ever played against (cheers). He congratulated them heartily on their great victory.

The game is described in another column but suffice it to say that the Maynooth defence were the heroes of the day. They played like trojans and specially in the last quarter when Ellistown pressed desperately for the equalising point, and all but got it. Both forward lines were erratic and Maynooth especially missed enough chances to have won the game three or four times over. Ellistown also could have won the game and missed opportunities as a couple of goals went abegging. Seamus Burke, however, with his staunch henchman, held the fort with wonderful determination, and he was ably supported by Joe Murphy, Joe Moore, P. Cahill, P. Reilly, Nolan, Dunne, McGovern, Delaney and all the others, everyone of whom gave of their best. Scenes of great jubilation were witnessed at the close of the game, and 'Josie' Murphy, the hero of the day, was carried shoulder high from the field. Thus for the first time the name of Maynooth is inscribed on the "Leinster Leader" Cup.



Victorious U14 Team from the past.

Back row: l-r M. Ryan (Selector), A. Noonan, A. O'Shea, P. Hogan, E. Mitchell, D. Fleming, M. Meally, M. Donnelly, P. Garvey, A Killoran (Selector).  
Front row: l-r J. Nevin (Selector), S. Noonan, C. Browne, H. Nevin, K. Killoran (Captain), P. Lacey, P. Burke, M. Halley, G. Kelly, L. Lacey (Selector).

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

When Maynooth Swimming Club was founded in the early 70's, it started swimming in St. Raphaels, Celbridge. The first session was 1 hour from 4-5 on Friday's. The transport was P. Delaney coach. The club stayed there for 4/5 years, with different ages being catered for, and with an increased number of children, there were now 3 sessions. Then adult sessions started at night, and length's classes were started in Naas, and St. Vincent's on the Navan Road. Then in 1979, the club moved to Coolmine and stayed there till 1982. When the Instructor moved to Palmerstown the club followed him and we have been there ever since. Members of the club swam in competition in Athy and every year came home with medals. There were now 260 members. In 1982 there was a sponsored swim held for handicapped children and over £1,000 was made. In 1974 transport was changed to Bartons and the club is still with them today.

Every Saturday the club now has two sessions, involving 120 children and 4 instructors. The pupils are brought through all stages of the swimming programme from the beginning to advanced level. Each pupil is put through a basic course in water safety and receives a certificate and badge appropriate to their level.

The club has produced swimmers who go on to life saving classes or to swimming clubs and long may the swimming club continue.

MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C. 1988

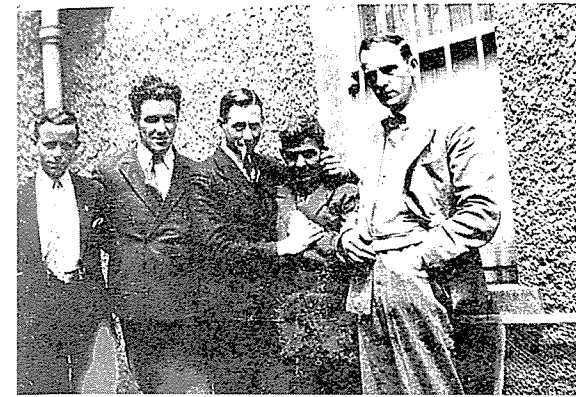


Back row: l-r Brian McCall, Sam Feeney, Lenny Murphy, Paki Doohan, Ollie Durack, Noel Dempsey  
Front row: l-r Terry Moore, Willie Saults, Phillip Doyle, Dessie Farrell, Paul Gibney





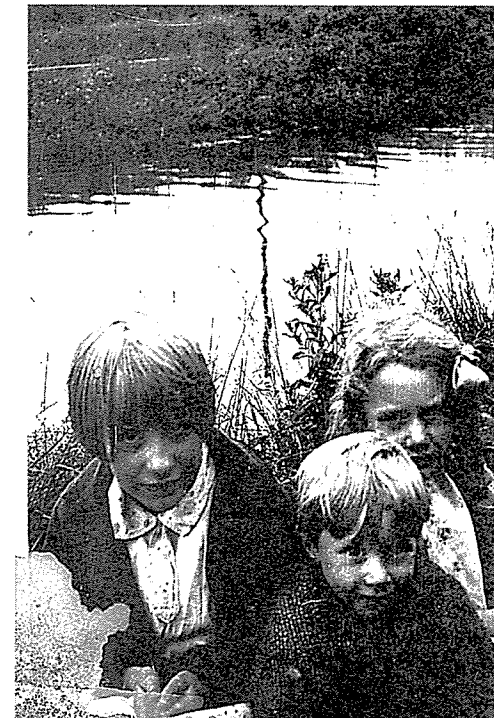
*B. O'Brien holding cup, on right his father Jack, boy in front holding cup his brother John*



*Dawson's Staff - ? Hugh, Mick Kiernan, Bob O'Reilly, David Coyne, c. 1920s*



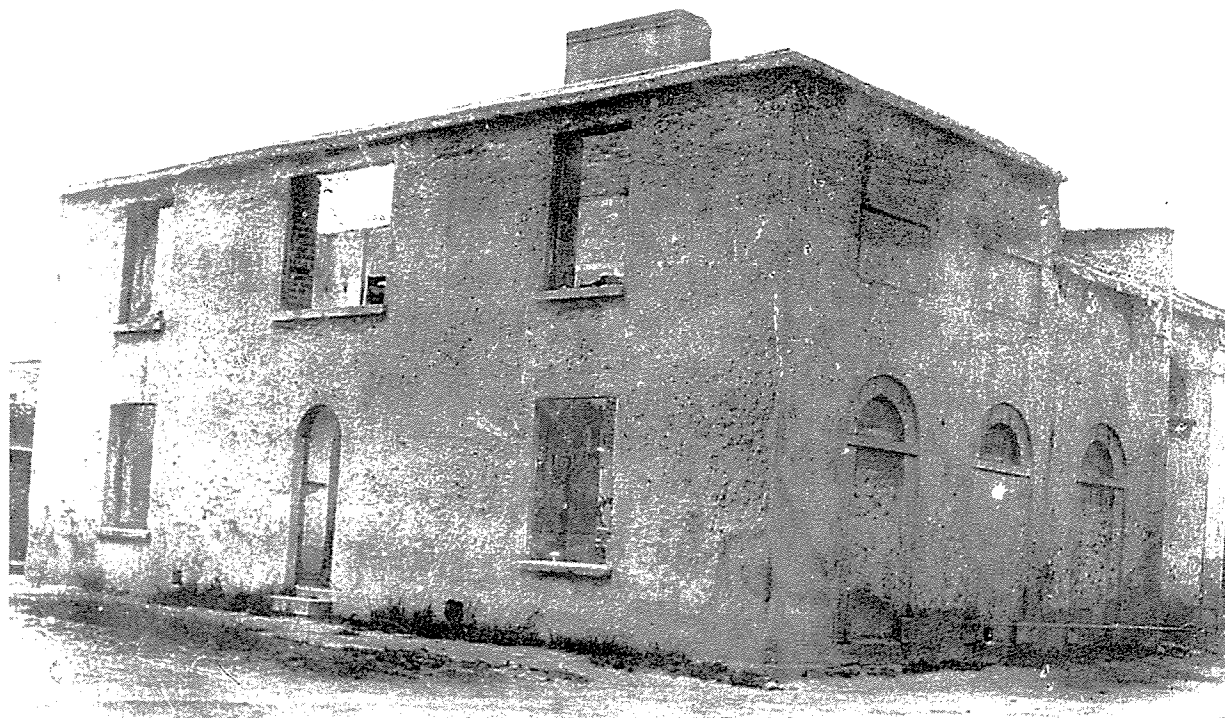
*Miss Katie Whelan, Manageress, Dawsons Staff House now Community Council office with Black Bob and Darkie, two very successful greyhounds of Dawsons, trained by Jack Duffy and Jack*



*Peggy now (Edwards), Michael O'Reilly and the late Kay O'Reilly late of Floods by the Canal, 1929*



*Another view of Dillon's Row bedecked for the Eucharistic Congress of 1936, some well known residents in doorways*



*Town Hall destroyed during War of Independence*

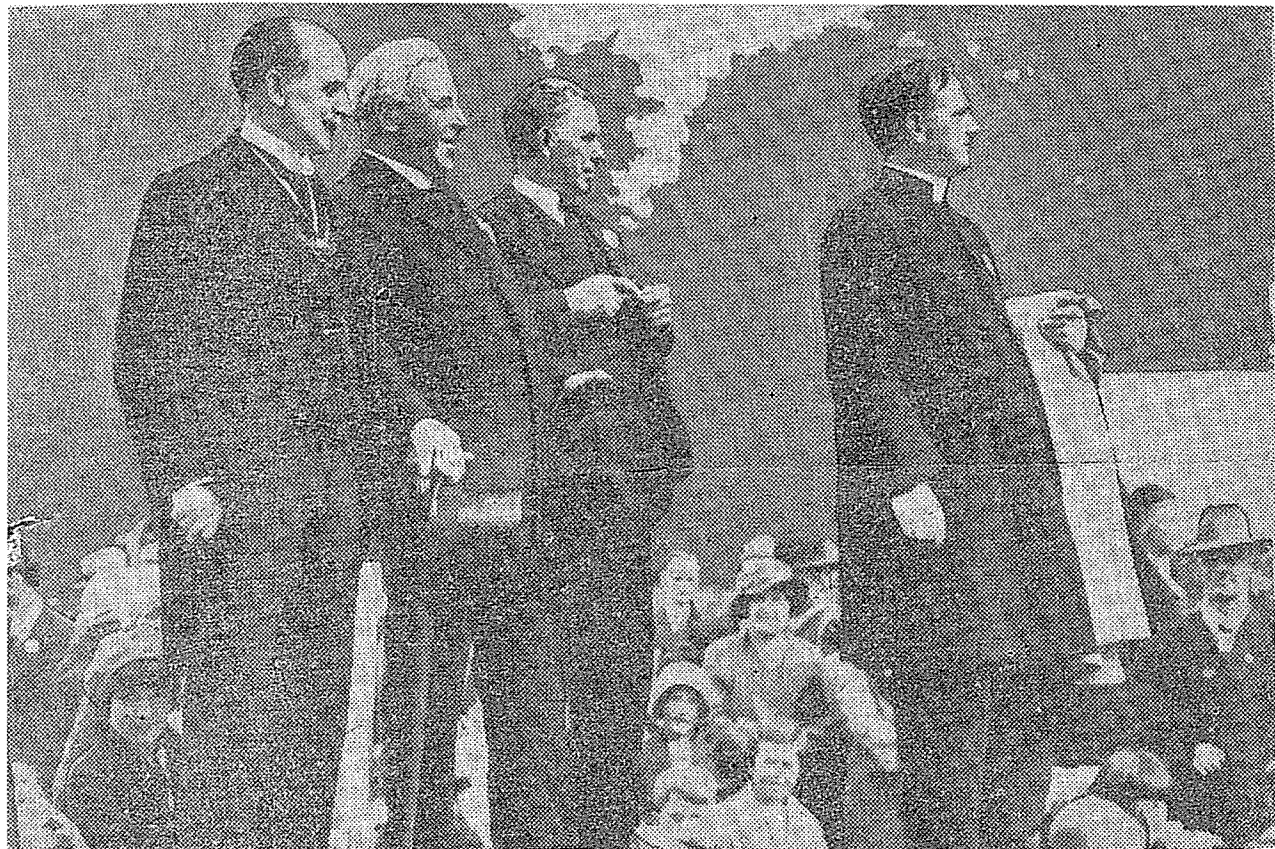


*Dillon's Row, Eucharistic Congress Year - note ESB H.T. poles in background. The village had mains electricity in 1930s*



*Local farmer Paddy Stackpoole with some of the Dawson's staff, ladies in garden now Manor Court flats*





Maynooth Fete—The Lord Mayor of Dublin, who opened the fete, which was in aid of the fund for the decoration of the Parish Church (St. Mary's), with the Rev. J. Killeen, P.P., Maynooth, and Rev. J. Grogan, C.C.  
—Irish Independent Photo. (R.).

Aug. 1939 Carnival  
Eve of World War II. Theme sung by Vera Lynn  
“It’s a lovely day tomorrow” some locals may recognise themselves



John Carey and Ted Clarke in the extensive Dawsons garage



18 months old Michael O'Reilly,  
The Square  
In background, old Railway  
Station building demolished 1979,  
new one built 1981



left: 1989 - Best Dressed Lady at the RCAG Fashion Show,  
Mary O'Melia with Philip McDermott

Right: 1987 - Celine McLoughlin B.A., with  
her sisters Aine (left) and Dympna (right) with  
her mother, Mrs J. McLoughlin of O'Neill  
Park. Both Aine and Dympna are graduates of  
the College.



Above: 1987 - Liam Farrelly (left) being  
presented with the Seamus Moore Memorial  
Cup by Maynooth Golfing Society Captain  
Joseph Moore



Below: 1986 - Bishop Dermot Mahony with Fr. Supple  
(P.P.) and Fr. Cogan during his visit to Maynooth in  
December 1986



Left: 1986 - The men  
behind the wire -  
Nicko Farrell and  
Phil Brady enjoying  
the Senior County  
Football Final in  
September, when  
Sarsfields beat Leixip

Some old photographs  
in this issue were  
reproduced from  
older editions of  
Newsletters, we  
apologise for their  
poorer quality,  
original photos were  
not available.



## Features

### INOUESS RELEASE

**Government has ignored unemployed people, women and low-income earners-  
Budget 2000 will increase the gap between rich and poor**

Mike Allen, General Secretary, of the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed, (INOUESS) said that Charlie McCreavy's budget has further widened the gap between the rich and the poor.

"Ireland is a deeply unequal society. This Budget was the Fianna Fáil/PD coalition's opportunity to redress the growing gap between rich and poor, and secure the future of all the citizens of Ireland. Instead of listening to what the vast majority of the public were saying, the Government have created a budget that will **cause, not resolve, poverty.**

Charlie McCreavy should have offered low paid workers a real change in their take home pay, given unemployed people a decent weekly payment, targeted training at those outside the labour market and offered incentives to women to return to work. Instead he has ignored low paid workers and the unemployed in order to give top earners a tax cut, and made a mockery of public demands for a proper childcare strategy.

Top income earners will receive at least £40 a week from today's budget, middle money earners will receive £20 a week **but people relying on social welfare will get only £4 a week and low income earners will get less than £5 a week.**

All Social Partners wanted people on the minimum wage taken out of the tax net. The Government has never had a better opportunity to increase the incentive to take up low paid employment. They didn't take it, they chose instead to penalise unemployed people by offering a derisory increase in social welfare payments.

**The Government has also failed to deliver on childcare.** "Child poverty remains a persistent problem in Ireland. The Minister had a golden opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to solving this problem. Instead he gave a £2 per week increase in Child Benefit.

**The Government has made it harder for women who work in the home, and harder for women who work outside the home.** The tax individualisation programme penalises single earner parents, as they are the only taxpayers not to benefit from the widening of the standard rate band.

By ignoring demands from the INOUESS, childcare providers, and parents for a *Parents Childcare Payment* the Government have failed women in the home, and those struggling to meet childcare costs."

**This budget should have consolidated a secure groundwork for a new national agreement. Instead it has proved to the Community and Voluntary Sector that the Government has yet to commit to tackling poverty in Ireland.**

"This budget has not created the equal society the Minister promised it would. We must now look to the Partnership

process to yet again explain to Government that tackling poverty is both economically viable and vital for our future growth. The INOUESS will redouble its efforts to negotiate a new national agreement of genuine social inclusion."

#### Total gain per year for:

Gross Income	Single Person	Married Couple One Earner	Married Couple Two Earners
£10,000	£206	£144	£0
£15,000	£526	£332	£312
£30,000	£1,221	£587	£1,052
£50,000	£1,621	£987	£2,332

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Senior Citizens enjoying a party in Maynooth

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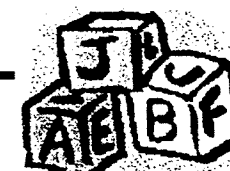
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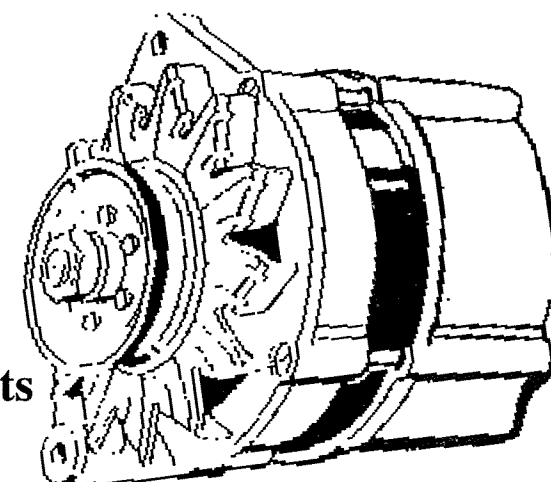
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For 1999-2000 the Language Centre is offering extra-mural courses in Irish, French, German, Arabic, Italian, Spanish and English as a Foreign Language. This year we are also offering a course in Amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós (sean-nós singing), which provides a different and very enriching perspective on the Irish language.

As usual, classes are limited to twelve students, and take place in an informal, structured atmosphere, to ensure that each learner is given ample opportunity to practise his/her newly acquired skills.

'A new language for the new millennium' might be a suitable resolution for the year 2000. We look forward to meeting you!

### Formation of Classes

Commencement of classes will depend on a minimum number of enrolments. No more than twelve students will be admitted to each group. The Language Centre reserves the right to cancel a course.

A Certificate of Attendance is awarded on request to students with 80% minimum attendance.

### Extra-Mural Terms

Each course lasts for nine weeks with two hours' tuition each week. Course dates for this year are:

#### Course 1:

Monday, 4th October 1999 - Friday, 3rd December 1999

#### Course 2:

Monday, 10th January 2000 - Friday, 17th March 2000

No classes will be held on public or University holidays. In the event of a class being missed for this reason, an extra class will be added on at the end of the extra-mural term. Please note Course 2 is a continuation of Course 1.

### Enrolment

Enrolment for courses will take place on:

### Course 1

Wednesday, 29th September 1999

Thursday, 30th September 1999

### Course 2

Wednesday, 12th January 2000

Thursday, 13th January 2000

### Late Enrolment

#### Course 1

Monday, 11th October 1999

#### Course 2

Monday, 24th January 2000

In Room T8, Language Centre, Arts Building. For EFL, please contact us directly. Enrolment will only take place at the stated times.

### Course Fees

£62 Wage earners from outside the University

£50 University staff and registered students of the University

£35 Social Welfare Recipients (with proof of situation)

£72 English as a Foreign Language

Cheques should be made payable to:

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Courses fees must be paid in full on enrolment; admission to classes is subject to this. Receipts should be retained. Fees will be refunded, should a class not take place due to insufficient numbers.

### Closing dates for refund applications:

Course 1

Friday, 29th October 1999

Course 2

Friday, 4th February 2000

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Course 1					Course 2				
LANGUAGE	DAY	TIME(P.M.)	VENUE	STARTING	LANGUAGE	DAY	TIME(P.M.)	VENUE	STARTING
Arabic-B*	Monday	7.00-9.00	T7	4th October	Arabic-B	Monday	7.00-9.00	T7	10th January
Irish-B	Thursday	7.00-9.00	T7	7th October	Irish-B	Thursday	7.00-9.00	T7	13th January
Irish-I*	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	T7	5th October	Irish-I	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	T7	11th January
Amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós	Thursday	7.00-9.00	T8	7th October	Amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós	Thursday	7.00-9.00	T8	13th January
French-B	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	T8	5th October	French-B	Tuesday	7.00-9.00	T8	11th January
French-I	Monday	7.00-9.00	A.V. Room	4th October	French-I	Monday	7.00-9.00	A.V. Room	10th January
French-A*	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	A.V. Room	6th October	French-A	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	A.V. Room	12th January
German-B	Monday	7.00-9.00	T3	4th October	German-B	Monday	7.00-9.00	T3	10th January
German-I	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	T3	6th October	German-I	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	T3	12th January
Italian-B	Monday	6.00-7.30	T8	4th October	Italian-B	Monday	6.00-7.30	T8	10th January
Italian-I	Monday	7.30-9.00	T8	4th October	Italian-I	Monday	7.30-9.00	T8	10th January
Spanish-B	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	T4	6th October	Spanish-B	Wednesday	7.00-9.00	T4	12th January
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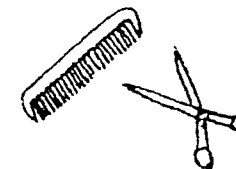
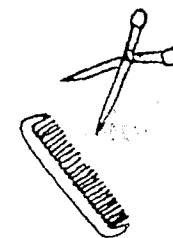
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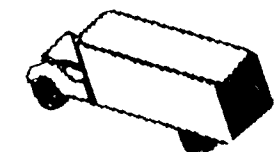
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## Party Political

### MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

#### Rathcoffey/Newtown Road:

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have got a costing from the ESB for £26,500 for Traffic Route Standard Public Lighting from the Castle to the speed limit sign over the motorway bridge. Work is scheduled to begin after Christmas. In addition the Council have agreed to treat the laying of a footpath to facilitate the residents of Parson Hall and Castle Dawson as a priority and the Council will employ a contractor to be paid from Development Levies. The Council further advised Cllr. McGinley that the Rathcoffey Road realignment was part of their proposals for the area and that the forthcoming Maynooth Development Plan would reflect that.

#### New Litter Bins for Bus Stops:

Council officials agreed with Cllr. John McGinley's motion to install additional litter bins in Maynooth. As a first step bins will be installed at the Bus Stops on the Straffan Road and the Leixlip Road. Cllr. McGinley will continue to pursue the provision of litter bins on all the other arterial routes.

#### Exit from Laurence Avenue to the Celbridge Road:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to improve safety at this junction by providing a stop sign and painting a white stop sign on the road. He has also asked for signs to be erected either side of the junction, on the Celbridge Road warning motorists of the junction.

#### Kildare Bridge, Dunboyne Road:

The Council have advised Cllr. McGinley that they propose improving safety in this area by widening the bridge and providing a roundabout at the junction of the Blacklion/Dunboyne Road. It is intended to do this EU Funded work next year.

#### Exit from Car Park to Doctors Lane:

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have installed a bollard in the middle of the exit to prevent uncaring motorists from using it.

#### M4 Motorway Exit to Maynooth:

The Planning Permission sought for a Business Campus in the land beside the motorway at Moneycooley proposes that the existing exit from the motorway be removed and replaced with a 33m roundabout in the field opposite Barretts. The County Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that if the Council agree to this proposal it will permanently solve the traffic chaos which motorists now have to tolerate coming off the motorway.

#### Parklands Through Road:

Following further representations from Cllr. McGinley the Council have erected 'Children' signs at both ends of the road. The Council will shortly be carrying out speed surveys to see whether or not there is a need for traffic calming. In Cllr. McGinley's view there is a need for traffic calming because of the straight through road rather than the curved road as in Rockfield.

#### Maynooth Street Names:

Following representations from the Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum. Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for consideration by the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council; That funding be made available for bilingual signs indicating the names of streets and back lanes in Maynooth in line with the wishes of Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum.

#### Kingsbry Estate:

The Development Control Section of the Council have advised Cllr. McGinley that they will hire a contractor to remove the slabs at the pedestrian walkway with Meadowbrook as soon as possible. They will also lay a 2m wide path here and landscape either side in line with the Residents Associations wishes during the planting season next March.

#### Meadowbrook:

Following requests from the Residents Association Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to do the following:

- Speed limit signage for Meadowbrook Road.
- 'Children' signs for Meadowbrook Crescent.
- Developer to do proper landscaping.
- Dead trees to be replaced.

#### Geraldine Hall/Harbour Field:

The Council have conveyed to the Maynooth Development Association their agreement to its proposal regarding acquisition of the property.

#### Convent Lane/Dunboyne:

Following the excellent work carried out by the Council at the Grls School and at Carton Avenue entrance Cllr. John McGinley asked the officials at the Area Meeting on 8th December to continue the good work by eliminating the wilderness at the side of the footpath out to Dillons Row. A cycle path would be ideal to replace the weeds or alternatively the road could be realigned. He further stated that resurfacing is very badly needed out to Lyreen Park. The officials accepted that something needed to be done here sooner rather than later.

#### Bad County Council Estimates (Budget) for Year 2000

The Estimates result in Domestic Service Charges increasing by £30 to £115 per year. There was very little positive apart from Cllr. McGinley's proposal that £200,000 be allocated solely for traffic calming measures. This was agreed.

Despite the best efforts of Cllr. John McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg the Council agreed its Estimates for 2000 on 3rd December. The Labour Councillors were the only ones to vote against.

Cllr. McGinley proposed the following:

- A seven day per week street cleaning service for all major towns.
- Door step collection of separated waste e.g. glass, paper, organic.
- Establishing a Parks Department in the Council so as to maintain our parks and green areas, to prune trees and to provide and maintain Childrens Playgrounds.

The County Manager stated that none of these could be provided as we did not have the money to do so. It is quite extraordinary that a country with a surplus of £6,500M cannot provide enough funds to Kildare Co. Co. to clean the streets at weekends, to cut the grass in Pound Park or Carton Avenue, or to provide playgrounds for our children. Such services are the norm elsewhere in the EU and indeed elsewhere in Ireland. Cllr. McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues will continue the fight to ensure that Maynooth and the rest of Kildare get services appropriate to the 21st century.

**Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party would like to wish all Maynooth Residents a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Millennium**

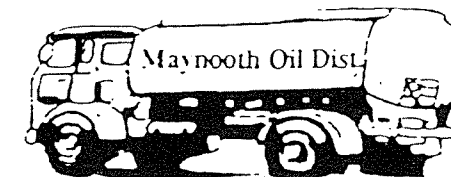


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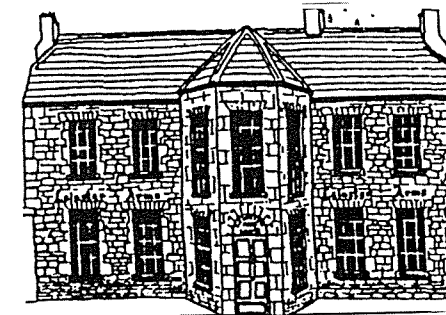
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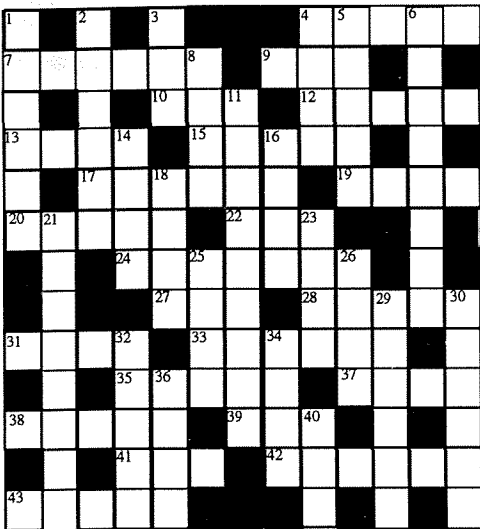
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Crossword No. 144



Entries before Monday 23rd January

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Across:

- 4. Jet (5)
- 7. Bowman (6)
- 9. Pass (3)
- 10. Summit (3)
- 12. Belief (5)
- 13. Grasp (4)
- 15. Harmonium (5)
- 17. Gun (6)
- 19. Rotate (4)
- 20. Present (5)
- 22. Vehicle (3)
- 24. Scorned (7)
- 27. Wand (3)
- 28. Tired (5)
- 31. Prima-donna (4)
- 33. Improved (6)
- 35. View (5)
- 37. Ooze (4)
- 38. Lariat (5)
- 39. Sailor (3)
- 41. Stray (3)
- 42. Loll (6)
- 43. Conduction (5)

Down:

- 1. Objective (6)
- 2. Abrade (6)
- 3. Fixed (3)
- 4. Settee (4)

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| 5. Factory (5)    |                |
| 6. Hidden (8)     | 36. Centre (4) |
| 8. Foundation (4) | 40. Racket (3) |
| 11. Frugal (9)    |                |
| 14. Fowl (4)      |                |
| 16. Happy (4)     |                |
| 18. Prophet (4)   |                |
| 21. Wavering (8)  |                |
| 23. Eft (4)       |                |
| 25. Gown (4)      |                |
| 26. Act (4)       |                |
| 29. Rank (6)      |                |
| 30. Barked (6)    |                |
| 32. Advantage (5) |                |
| 34. Duck (4)      |                |

**Solution to Crossword No. 143**

**Across:** 1. Redden; 5. Bolero; 9. Voter; 10. Basket; 11. Gashed; 12. Regal; 14. Slot; 17. Den; 18. Jest; 20. Titan; 22. Sadly; 23. Battled; 24. Whelp; 26. Teach; 29. Here; 30. Bet; 32. Duke; 33. Moral; 35. Nearer; 36. Mother; 37. Refer; 38. Dodged; 39. Decree.  
**Down:** 1. Robust; 2. Despot; 3. Ever; 4. Noted; 5. Began; 6. Oral; 7. Echoed; 8. Oddity; 13. Gentler; 15. Lithe; 16. Table; 18. Jaded; 19. Slack; 21. Nap; 22. Set; 24. Whined; 25. Errand; 27. Author; 28. Hearse; 30. Bored; 31. Tamed; 33. Mere; 34. Lore.

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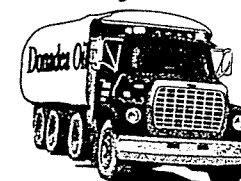
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## MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES

With the spell of bad weather prior to the Christmas break few of our teams managed to complete their scheduled fixtures for the first half of the season. The under 17's were the unluckiest of all managing only one game away from home in the eight weeks prior to the break. The under 15's also had a bad run of cancelled fixtures. Abandoned matches are a frustration to everybody involved with the club but are especially hard on the schoolboy teams. Unfortunately we cannot control the weather but we are doing everything possible to ensure the situation improves for the future. Could I take this opportunity to thank all our managers, players and supporters for their efforts over the last year and wish our teams good luck for the second half of the season.

**Best wishes for the New Year to you all**  
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**Maynooth Town 6 Glebe North 0**  
**Brefner NDL Under 11A**  
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The Under 11A bandwagon continued to roll as Maynooth ran out easy winners against Glebe North at the North Kildare Club recently. Sean Sinclair stole the show for the home side netting four as the Town carved out a clear-cut victory. David Mulhall and David Wynne formed a great partnership in mid-field. Mulhall rounded off a fine performance scoring twice to bring Maynooth's tally to six.

**Maynooth from:** Gary Walsh, Mick Gillick, Conor Canning and Jonathan Galvin, Owen Hannigan, David Mulhall, Sean Sinclair, David Wynne, Paul Bambury, Joseph Glynn and Craig Mooney.

**Maynooth "Town 10 Esker Celtic 0**  
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Maynooth Town's Under 8B side put on a tremendous display for new sponsor Matt Bruton Auctioneers at the Harbour Field recently. Wearing their new kit for the first time, the home side not only looked the part but also played the visitors off the park. Sean Foxe single handedly undid a gallant Esker in the

first half finding the net on five occasions. His younger brother Andy got on the score-sheet in a totally one-sided half. The second period proved just as entertaining for the home supporters as the Town found the net on four more occasions. John Comerford was released from his goalkeeping duties for the second half and added two more to Maynooth's tally. One of these was a wonderful volley from a Conor Glynn corner that will be a contestant for goal of the season. After a fine display of close control and strong running Glynn then got himself on the score-sheet with a fine strike. Glynn was again in action as his well struck free kick was deflected off a defender to round off a great display for Maynooth.

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



**Maynooth Town Under 8B1's pictured wearing their new jerseys sponsored by Matt Bruton Auctioneers, Maynooth.**  
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## MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES (Cont..)

**St. Mary's Boys 4 Maynooth Town 4**  
**D.D.S.L. League 8B**

Maynooth Town wiped out a two-goal deficit to snatch a draw in the last five minutes with high-flying St. Mary's. The Saints got their first after just two minutes and added a second shortly afterwards. The Town could easily have conceded more but for some trojan work by their defence. Just before the break regular goal-poacher Shane Hawthorne dropped deep to win the ball in mid-field. Following a great solo run his perfectly placed shot gave the home keeper no chance and put Maynooth back into the game. St. Mary's however started the second half as they had the first to restore their two-goal advantage. The Town fought back and McDonald was unlucky to see his fine strike rebound off the crossbar. However the ball dropped perfectly for the waiting Sean Dempsey who slotted it home to make it 3-2. Maynooth then raised their game and began to dominate but as they pushed forward they got caught on the break and again found themselves two down. In the last five minutes Maynooth totally dominated and their efforts were rewarded with two fine goals from Fahy and Bradley. It was the Saints that were glad to hear the final whistle as the visitors finished by far the stronger.

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

**Ballyfermot United 0 Maynooth Town 3**  
**D.D.S.L. Under 10C**

The 10C are sponsored by Maynooth Credit Union. The scoreline says it all - a brilliant display, away from home and in one of the nurseries of football in Dublin. A four game run of victories and only one defeat in their last seven outings sees this talented Maynooth side fighting for a top two place in their league. The sides were evenly matched for the first fifteen minutes. Good defending and a battling mid-field saw the Town keep United at bay. Just before the break their hard work was rewarded when Sean Durkan split the defence with a fine strike that gave the home keeper no chance. Maynooth were not content to sit back on such a slender lead having learned from Mick McCarthy's international side. Ten minutes into the second half a cross from the right dropped menacingly into the box and after a scramble Eimear Flynn got the final touch to put her side two up. Maynooth were now looking good for the three points and with just three minutes left it was Durkan that popped up again to put the result beyond doubt. A great all round performance to secure a valuable win away from home.

**Maynooth from:** Gary Dooley, Cormac O'Reilly, Harrison Silke, Thomas Donnelly, Sean Durkan, Chris Moyan, Ronan Kelly, Eimer Flynn, Alex Cash, Carl O'Sullivan, Sean Murray, Kieran Dooley, Michael McCarthy and Conor O'Rourke.

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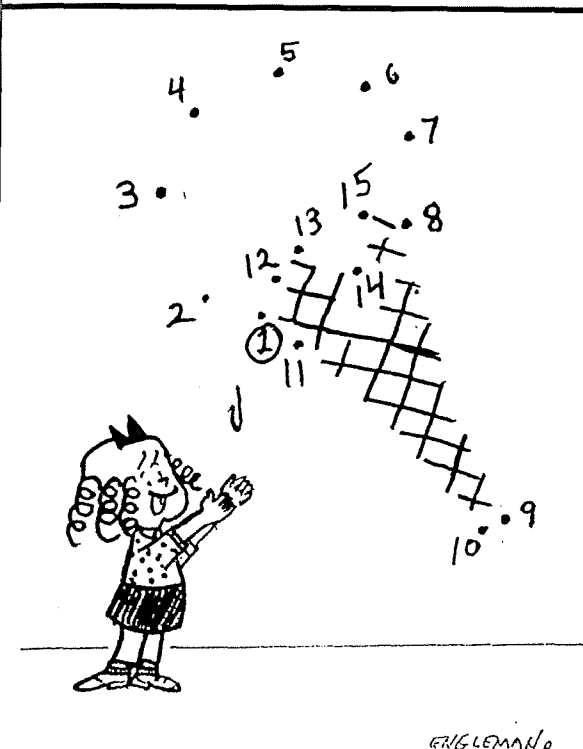
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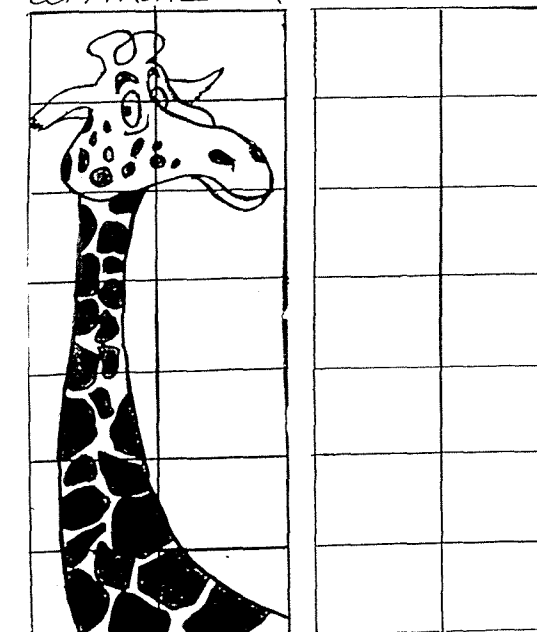
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## Sport

### REPORT OF MAYNOOTH G.A.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1999

The 1999 'Club of the Year' celebrated their phenomenal success of the past year with a presentation of medals to the victorious intermediate 'A' and 'B' footballers on Saturday 4th December, by Jack Wall, T.D., outgoing Chairman of Kildare G.A.A. in his last function.

A presentation was also made to the victorious 1965 Intermediate Championship Team on the night, and to Dinny Breen and Josie Murphy surviving members of the 1935 Leader Cup Winning Team.

The Club held their Annual General Meeting in their G.A.A. Centre on Monday 6th December 1999. At a well attended meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairman	Roddy Molloy (outgoing)
Vice Chairman	Kieran Diggins
Treasurer	Mick Gleeson
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Assistant Secretary	Killian Fagan
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Co. Board Delegate	Noel Farrelly
Chairman of Football	Pascal Ennis
Chairman of Hurling	Larry Comerford (outgoing)
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#### Intermediate Champions 1965

The team that beat Castlemitchell 2-8 to 1-2 in the Final was as follows  
Maynooth: Noel Farrelly, Thomas Hendrick, Eddie Dunne, Frank Malone, Martin McDonagh, Joe Nevin (Captain), Paddy Boyd, John Browne, Brian Redmond, Mick Nevin, Cliff Murphy (1-3), Eddie Kavanagh (0-3), Tommy Fay (0-1), Fred Leavy (1-1) and Brian Dempsey.

This team were guests of honour at the recent Club presentation of medals to the victorious 1999 Intermediate 'A' and 'B' Championship teams on Saturday 4th December. Each member received an individual memento of the occasion, a bronze plated Gaelic footballer in Maynooth 'Crom A Bú' gear.

## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

### Under 21 Camogie Championship Final: Cappagh 2-3 Maynooth 1-1

Radley Park in Leixlip was the venue for this eagerly awaited camogie final between a youthful Cappagh and a rejuvenated Maynooth side following their impressive victories over Clane and Sarsfields. However Cappagh were favourites going into the game, having easily disposed of their previous opponents with consummate ease.

But, Maynooth were in no mood to allow Cappagh an easy passage in the final and fought bravely all through. Two rather fortuitous goals in the first half enabled Cappagh to hold a six point lead at half time. Naomi Deveraux took advantage of some sloppy defensive play to get Maynooth's only goal of the game, midway through the first half. Cappagh truly deserved their lead at half time where their midfield pairing and half-forward line were having the better of their Maynooth counterparts. Half-time score: Cappagh 2-3 Maynooth 1-0.

Cappagh got off to a better start in the second half but all the Maynooth defenders were outstanding and despite being under constant siege for most of the half, they held Cappagh scoreless for the entire twenty-five minutes.

Emma Fahy pointed a forty-metre free ten minutes in the second-half to give Maynooth some hope of recovery. However the Maynooth forward-line were starved of possession for long periods and were given few opportunities to reduce the deficit further. In the end, Cappagh were deserving of their win and the skill and teamwork which they showed was a joy to watch. Maynooth can be proud of their performance and it was very satisfying to see that they continued to hurl with determination and passion even when the game was beyond them.

Best for Maynooth were: Geraldine Fahy in goal, who made some fine saves; Cheryl Naughton, Claire McCarrick, Emma Fahy and Niamh Mulready in defence; Lyn Brennan at midfield, while in attack Ann Comerford, Ciara O'Neill and Nicola Walsh worked hard.

#### Team and scores:

Geraldine Fahy, Cheryl Naughton, Claire McCarrick, Catherine Duff, Niamh Mulready, Emma Fahy (0-1), Ann Marie Farrell, Lynn Brennan, Michelle Gillick, Brid Ann

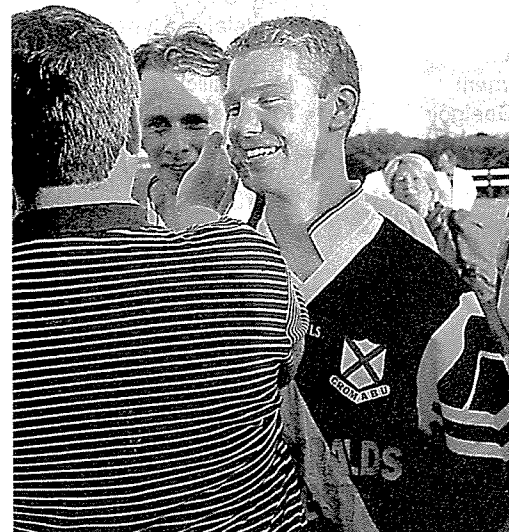
O'Shea, Ann Comerford, Ciara O'Neill, Sharon Cummins, Nicola Walsh, Naomi Deveraux (1-0)  
Substitutes: Pamela Fahy, Margaret Callaghan, Gillian O'Hurlihy.

#### Table Quiz

A table quiz in aid of the Camogie and Ladies Football Development took place in the club-house on Sunday 12th December 1999. It was a very successful fund-raising event with thirty-one teams taking part.

Irene Kearney was an excellent quizmaster and was ably assisted by Teresa Hession. Frances Kearney and Tracey Kearney. The organising committee would like to thank all the people who supported this event including the following sponsors: Tesco, SuperValu, House Pride and Sportslocker.

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*The Dynamic Duo  
Jubilant Intermediate Hurling Manager Ciaran Diggins congratulates Padraic Ward and Man of the Match Stephen Brennan on a famous victory.*

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## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTE (CONT.)

### Maynooth Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth G.A.A. was held in the Clubhouse on Monday 6th December 1999 before a large attendance. Outgoing Chairman Rody Molloy in his address to the members congratulated the football, hurling and camogie teams on their success in winning their respective championships and consequent elevation to senior status. However he sounded a note of caution and warned against complacency among players and mentors. He stressed the importance of building on this success and ensuring that a sustained effort is made to maintain the club's senior status next year.

The following members were elected to serve on the executive for the forthcoming year:

Chairman:	Rody Molloy
Vice Chairman:	Ciaran Diggins
Secretary:	Dominic Nugent
Treasurer:	Mick Gleeson
Joint P.R.Os.:	Tom Coffey and Johnny Nevin
Assistant Secretary:	Killian Fagan
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Grounds and Development Chairmen:	Mick Gillick
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Delegate to Co. Board:	Noel Farrelly
Officers elected to Executive:	Dick Sheehan, Tony Mooney, Martin Bambrick, Denis McDermott, Eamonn Gallagher, Tommy Fay.



*Midfielder Justin White sets up another Maynooth attack while Jimmy Cahill awaits developments.*

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*Highlights from Maynooth G.A.A. 1999 Intermediate Hurling Champions  
The Maynooth Intermediate Hurling Team who defeated Clane in the Championship Final in August.  
Back row: Senan Griffin, Mark Nugent, Seamus Cummins, Paul White, Hugh Nevin, Paul Daly, Karl Ennis, Eoin Nevin, Ciaran McGuinness, Mark McCarron, Matt Carroll.  
Front row: Tom Mullarkey, Rory Kelly, Justin White, Stephen Brennan, Fergal Scully, Donna Hoolan,*



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### SYMPATHIES

**Cooney:** Husband, sons, sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends of Ann Cooney, Lyreen Park, Maynooth and formerly Mondellihy, Drumcollagher, Co. Limerick.

**Ledwith:** Sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews and friends of Sr. Philippa, Cork and Maynooth.

### VINCENT SMITH

Maynooth Newsletter would like to extend their sympathy to the family of the late Vincent Smith of Maynooth better known as (Jimmy the Hoover) who passed away on the 11th December after a short illness. Vincent was a great supporter of the Newsletter and for his great sense of humour in the St. Patrick's Day Parade which always got him a prize. His most memorable appearances were as Charlie Haughey and as a Council Worker which won him the best award for these two best performances. He was also involved in the Mulhussey Drama Society. Jimmy will be sadly missed by his loving wife Jackie and his six children, his grandson Cian, his mother, brothers and sisters. Vincent will be sadly missed by all his extended family and friends.



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