

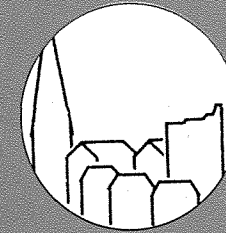
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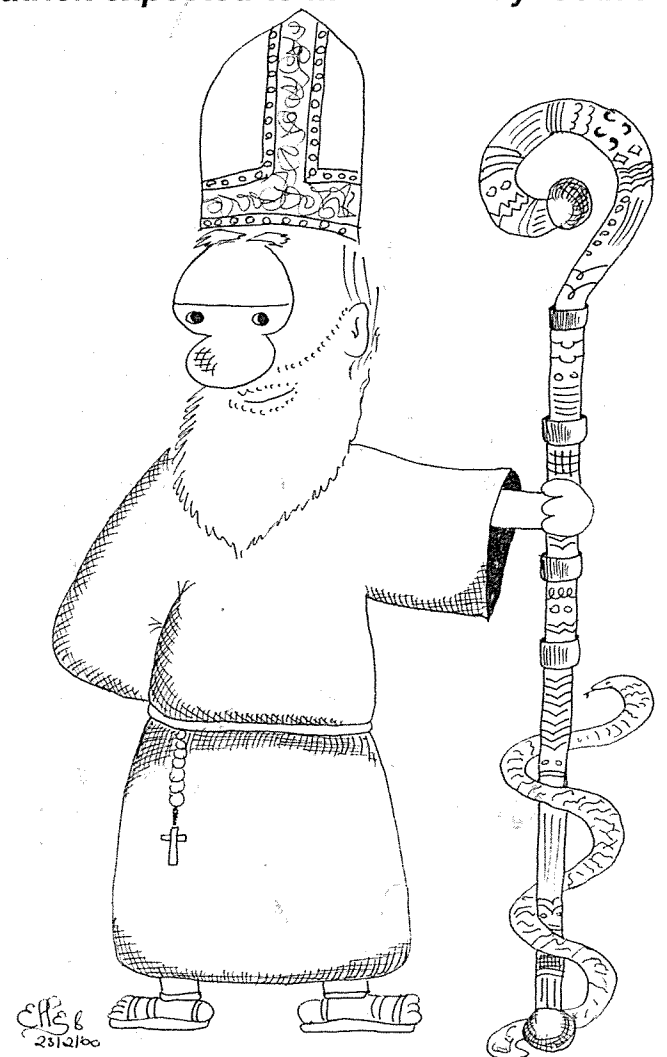


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*Community Council & Newsletter Staff*

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## EDITORIAL

It is almost ten years since the original plans to develop Carton were the subject of debate in Maynooth. That original project fell through but the Starwood Group, a multinational resort company, has taken up the reins and is about to start work on the two golf courses and 5 star hotel. The planning permission also allows for the building of 150 luxury houses on the estate. Back in 1990, those in Maynooth who favoured the Gleneagles Group plans to build a luxury hotel, golf courses and country lodges in Carton argued that the valuable jobs that the development would bring to the area, together with public access to Carton were good reasons for supporting the plan. Circumstances have changed quite a bit since the early 1990's. Unemployment around Maynooth is no longer the problem it was back in 1990. Indeed Intel and Hewlett-Packard have problems trying to recruit staff. It may be that many of the staff who will end up working in Carton will not come from the Maynooth area, or even from Ireland. The issue of access for the local community to this luxury facility on its doorstep remains. In discussions eight or nine years ago between the Community Council and those involved in the Carton development it was agreed, at least verbally, that local residents would have free access to the estate and that some concessions might be negotiated regarding golf club and other types of membership. Press reports in the last couple of weeks suggest that development work at Carton is immanent. It is time that the Community Council re-opened discussions with Carton's developers and clarifies Maynooth's relationship with the newly developed Carton.

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# Community Council Notes

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### Question

I have a Medical Card. Does this mean that I am entitled to free dental services?

### Answer

Recent changes in the Medical Card Scheme have extended dental treatment to all Medical Card holders aged 16 and over from the 1st January, 2000. Previously Medical Card holders aged 35-64 were only entitled to restricted emergency cover.

From 1st January, 2000 all Medical Card holders over the age of 16 including 35-64 years olds can access the full range of dental services, ie routine treatment, emergency treatment and dentures. People eligible for treatment may go to a private dentist who has a contract with the Health Board. A list of participating dentists may be obtained from the local Health Board.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed photo of parents of pupils attending Scoil Dara in Kilcock. These parents participated in and successfully completed the "Parent to Parent" Drug Awareness / Team parenting programme being facilitated by "Aisling" in the North East.

The "Parent to Parent" Programme empowers parents in the community to get their children through their teen years "drug free". Prevention centered on parents is vital. Parents have the biggest influence in the lives of their children. When parents fail to supervise peers will take their place. Parents can easily feel helpless and not know what to do, which can result in children being in highly tempting situations. Intervention of informed parents can make a difference.

Scoil Dara have organised for a further "Parent to Parent" programme to commence Monday 28th Feb 8 - 10p.m.. The programme costs £15 and runs for 5 wks. all are welcome to attend.

Further details can be obtained from Scoil Dara, 01 6287258.



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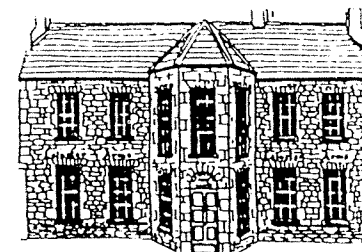


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# Community Council Notes

## LETTER'S TO THE EDITOR

### RESIDENTS ON WATCH.

#### Yes we are back and on the lookout.

We ask why a large articulated truck is permitted nearly every morning at school time, to unload at the Centra shop double parking on the inner lane on the Main Street.

And, on one of these mornings, Dublin Bus occupying its site at Ua'Buachalla held up traffic for 6 minutes and 47 seconds?

### Residents on Watch.

Dear Editor

I wrote before about our school exchange with Leggamaddy school in Co. Down,

They came to visit us at our school in December there were boys and girls. it took them 3 1/2 hours to get here. When they came the parents gave them orange and biscuits. They went to see the College and had a tour. After that they had lunch with us. The parents also got that. Then we played a basketball match with them, they went home at 3.00p.m. We are going to see them in Leggamaddy in March. I hope we have a good time.

Conor O Rourke  
4th Class (Mr Downes).

### FREE EDUCATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN FRANCE

The Franco-Irish Exchange Programme, a Paris based non profit organisation (association a but non lucratif) is offering Free Exchange Holidays in France - A Special Millennium Visit/Summer 2000, for Irish students aged between 13 and 18. Butterfly Promotions Ltd is a local based company who are delighted to be involved in this wonderful opportunity for your child to experience life in France for three weeks. There is no charge for Irish participants. THE FLIGHT DUBLIN-PARIS-DUBLIN IS INCLUDED AND IS ALSO FREE. The only cost to Irish parents will be insurance and pocket money. In return Irish families are expected to welcome the exchange partner as a member of their family.

The director of the Franco-Irish Exchange Programme is Michael MacBride who has been living in France for 30 years. He founded an exchange programme in 1977 and has been involved with exchange and language holidays since then.

For further details please contact our Information Service in Ireland:

Franco-Irish Exchange Programme,  
Butterfly Promotions Ltd.,  
Dunboyne,  
Co. Meath.  
Tel.: 01-8253022 Fax.: 01-8252748

### Kildare Win Leinster Title After Three Replays

No. This is not a prediction as to how Kildare will fare in this years Leinster Championship. It's the story of the 1903 Championship which Kildare eventually won in June 1905. And where is this kind of information available? Well, like everything else, you can now read about it on the Internet.

For many years the GAA was regarded as being a somewhat backward organisation. It is hard to believe that 30 years ago 'the ban' was in force which meant that any GAA member playing, or even attending, a 'foreign game' could be expelled from the association. Since then things have changed dramatically and the GAA is now a far-sighted organisation as evidenced by their ambitious plans to redevelop Croke Park into the biggest and most modern sports stadium in the country. In keeping with the times the GAA has also embraced the Internet and their website at [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie) is full of the latest news and comprehensive information. All the latest team news is updated on a daily basis and the site also has a full listing of upcoming football and hurling fixtures. There is also an excellent tour of the GAA museum at Croke Park and an update on how the redevelopment of Croke Park is going on.

Of more local interest, the GAA website has links to club results and fixtures and links to GAA county sites. Among the best county sites are those for Meath at [meath.gaa.ie](http://meath.gaa.ie) and for Kerry at [kerry.gaa.ie](http://kerry.gaa.ie). At this stage it doesn't appear that the Kildare Co. Board have organised a site although some clubs - including Sarsfields at [www.iol.ie/~nubridge/sarsfiel.htm](http://www.iol.ie/~nubridge/sarsfiel.htm) and Naas at [members.tripod.co.uk/Naas\\_GAA/](http://members.tripod.co.uk/Naas_GAA/) are on the Web.

A very comprehensive database of GAA information is available at

[www.gaalore.com](http://www.gaalore.com)

with player profiles of most current inter-county football and hurling players. Did you know that Declan Kerrigan made his championship debut for Kildare on May 24th 1987 against Wexford and that he has scored 4-20 in 28 championship appearances?

But back to the 1903 Leinster Championship where the details are available at [www.gaalore.com](http://www.gaalore.com). For a start Kildare appear to have played their first game in the 1903 championship on September 18th 1904 when they beat Dublin by 3-11 to 1-3. Five weeks later Kildare beat Laois in the semi-final on the scoreline Kildare 4-5 Laois 0-1. Then, on December 11th at Wexford, Kildare and Kilkenny drew in the Leinster Final on the scoreline Kildare 1-2 to Kilkenny's 0-5. The first replay took place, again at Wexford, on February 26th, 1905 when Kildare won by 1-6 to 1-5. Kilkenny challenged the result and claimed that the referee had disallowed a point they had scored. The authorities ruled that a further replay should take place - there's no suggestion that video evidence was used! - and this game was played at Wexford on April 18th, 1905 when the teams drew again, 0-5 each. Finally, Kildare became Leinster champions for 1903 on June 4th, 1905 when they beat Kilkenny 0-9 to 0-1 at Croke Park. The campaign had taken 10 months and the championship finished two years behind schedule!



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### Community Council Elections

Elections for the Community Council take place at the end of March 2000. There are 73 seats to be filled with a nominee from the Student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.

### Election arrangements

The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member. There are some additions to the number of places since the last election.

### Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)  
The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.
2. Railpark / Straffan Road including the Crescent (1 seat)
3. Castle Dawson (2 seats)
4. Lyreen Park / Nagle Court (1 seat)
5. Parson's Hall (2 seats)
6. Pebble Hill (1 seat)
7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)
9. Carton Court (2 seats)
10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
11. Greenfield Lane / Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
12. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 seat)
13. Greenfield Phase 3 / private sites (1 seat)
14. Beaufield (3 seats)
15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
17. College Green (2 seats)
18. Moyglare Road / Moyglare Meadows / Moyglare Village (4 seats)
19. Moyglare Abbey (2 seats)
20. Newtown / Woodlands / Ashley Court (2 seats)
21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
22. Parson Street / Parson Lodge / Court (2 seats)
23. Silken Vale (2 seats)
24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
25. Parklands (5 seats)
26. Rockfield (5 places)
27. Outlying Area A (see map) (1 seat)  
including Carton Demese, Old Carton, Catherinstown, Kellystown, Blakestown
28. Outlying Area B (see map) (1 seat)  
including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran
29. Outlying Area C (see map) (1 seat)  
including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates (do), Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Graiguelin, Derrinstown, Donaghstown.
30. Outlying Area B (see map) (1 seat)  
including Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, the Maws,

Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormackstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne.

### Election Schedule

#### Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Extra forms may be obtained from the **Community Council Office, Dunboyne Road.**

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

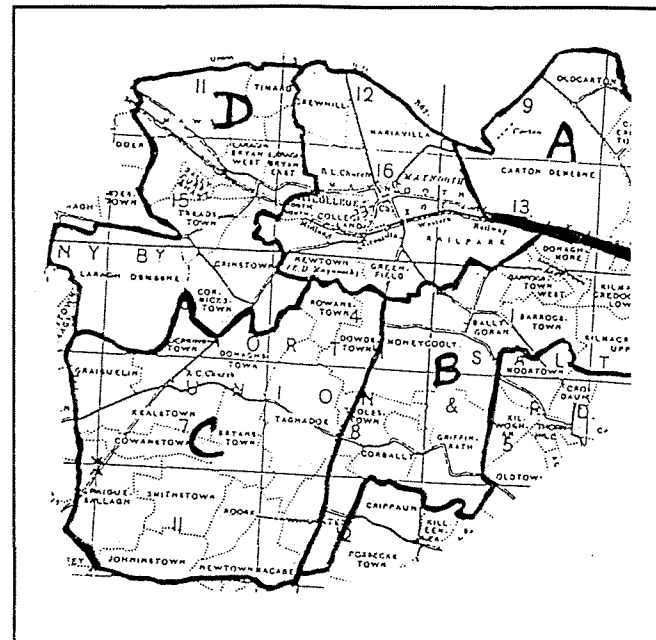
All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Monday, 27th March at 5.00 p.m.** Any resident over 18 is eligible for election and to vote.

#### Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all eligible households between **Wednesday 29th and Friday 30th March**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Friday 7th April**, They will be counted on **Saturday 8th April**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area election areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-elections to Dáil Éireann). For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are seats available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the new Council will take place on **Monday 17th April**. This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council. Notices will be sent to all councillors.



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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### BOOK REVIEW

Independent Living for older people: A Study.

Josephine Moore of the Maynooth Senior Citizens committee is to be congratulated in compiling this amazing book. She has taken so much information and digested it into an easy to read and understand format. People are living longer. For the majority of them that's more time to enjoy retirement. But some may need help - just as people at all times in life may need an extra bit of care. Communication is important and particularly communication between the potential carers and the person needing care is absolutely essential. Thank you Josephine for this book. It is available locally and every home needs it - perhaps not today but certainly at some future date. Get a copy now and see our senior citizens on page 34 enjoying life to the full.

#### "MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE"

Our AGM took place on Tues. Feb. 1st in the Health Centre. This was an excellent meeting and well attended. It was nice to see so many senior citizens and non-committee members present. The Chairperson, J. Moore in her Annual Report thanked the community for their support both fiscal and physical throughout the year. She went on the express satisfaction at the success of "International Year of Older Persons" at a local level at least. It was disappointing that the Government when setting out their budget chose to disregard the recommendation of our National Senior Citizens Parliament, with regard to pensions. There was an opportunity here to recognise the contributions that older people make to society, but the moment was squandered. On the positive side, the report went on to welcome the £750m budget for the Health Board, £150m of which will be allocated for services for the elderly. There was a welcome for new member Marie Breen and for the return of former members, Carol Barton, Kathleen Gilton and Marie O'Toole.

The Secretary Joan Lennon in her Annual Report gave a comprehensive account of all functions held during the year.

The Treasurer, Catherine Mulready in her Annual Report gave a detailed statement of accounts to the satisfaction of all present. The chairperson took this opportunity to thank both of these officers for their competence and attention to detail. A special thanks was extended to Eugene O'Reilly F.C.A. who in his generosity audits our books annually.

Next up were the elections after which the following committee emerged:

Josephine Moore	Chairperson & PRO.
Patricia Nolan	Vice Chairperson
Joan Lennon	Secretary
Marie Breen	Assistant Secretary
Catherine Mulready	Treasurer
Patricia Casker	Assistant Treasurer

Agnes Boyd Mairead Breen Carol Barton, Imelda Delaney, Helen Doyle, Kathleen Gilton, Ita Loughlin, Kathleen McAtamney, Betty Moore, Lily O'Riordan, Marie O'Toole, Patsy O'Rafferty, Sr. Mary Ann Stafford and Bridget Tierney.

Many thanks to all these committee members for their years

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of dedication to our Senior Citizens and fellow members. Thank you also to all who attended this meeting especially our guest speakers, Msgr. Alex Stenson and Community Nurse Kathleen Campbell who enlightened us in both the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people we serve, and Tom Surliss and his fellow pastoral students from Maynooth College who assist us in visiting our less mobile and sometimes house-bound people.

I also take this opportunity to thank management, staff and customers of the "Roost" who raised £1,250 on our behalf. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Our next event was our Valentines Party on Sunday Feb. 20th. This was preceded by a special Mass in our parish church to celebrate "World Day of the Sick", during which the Sacrament of the Sick was administered to young and old in need of spiritual healing. This was a poignant and beautiful ceremony. Many thanks to Msgr. Alex, Frs. John, Muirdeac, Gerard and Pat Joe for making this event and indeed all church events more accessible to our parishioners. Armed with all this grace everyone was invited to the Post Primary School to join our Senior Citizen's celebration of St. Valentine. It was wonderful to see all ages enjoying each others company.

We danced and sang the rest of the evening away, the highlight of which was our competition which was two-fold, the most "Romantic Couple" and the most romantic card and verse. The winning couple turned out to be P.J.Daly and .....No not Christine but Cissie Dempsey. Thank goodness the priests had gone. Anyway, Christine gave her seal of approval and he gave her the champagne. All was well with the world. There were fifteen entries for the "Card" competition. The best card was made by Joan Brannagan and the best verse was by Annie Kenny. It was nice to see Annie back for the party and looking so well. Well done to all who entered into the spirit of the occasion. (See Photo).

Finally I must end on a sad note The passing away of our oldest and dearest resident Kitty Thompson was learned with great sadness by all who knew her. She would have celebrated her hundredth birthday on April 4th, but alas it was not to be. Our party on Feb. 20th was the first event, since our inception, that Kitty missed. This organisation was founded in May 1965 when Kitty had just retired. Looking back one would think it was set up with her in mind. Judging by the enjoyment she got from it, who knows? perhaps it was! Whether it was a party, a bus trip or a holiday Kitty would be there and raring to go. She took a keen interest in everything we did and availed of it to the full. Kitty was an inspiration and a joy to be with. She enjoyed a joke and had a "wicked" sense of humour. I rejoice in the fact that I knew such a great lady. I take this opportunity on behalf of all our committee and senior citizens to extend our sincere sympathy to her family, especially Rita who showed us all what caring is about, a void has been created that can not be filled. Ar deis Dé go raibh a hanam.

by Josephine Moore.



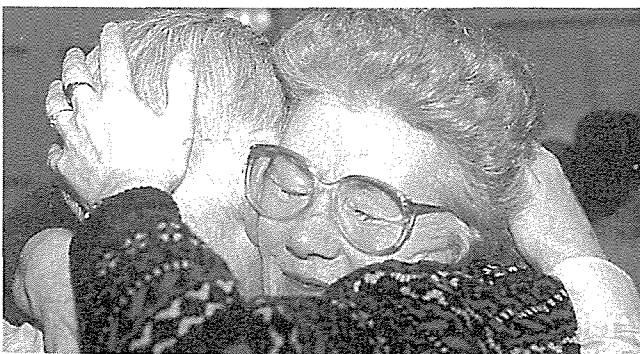
**P.J. Daly and Cissie Dempsey**  
Winner of most Romantic couple competition



**Prize winners at Sen Citizens Valentine Party**  
Maynooth and Johnstown Bridge



**Cast Members of Clane Musical Society Preparing for their show Sweet Charity.**  
L to R Fran Styles, Olga McQuilla, Brigid Loughlin and Sadie O'Reilly.



**P.J. and Cissie in a Clinch**

## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Anybody wishing to take part in St. Patrick's Day Parade with the club, should meet outside Londis at 10.20am. There will be no fancy dress this year, as we have decided to do something different. If you are joining us for the parade bring your goggles and swimming hats with you.  
The Committee

### I.C.A. NOTES

February Meeting was well attended. Preparations for A.I.B. project are under way. The Millennium Quilt has priority at the moment and now that the theme has been agreed upon, work is speeding ahead.

### Competitions

Date for Birds Eye Table Quiz has not been set yet, but will most certainly be before 24th March. Calligraphy design write an invitation to the I.C.A. 90th birthday celebration to be held in R.D.S. in May 2000 closing date April 14th. Patsy Lawler set Dancing, National Final in Roscrea on 29th April. Brooch Cushion Competition.  
1. Mary O'Gorman 2. Jo. O'Connell 3. Margaret Houligan.  
Guild competition for next Month apple tart.

Crafts Continues every Monday night at 8.30p.m..  
Decoupage classes are proceeding very well every Friday morning and evening with an excellent instructor, Evelyn Davitt.

Sport Badminton continues in Parish Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30. New players are always welcome.

The meeting concluded with a wonderful demonstration of glass etching by one of our members, Nell McLoughlin.

### Raffle Winners:

1. Mairead Scanlon
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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## BAND BULLETIN

The highlight of last month was our Millenium Reunion Dinner Dance in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 18th. There was a marvellous mix of current members, past members and loyal supporters all coming together to celebrate the first Maynooth Band to enter a new millenium.

We were delighted to see Lenny and Jody Murphy, Tony Dempsey, Tony Doolan, Brian Redmond, Sean O'Neill and Cissie Dempsey among others back in the fold for the night, is there a chance that they might take it a step further and try their hand with an instrument once more?

Presentations were made to our 93 year old President Phil Brady, who attended for a short while to receive his framed citation, millenium membership certificates for all current band members and the Member of the Year Award to a gobsmacked and speechless secretary John Curran. His untiring work above and beyond the call of duty over the past three years made him the automatic choice for the award in 1999. There were a number of short speeches from old, not so old and new members in the persons of Michael Dempsey a veteran of the 1954 band, Elaine Bean from the late 70s group and the one and only Neil Cusker one of the lates recruits from 1996. All expressed the pleasure they derived from being band members and how they hope to continue their musical association for many, many years.

This year our St.Patricks Day Calendar is once again full to overflowing with our Maynooth Parade kicking off a busy day at 11am quickly followed by the Kilcock Parade at 1.30pm. and winding up with the Enfield Parade at 3 p.m. We are praying for a repeat of last years summerlike weather to make the day enjoyable for all concerned.

We hope to have further news of coming events in our March Bulletin.

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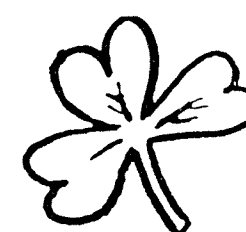
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# Residents Associations

## MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

A delightful and amusing evening was had by all, at our recent club night on the 15th February. Maura Murphy gave us an exquisite demonstration of flower arranging.

The club are delighted to inform members and the public that we raised the grand total of **£5,400** for "The National Council of the Blind". A big thank you to everyone who helped in raising such a large amount of money. It is hoped that this money will go a long way to help the blind community in Kildare and elsewhere. The results of The February competition, Millennium 2000 are as follows.

**A:** 1st Mary Cleary 2nd Noleen O'Brian 3rd Felicity Satchwell Elsa Lawlor V.H.C.

**B:** 1st Rosemary Smyth 2nd Pat Dalton 3rd Maureen Fagan

Janet Mc Cann V.H.C. Moira Baxter H.C. Tony Reid C.

**C:** Amanda Harris 1st

The results of the plant competition 3 stems of any spring flower

Mary Cleary 1st Ann Walker 2nd Moira Baxter 3rd Pam Acton H.C. Sarah Angel C.

On March 7th is our Intermediate Day School with Anne O'Hara. The theme of the day is "New Trends". The class will start on Tuesday at 10 O' Clock and finish at 3.30p.m. The class costs £20 per student and £20 for observers. Venue: Maynooth College.

Our Annual Outing this year will be on May 12th - 14th to the National Festival of flowers, Cork City gaol, where the event will be entitled "Spanning the Bridge of Time". Anyone interested in attending this event will be required to put a deposit of £25 which is non refundable by 7th March. The remaining amount of money must be paid by 15th April. More details at next club night.

Our spring show will be held on 15th - 16th April. The Judge is Candy Holten. The heats for "The Flower Arranger of the year" and the "Inter Club Competitions" will also take place at this event. There will be a great hive of flower arranging activities for these few days. We hope there will be lots of entries at the spring show

Our next club night is 21st March. Our demonstrator is Lucy Brennan.

Competition : A . Dinner Table Exhibit Space: A 75 cms B&C 60cms.

Plant Competition: 3 daffodils (same or mixed)

All meetings are held at 8pm on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth (College except where otherwise stated). Visitors are welcome, entrance fee £3.00 includes refreshments.

Maureen Fagan P.R.O.

## KINGSBRY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the above residents Association will be held in the Boys School in Maynooth on Tuesday 7th March at 8.30 everyone is welcome to attend.

**The Committee**

## MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

At last we have managed to get enough people together to form a committee to keep the summer project going. I know there are also some of you out there who have offered to help us out in July which will be a great help. The committee is as follows: Chairperson- Lorraine Butler, Secretary- Claire O'Rourke, Ass. Secretary - Paula Tracey, Treasurer - Madeline Stynes, P.R.O. - Margaret Loane.

Other members - Mary Farrell, Eilish Cushen, David Lucan, Sheila Hawthorn and Eileen O'Brien.

Unfortunately we are very short of money, so we will have to have a fund-raiser at some time before the project. It is now time to start booking our trips, anybody who has any new ideas please let us know, all new ideas are welcome even though they may not always be used. This year will be catering for Boys and Girls between the ages of 7-13 years. There will be trips both at home and away.

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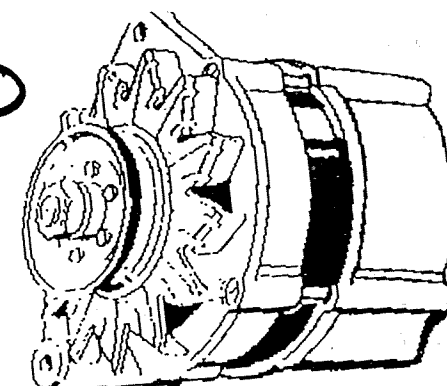
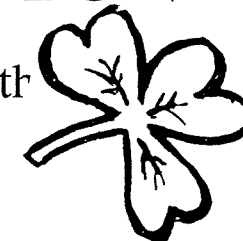
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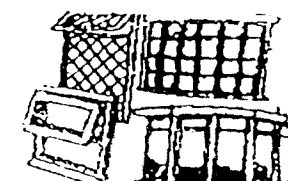
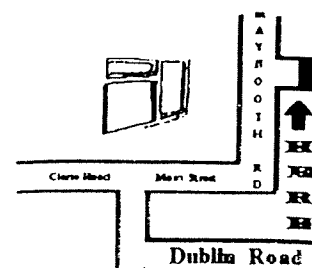
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"Joseph" was made possible by 100 students. They are very talented at music and acting, but also in different areas such as P.R, set design, set construction and costume making. All the students were very committed to making their Musical a very memorable one. It provided them with an opportunity to highlight and share their talents. They showed wonderful enthusiasm and commitment. There is no doubt that they have gained confidence, increased self-esteem and formed friendships, which will be lasting. Personal development is one of the main aims of the Musical. The school is immensely proud of their achievements, five nights of top class sell out performances.

None of this would have been achieved without the vision and optimism of Ms. Mary Murphy, Producer and Ms. Annemarie O' Farrell, Musical Director. They both worked tirelessly with the students to produce a show which was thoroughly professional in every aspect.

We would like to thank the parents of the cast for their support: the teachers who helped out in many different ways: our Patrons and Sponsors and the Parent Teacher Association; also the Businesses in Maynooth who advertised in our programme. Many kind parents donated gifts for our raffle. A special mention to Mrs Lila Flynn who spent a good deal of time making costumes and doing other jobs behind the scenes. A significant financial donation was given by our main sponsor Sean Donovan of LONDIS. This enabled us finance the initial stages of our Musical and we are very grateful for this support.

"Joseph" was a fantastic show and its success hinged on the boundless energy created by the choir, chorus, dancers and the wonderful cast. However, some of the cast have to be highlighted. The narrators displayed beautiful harmony whilst telling us the main story. They were Tara Walsh, Emma O Cinneide, Rachel Cunningham and Pamela Lucas. Ronan O' Brien was electric as Pharoah and exceptional at imitating Elvis. Sam O' Mahony-Adams as Reuben, mesmerized the audience with his fantastic singing voice and there is little doubt that he will make it in the acting world. Jonathan Hanlon as "Joseph" was our star of the show. He immersed himself totally in the part. His acting was superb and his voice was magnificent. He was the perfect person for the part and he endeared himself to the audience. Well done.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our show and we look forward to next years production.

Celine Mc Loughlin  
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Jonathan Hanlon as Joseph



The Cast of Joseph

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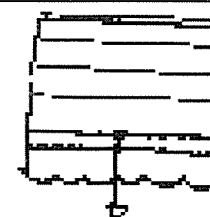
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In this oh so special festival there  
Remember the tiny Shamrock on the ground  
An historic Trinity all can share

While the trumpets blow, the drums beat  
To the sound of marching display  
All the floats looking so neat  
A time to really make your day  
Plenty of colour to be seen  
Children really show their best  
Young life making the gleam  
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So let the sun shine and shine  
To view massive floats story to tell  
All the swerving and dancing in perfect time  
While the day cast its spectacular spell  
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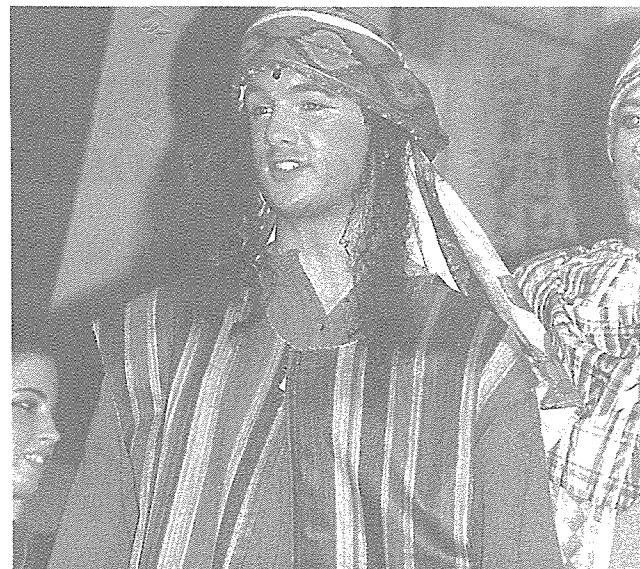
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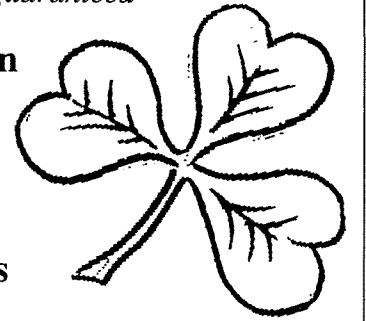
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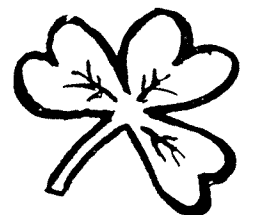
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Results	Line Up	
3 Furrow	W. Connolly	1st.
3 Furrow Std.	Keith Worrell	1st.
Vintage Trailer	V.Wray & Ralph Foster	joint 1st.
Vintage Mounted	L.P.Hand	1st.

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Watch out for our entries on St. Patricks Day.

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Noel Cummins Winner Single Furrion Vintage  
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Nicholas Higgins Rathmolyon 2 Furrion Mounted

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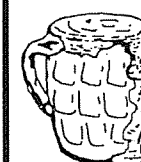
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### ST. PATRICKS DAY.

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The day Patrick turned the sod, i.e. the first day of spring.

Gardeners traditionally planted their first early potatoes, weather permitting, it was not unusual to have snowfalls on the feast day, indeed our parade was cancelled once in the late 70s because of snow.

Traditionally the band paraded after 11.30am mass and afterwards people went to Croke Park to watch the Railway Cup football and hurling finals, or to Baldoyle races for the opening of the flat season. Others regularly visited the Hills of Tara and Slane and for some unknown reason Allen?

In the war years there were military parades composed of the Band, L.D.F and L.S.F and a detachment from the army.

On the cessation of hostilities, the parade resorted to the band again.

The instigation of Dublin's Industrial Parade drew many spectators from Maynooth, until some enterprising locals inaugurated our own parade, which in a few years grew into the largest outside of Dublin, and is still growing attracting entries from the hinterland and further afield. Indeed our parade was the vanguard for which other local towns and villages followed in latter years.

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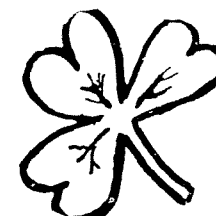
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Outside the dance hall Charity's innocent vulnerability is repeatedly taken advantage of, starting with a boyfriend pushing her into a lake while stealing her life savings. Our heroine later has to spend the night in the closet of Italian screen idol Vittorio Vidal - while he reconciles with his beautiful girlfriend Ursula!!

Charity's 'real' chance for happiness comes when the fickle finger of fate traps her in an elevator with a claustrophobic tax accountant, Oscar Lindquist - who also seems to be in search of..... 'something'. Charity joins Oscar at a service at the Rhythm of Life Church led by Reverend Daddy Brubeck, the spiritual leader was a former San Francisco Jazz Group turned Religious Cult.

Romance ensues only to falter when Oscar sees Charity in her place of employment. Can Charity stay wide-eyed and hopeful in her search for love through all her trials and tribulations?

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### The Cast (Principals only):

Charity Hope Valentine	Edel Marron
Oscar Lindquist	Francesco Fusco
Vittorio Vidal	Aidan Donoghue
Nickie	Helena Reynolds
Helene	Angela Clifford
Daddy Brubeck	Alan Maleady
Ursula March	Marie Reynolds
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Betsy	Nickki Devine
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Manfred	Aidan Gately

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

The shows big numbers include "Big Spender", "If they could see me now", and "The rhythm of life".

It's a hilarious comedy - **Book early one visit wont be enough!!**

### Clane Musical Society

C.M.S. was founded in 1983 Marie Hickey and Maureen McCormack. Every year since then they have performed a show (exception 1987).

Anne Noonan - Chairperson, was a founder member. Sadie O'Reilly was the first Stage Manager, has been a cast

member for numerous years - is Treasurer this year.

The Boyfriend, the societies first show was rehearsed and staged in six week's Showboat in 1988 - there were 76 on stage! This year there are 55 members approx.

**Mary Power-Cooney:** Director/Choreographer  
Involved since 1996, Choreography 1996/97/98. Director 1999/2000

**Brian Brady:** Musical Director  
This is his eight show with Clane.

**Trish Fusco:** Wardrobe Mistress  
Involved since 1988.

**Marie Cusack:** Stage Manager  
Involved in stage management, design and construction since 1986.

Musical Society cast and crew have been involved in other productions recently:

- **'The King and I'** - The National Concert Hall, August 1999, January 2000.
- **'Aisling'** an original production by Seán Purcell, local writer, July 1999.
- **A.I.M.S. Concert** - National Concert Hall, November 1999.

Clane Musical Society prides itself on being a friendly society always open to craic, new experience and challenges. Working hard at rehearsals and enjoyable unwinding in the pub after equally is portant! Rehearsals are from October to March each year. The society keeps ticking over the summer with Bar-b-ques, trips away and of course our post show HAIMS Awards ceremony that leaves the Oscar in the shadows!!

C.M.S. is affiliated to **A.I.M.S.** (Association of Irish Musical Societies)  
A.I.M.S. was founded with the objective of assisting individual member societies to stage musical shows and operettas. Also to promote the improvement in the standard of such productions. Each year the association has an Awards Ceremony.

Clane has been nominated for and won award categories:

- 1989 - Best chorus - South Pacific
- 1990 - Best Male Singer - Tom Kenny, Oklahoma
- 1992 - Best Sets - Paul Morris, The Mikado
- 1993 - Best chorus - Finians Rainbow
- 1994 - Best chorus - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
- 1997 - **Award for Unsung Hero - Mary Kelly Trophy - Anne Noonan**
- 1998 - Best Supporting Actor - Stephen Coleman, Oklahoma
- 1998 - Best Supporting Actress - Angela Clifford, Oklahoma
- 1999 - **Award for Best Sets - Marie Cusack, Best Little Whorehouse in Texas**

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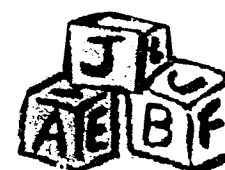
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### A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

William Farrelly, a young Maynooth man, at the tender age of eighteen, has already achieved what most young boys/girls can only dream of.

To date William has received four caps representing his country playing soccer at various levels. A son to Liam and Christina, he was born on the 24th October 1981 and is living at 856 Greenfield along with his sister Tanya and brother Paul.

As in many cases, William's first introduction to the game was participating in the general melee of pursuing a very elusive round plastic object up and down his estate. His father "smoker" one of the best centre forwards Maynooth has ever produced, recognised, from an early stage, William's flair and enthusiasm for the sport and became very involved and supportive of him.

William joined Rangers F.C. in the E.B.S. South Dublin schoolboy's league under seven section. Here he remained for seven seasons, playing centre forward for the team enjoying moderate success, as when Rangers won the under tens League and cup.

William then signed up with Belvedere F.C. again assuming the centre forward role in the team. This move proved to be a great success. In his first year with Belvedere, he had a trial with Crew Alexandria when he was just fifteen years of age.

A further testament to his ability and talent was proven when Belvedere was beaten in the all Ireland under seventeen cup final, but, nonetheless, William was chosen as **"MAN OF THE MATCH"**. It is a rare occasion for a player of a defeated team to receive this honour.

His other achievements during this period were playing for Dublin and Leinster schoolboys in inter provincial competitions.

During this period also, William's prowess in front of goal did not go unnoticed and he was offered further trials with English clubs under age teams. Recounting his experience and impressions of these trials William recalls how, when trying out in England, with Crew Alexandria for one week, he felt homesick, missing his family and friends.

While on trial with Sunderland, he toured with them in France at under sixteen level and played in three games. He was brought on in the first two and scored the winning goals and was chosen to start for the third game. Again playing under seventeen he played for Wimbledon against Everton.

William also had trials with Millwall during this period but he was disappointed with his time there as he felt their programme for trials was inadequate.

However, his trial with Coventry proved more rewarding and during the summer of '99 he played for the club in an under nineteens tournament.

In February of '99, while studying after school in Maynooth Post Primary, William's father arrived to tell him that he had been chosen for the Irish schools under eighteen squad, and would have to leave immediately. After frantic preparations they met up with the rest of the squad in Dublin Airport, and from there he departed to take part in the first fixture of the Celtic cup, a tournament comprised of teams from England,

Northern Ireland, Wales and of course Ireland.

The first match was against the "Old enemy" England, at Portman road (Ipswich Town), and William can still recall the emotion he felt coming out of the tunnel onto the pitch in front of a crowd of over three thousand spectators and how proud he felt when he stood to attention with the rest of the Irish squad for the playing of our national anthem. It was in this match that William obtained his first cap, brought on with ten minutes to go, assisting Ireland in its two nil victory.

The next game saw Ireland travelling north to Dungannon where William secured his second cap by coming on in the last twenty minutes and scoring the winner, leaving the final score, Northern Ireland one, Ireland two.

Playing at home against Wales, at Waterford R.S.C. grounds, William was selected to play from the start. Earning his third cap, he found the back of the net once again, with Ireland victorious, by four goals to nil and winning the Celtic cup in the process.

In January of this year, he was selected by Brian Kerr to play against a Northern Ireland under eighteen selection in a friendly in Newry. Introduced to the game in the second half, William gained his fourth cap.

On reading the above account of William's sporting achievements one could be forgiven for thinking that there was not enough spare time left for anything else. Not so!

William has been playing Gaelic football with Maynooth since he was nine years of age. Here again he has showed his commitment and involvement to his sport.

As recently as last year, William was playing at wing forward position when Maynooth beat St. Kevins in the Kildare Intermediate Championship final in Newbridge. In being both a committed Gaelic and soccer player, William is following in a family tradition.

At the moment, William's is serving his apprenticeship as a brick layer under the guidance of "BERSO'S" skilful and experienced eyes, and though quite coy about his future plans, he did confess his ambition to play with one of the Dublin teams in the national league and who knows thereafter.

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### MAYNOOTH SOCIAL AND WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Our committee is busy doing up the basement of the Parochial House to use for our tea mornings after Mass. There are also a couple of other groups who are going to use it. We are still looking for tradesmen to help out. Just an hour or two of your time would help. Our cake-sale and tea after Mass on 27th went well, thanks to all who attended and supported us. Next tea morning last Sunday in March after 10.15 am Mass.

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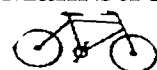
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## TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS

As we know St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many areas around the world and it may be the event that gets people to consider gathering information about their Irish ancestors. There are also a growing number of people in Ireland who are putting together their family trees.

Most visitors to this country don't leave enough time to trace their ancestors. Having spent a very short time on a work exchange programme in the Genealogy Office in Kildare Street, I found that visitors usually left their ancestor tracing until the last two days of their holiday.

In order to gain any headway in the search for ones ancestors it is necessary to try and have certain basic information - names, place of birth (townland, parish or county), idea of dates and religion. The Genealogy Office as part of the National Library offer a searching service for a fee. They can be contacted on the Internet at [www.heanet.ie/natlib/familyresearch.html](http://www.heanet.ie/natlib/familyresearch.html). For Americans it is especially easy for them to get a lot of information before they come to Ireland through Family Search: Internet Genealogy Service. This is a resource compiled by the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Utah for tracing ones ancestors. Their website is <http://www.familysearch.org/>.

For those who have more time on their hands and who may not have connection to the web, tracing your Irish Ancestors by John Grenham (Gill and Macmillan, 1992) is an excellent guide for the visitor and Irish person alike. It gives information on and where major sources are available e.g. civil records, wills, emigration records, registry of deeds, newspapers and directories. It also has sections on occupations, a county source list and research services to mention some.

We have all heard at some stage of the relative who emigrated to America and who lost contact with the family, not an uncommon situation. The website Ancestry.com (which charges a small quarterly or annual fee) provides access to a large number of American searchable databases such as social security death index, vital, church, military, census records, court, land and probate records, immigration and naturalisation records, directories, shipping lists, periodicals and newspapers. It also provides a notice board facility where one can post messages and receive answers about relative(s). A newsletter will be sent via your e-mail on a regular basis, but it is the databases that are the strength of this website. Well worth using even for a quarter session. Other websites which may be of interest are:  
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The last few months have been very busy ones for all in Maynooth Boys' School. The dust had hardly settled on Santa, decorations and the Christmas Concert when the new year began with more activities.

Top of the pops for the pupils was the visit of the circus to the Parish Hall. Bananas in Pyjamas entertained the Junior Infants, First Class loved the clowns. Third Classes enjoyed the magician while the bigger boys were charmed by the snake charmer.

Preparations are in top gear for Confirmation in the Sixth Classes and the choir is working hard to get ready for the ceremony on 1 March 2000. The boys who are making their confirmaion have agreed to donate some of their "earnings" to Bothar and buy a goat to send to an African family. They also get to name the goat so there will be some explaining to do when a goat called Grundy, Mc Bride or Mullan lands in Africa.

The Chess Club meets every Thursday in the school and has started playing other schools under guidance of Gerry Mc Cann. Rehearsals are under way for the production of Oliver which will take to the boards in June. Indoor Football is going well for First and Second Classes every Thursday afternoon while Speech and Drama and Irish Dancing Classes are in full swing.

Junior infant's parents had their first parent teacher meetings in February and some of the boys had great fun showing parents the new fish tank, photographs and art in the school and even how to use the school computers in the computer room.

The Parents' Association have also been very busy and are planning their Annual Function. It takes place in the GAA Club on Friday 10 March. Tickets are available from the school and all are welcome to come along.

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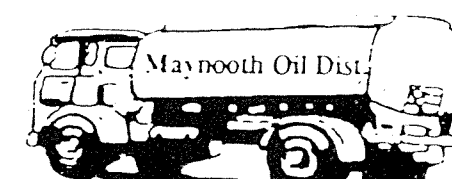


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FINE GAEIL NOTES

**Meadowbrook Link**  
The Leixlip Area Committee, at its recent meeting on February 4th last, viewed the proposed alignment of the new Meadowbrook Road link.

The road will be 7.3 meters wide with a cycle lane and footpath. Residents of Kingsbry, whose property bounds the proposed road link will be pleased that the Council has agreed to include a two metre high wall along the line of the road as a security measure. A map outlining the proposed alignment will be on public display during the coming week, said Cllr. Griffin.

Cllr. Senan Griffin welcomed the Council's decision to accept his proposal for the erection of a proposed wall, which he said, was a matter of grave concern for the residents adjacent to the proposed Meadowbrook link: Kingsbry, Meadowbrook and the estates of Rathcoffey Road. Work is expected to commence about September 2000.

**Doctor's Lane**  
Cllr. Senan Griffin, said that the closure of Doctor's Lane was discussed at the recent Leixlip Area Meeting, where a further report highlighted the difficulties in placing traffic calming measures along the Lane.

The engineer in charge made suggestions for the continuation of the Main Street footpath along the Dublin Road, so as to prevent traffic entering the Lane from the Dublin Road end, but he accepted that this solution could have complications for three or four houses on the Dunboyne Road. A detailed plan for the area is to be prepared and Cllr. Senan Griffin insisted that this plan should include in its design, proposals for the elimination of surface water in this area.

**Provision of Wall at Moyglare Village**  
The provision of a front boundary wall at Moyglare Village was discussed at length at the recent Leixlip Area Committee, when Councillors were informed that the cost would be in the region of £35,000.

The cost factor came as a surprise to the Area Councillors and it was agreed that all applications for grants will be discussed at the Discretionary Grant meeting in early March.

**Traffic Calming Measures**  
The County Manager has agreed, said Cllr. Senan Griffin, to provide adequate funds to pay for the construction of a pilot traffic calming measure scheme at River Forest, Leixlip.

Kildare County Council engineers have prepared a design which, if successful, will be used throughout the County. Monies to provide such measures will be made available in the Estimates and it is hoped to construct as many traffic calming schemes as possible.

**Toll Bridge - Liffey Bridge, Leixlip**  
The Department of the Environment, following a motion from Cllr. Senan Griffin, has agreed to provide a sum of £20,000 to carry out a survey on the condition of the toll bridge at Leixlip.

**Flooding in Dun Carrig, Leixlip**  
Kildare County Council engineers, in response to a motion from Cllr. Senan Griffin, have provided a costing of £100,000 to correct the problem of flooding at Dun Carrig Estate, Leixlip.

Cllr. Griffin, in refusing to accept the costing, stated that he

could visualise how the Council could be held responsible if the flooding continues to occur at a number of houses in the estate.

Flooding is caused during periods of heavy rainfall, cascading from the Captain's Hill, down the retaining wall into the rear of a number of houses in Dun Carrig.

Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed the view that the situation is totally unacceptable to the residents concerned and should be corrected by laying a surface water pipe along Captain's Hill.

**Main Street, Maynooth and Main Street, Leixlip**  
The County Secretary, Mr. Tommy Skehan, has informed Cllr. Senan Griffin that a snag list has been prepared for the Main Streets of Maynooth and Leixlip and that this list has been handed to the contractors. The quality of some of the finished work leaves a lot to be desired said Cllr. Griffin and requested that urgent correction is required before further deterioration takes place.

Street names from the Map of Historical Towns 1750 should be used when street nameplates are being erected in the towns, said Cllr. Senan Griffin.

**Sports and Recreational Facilities for 2000**  
Capital Expenditure has been increased by 475% from £8.5m in 1997 to £49m in the Estimates for 2000. Deputy Bernard Durkan was told in a recent reply from the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation in response to his continued representations for additional facilities at both local and national level.

The breakdown is as follows:

- Sports Capital Programme from the National Lottery 15.2m
- Swimming Pools £15m
- 50 metre Swimming Pool - almost £6m.
- Croke Park ; final £6m of £20m support.

Applications are open to local community based projects, national and regional projects. Latest date for receipt of applications is 5.00 p.m on February 11th 2000.

Location of sporting facilities at national and regional level, is done on a consultative basis with national organisations and with the Irish Sports Council.

**Ireland's Water Quality**  
Water, Water everywhere and still the Minister of the Environment does not believe that the EU is taking Ireland to court on the poor quality of its water. Deputy Bernard Durkan has made numerous representations to the Minister for the Environment regarding this issue but the Minister's only defence is to refer to the report on Water Quality in Ireland 1995-1997 for further information.

The report clearly identifies localised problems due, for example, to bacteriological contamination and elevated nitrate values. Local Authorities, Deputy Durkan was told have overall responsibility for their own areas and the E.P.A. is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of information databases.

**Housing Needs**  
46,000 houses, both public and private were completed in 1999. The National Development Plan provides the



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framework to facilitate the provision of 500,000 houses over the next ten years. £7bn investment for social and affordable housing will ensure that the social housing needs of over 90,000 households will be met with Government assistance over the period of the Plan (10 years?).

Deputy Bernard Durkan in commenting on the Minister's reply said that if this plan is as effective over the next ten years as in the past year, it will take twenty years to stabilise the shortage of houses and another twenty to meet the housing needs - this is totally unacceptable to the many people on housing lists throughout the country and who are now urgently in need of a home, he said.

### Did you know ...

That according to the 1991 Census, there were 81,424 private rented dwellings in 1991 compared with 90,315 ten years earlier. These represent 8% and 10% respectively of the total number of households.

The 1997 Labour Force Survey indicated that there were 131,600 private rented dwellings representing 11% of the total. Corresponding information has been collected in the Quarterly National Household Survey in quarter three of 1998 and 1999, which the CSO hopes to be in a position to publish shortly.

"I am totally astounded by this reply", said Deputy Durkan. "It is clear to me that apart from the Minister and his Department not being able to resolve the housing crisis, they don't seem to think it worthwhile to offer a comprehensive and informative reply to serious questions" he said.

### Widespread Flooding

The Planning and Development Bill 1999, will allow local authorities to make it an objective of development plans to regulate, restrict and control development in areas at risk of flooding (whether inland or coastal), the Minister recently informed Deputy Bernard Durkan following his continued representations regarding areas of the country constantly under flooding during 1999.

### Maynooth Castle

Commencement on the site at Maynooth Castle is scheduled to begin in February 2000 with a view to completion by year end, Deputy Bernard Durkan has recently been informed by the Minister.

The first stage is a stand-alone scheme, which involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities.

Estimates cost of Phase I has risen to £1.3m based on tenders received. £110,000 was spend at end of 1999 and the total expenditure in the current year is expected to reach £1.1 million.

Deputy Bernard Durkan in welcoming the commencement of works at the Castle, said it was imperative that both phases be completed and urged the Minister to ensure that the necessary funding would be made available.

### Donadea Castle

Donadea Castle is not in State ownership and Duchas, the Heritage Service has no plans for its restoration.

The Castle is a recorded National Monument and therefore is afforded legal protection under the National Monument

(amendment) Act, 1994. Under Section 12(3) of this Act, the owner or occupier must give two months written notice of any proposals to carry out works at the site.

Deputy Durkan in commenting on the Minister's reply said he was disappointed that such an amenity could not be developed and the Castle restored to its former glory. It would benefit the local area and surrounding environs and would attract many tourists to that area of Kildare.

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## LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### Council Secures An Additional £360,000 for Maynooth Main Street Improvement Works

Council officials advised Councillors at Leixlip Area Meeting on 4th February that the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) had agreed to give a further £360,000 for Maynooth Main Street Improvement works. When this is added to the Special Development Levies on Kavanaghs Mills (£225,000) and the Maynooth Shopping Centre (£68,000) there should be enough money to complete the improvement works on Mill Street/Kilcock Road and Carton Avenue entrance/Dublin Road.

A plan will now be drawn up for this work for the approval of the Area Committee. In line with Cllr. John McGinley's motion, signage for all streets and back lanes will be part of this plan and it is hoped to have proposals for the next area meeting.

### Parson Street

Cllr. John McGinley asked the engineers at the Area Meeting to implement the agreed traffic calming measures for Parson Street without any further delay. This was agreed and as the County Manager was present it should happen. Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for consideration of the Area Meeting: "that the damaged wall in Parson Street be rebuilt without any further delay"

### Iarnrod Eireann Planning Application in Silken Vale:

Cllr. John McGinley has objected to this Planning Application for "Access Maintenance gate" by Iarnrod Eireann, from Silken Vale (adjacent to No.27). There is no need for such a gate and Iarnrod Eireann should be told to use their own property to gain access. Cllr. McGinley has asked that this Planning Application be included on the Agenda for the Area Meeting on 3rd March.

### Meadowbrook Link With Straffan Road on Public Display:

Plans for the Meadowbrook Link with the Straffan road went on Public Display in Maynooth Library on 11 February. They will be on display until 10 March and the public have until 24 March to make submissions to the County Secretary. Cllr. John McGinley has already asked that his proposals for piping the stream at Meadowbrook, joining up the back garden walls and creating two new green areas be included and this has been agreed by the Design Engineer. Cllr. McGinley has also asked that the green area triangle, between the new road and Kingsbry (at the Straffan Road) be hard core and dome shaped, instead of landscaping. The plan includes for a 2m wall to be built adjacent to the Kingsbry hedge. Cllr. McGinley would appreciate if residents sent him copies of any submissions that they are making to the council and if they want any clarifications please ring him at 6285293H or 7026536W.

### Bond Bridge Plans Goes on Public Display

The Plans for Bond Bridge went on Public Display in

Maynooth Library on 9 February. They will be on display until 8 March and the public have until 22 March to make submissions to the County Secretary. The objections already made by Cllr. McGinley will be taken into account i.e. vehicular access to the station, stone finish on walls, pedestrian entrance to the College.

### Parking of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) in Housing Estates

As a follow on from Deputy Emmet Stagg's successful initiative in Celbridge Cllr. John McGinley has written to all Residents Associations in Maynooth asking them if they have a problem with HGV's parking in their Estates. The Council are now preparing a scheme to ban the parking of HGV's in a number of housing estates in Celbridge as a result of Deputy Stagg motion. When Residents Associations identify a problem with HGV's Cllr. McGinley will ask the Leixlip Area Committee to adopt a similar policy for Maynooth.

### Rockfield/Parklands/Railpark Green Triangle

Following requests from Residents Cllr. McGinley has asked the Leixlip area Committee of the Council to agree to fund the installation of additional Public Lighting in this location. The improved lighting is required in the interests of public safety and to help discourage young people congregating in the area. Cllr. McGinley has asked for three double lights to be installed.

### Area at Bottom of Kingsbry Adjoining Meadowbrook

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council agreed to remove the slabs from this area, to lay a 2m wide path and to landscape either side. The work has not been carried out so far because the Councillor cannot get a contractor to do it. The Celtic Tiger has them all too busy for such a small job. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to combine this job with other small jobs to make it more attractive for contractors. If there are any contractors willing to do such work please contact the Area Engineer, Elish Murray, at the council Office in Maynooth.

### Traffic Route Public Lighting on Rathcoffey road:

Despite the fact that the E.S.B. submitted an estimate for this work ten weeks ago the Council have still not issued the E.S.B. with an order to do the work. These lights have been paid for by the residents of Parsons Hall and Castledawson through development levies on their houses.

The lives of people are being put at risk through the inaction of the Council. All it takes is a letter to the E.S.B. instructing them to proceed with the work. Cllr. McGinley has demanded that the Council do so immediately.

### Doctors Lane

The Road Design Engineer advised the Area Committee there were two options to make Doctors Lane safer:

A. The construction of the works agreed in the Maynooth town Improvement Plan in 1996 with the omission of the bollards at the end of the lane. Emergency vehicles could

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gain access by mounting the footpath and other vehicles would be deterred from using the lane. The estimated cost is £25,000 to £30,000

B. The provision of ramps on the lane at a cost of £15,000.

Seeing that the money is now in place to complete town Improvement Works it is likely that Option A will be the one agreed.

### £776,000 for Barberstown to Maynooth Road

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the recent announcement by the Department of the Environment of a further allocation of £776,000 for improvement works on the Barberstown to Maynooth Road.

A sum of £200,000 was provided in 1999 for works at Dowdstown and Windgates and the funding of £776,000 will allow for 1.4km of improvement works in 2000. The work to be undertaken this year will be the section from Windgates to Barberstown Cross.

### Obelisk left high and dry

The Minister for Arts has advised Deputy Stagg that restoration works to the Obelisk will not start in 2000 and that the Department are concentrating on the restoration of Castletown House.

Deputy Stagg has indicated that this is not acceptable given the 8% increase in the Minister's Capital Budget in 2000. He further indicated that the restoration of the Obelisk should be treated as a stand alone project and not linked to Castletown House Restoration Works. Deputy Stagg will pursue the matter further with Minister de Valera.

### One Stop Shop on Hold

In 1998 Minister Dempsey approved funding of £200,000 for the provision of a Council One Stop Shop in Maynooth. Since then nothing has happened.

Deputy Emmet Stagg raised this matter with the Minister and he has advised that the Council are at present in negotiations in relation to the purchase of a site in Naas for a new Headquarters for the Council. The provision of one stop shop will be looked at following the completion of this process.

Deputy Stagg has indicated that the provision of the one stop shop in Maynooth will make the Council more accessible for residents of the area and that he would raise the issue with the Co. Manager.

### Maynooth Castle Restoration

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Arts that a contractor has been appointed for Phase 1 of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle and that work will commence in February.

Over £1 Million will be spent on the works which include the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the 1st Floor. Small scale guide and visitor facilities will also be provided.

Deputy Stagg will press the Minister to provide funding in 2001 for Phase 2 of the restoration works which include the provision of an auditorium and roof on the Castle Keep.

### £20 Refuse Waiver Application Fee abolished

The attempt by the Kildare Co. Council Manager to impose a £20 Refuse Waiver application fee has been rescinded by Kildare Co. Council.

Deputy Emmet Stagg forced the abolition of the fee at the Council meeting held on Monday 14th February.

Pensioners and people on Social Welfare should now apply for their waiver.

### Permanent Recognition granted for Maynooth Gaelscoil

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that he has granted permanent recognition to Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich, Maynooth.

The recognition is effective from 1st September 1999 and will have an immediate benefit of increasing the grant aid for rent to the Gaelscoil from 75% to 95%. The school at present pay £300 towards the rent of their premises and this will now reduce to £60 per month.

The principal benefit of the move from Temporary Recognition to Permanent Recognition is that the Department will now grant aid the site purchase and building of a new school for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich.

Deputy Stagg congratulates the staff and parents of the Gaelscoil on the successful conclusion of this campaign and assured them of his support and that of Cllr. John McGinley's in their campaign to find a suitable site for a new school.



Tom & Mary Deane

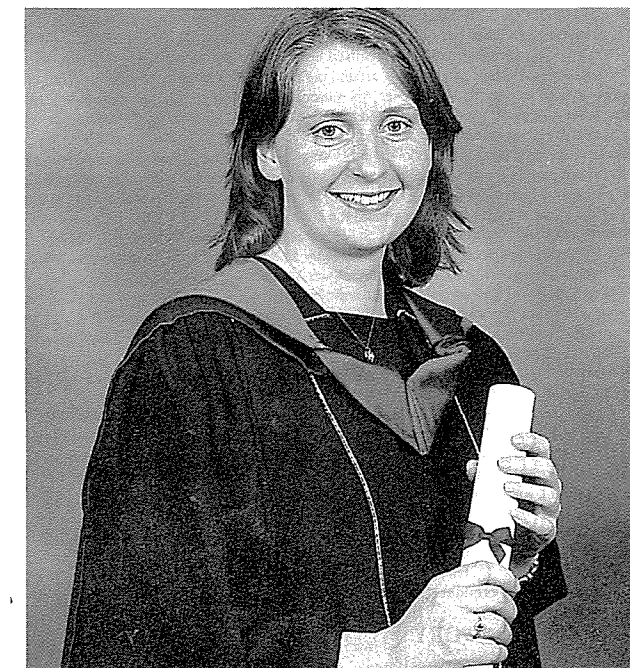
## Sport

### MAYNOOTH TOWN LADIES SOCCER

Calling all budding Soccer Players. The Ladies soccer team have commenced training after their winter break. The team are looking for new players to join them for the new season. If you are 15 years or over (no upper age limit applies) and are interested in playing ladies soccer, the team train in the Post Primary school gym on Monday nights 8-9.30pm. (entrance by the back door). Further details are available from Melanie Oliver 6291153.

### FACULTY OF HEALTH AND OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Congratulations. To Miss Dymphna Murtagh, who recently graduated from the Napier University of Edinburgh. Dymphna is the youngest daughter of Albert and Stasia Murtagh of 88 Crinstown, Maynooth. She received her degree at the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh and her family travelled to Edinburgh for the graduation. We wish her all the best in her future career in Nursing. She is now nursing in Beaumont Hospital in Dublin.



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VALENTINE JOURNEY OF LOVE

I stood there for an hour, maybe more. The slanting rain mingled with the tears on my face, tears of humiliation and rejection. That was it he was gone for good. I stood alone at the bus stop oblivious to the crowd waiting with me. Several buses had come and gone but I remained, still hoping against hope that he would show up with that cheeky grin of his and laughingly beg for forgiveness, as he had done so often in the past. We weren't really going out. It was more that whenever he was in town he would call me and fool that I am I would drop everything and run. I was at his beck and call and he knew it which was why I was constantly being stood up, left paying the bill or left waiting by the phone night after night, I don't know why—he never called. Why did I do all this? I don't know, maybe I fancied myself to be in love, but no more from now on I would be aloof and unneedy. Oh yes I would be a whole new woman!!!

"Hello", a cheery voice assailed me and my heart leapt as I saw John, tall, blond, good-looking John, approaching me. And instantly sank again---- I couldn't let him know that I had been stood up.

John and I had first met several months through mutual friends at a party and I had felt instantly attracted to him. His piercing blue eyes had sparkled with warmth and humour, and his generous mouth had creased into a large smile to display even rows of perfect white teeth. I'd had a great night at that party. We'd talked and laughed together all evening but although we'd met several times since our conversation had been limited to a quick hello and a few brief pleasantries.

I inwardly groaned as I realised how terrible I must look. My makeup, so carefully applied, had run, my hair hung limply around my face and my eyes were swollen from crying. John however looked as immaculate as ever, his muscular body was encased in light blue jeans and a new suede jacket. "Are you alright?" he asked and the concern in his eyes made me start crying again. I looked away, embarrassed to be crying in front of him. "Are you getting on the bus" he queried, the kindness and worry were unmistakable in his voice. In my misery I hadn't noticed a bus pulling up and the throng of people embarking. What could I say, I mean there I was standing at a bus stop in the rain, what else could I have been doing but waiting for a bus? Pride would not allow me to admit that I was waiting for someone who hadn't respected me enough to show up. "Well"? he repeated the question. "Oh, mm, yes I am", I stuttered, "Are you?" He paused and then answered, "Of course"

The bus was packed. We sat side by side squashed into the little seats, without saying a word. I can't tell you what took place on that wet Valentines Day on a crowded bus bringing us into town. I can't tell you how every time our arms brushed against each other sparks flew. I can't let you know how we shot furtive glances at each other at precisely the same moment and both smiled secret little smiles. I can't tell you how he took my hand in his and a wave of pure happiness surged through me. And I can't possibly tell you we simultaneously reached over and kissed, going past Heuston station, along the Quays, again passing McDonalds on O Connell St. and how we were still kissing when the bus stopped for a final time on Middle Abbey St.

Later as we sat hands entwined, eyes locked over steaming cups of coffee I told him the entire saga of how I had been stood up but couldn't admit it and when I was finished I turned to him and asked "Why did you come into town?" He laughed sheepishly and then coughed and said "because you did and I knew I wanted to be with you. I'd follow you anywhere, if you'll let me!" "Oh you are silly, why didn't you tell me you didn't need to go to town" I exclaimed as I threw my arms around him.

I suppose Shakespeare was right when he said 'If thou remember'st not the slightest folly that ever loved did make thee run into, Thou has not loved"

Three years later we are still together and still very much in love. I will never forget the journey that brought us together, like the love fools that we are.

VALENTINE STORY

In the early morning I walked alone, along the river bed totally immersed in feelings of the heart. I felt myself a great guy sending several Valentine Cards to all the girls I knew. I wrote all those Valentine rhymes on expensive cards just looking for notice or a way to comfort my loneliness. All those Valentine cards just with appealing words that I posted away and got no reply. And I wonder to myself what's wrong, nobody gives me an answer to my plea.

I sat down against a giant oak tree reminising and with awaery heart that lingered. I feltso hopeless about it all. But then I heard a girls voice that was familiar to me. In my desperation, and soon to re- awaking surprize I knew it was Sally "Thanks for for the Valentine card" she said "and I am sure you have posted many more. I want to tell you Patrick" she replied "Can you not see that all you need to say are three words better than all the Valentine's Card's Companies have made." I looked into her precious face noticing that both of us had a want of love in our eyes. We both looked at each other in eagerness. "I love you Sally" I said and "I also love you too Patrick" Then all was well.

Both of us uplifted, we became Cupid for all time. As we walked slowly down the river Glen holding hands firmly. The sunshine shone on both of us. A king I felt by her side with love, chatter and plans for a new future together from these three most important words, "I love you" dwelled within us forever more.

Patrick Murray

Winners of the most Romantic Valentine Story

First prize Rachel Watson,

Second Prize Anthony Cleary

Third Prize Patrick Murry

As Time goes By.....14th February 2000

I  
It's been four months and twelve days,  
Though it seems more like four years,  
We've had good times and smiles,  
And once or twice tears.

II  
It began in October,  
Just a quiet Friday night,  
I thought, this could maybe happen,  
Thank God I was right.

III  
We went on through November,  
And my birthday as well,  
I thought, too good to be true,  
Only time would tell.

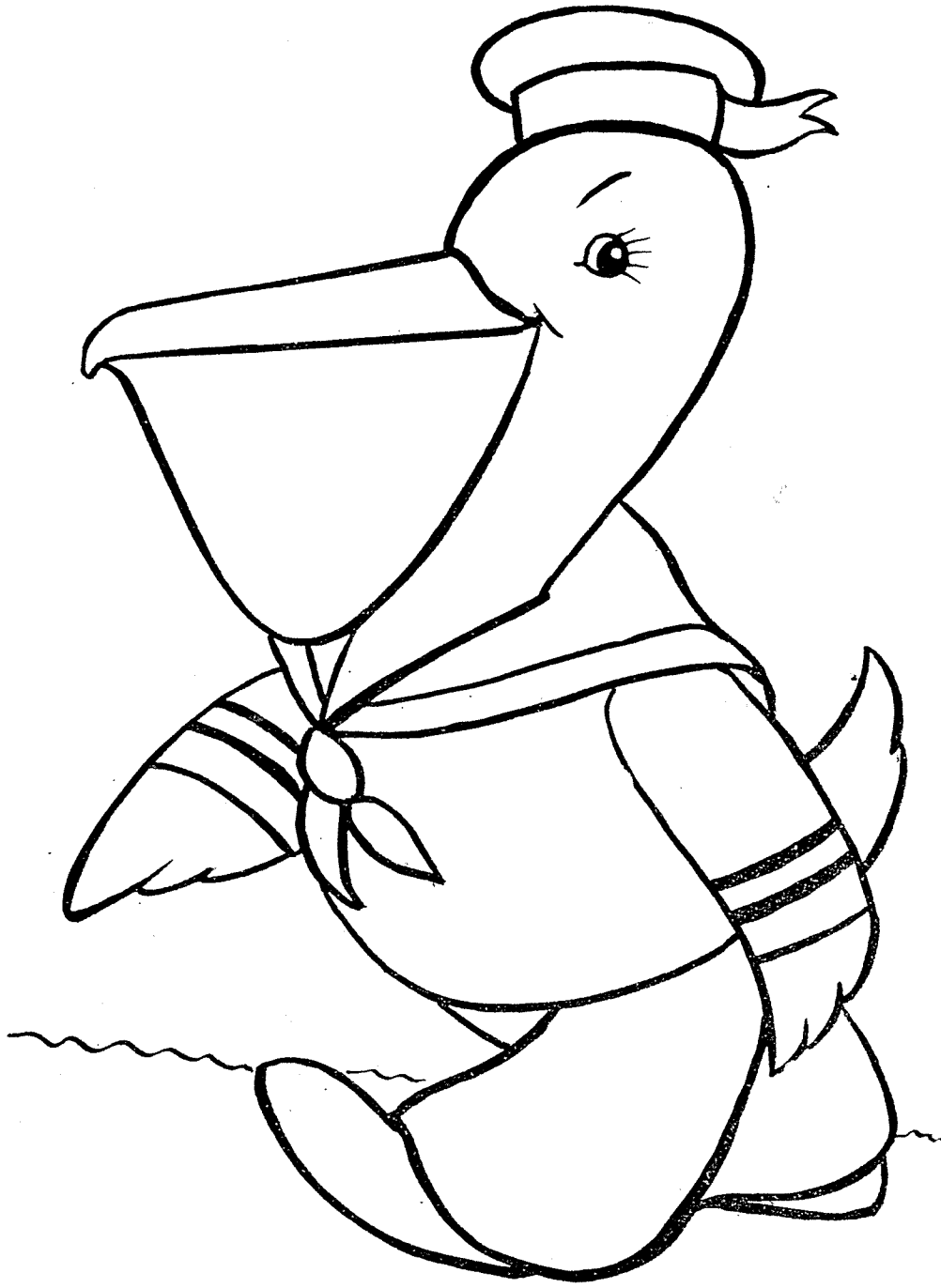
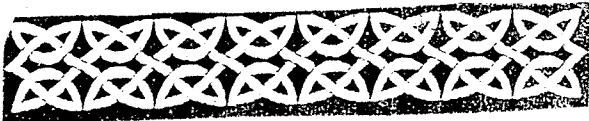
IV  
December had come around,  
Christmas had passed,  
I think, I believe,  
This really can last.

V  
The last month of dark Winter,  
Was cold, wet and long,  
But we're still here together,  
We're still going strong.

VI  
February's half over,  
Spring's on the way,  
A smile upon your face,  
Can light up my day.

VII  
So love me forever, like you did at the start,  
I'll write a verse every month, straight from my heart,  
It could seem wrong, it might not always rhyme,  
It might seem stupid, or make no sense at the time,  
But each word is a kiss, there's a hug on each line,  
I'll write for nobody else, you're my last Valentine.

Anthony Cleary



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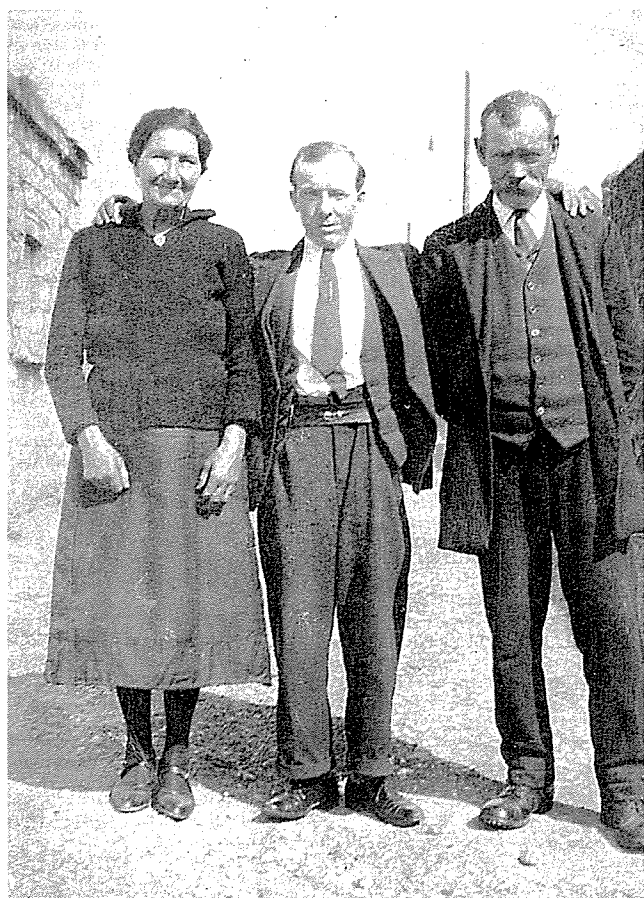
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This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds.  
Closing date for receipt of entries is **Monday 21st March** by 5 pm.



# Faces From Maynooth's Past



Elizabeth, Joseph and Tom Corway



Ann Monaghan and Gretta Corway



Gretta Corway, Old Greenfield, Aged 16



Group photograph taken at the back of Caulfield's Bar, Whit Sunday, 1954  
Thanks to Pat Corway for providing these photographs

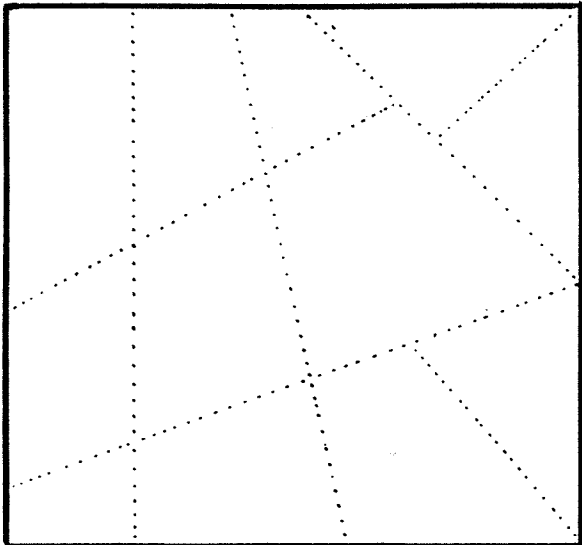


## Children's Corner

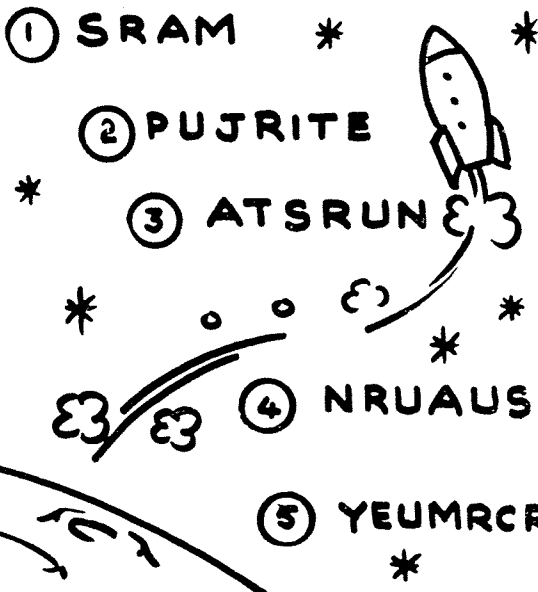


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2nd  
Eilís Ní Chorchora  
28 Lyreen Park  
Maynooth

2nd  
Fiona o' Donoghue  
171 Kingsbry  
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3rd  
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2.

What is the name of the group who sings Love on the Northern line

3. What is the name of Aqua's new single

4. Who sings go let it out

5. What is the name of Fierce new single

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

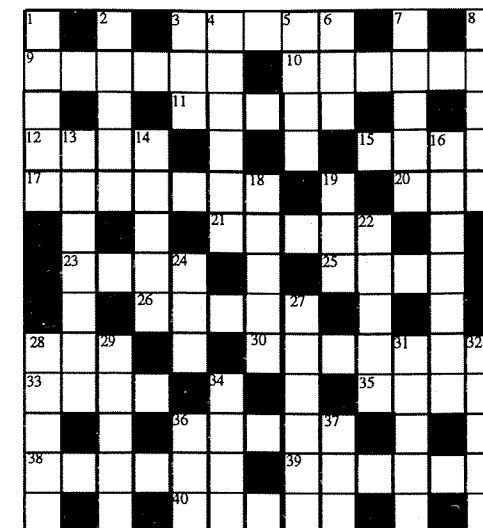
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**CLOSING DATE: 21st March 2000**

**Winner of last months pop quiz is Niamh Cullen.**

## Crossword No. 146



Entries before Monday 20th March

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### Across:

- 3. Foul (5)
- 9. Sore (6)
- 10. Fall (6)
- 11. Relaxed (5)
- 12. Imitated (4)
- 15. Colour (4)
- 17. Wed (7)
- 20. Sailor (3)
- 21. Reappear (5)
- 23. Absent (4)
- 25. Present (4)
- 26. Manufacture (5)
- 28. Lettuce (3)
- 30. Turned (7)
- 33. Singer (4)
- 35. Thoroughfare (4)
- 36. Custom (5)
- 38. Really (6)
- 39. freshest (6)
- 40. Combined (5)

### Down:

- 1. Vapour (5)
- 2. Deduce (5)
- 3. Charge (3)
- 4. Rubber (6)
- 5. Detail (4)
- 6. Defective (3)
- 7. Concerning (5)
- 8. Bar (5)

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- 13. Sunshade (7)
- 14. Vision (5)
- 16. Dining-Room (7)
- 18. Postpone (5)
- 19. Beaker (3)
- 22. Emulate (5)
- 24. Yelp (3)
- 27. Wandering (6)
- 28. Hut (5)
- 29. Read (5)
- 31. Domesticated (5)
- 32. God (5)
- 34. Paddle (4)
- 36. Border (3)
- 37. Golf-peg (3)

### Solution to Crossword No. 145

**Across:** 1. Puppet; 5 Debris; 9. Yoked; 10. Asleep; 11. Ceased; 12. Demon; 14. Iced; 17. Ray; 18. Mere; 20. Deter; 22. Siren; 23. Vacuous; 24. Debit; 26. Medal; 29. Idol; 30. Her; 32. Rule; 33. Rider; 35. Honour; 36. Notice; 37. Sewed; 38. Reeled; 39. Wedged.

**Down:** 1. Placid; 2. Pullet; 3. Eyed; 4. Topper; 5. Decoy; 6. Eden; 7. Roster; 8. Sudden; 13. Matured; 18. Miser; 19. Regal; 21. Rat; 22. Sum; 24. Dither; 25. Bounce; 27. Duping; 28. Legend; 30. Hired; 31. Renew; 33. Ruse; 34. Rode.

## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### NORTH KILDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT

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#### Let's dance!!

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

#### Twenty-five years a growing

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

#### New school update

Plans for our new school building, to be located adjacent to the new St. Wolstan's Community School on the Clane Road, continue to make progress. Architects have been appointed and are drawing up a design for the new school, which should shortly be presented to the school community for discussion.

#### Who is the school patron in the NKNSP?

A unique feature of the management structure of multi-denominational schools is its patron. Unlike denominational schools, the patron of the NKNSP is a secular and democratically controlled body called NKNSP Limited, whose membership is open to parents and others interested in furthering the aims of the school. The AGM of NKNSP Ltd elects an executive committee to represent the interests of members in the running of the school. As well as setting out the ethos for the school and formulating policy on other strategic issues, the executive committee nominates members onto the school board of management, which is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school along

with the principal. (There are also directly elected parent representatives on the board of management.) Contact Dave Finnegan (6270492) or Karen Duffy (6273087) if you would like to find out more about NKNSP Ltd.

#### The social scene at NKNSP

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

Contact 6274388 or email [nknsplias@eircom.net](mailto:nknsplias@eircom.net) for more information on the NKNSP.

**Jim Walsh,**  
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