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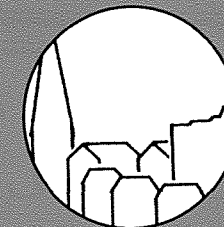
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INSIDE



Special Christmas - New Year Issue

This month's Newsletter is a bumper issue covering December and January, so there is plenty of reading for these long winter nights. Lots of clubs and organisations are gearing up for Christmas and it promises to be a lively holiday season in the town. There are full reports of all these planned activities in this issue. The Senior Citizens will have two outings to look forward to - their Annual Dinner on December 10th and a Christmas Party on December 12th. How do they keep up the pace? There is a special time of year for children and, as in previous years, we reproduce some of our local children's letters to Santa. For others it is a time for looking back and we reproduce some old photographs of Maynooth in times gone by in this issue - a feature we hope to continue with in the New Year. Msg. Stenson and Rev. Wilkinson have kindly contributed Christmas messages to remind us what the festivities are all about.

On local issues we feature the closure of Kavanaghs and there are also several contributions on the Draft Development for Maynooth - to be decided early in 2001.

To all our readers - a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

IN THIS ISSUE:

- Letters to Santa, Predictions for 2001
- Pictures from the Past
- Christmas Messages from Local Clergy
- Flooding in Maynooth
- Tributes to Phil Brady & Dr. Cullen
- and much more . . .

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DIARY DATES

9th December	A Craft Development Day Post Primary I.C.A
4th- 15th December	Art Exhibition in Library, Main St., Maynooth
19th, 20th, 21st, 26th 27th and 28th January 2001	Jack & the Beanstalk
10th December	Celbridge Abbey Christmas Fair, Santa's Grotto
11th December	Maynooth GAA AGM Club House's Moyglare Rd.
10th December	Senior Citizens Annual Dinner Straffan Lodge Hotel
12th December	Christmas Party Super Valu

EDITORIAL

The Plan

The Draft Development Plan for Maynooth is now back with Kildare Co. Council. The closing date for submissions on the draft plan was November 30th last and it is believed a number of local groups have proposed amendments to the plan. The County Manager and other Co. Council officials hosted a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on November 20th which was designed to explain the plan to the public and provide an opportunity for local people to air their views. Our four local councillors also attended. The council officials will have left the meeting in no doubt as to the strong views held by the people of Maynooth regarding the draft plan and the Co. Council's past record in developing the town. Traffic, parking, flooding, litter and lack of facilities were just some of the issues which speakers identified as being inadequately addressed by the Council in the past. The draft plan to cover the year 2001-2006, aspires to provide new ring roads, additional parking, seven day street cleaning and new recreational and cultural facilities. And that is to be welcomed. But judging by the tone of the Glenroyal meeting, unless those aspirations are turned into reality the Co. Manager and his officials might be well advised to wear armour plating when they come to Maynooth in five years time to sell the next plan!

Deaths in Maynooth

The Newsletter would like to extend its sympathy to the relatives and friends of Phil Brady, Allen Gaffney and Dr. John Cullen who all died recently. Phil Brady and John Cullen were long standing residents of Main St. and, in their different ways, had contributed much to the local community over the years. Allen's death at just 23 was particularly tragic. The huge attendance at his funeral reflected his popularity and the impact his sudden death had on the town.

Shop Local

A feature in this month's Newsletter looks at shopping in Maynooth for that elusive Christmas present -something classy and inexpensive. And there is plenty to choose from. Why battle your way into Dublin, paying for transport and parking, and increasing your blood pressure, when you can shop in comfort here in Maynooth. Support your local businesses and, in particular, our advertisers, without whose support the Newsletter itself would be out of business!

The Newsletter - Future Plans

Over the past few months we have experienced some difficulties in producing the Newsletter on time and to a standard with which we could be satisfied. As a result we have decided to publish a bumper Christmas / New Year issue rather than separate December and January issues. So the copy date for the next issue is Monday, January 22nd which will be in the shops in early February.

And finally - a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all our readers, contributors and advertisers.

Note: copydate - Jan 22nd

Community Council Notes

Co - options

Six new people were co-opted to the Community Council, representing Rockfield, Parklands, Parson Lodge, Senior Citizens Group and Maynooth Flower Club.

Development Plan

At a previous meeting the Development Plan was fully outlined by Senan Griffin and John McGinley - a total of 150 acres to be rezoned for housing including 14 acres on the Dunboyne Rd, O'Neill Park 1.8 acres, Castledawson - Rathcoffey Rd - 32 acres; Moyglare Rd - 48 acres. Also in the plan is a 60 acre park at Carton Avenue, and a 7 acres park at Carton Court and Greenfield Drive. Ring roads are to be introduced to improve traffic circulation in the town including Old Dublin road to Celbridge Road and on to the Straffan Road and a major link from Laraghbryan to the Moyglare Road. This link is planned to be completed over several years. The plan also provides 10 acres for the GAA, and the schools 10 acres, Soccer Club - 10 acres, also land for the Gael Scoil on the Celbridge Road. Senan Griffin felt it was a pity that the Planning Alliance didn't send a Representative to the meeting so some of their concerns could be addressed. The Action Area Plan is to include the development of the Harbour Field but as this situation is not finalised nothing can be done yet.

Meadowbrook Link

It was felt that it was important that this Link Road goes ahead. It was hoped that it would be developed to a high standard to take all the extra traffic that would come from all the housing that is planned.

Floods in Maynooth

After the disastrous flooding in Maynooth it was felt that Kildare Community Council will have to make sure that all drains are kept clean. John Doogan said, he wants to know what K.C.C. is going to do so we will not have the same problems again on the motorway. It was stated that there is a pipe from the motorway going into the Meadowbrook stream. With all the new development planned where will all the surface water go? A letter was received from John McGinley stating that he has put a motion for Kildare County Council regarding the flooding in Maynooth.

Parsons Lodge-Submission to County Council

A letter was received from Parson Lodge Residents Association objecting to the development of a four storey block of apartments to be built at Parson Lodge. It was agreed to support them with their submission to Kildare County Council.

Maynooth-Ireland.com

Maynooth Action Strategy has launched its new web site. It will be known as www.maynooth-ireland.com. It is hoped that all social groups, sporting bodies and all organisations in Maynooth will be on line soon. There is also a wealth of local information on the site. Congratulations to all involved in setting this project up and going.



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(Parson Street no vacancies)
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College Green - 2 seats, 1 vacant
Carton Court 2 seats, vacant
Castlebridge 1 seat, vacant
Castle Dawson 2 seats, vacant

Greenfield 3 seats, 2 vacant

Kingsbry 5 seats, 1 vacant

Lyreen Park/ Nangle 2 seats, vacant

Meadowbrook 4 seats, 3 vacant

Moyglare Abbey 2 seats, 1 vacant

Moyglare Road/M. Meadows/ M. Village 4 seats, 2 vacant

Newtown/Woodlands/Ashley Court - 2 seats, 1 vacant

Newtown Court 2 seats, vacant

Outlying Area A 1 seat, vacant

Outlying Area D 1 seat, vacant

Parklands 5 seats, 2 vacant

Parson Hall 2 seats, vacant

Pebble Hill 2 seats, vacant

Railpark/ Straffan 1 seat, vacant

Railpark Estate 2 seats, vacant

Rockfield 5 seats, 2 vacant

Silken Vale 2 seats, 1 vacant

Town Centre 5 seats, 4 vacant

If you want to put yourself forward as a member please contact one of the councillors or Muireann Ni Bhrolchain, Secretary, Maynooth Community Office, Convent Road, Maynooth or ring the office 6285053

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Barry, Ronan	Pond Lane	Town Centre
Burns, Ann	Parson Lodge	Parson Lodge
Cahalane, Michelle	9 Parklands Cres	Parklands
Callaghan, Matt	14 Straffan Road	Greenfield Estate
Castillo, Eduardo	20 Parson Court	Parson Court
Connell, Peter	27 College Green	College Green
Doddy, Eugene	10 Parklands Rise	Parklands
Croghan, Paul (Pdo)	81 Moyglare	Moyglare Village
Doogan, John (Chm)	22 Meadowbrook Court	Meadowbrook
Dornan, Dorothy	17 Moyglare Abbey	ICA
Duncan, P.J.	52 Moyglare Abbey	Moyglare Abbey
Durack, Susan	158 Kingsbry	Kingsbry
Farrell, Richard	11 Greenfield Drive	Greenfield Estate
Fitzgerald, Mary	10 Parklands Sq.	Parklands
Flynn, Peter	21 Rockfield Grv.	Rockfield
Fox, Tom		Rockfield
Gallagher, Hugh	22 Rockfield Grn.	Rockfield
Gleeson, Marie	5 Straffan Road	Greenfield Estate
Griffin, Senan	Ballygoran	Outling
Hogan, Noel	Student Union	NUIM
Lennon, Joan		Senior Citizens
McCann, Gerald	102 Moyglare Vil.	Moyglare Village
McGinley, John	50 Greenfield Dr.	Greenfield Estate
McMullan, Tom	63 Cluain Aoibhinn	Cluain Aoibhinn
Moloney, Maeve	17 Woodlands	Woodlands
Mooney, Bronwyn	Kealstown	Outlying
Moynan, Patricia	209 Kingsby	Kingsbry
Ni Bhrolchain, M. (Sec.)	58 Laurence Ave.	Greenfield Estate
Nyland, Dominic	836 Old Greenfield	Old Greenfield
Oliver, Mary	18 Cluain Aoibhinn	Post Primary Pts. Ass.
O'Connell, Jo	8 Woodlands	Flower & Gdn. Club
O'Murchu, Pdraig	3 Woodlands	Local History Group
O'Rourke, Claire	233 Kingsbry	Kingsbry
Saults, Christina	9 Parson Street	Parson St.
Saults, Willie (Tres)	109 Kingsbry	Kingsbry
Waldron, Sean	56 Silken Vale	Silken Vale
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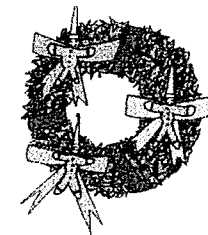
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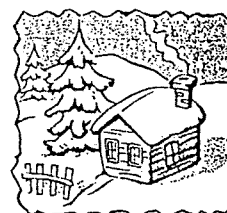
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Community Council Notes

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Community Council have set up a waste management committee which hopes to work in conjunction with other groups in the area to raise awareness in the community as to the importance of reducing our refuse and trying, as far as possible, to reuse and recycle.

The Newsletter hopes to publish a short series on the various elements of waste management and to give tips on what is possible without too much trouble.

Composting

This is a good time of the year to begin composting although you can begin at any time. As summer bedding plants die off and the leaves need to be cleaned up they can be composted instead of disposing of them in the garbage collection.

Any small garden can have a compost heap or bin. A compost bin is available from Kildare County Council for £20, they can be bought from the garden centres or you use an old container or simply leave it in the corner of the garden. Within a year it will produce brown, sweet, crumbly compost. This saves money on fertilizer and it can be spread in the late spring and early summer when your new bedding plants are put down.

What can you put in?

Most perishable household rubbish can be composted and re-used in the garden such as vegetable peels, skins and food. Kitchen paper, paper, cardboard, newspapers in small amounts (the cardboard will compost better if they are torn up before being put into the compost)

Most garden rubbish can be added particularly grass cuttings, leaves, flowers, vegetables

Cigarettes butts

Ashes from the fire

Non-woody prunings.

What to avoid in the compost heap

Glass

Metals

Plastic (bags etc.)

Diseased plants, weeds, rose cuttings or plants with thorns or nettles

Meat

Used paper tissues

You can use the compost on flowerbeds, as a mulch, in pots or making up potting mixture for plants.

Reuse / Recycle for Christmas

Bring your own shopping bags with you - refuse to take the plastic bags offered

Try to avoid packaged goods as much as possible

Keep wrapping paper and re-use. Open presents carefully so that the paper is not torn and fold it away for next year

Keep and re-use envelopes - if only among family members

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The Maynooth Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association have organised a varied schedule of events for the coming months. New members continue to call in and are made very welcome. If you have always thought of joining the ICA now is the time; or if you are a newcomer to Maynooth come along to the meeting on the first Thursday of each month 8pm at the ICA Hall at the Harbour.

A craft development day for members will be held in the Post-Primary school on Saturday 9 December.

In November the delegates attended a county Kildare ICA federation meeting at Ballymore Eustace. Betty Farrell's elegant floral pedestal arrangements had a perfect setting at Saint John's Church in Kill. We congratulate Teresa Brennan on her very efficient organisation of the day at An Grianan Adult College, Termonfechin, Co Louth. Aileen Hayden's Christmas craft classes and Marie McGuirk's coker were admired. Mary McNamara's outing, with twenty members, to the Gaiety Theatre for the R. & R. with Carousel was treasured. Thanks to our very efficient driver, Eileen and Lambert Coaches. Friends gathered at the Glenroyal hotel in Maynooth Wednesday 22 November for a good-will lunch for a young Chanain student. the guild made a generous donation.

Next week the ladies begin Christmas celebrations with dinner at the newly refurbished Springfield Hotel.

Next year the guild

will contribute to www.maynooth-ireland.com. Other features are music, set-dancing and waltzing competitions, a quiz, knitting and photography.

Recent competition winners were
 1. Teresa Brennan and Dorothy Dornan
 2. Betty Farrell
 3. Bernie King and Margaret Houlihan.
 Raffle winners were
 1. Maeve Moloney
 2. Maryese Killian
 3. Eileen Flynn.

On Mondays at 8 pm members meet for handcrafts; decoupage classes were well attended. Badminton in the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings 10.30 - 12 noon.

Remembrance services

In November we remembered, in a special way, our loved ones at our service of remembrance. Thank you to Eilis O'Malley for her empathetic co-ordination of the service. A federation memorial service was held in Kill church on Friday 17 November.

Congratulations to Alison Williams

Congratulations to Alison Williams, daughter of Tyrone and Tina of Woodlands, on winning this terrific bike in the sponsored walk. Alison, who is learning to read very well, is a great Pokemon fan. Alison and her Daddy have twice climbed the Sugar Loaf mountain in Co. Wicklow. She swims at the Glenroyal Leisure Centre. She looks forward to cycling around Woodlands in the future (but only when her Mummy and Daddy say so!). Alison and her friends always wear their helmets when cycling. Her sixth birthday will be in March.

The other lucky winners were Jennifer Boyd, Clara Farrell, Nicole Feeney, Harpreet Gill, Nicola O'Hurley, Caitriona O'Malley, Aoife Reilly, Fiona Termain, Aisling Wall and Samantha Ward. They enjoyed their trip to Liffey Valley to spend their very welcome prize of £10 gift vouchers.



Presentation Convent National School Maynooth. Alison Williams, on her new bike, with lucky Liffey Valley £10 gift voucher prize winners.

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Paul Croghan, Secretary of Maynooth Tidy Towns reviews the tidy towns activities this year and looks at the groups plan for 2001

2000 Busiest year ever for Tidy Towns

The first year of the new millennium has been one of the busiest years in recent times for Maynooth Tidy Towns. The small voluntary committee undertook a large number of projects this year including the special National Millennium Committee "Green Town 2000" Competition. As usual we participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our Best Estates and Shop front competitions were also a big success this year.

What we achieved in 2000

Since the termination of our Community Employment project in June 1998, all work relating to tidy towns is completed on a voluntary basis. The purpose of tidy towns is not to undertake the daily maintenance of the town, but to promote and undertake projects that will enhance the town. The main work here relates to the flowerbeds and landscaping around the town. We increased our marks by six in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2000, continuing our upward movement in marks from 159 in 1996 to 184 this year. Our aim for 2001 is to break the 200-mark barrier. For comparison the results achieved by Celbridge this year was 204 marks and Leixlip 192 marks.

Community efforts were vital in 2000

This year we decided to write to about thirty local groups and organisations to seek their help with the work needed in the town to maintain our marks in the competition and improve our environment. Some of the people we need to thank are most residents associations for the work in their estates. Carton Court, Kingsbry, Greenfield and Parklands Residents Associations for their help with the weeding on the Straffan Road. Also the Maynooth Fianna Fail cumann for the work on the two bus turning points on the Straffan Road and the Labour Party branch for their help on the Straffan Road. The Gaffney Family for their help with the maintenance of verges on Convent Lane. The Post-Primary School and Kairos Communications and the Residents of Moyglare Meadows, for their work on the Moyglare Road.

Again this year, The Maynooth Flower and Garden Club worked with us on the shrub beds at the Church and the flowerpots at the Maynooth Library and in Carton Avenue. In particular our gratitude is due to Mrs Baxter and Mrs Desmond. We would also like to acknowledge Eddie Treacy for his help here. "Intel Involved", the voluntary community programme operated by Intel helped us again this year with the shrub beds at the Church and with tree planting near the Straffan Lodge Hotel on the Barberstown Road. To the many others who helped us, please accept our greatest appreciation for your efforts.

Tommie Holmes- Maynooth Tidy Towns: Person of Year

Maynooth Tidy Towns were always wondering why the entrance to Parklands and Castlebridge is always litter free. Investigations revealed that one of Maynooth's most senior citizens undertook a daily clean up in this area. Quietly leading by example is how Tommie Holmes is showing us how to maintain the environment in Maynooth. Tricked into coming to our annual prize-giving ceremony in October, Tommie was awarded our special prize of Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year.

Best Estates and Shop front Competitions sponsored by Coonan Estate Agents.

These competitions were again sponsored by Coonans and attracted keen interest from the competitors. The following picked up the prizes this year.

Best Shop Front:	Ua Buachalla
Runner up:	McCormack's Pharmacy
Most Improved Shop Front:	AIB Bank
Most Improved Small Estate:	College Green
Runner up - Best Small Estate:	Castlebridge
Winner - Best Small Estate:	Parsons Lodge
Most Improved Large Estate:	Castledawson
Runner up - Best Large Estate:	Parklands
Winner - Best Large Estate:	Rockfield

Green Town 2000

Maynooth Tidy Towns entered this millennium competition with a project around waste reduction and recycling. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of a number of people in this project. Representatives of the schools were very helpful and a special thanks to everyone that took part in the spring-clean in May/June.

Woodlands - Litter Free Residential Area

As part of Green Town 2000, we held a competition for the Residential Area with the least amount of litter. The winner was Woodlands who scored full marks as the judges could not find a single piece of litter in Woodlands when they were judging this competition.

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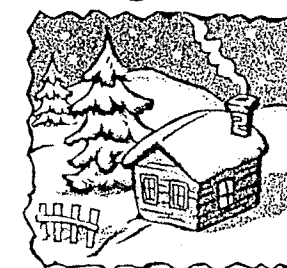
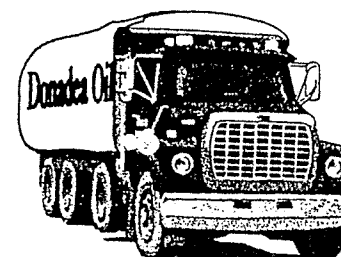
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Tidy Towns Recycling Wall chart – Education may encourage action

Almost every house in the town will have received a copy of our recycling information wall chart during November. Special mention must be given to Dr. John Sweeney, NUI, Maynooth, for his help in producing this wall chart. Full credit also to Mr. Dara Wyer, Local Agenda 21 Officer with Kildare County Council for his support and assistance with funding for parts of this project.

Sunday Morning voluntary Clean up suspended

Maynooth Tidy Towns has arranged a voluntary Sunday Morning Clean up for the past five years. A group of eight people many who were not otherwise associated with Tidy Towns undertook a clean up of the town centre, mainly in the Main Street and Back lanes. We know that this was greatly appreciated by the Traders in the town, because no street cleaning took place between Friday and Mondays. However, with the increasing effort required and the fact that no new volunteers came forward, the eight people involved Richard Farrell (Greenfield), Des Matthews (Woodlands), Liam Hayes (Rockfield), Pat Dunne (Rockfield), Eddie McCarthy (Woodlands), John Gillick (Rockfield) John Sweeney (Moyglare Road) and sometimes Paul Croghan (Moyglare Village) deserved a break, so the clean up has been suspended. Some Residents of Parson Lodge still undertake a regular clean up in Parson street and the Harbour areas.

Tidy Towns Plans for 2001

There are a number of target issues for 2001, which will be tackled early in the year. These include lobbying for a seven-day street cleaning service. More bins, in areas where none currently exist and an extension of the bin emptying service. We are grateful to Maynooth Credit Union for their offer to pay for more bins in the Main Street area. We will be looking to Kildare County Council to do more work with the approach roads to the town as well as the back lanes as these areas are bringing down the marks in the tidy towns competition. We will also be looking to Kildare County Council for a commitment to paying for some of the grass cutting costs in some open spaces, as we are unable to continue all of this work ourselves. The two most important areas are the two bus turning points on the Straffan Road which need to be redesigned as buses are driving over them despite the fact that we replanted them with community support this year.

Robert O'Reilly, key to Tidy Towns effort

Without the efforts of our Chairman, Mr. Robert O' Reilly there would be no possibility of progress for Maynooth in Tidy Towns. Robert, who is retired, spends much of his time cutting Carton Avenue and the other green areas around the town during the summer. He takes particular pride in Carton Avenue and spends over five hours a week in keeping it as an attractive passive amenity area for the people of Maynooth. We in Tidy Towns, as well as the people of Maynooth owe him a personal debt of gratitude for his efforts.



Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony 2000 - Glenroyal Hotel
Presentation of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year Award to Mr. Tommie Holmes.

L - R Mr. Tommie Holmes, Paul Croghan, Mattie Callaghan, Robert O'Reilly, Richard Farrell and Mrs Holmes.



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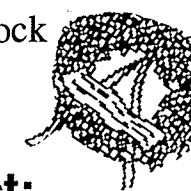
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MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Our Annual Sale of work took place on Sunday November, 19th and was once again a huge success. Many thanks to all who contributed or helped in any way. A special thanks to Tesco Supermarket for their generosity to our ticket sellers and to Sean Donovan, Londis for his continual support. The sum raised was £6,780.18 for which we are very thankful indeed. Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day especially Teresa Doyle from, Ballymagillan who won our 'Monster Hamper.' (See results of draw elsewhere).

Our Annual Dinner will take place on Sun, December 10th at 5pm in the Straffan Lodge Hotel, (Formally Dowdstown) for which I trust you all have your names in by now. When everyone has sobered up from that event we will have another party on Tuesday Night December, 12th, courtesy of SuperValue. This has become an annual event to which we all look forward. Many thanks to Brian Murphy for his generosity. It is nice to see all the big stores in the area, while looking to the future, respecting the past. Well done to all of you.

Our morning club will close for holidays on Thursday December, 14th and will reopen on January, 16th 2001. Meanwhile, May I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and joy throughout the coming year.

Finally, it was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Dr. John Cullen. I first got to know John in the early 60s when, as a young teenager, I joined the newly formed Branch of the Red Cross and he was our Medical adviser. Out of this organisation John, along with Dr. Brendan O'Donnell, was instrumental in setting up our own Senior Citizens Committee in 1965. His foresight and expertise contributed in no small way to the firm footing on which it stands today. John was the conduit through which many good things happened and when they were up and running he quietly and unobtrusively slipped away. He has done just that one last time leaving a great void. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mary and all the Cullen family on their great loss.

"De dheis De go Raibh a Anam."
Josephine Moore
Chairperson.

DRAW RESULTS

DRAW 1.

1st prize - Monster Hamper - Teresa Doyle, Ballmagillan

2nd prize. £100 Myles Burke, 12 Parklands Court.

3rd Prize. £50 Terry Rogers, C/o Just gifts. Maynooth.

DRAW 2.

1st Prize. C.D. Player. Matthew Westner, 4 Moyglare Abbey.

2nd Prize. Coffee Set. Mick Byrne. Carton Court.

3rd Prize. Wine Presentation Basket. Mary Hynes, Leinster Park

DRAW 3

1st Prize. Table Lamp. Marie K elly, Main Street.

2nd Prize. BtL. Whiskey. Brendan Glass, Dublin Rd.

3rd Prize. Btl. Vodka Brendan Glass, Dublin Rd.

4th Prize. Fruit Basket. Liz Stoll, Parklands.

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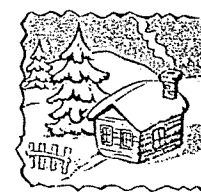


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CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

The Castle Keep Art Group held their annual exhibition on the 18th and 19th November in the Post Primary School Maynooth. The exhibition was opened by Ms. Maeve O'Brien, Manager of the County Arts Centre Newbridge, at a reception on the 17th November in the school.

There were 75 paintings on exhibit from 19 members of the group. The paintings covered a range of mediums oils, watercolours, acrylics, pastels and pen and ink and the subjects included landscapes, seascapes, still life, portrait and figurative works. Local scenes were also present.

The exhibition proved a great success. 200 people came to view and purchase over the two days. In all 30% of the paintings sold. Many favourable comments were expressed about the exhibition and a lot of people indicated an interest in knowing more about the art group. Also on display were 10 paintings from an art class under the tutelage of Susan Carr (a member of Castle Keep Art Group) based at the Flower Shop in Greenfield Shopping Centre. The classes have been on going for about 8 weeks. These are future members of the Castle Keep Group we hope! The viewing public showed great interest in these.

We would like to thank all the members for their hard work and commitment in getting the exhibition off the ground. Also our thanks to Sean Ashe, Post Primary School and the VEC for the use of the hall; the TSB Bank Maynooth, the Allied Irish Bank Leixlip and Ann Doohan for providing one of the prizes. We would also like to acknowledge the grant aid support from Kildare County Council which we received earlier in the year and our continued thanks to Peter Mullan of the Boys National School. Finally and by no means least we would like to thank Anne Tuohy and Sarah Murphy who are not part of the group but who gave a lot of their time to it.

The group meets every Thursday night in the Boys National School from 7.30pm - 9.30pm. The group will resume after Christmas when we hope to have visiting artists and workshops organised. Details of this and any other information will be published in our newsletter for members. If anyone wishes to find out more about the art group please contact Brian Tuohy at 6285993 or Susan Durack at 6289349. In the meantime to find out what is happening in the county art-wise check out www.riverbank.ie.

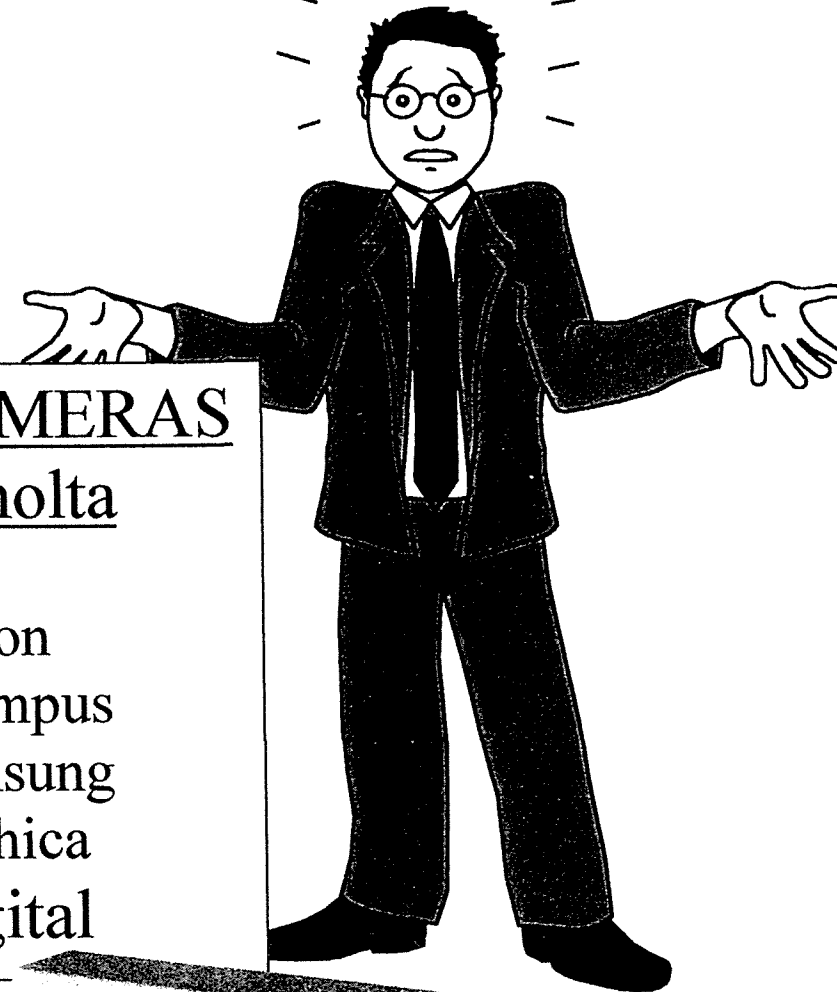
*L - R (Back Row) Lorraine Dunne, Ann-Marie Daly, Sr. Catherine, Paul Byne, Brian Tuohy, Caoilfhionn Quinlan-Murphy, Aileen Cunnle, Ursula Walsh, Regina Richardson.
L - R (Front Row) Susan Durack, Betty O'Hare, Maureen Daly, and Susan Brennan*



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Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Our 20th AGM was held on October 17th. We said farewell to our outgoing Chairwoman, Margaret Howe and thanked her for all her hard work during her term in office. Subsequently our new committee was elected as follows:-

A new position for a special person,	
President	Felicity Satchwell
Chairwoman	Moirá Baxter
Vice Chairwoman	Imelda Desmond
Secretary	Amanda Harris
Assistant Secretary	Rosemary Smyth
Treasurer	Mary Cleary
Assistant Treasurer	Janet McCann
PRO	Jo O'Connell
Competition Secretary	Mary McInerney
Sales Table	Maureen Fagan
	Elsa Lalor
Charity Table	Margaret Howe
Aoifa Rep	Mary McInerney
Raffle	Carmel Owens
	Jo O'Connell
Library Table	Marguerite O'Brien
Tea Hostess	Toni Read
Plant Table	Anne Walker

Susan Mulvihill gave a most informative judging of our imposed class and afterwards our hostesses served tea and Mary Doyle's beautiful Birthday cake. Our gala Christmas Night was held in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth on Nov. 21. Fergus Hemmingway, an AOIFA demonstrator from Wexford arranged wonderful floral displays anecdotes of life in the country in his youth. Our bumper sales table was much appreciated by all, as were the refreshments served at the interval. All exhibits were raffled at the end of the night. A donation will be made to the Arthritis Foundation. Well done to the new committee for an enjoyable night to get us in the mood for Christmas.

Next date to remember is Tuesday December 5th. A social evening will be held with tea/coffee and mince pies. Competition: "Christmas" A petite exhibit. Artificial material allowed. Space - A, B, and C - 25cm X 25cm X 25cm plant competition: 1 stem of berried shrub

We hope to have a speaker from the Arthritis Foundation also to give us a brief synopsis of their work.

We are planning our Annual Dinner to be held in Moyglare Manor on January 16th. Details at our next club night. All meetings are held at 8pm on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall Maynooth College, (except where otherwise stated). Visitors welcome £3, includes refreshments.

The club wishes all its members and friends a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and bright New Year.

Jo O'Connell PRO.

Maynooth Summer Project

It's that time of year again when we have to start organising next years project.

We held our AGM in October and as usual it was poorly attended with only one person, other than the sitting committee, attending on the night.

The incoming committee are as follows:

Chairperson:	Lorraine Butler
Vice Chair:	Mary Farrell
Secretary:	Claire O'Rourke
Asst. Sec:	Paula Tracey
Treasurer:	Madeline Stynes
PRO:	Sheila Hawthorne

Committee Member: Rose Bermingham

At present we are working on the program of activities so if there is anybody out there with any ideas we would love to hear from them.

Our work will be ongoing throughout the year to ensure that Summer Project 2001 continues the high standards set in previous years. Nearer to July we will be looking for volunteers to help supervise the activities and outings. In the interests of safety and the childrens wellbeing we like to have a high ratio of supervisors. Therefore, if you have even a day to spare next July we would love to hear from you. Think about it.

Claire O'Rourke,
Secretary.

Inkling

Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately
it kills all its pupils.
(Hector Berlioz)

Comment

Regarding the present housing problems in Ireland, why do the Health Boards pay rent allowances to Landlords who are already wealthy? This is just making the fat cats fatter and the poor mice poorer. One wonders why this laissez-faire attitude only applies to the less well off, and why don't the various Corporations, County Councils and Health Boards, with all this ready cash available, invest in decent housing for the people that really need it. Answers on a postcard.....!



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Mons. Stenson and Fr. Sinnott filled a bus with altar servers and headed for the wilds of Blanchardstown. Once there, the children were treated to non-stop action with bowling, Quasar and every child's favourite - fast food lunch.

Our spies on the day tell us that Mons. Stenson needs more practise at the Quasar but he knows how to polish off his chicken nuggets.

On behalf of all those on the trip I would like to thank you both for taking on a task that would have other men quaking in their boots.

Parent and Toddler Group

The parent and toddler group has been running in Maynooth very successfully for the last number of years.

The parent and toddler group is a great life line for parents at home with young children. It gives parents the chance to meet for a chat over a cup of tea/coffee and the children (0 - pre-school) can play with a large selection of toys and join in singing nursery rhymes. (Juice/biscuits provided).

It can help the shy toddlers to mix well with the security that mammy or daddy is not far away.

On the down side we have had on going problems with finding suitable premises which can provide a safe environment and store toys etc. As Maynooth does not have a community centre, we have had to rely on small community premises to help the parent and toddler group survive.

We are hoping to move into the priest's house (basement) in the New Year, which will be a permanent venue. We would like to thank the Glenroyal Hotel for their donation which was very much appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the parents and toddlers a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The parent and toddlers group is currently in the; ICA (beside the clinic)
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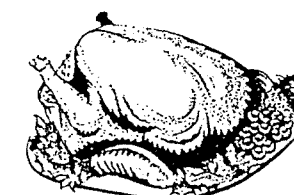
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Residents' Associations

Residents Associations and The Maynooth Development Plan.

The above Plan (in draft form) has been published and has attracted serious attention from all Residents' Associations, and other organisations in Maynooth. The plan has been on view in Maynooth Library for the statutory period of 3 months. Residents from all organisations and individuals have a right to make submissions, to Kildare County Council to either object to or agree with aspects of the plan.

In the meantime many meetings have taken place, allowing residents an opportunity to voice their opinions. The first meeting was held in late October by Parklands Residents' Association in Straffan Lodge Hotel. It was attended by approximately 150 people, including residents from other areas. Mr. Emmet Stagg T.D. & Mr John McGinley Co. Councillor, Mr. Senan Griffin Co. Councillor were present. The issue of Parklands Road not being described as a cul-de-sac in the Draft Plan was debated. It is at present a cul-de-sac, but fears were expressed that the danger of this Road becoming "a feeder" access to and from the Straffan Road to the proposed ring road were expressed; the problems this would create were the main subjects of discussion.

1. The imminent danger to children and pedestrians.
2. The noise and pollution levels.
3. The ensuing traffic problems
4. The effect it would have on the quality of life of the estate.

Parents' Association St. Mary's B.N.S

The AGM was held in the school in October and a new committee was elected as follows:

Chairperson: Anne Daly
Secretary: Clodagh Desmond
Treasurer: Mark Colfer
PRO: Claire O'Rourke

Committee: Leonard Hobbs, J.Bannon, Mary Oliver, Mary Corbally, Maurice Cowhey, Catherine Hare, Margaret O'Regan, Mary Molloy, Caroline Byrne and Sheila Hawthorne.

The meeting was well attended and it is great to see so many parents willing to get involved.

Finally, we would like to like to wish all students, teachers, parents and Fr. Sinnott a happy and peaceful Christmas.

CLAIRE O'ROURKE,
PRO

INKLING

" If you cannot have everything,
make the best of everything you
have"

Art Group

Anne Doohan's Greenfields Art Group will hold their 1st Annual Art Exhibition in the Library, Main Street, Maynooth from December 4th to December 15th including during normal library hours. A catalogue is available at the reception desk in the library. A wonderful selection of pictures is on view and will make perfect Christmas gift ideas for friends or family. Any printing can be purchased by contacting Anne at 6291376.

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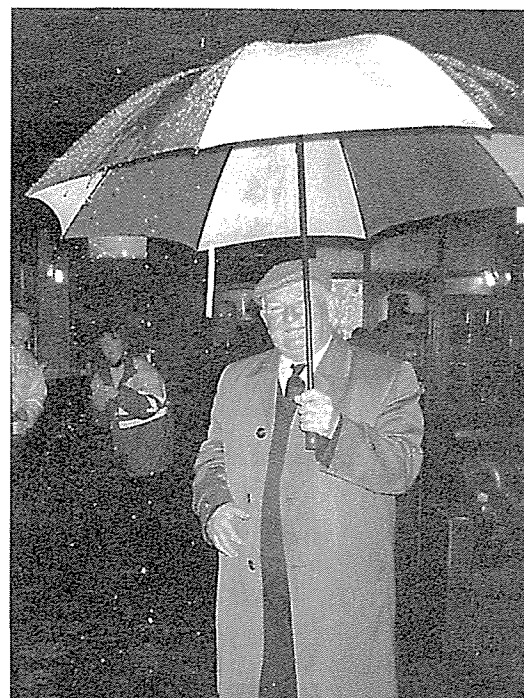
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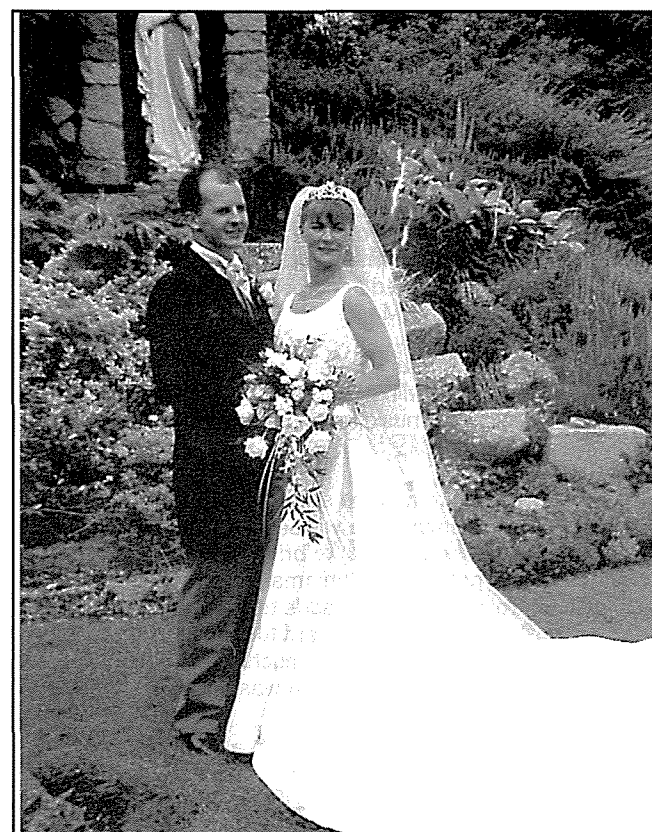
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SCENES FROM THE YEAR 2000



Catherine & James Cummisky



First Holy Communion - Colm Peelo, David Corbett



Daniel Moynan, Karen O'Reilly - Confirmation Day



L-R: Josie Moore, Emmet Stagg, John McGinley, Kathleen Dempsey, Paul Connolly

Features

St Mary's Brass & Reed Band Notes

Attendees at our last Band concert in the Aula Maxima enjoyed the playing of our junior members who have been making progress over the past two years. In October, the Band was delighted to welcome three of these junior members formally into the senior band. This was another step for these enthusiastic young musicians in their musical careers and they were a proud group as they performed for the first time with the senior band at the opening of the new Tesco supermarket in the town.

Unfortunately we have to postpone our annual race night, traditionally held in November, over to the New Year because of pressure of other activities. Chief among these was our Mass for deceased members, which took place on Sunday 12th November. This was celebrated by Monseignor Stenson who could become the Band's chief historian with his impressive knowledge of its history, which he displayed at the Mass.

The other main event, which we are currently working towards, is our annual Christmas concert, which is scheduled for Friday 8th December in the Aula Maxima in St. Patricks College. This will feature both senior and junior bands. The mix of Military Band music and popular music should appeal to all music lovers and ensure a great night's entertainment and we hope to have a bumper attendance.

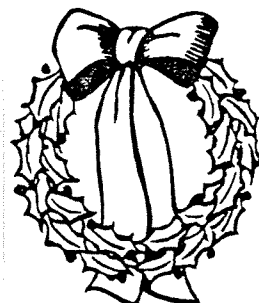
Mentioning our concert means that Christmas is almost upon us again. It seems like no time since we put away our carols last Christmas and were nervously awaiting the arrival of the new Millennium. We will be keeping with tradition, as always weather permitting, when we take to the streets (and shopping centres) to bring some festive music to the public in the run up to Christmas, and not forgetting of course our parade on Christmas morning (after 11.30 mass). We are often told that the sound of the Band playing carols out of doors adds to the Christmas atmosphere as people busy themselves in preparation for Christmas. We look forward to carrying on this long tradition in Maynooth only regretting the fact that because the town has expanded so much in the past few years, we cannot get around to playing in the housing estates as we used to when Maynooth was so much smaller.

As always, the Band would warmly welcome any wind instrument players who have recently moved to this area to make contact with the band with a view to participating in its musical activities at junior or senior level. We can be contacted through our secretary John Curran tel. 8252445 or through any band member.

Another link with the past was ended with the death of Phil Brady Clock House Maynooth in November. Phil was an integral part of the band for the past half century, serving as chairman and treasurer and he served as president for the past thirty years. Phil was a true gentleman and his kindness and willingness to help the band always exceeded his obligations as band officer and president.

Doubtlessly this Christmas Phil will be remembered at the gathering of the Band in the Band Hall after our Christmas morning parade in the town, when we start reminiscing about Christmas mornings past, for a few of us reaching back to the 1950s. No doubt the latter will particularly remember Phil's (liquid) contributions which were most important to these festive occasions. Fondly remembered was Phil, often accompanied by young members of his family, dropping in to wish band members a happy Christmas as we stood around the pot bellied stove in the Band Hall (still in working order) toasting each other with this liquid after our parade in the bracing air of a Christmas morning. The Band was proud to turn out to play at Phil's funeral mass and later as he went to his final resting place in Laraghbryan Cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to all of Phil's family at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

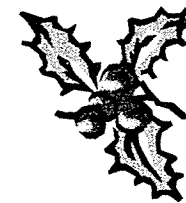
Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters and friends in Maynooth and elsewhere a very happy christmas and to thank you for your support and encouragement over the past year. We hope to see many of you on our Christmas outings and, in the first year of the new century, hopefully as we continue the tradition of playing out the year in the Square on New Year's Eve night.



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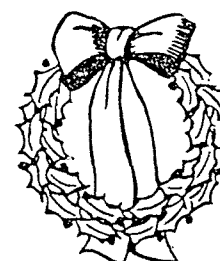
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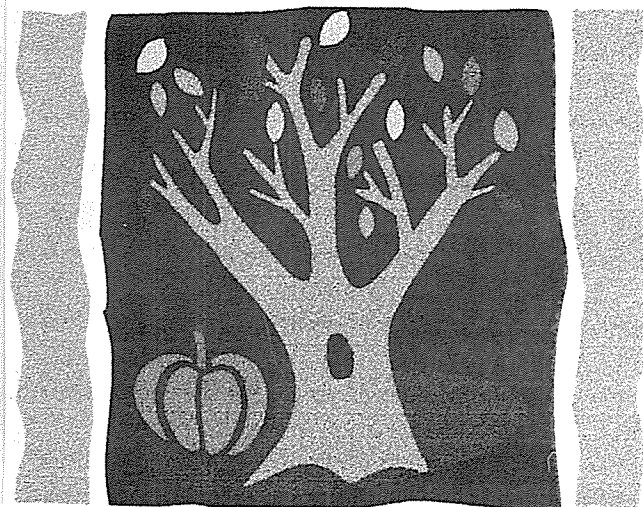
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My Family Tree By Laura O'Brien

My mother was born in Anne's Hospital, Tralee. My father was born in Holles Street Hospital, Dublin. My mother lived in a two - storey house on a farm in Kilfalney in Kerry and my father lived in a two storey house in a cul-de -sac in 28 college Drive, Terenure, Dublin. Both my uncle live in each house. My mothers parents are both from Kerry they lived in Kilfalney and when my Granddad Florence died my Granny moved to Castleisland. My fathers parents are both from Wexford and before they had before they had Kids they moved to Dublin. My Granddad Patrick and my Granny Anastasia died when my dad was 17, Anastasia died of heart attack and Patrick died of cancer. My dads family was then raised by my great aunt Maura. My granny in Kerry got married on the 25th of April 1952, she was born on the 4th of July 1923. She lived in Dramulton in Currow as a child. As children my parents played rounders, blind-man buff, marbles, shopkeeper, skipping, hopscotch, cubby houses, football and they used to tie tin-cans to string and pull them around the yard. During the summer they saved-hay, stacked it, went to the bog to collect turf, went to market with the donkey and cart and my dad went to Wexford to help his uncle on the farm. my Granny learned to sing "Down by the Sally garden" and "Kerry Cow" and "I know what Mary wants" She remembers a lot about the food being rationed 1oz of tea, sugar, butter for each house hold. Today she said there is more money, more social life and more fobs. My great granddad called my granny Nellie Ban which means white Eileen. When my granny went to dances the priest used to chase them out of the hall. In those times they had no shoes and if they did they kept them for mass and school. They walked 3 miles barefoot and their big toes were always cut and sore. My mother's school had 2 classrooms, outside toilets and an open fire where the pupils brought in turf. The school is still standing in perfect condition in Currow in Faranfore.



The No Name !Club Maynooth Kilcock

The New Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club is very active at present. Since the Club's Annual General Meeting last June. 1999, the new executive committee are extremely busy organising and running events for the youth of the locality. Since the AGM, the new committee, headed by Lila Flynn, have been tirelessly working hard. We run monthly disco's which are well attended by youths from Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock and the surrounding districts. Last September we recruited new Hosts and Hostesses. We have had intensive training for both adult leaders and the hostesses. The Catholic Youth Council gave great instruction over a Saturday and it was very well attended. We also had a talk on drink and drugs which everyone found to be most helpful. We made a trip to Spanish Point last September for the weekend. A wonderful time has had by all. We also made a trip to Kilkenny late last year for the 21st Birthday celebrations of the national No Name Club. On April 7th we organised our Annual basketball tournament in N.U.I. Sports Complex. School from Celbridge, Kilcock and Maynooth were represented and this year proved to be better attended and even more successful than any other year. The National Cabaret regional heats were held in The Aula Maxima on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April. Six clubs took part and each set a very high standard indeed. Maynooth Kilcock club part on Sunday with an exceptionally well put together show. The show "A Look Back" was composed by the hosts and hostesses in the club and produced and directed by Ciara Baxter and Rebecca Flynn. We participated against Tuam, Leixlip, and Naas clubs and were very disappointed to be placed a close second to Tuam. The kids put everything they had into the show. The Cabaret finals and the National Youth Awards are being held in Portumna over the weekend of 29th and 30th April. We are bringing all the hosts and hostesses to stay over the weekend. The club now in its 8th year, is going from strength to strength, since the A.G.M. last year, when new members joined and a new enthusiastic and more focused executive committee took the reins of this vibrant club. Members who were involved from the beginning have left the club and moved on, making way for new interests and more innovative ideas. The committee would welcome any adults who are genuinely interested in lending a hand in organising and running events and outings for the youths of the locality. In particular, we are looking for volunteers to help at monthly Discos, to supervise both inside and outside the disco venue. **Please help, the club is for YOUR young people!** If you are interested, please contact any of the committee members for further information. Wishing all our club members, helpers and friends a very happy Christmas

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NEW TESCO STORE

On a beautiful sunny Halloween morning, the new Tesco Shopping Centre opened on the Leixlip Road. I was humming U2's 'Beautiful Day' as I strolled up to witness the event. A local hero, Mark Smith opened the Centre, and the new carpark was swarming with eager shoppers. Some of our old friends were there, Emmet Stagg and John McGinley among them. All the ladies received carnations, and there were crisps for all the kiddies.

Inside the doorway, which is pressurised especially to keep out the cold while preserving an ever. temperature at all times inside, you can stand and look out at the storms that rage as I write, and feel no breeze, no draft, no cold. Amazing!

The shopping centre itself is vast, filled with all kinds of wonderful things. I could get lost in a centre like that! I bought the U2 album, for about a fiver cheaper than any other record store, unfortunately, though Tesco's only stock the Top Ten.

There are a few small issues that I feel the town of Maynooth should raise with Tesco, however, such as their refusal to sell the local produce as they earnestly promised us they would when they bought Quinnsworth. This can only be evidence of a distinct lack of consideration and respect for the Irish shopper and business person. Is this another Intel, determined to come into our country and take take take?

About a week after the opening I was in Tesco again, and I noticed that the girls at the tills do not seem to be supplied with proper floats for their tills. At 10am on Monday morning this is ridiculous, and the queues this can cause will not please the shoppers, neither will the price of £1.50 for a tiny sausage sandwich, or leaks in the roof of the cafe. (Also, not to put too fine a point on it, where is the smoking section?)

OK, so the last couple of paragraphs may seem too nitpicky for some, but I only raise these points because I think they are valid to the consumer. Buy your bread in the Elite, keep local businesses, because these foreign companies will take our money till the economic boom dies down, and as history has proven, cannot be relied upon to stay.

With that word of warning, go forth and enjoy the shopping this Christmastime, but don't forget do some of your shopping locally, your neighbours need the business too!

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FLOODING IN MAYNOOTH

The whole country is under siege by an intense rainstorm. Country wide reports of the storm have news broadcasts chock-a-block as I write. People have been missing work all over town. Closer to home: Monday 6th November will go down in history as one of the wettest November days in living memory around these parts. As if things weren't bad enough traffic-wise, we have the motorway outside Maynooth simply impassable and people in Beaufield, Brookfield and parts of Meadowbrook, completely drowned. People have had to leave their houses, and sandbags are in evidence all along the front driveways in a pathetic looking effort to prevent the problem getting worse. A local take-away was flooded last night, homes and possessions destroyed. In Leixlip people were forced to leave their homes at the bottom the the Captain's Hill. The village is now even worse than usual. And buses are finding it difficult to make it through. Celbridge seems OK, but Ardclough was totally impassable and leaving Celbridge over the bridge, dodgy enough on any other day, is now hampered even more by the Liffey bursting through to the Ardclough road. The roads between Maynooth, Celbridge and Straffan are impassable. The County Council were turning people away from all routes to Straffan this morning. Up in Brookfield, the field has become a lake, and local children are all at home today because the schools are closed. The people who live nearest the motorway are trapped inside their homes and under obligation to one or two neighbours who are lucky enough to own jeeps. Gone are the days when we laughed at proud owners of such four-by-four all terrain mobiles! today is most definitely the Day of the Jeep. For those of us poor enough to have to walk or take buses, wellies are the order of the day, galoshes, raincoats - whatever you can find. Put it on, and keep warm! For a county renowned for it's rainy weather - it has to be said, we don't know how to cope very well in bad weather. Pubs the length & breath of the country will no doubt be full.

MAYNOOTH SOCIAL & WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Unfortunately, due to falling attendance we have decided to curtail our activities for the present but we are not going away and will continue to make ourselves available where necessary.

The monthly tea and coffee after mass has stopped while we reassess our role.

At present we are part of the Resource Group that are doing up the basement of the parochial house. As many of you will be aware, Mons. Stenson has made this available for the use of many groups within the parish. The renovations are coming along well thanks to all the volunteers who have put so much time and effort into it.

By Claire O'Rourke P.R.O.

A genealogist is one who traces your family back as far as your money will go.



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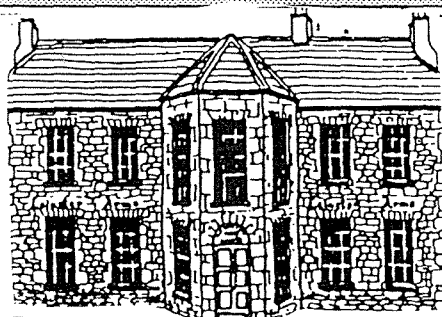


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The Kavanagh's Story

The Kavanagh Family came to Maynooth in 1831 when they bought the Mill from the Duke of Leinster. They originally came from Wicklow but had their milling business in Smithfield in Dublin. They lived in the Mill House when Edward Kavanagh died in 1890 leaving a young family and a young widow. His wife Margaret ran the business until Joseph was old enough to take over. The Mill prospered under Joseph until his death in 1967. Tom Senior took over then and with the help of a Manager, Paddy Feelay, ran a very tight ship until Tom Senior's retirement and Paddy's death about 5 years ago.

Did the Mill go into decline after that? Seemingly not, as between the three remaining Kavanaghs they had directorships in many companies. Edward had directorships in 25 companies, Thomas had directorship in 15 and Willie had directorship in 14. They are mostly involved in grain, farming, pig production and investment companies.

Why are there up to forty workers angry? They are angry that they were told they would get a decent redundancy package. At a union - management meeting they were promised 6 weeks per year severance pay. Six of the 'last in workers' received this payment of up to £12000.

The longer serving workers were kept on even though there was no production. Some of these men were there for up to 35 yrs - most had more than 20 yrs service. So instead of receiving what they were promised they will now receive approximately 8 per cent of it. Between the payment of the lesser time workers and the proposed payment of the longservers and provisional liquidator was sent in. This left the workers with little hope. In the Independent of the 7/11/00 it was reported that the four directors Ted, William Thomas and Edward receive a salary increase of 22% in the thirteen months to September 30th 2000 to bring their salaries to £380,813 when they showed a pre tax loss of £6.1 million.

The Independent of Saturday 11th November reported that Edward Kavanagh had withdrawn plans to put a scheme of arrangement to creditors. This means that the Revenue and Banks take their share leaving the government to pay the workers their pittance.

A rich businessman was quoted recently saying a business must pay its dues to the community in which it thrives. As one Sunday Newspaper puts it "questions answered and answers questioned".

Why is the government, who seem to be so fond of tribunals not look into it?

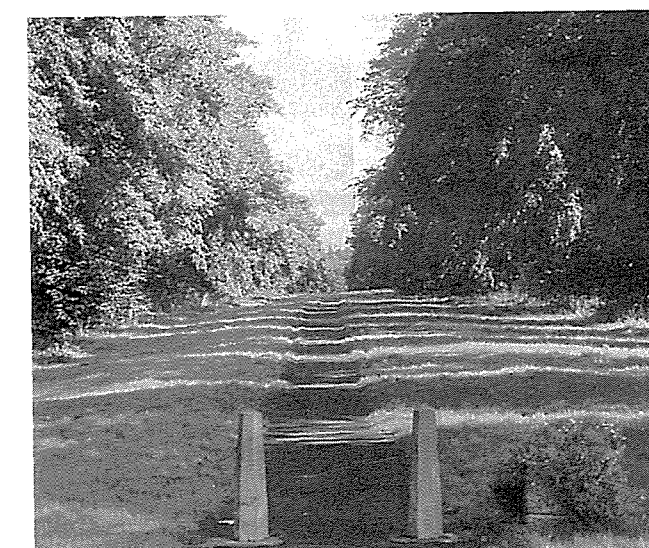
Charlie McCreedy, Emmet Stag and Bernard Durkan have met the workers. Mr Stag has called on the banks to include the workers on the creditors list (some chance!)

Our politicians should be taking this up in Leinster House not in local newspapers.

Pius Kelly

CELBRIDGE ABBEY

Don't forget the Christmas Fair Sunday 10th December, 12-6pm. There will be Christmas Hampers, Christmas Puddings, Cakes Preserves and lots of craft items to include: Pottery, Hand Crafted Wood items, Irish Crochet Lace/ knitwear and multi sewing craft items. Come and visit Santa in his Grotto from 2 - 5pm, carol singing by Celbridge church choir. Prizes presented for colouring competition and mulled wine with mince pies served throughout.

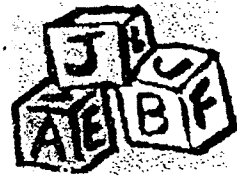


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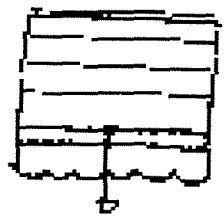


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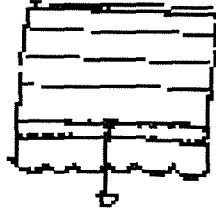
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Pictures from the Past



This group of lads was one of many who were employed by Carton Estate to cut thistles
From left to right: Christopher Waldron, Jimmy Burke, Jack Murphy, Jack Weafer, Stephen Fitzgerald, John Coyne, P. Lettis, Dick Leavey, P. Corrway, one unknown, Tape Carney (at back) was the ganger



Una Coughlan, Ita Burke (R.I.P.) and
Bridie Brady, standing on the top step
of the boat house in Carton.
(Photo circa. 1942)



Bridie O'Brien

Our thanks to Bridie for allowing us
to publish these photographs
There will be more in the next issue

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Christmas Gift Ideas

The following is a short list of gift ideas around town. We would like to thank everyone we approached for their help in compiling it. It includes gifts from £10 to £25.

Maynooth Book Shop:

Best Sellers:

One Voice-my life in song" by Christy Moore - £20stg.
Scarlet Feather" by Maeve Binchy £16.99 stg.
The Beatles Anthology" by The Beatles £35.00stg.
The Guinness Book of Records" £18.00 stg.

Just Gifts:

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Callagy's Pharmacy:

Georgio perfume, Candles and oil burners, Vichy and Roc, Gift baskets £15 to £40.

Hula Bou:

Gift vouchers and Scarves etc.

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Dr. John Cullen

One of Maynooth's most distinguished residents, Dr. John Cullen, died on November 19th last. John was born in 1929 and lived at 90 Haddington Road with his parents. He started school at the Holy Faith Convent, Haddington Road, and progressed to St. Michael's CBS, Dun Laoighaire and subsequently to UCD in 1946 where he commenced study of medicine. During these studies, John was awarded 2 gold medals (one for oratory and one for the best student paper). He graduated as a medical doctor on July 17th 1952. After internship at the Mater Hospital, and later at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, at the end of 1953 he went to Cambridge as Registrar in Psychiatry at Addenbrookes and Fulbourn Hospital. John married Mary Vale in Cambridge on February 17th 1954. Also in 1954, he was awarded a UK Medical Research Council scholarship to Cambridge University for post-graduate studies and research. He became a member of Clare College, Cambridge. In subsequent years he was first appointed to Medical Council staff at the University and then as a don at Cambridge. He was awarded MA (Cantab.) "by right of office" and later the Master of Science (Cantab.) degree. John and Mary had five children - Deirdre, Kevin and Mark all born in Cambridge and Finar and Paul, born in Dublin. They returned to Dublin in 1960 when John commenced work at St. Brendan's Hospital, where he was appointed consultant

psychiatrist and developed some of the earliest psychiatric out-patient clinics in the country. In 1968 he was appointed Clinical Director for developing research. He was also awarded membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in London and became an examiner for the College for many years. Additionally, he was appointed senior lecturer in the Medical School of UCD and taught there until 1992. He was instrumental in setting up a research unit at St. Brendan's and the Clinical Psychology services of the Eastern Health Board. He carried out research for the Department of Health, the EHB and other studies, which included examination and testing of all prisoners who were tortured in Northern Ireland during internment in the 1970's. He also set up a custom-built research unit at St. James' Hospital where research was conducted for the European Community, the World Health Organisation and NASA in the USA. In 1980 he was awarded an honorary Foundation Licence by the Faculty of Occupational Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians in Dublin in recognition of his services to the development of occupational health studies in Ireland. He has published a number of books and scientific studies. In 1997 John was instrumental in setting up the Maynooth Action Strategy Group, a partnership organisation promoting the town.



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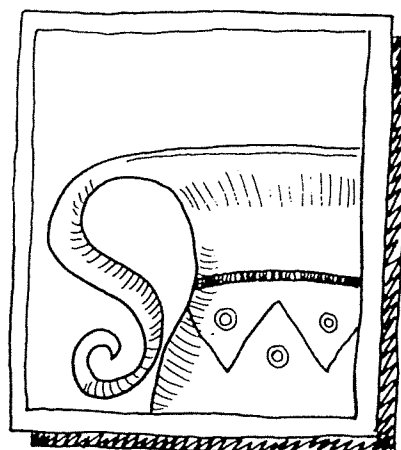
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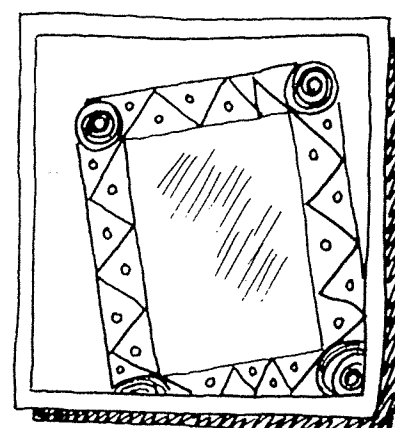
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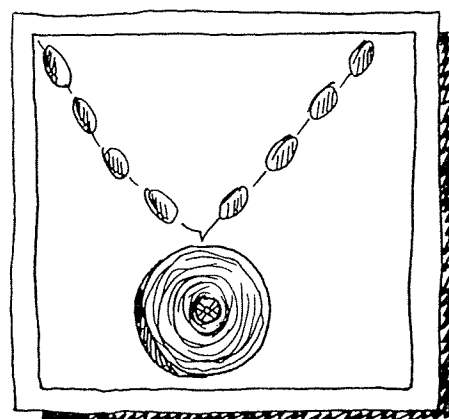
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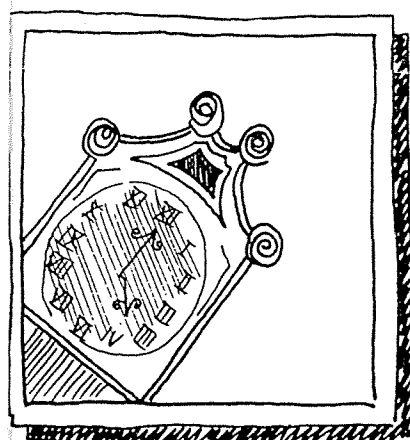
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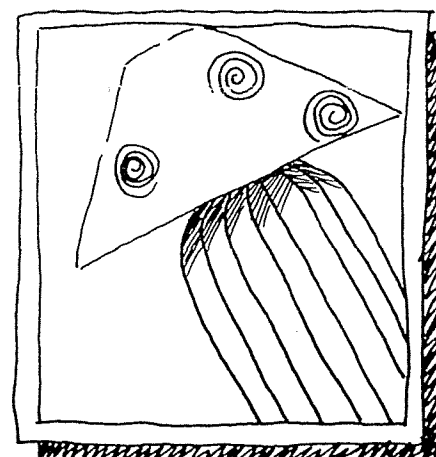
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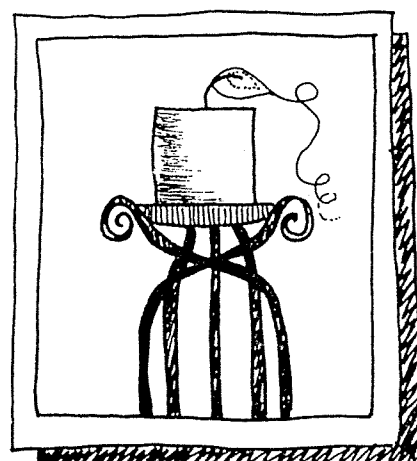
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Maynooth County Champions

SCÓR NA NÓG 2000-2001

Scór nÓg is a talent competition run by the G.A.A. for children under 16 years of age. There are eight events and one competes against different G.A.A. clubs within Kildare. On Saturday November 18th Maynooth took part in the Kildare semi-finals which took place in Allenwood. We were represented in all eight events by children from Maynooth, Céili-Dancing, Solo Singing, Music, Novelty Act, Question Time, Recitation, Ballad Groups and Set-dancing. We got through to the County Finals in five of the eight events.

We travelled to Rathcoffey on Friday November 24th for the County Final. Here one representative from each competition is picked to represent Kildare in the Leinster Semi-Final. It was a close Competition and very enjoyable. Maynooth had plenty of supporters on the night cheering and shouting encouragement. Our Céili Dance team won their competition and now go forward to represent Kildare in the Leinster Semi-final which will take place on Saturday December 9th in Ballymore. May we wish them the best of luck and maybe KILDARE might get to another ALL-IRELAND !!!!!

May I thank everyone who came along on the two nights to cheer us on. Thank you to all the competitors. You put on a great performance for Maynooth. Thank you to all the adults who coached the various competitors. To all the parents who gave up their time to bring along the children to the competition.

Well done Céili team, Maynooth will be cheering you on.

After Christmas we will be preparing for Senior Scór. Anyone over 17 years of age who can dance, sing, tell a story or who is good at answering questions on G.A.A. and General Knowledge and who would like to be part of the Maynooth group, please ring Rita Doyle at 6286169 A.S.A.P or leave your name and phone number in Maynooth G.A.A. Club. It is all a bit of harmless fun.

Thank you to all the following competitors who took part in Scór Na nÓg.

Céili-Dance Team

(County Champions)
Eimear Flynn, Michelle Kearney, Aisling Dunne, Karen Bracken, Katherine Oliver, Ailbhe Flynn, Anna Piggott, Aisling O Connor

Solo Singing

Aisling Dunne

Music

Ruth Ní Harcain, Aodhan Ní Giollabhride, Edel Ní Churraín

Novelty Act

Niamh Mc Dermot, Sarah Furey, Eileen Ryan, Aisling Byrne, Conor Murphy, Justine Cullinane, Ross Cullinane, Ben Finnegan

Question Time

Conor Heneghan, Stephen Cassels, David Scally

Recitation

Aoife Dunning

Ballad Group

Yvonne Lee, Emily Mc Greall, Elaine Pollard, Grace Fox, Martha Oomkens

Set-Dancing Group

Jessica Mc Grath, Eimear Flynn, Sharon Lyons, Roisín Hoban, Deirdre Mulcahy, Helen Downes, Karen Corrigan, Laura Bennett

If you cannot have everything,
make the best of everything you have

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Background

The Aisling Drug Awareness Group is a voluntary, self help organisation, founded in 1990 and now a National Charity. Our headquarters is in Navan, Co. Meath. It was set up as a response to the ever increasing problems associated with drug/alcohol use among teenagers, and has gone from strength to strength.

Aims and Objectives

1. We promote an environment antipathetic to drugs by heightening public awareness through public talks, national and international conferences, seminars, etc.
2. We facilitate our Drug Prevention Programme informing and empowering communities.
3. We oppose the legalisation of all drugs and support the Law Enforcement Agencies.
4. We develop cluster groups throughout the North East and Nationally and are affiliated to International communities such as;

- * European Cities Against Drugs
- * Drug Prevention Alliance
- * Drugwatch International
- * Europe Sans Drogues
- * National Families in Action.

The Aisling Group is also linked to Statutory and non Statutory Bodies throughout Ireland.

5. We provide a non residential, Drug Free Recovery Programme, for young people, 17 yrs upwards. It will assist them in becoming active, working members of their community, living to their full potential, drug free. It includes counselling services and family participation.

6. There is also a support/self help group on a weekly basis, for those who have someone experimenting or addicted to drugs/alcohol.

7. We hope to research the cause and effects of drug/alcohol use and the links with poverty. We hope also, to research into proven methods and new methods to help combat the communities problems and monitor the effectiveness of these situations in our programme.

Problem

Drugs know no class, creed or barrier. They have destroyed the lives of millions of young people, decimated families and cost society dearly in crime, violence and filling prisons. They are a very real part of today's society and are in a young person's environment, should he/she decide to experiment.

Ireland is purported to have the youngest drug using population in Europe and the most common drugs of choice are alcohol and cannabis, both of which are very underrated.

The key factor in combating the drug problem is an informed and active parent. Every child has a right to a drug free life and the only ones that have the time, influence and the inclination to do it are the parents- they encourage, discipline and supervise their children with love and pass on their own values and self esteem and not that of the street. Prevention

centered on Parents is vital, we are who we are today because ordinary people loved and cared about us!

All people need to work together or our communities will be as we have never known them before.

Recommendations

Community based, pro active action is what is advocated by the Government Strategic Task Force (Fianna Fail National Policy, '97)

The Aisling Group are doing this by training and empowering parents/ others to work on a self help basis, providing the basis for community response. Parents/others will be given the core information and skills needed to

- * get children through adolescence relatively drug free.
- * recognise early drug related behaviour - and take appropriate action.
- * address the more serious behavioral and addiction behaviour.
- * become motivated into seeking the appropriate treatment.

Parents/others will be trained to run their own programmes in their own neighbourhoods. For the families with both the beginnings of a behavioral problem and the more seriously addicted youngsters - a parent support group will be formed - these will be problem solving groups with a firm theoretical and practical basis. Referrals will be advised to appropriate treatments.



Safe Passage Programme, Scoil Dara, Kilcock.

Front, Imelda Margalit, Patsy Keane, Alice Kennedy, Doreen Wall, Anne Kelly & Martina Staunton.

Back, Oliver O'Reilly, Patrick Brady, Mary Nock, Heather McDonald, Claire Gill, Grace Kavanagh, Patricia Murray & Elizabeth Walker.

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The History of the Royal Canal

Peter Clarke, author of the *Royal Canal - The Complete Story* and a leading member of the Royal Canal Amenity Group presented an informative and entertaining public lecture and slide show, to approximately 25 people in the Library on 9 November last. The canal was constructed between 1790 and 1817; is approx. 90 miles in length from Dublin to the river Shannon at Cloondara, Co. Longford; its main source of water is Lough Owel, near Mullingar, is 44' wide at the top and 22' at the bottom, lined with special thick clay and is 6' deep at the centre; and has 47 locks and service locks. Despite gross engineering and financial mismanagement, Parliamentary inquiries, shareholders' interference and bankruptcy, its eventual completion was the culmination of a huge project much bigger than the present day M50.

'Long' John Binns, a silk merchant of 59 Dorset Street, was the main driving force behind the Royal Canal Company. Digging commenced in 1790 at Cross Guns Bridge, Phibsboro (alongside today's Des Kelly Carpets) and proceed eastwards towards the Liffey and westwards to Ashtown. 2,000 Irish and English navvies were paid 10d per day, to manually work in primitive conditions and live in mud huts. They soon struck for higher pay and the rate was increased to 18d per day. Two major difficulties between Dublin and Kilcock were the limestone quarry at Carpenterstown, near Clonsilla and the routing of the canal via Maynooth, alongside the entrance to the Duke of Leinster's Demesne (he was a major shareholder) at Carton. The quarry, which should have been avoided, resulted in delays and huge costs for blasting and the Maynooth route required the building of the Rye aqueduct to carry the canal one hundred feet above the Rye Water at Leixlip.

Passenger and goods service between Dublin and Kilcock began in 1796 with two boats, The Camden and The Phelan. Fares (at 1s-1d first class or 6d second class for Dublin to Leixlip) were cheaper than by coach, canal travel was more comfortable and passengers were able to dine on board. The major attraction was Leixlip, where the scenery at the Salmon Leap and the discovery of a spa by workmen digging the canal in 1791 ensured a steady tourist trade.

With the extension of the canal to the west traffic increased but by the 1820s road improvements and more efficient road carriers drew passengers from the canals. To compete 'Fly boats' were introduced in 1833. These boats were 70' long by 5'6" wide, were made of lightweight iron, carried 110 passengers at a speed of 10 miles per hour and were towed by two horses who galloped each stage of eight miles. The journey time from Dublin to Mullingar was cut from twelve to eight hours. Night boats were exclusively used by the 'lower classes' at 1d per mile.

In 1845 the canal was bought by the Midland Great Western Railway Company who planned to close it and construct a railway on its bed. Luckily, they were precluded from this by an Act of 1818 which required them to maintain it as a separate transport system. The last of the freight boat operated until 1951 and when it was closed by C.I.E. in 1961 its future seemed bleak. Proposals were made to fill it in to build a motorway but in 1974 the voluntary Royal Canal Amenity Group set about its restoration. Thanks to their commitment to and love of the Royal Canal, it has been saved for future generations as a wonderful amenity and wildlife haven.

Noel Spain, national chair of the RCAG, who accompanied Peter, paid public tribute to Matt Kennedy and Declan O'Connor and all associated with the Maynooth branch of RCAG which has achieved so much with reconstructing the walls, harbour, etc. and he stated that he looks forward to the day when boats and barges will use Maynooth for modern canal services.



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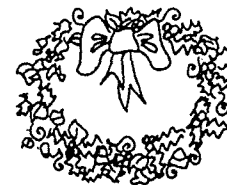
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Christmas Message For the Newsletter

I really appreciate the kindness of the Editor of the Maynooth Newsletter in asking me to provide a Christmas message. My immediate reaction was of surprise! Already! Where has the year flown? It seems no time since I penned a few thoughts for last Christmas. And now here we are on the verge of Christmas 2000 with all the bustle and planning that it entails.

At Christmas time we recall the truth – the almost unbelievable fact that some two thousand years ago, God, in the words of Betjeman, “became Man in Palestine”. Jesus, born of Mary, was and is the Word made flesh. He is God the Son, revealing to us in human form the love of the Father: “God so loved the World that he gave his only Son (Jn. 3:16). Jesus, in turn, shares his divine life with each of us through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit particularly through the Church and the sacraments. This is the Good News! No wonder the angel could proclaim to the shepherds that first Christmas night: “I bring you *good news* – news of great joy – a joy to be shared by the whole people” (Lk: 2:11).

Christmas is never meant to be a mere repetition of what has gone before. Rather, God is saying to each one of us “No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed” (Is 43: 18-19). In simple terms God is telling us that he is making *new* persons of us. He is in the process of transforming us through His power and our co-operation into his own likeness. So it isn’t simply “Me yesterday, today and the same forever; as I was in the beginning, am now and ever shall be, faults without end, Amen”. No! This Christmas God comes to renew us and make new persons of us. That is what makes this Christmas so special and not like any previous one for you or me or our Parish Community. This Christmas is a *grace* given and a grace sought.

May Jesus the Prince of Peace bring abundant blessings to you and yours and may you have a Holy and happy Christmas.

Alex Stenson, P.P.
Christmas 2000



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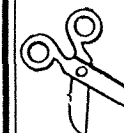
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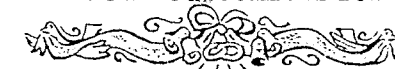


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Passing of Phil Brady

Maynooth has lost one of its most loved and favoured sons in Phil Brady. A native of Calan he came to Maynooth in 1923 to work for Mrs Pitts in the pub and grocery trade. He took over the business in 1933. He later married Breda Connlay who worked in the college. Always proud of her Waterford background, she was lovingly known as "Mammy" to all who knew her as no one left that house hungry whether or not one could pay. Sadly she predeceased Phil by a couple of years. Their generosity was known country wide as I found out in my travels. No matter where you went from Kerry to Donegal, Galway to Dublin, mention Maynooth and surely someone would ask of Bradys. 'How are Phil and Mammy?' 'They looked after me well when I was stuck' was always what you heard. The children of Maynooth would also have fond memories of Phil, as no child ever entered the shop without being supplied with a glass of lemonade a bar of chocolate and a bag of crisps. His generosity to the band, the GAA Club, Soccer Club or any other organisation in Maynooth is widely appreciated. He also had a great love of greyhounds and was well known in Clommel Shelbourne Park, Harold's Cross or anywhere greyhounds were involved. The older generations of Maynooth will tell you of the bad years when the area was not as well off and times were hard. The Bradys were there to help out whether in bereavement, unemployment or any other troubles one could come up against. Thank God Phil had a long, healthy and happy life, dying just short of his 94th birthday. May the Lord have mercy on his soul R.I.P. To the Brady family, immediate and extended, the community Council would like to offer their deepest sympathy on their great loss.



Phil and Breda Brady R.I.P.

Book of Maynooth

Months ago a local writers group got the idea from one of their members Stuart Jane to produce a Book on the lines of the great Book of Ireland under the auspices of the Maynooth Arts Forum they advertised for Poets, writers artists to submit their work to be included in same, this will now be hand-written by the authors on Vellum and will be illustrated by a local neighbouring artist. It will be leather bound with a silver adornment and displayed locally. Its permanent home is yet to be decided. It is hoped all this will be completed early soon.

Hilda Dunne
Writers group



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MAYNOOTH IN CANADA

While on vacation in Ontario, Canada in September 1999, we drove north from the city of Peterborough en route to Madonna House at Combermere. We stopped for lunch in a town called Bancroft. I had for some years worked in the community in Tallaght in west Dublin, and very close to the old village was a lovely housing estate called Bancroft. Thus on coming across a town of same name in what I suppose we think of as the New World, I wondered about who might have first settled there and named the place, or indeed where the name had come from for the residential estate in Tallaght, was there any connection. Just the normal little musings one has time for while on vacation.

Imagine my surprise when the next town we came to was called Maynooth! I had been told that there was a town of that name in the province of Ontario but had absolutely no idea of its location and had no idea that we would pass through it on that day. Much to the amusement of my travelling companions I insisted on stopping and taking some pictures. Unfortunately all that I had with me on the day was a little disposable camera and so the quality of the pictures is not wonderful.

The town is a typically small Canadian/North American rural town, quite a distance from Bancroft, which could not be described as very large, and many miles from the city of Peterborough. On the day of my passing through the town looked very pretty, clothed in the magnificent colours of fall and basking in wonderful autumn sunshine. One wondered though, what it might be like during the harsh Canadian winters, and we all agreed on the day that one could feel quite cut off in such weather.

WINE CELLAR

Work is ongoing at the Mill Wine Cellar in Maynooth, the already amazing selection of wines, spirits and beers has been further increased with the welcome extra space created by the new extension.

With the festive season once again upon us, a time that poses difficulties choosing gifts for family, friends and colleagues. The Mill aims to make this a pleasant and enjoyable experience for you.

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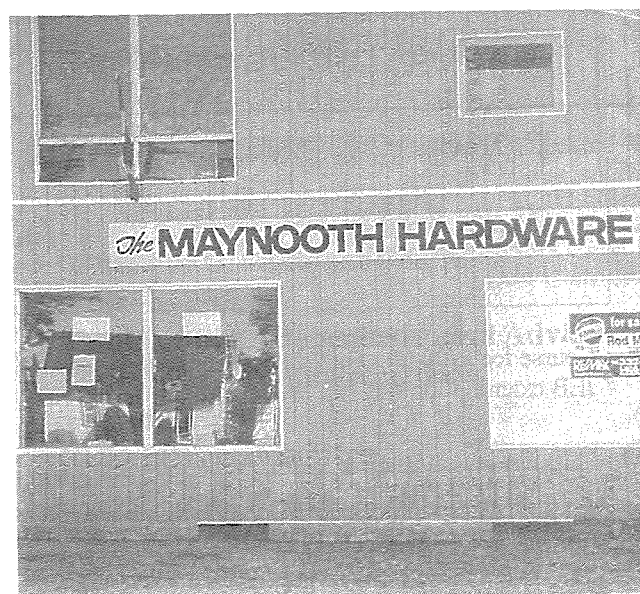
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Christmas Message

From: Adrian Wilkinson

Recently I came across a book I received as a Christmas present several years ago. It was a collection of poems compiled by some secondary school pupils. They had written to a number of well-known people in the country asking them to send them a copy of their favourite poem and say in a few lines why they liked it. Flicking through the pages again I came across one poem that had been submitted. It was on the morning of Christ's Nativity by John Milton. Written several centuries ago its language is still very vivid today. The first verse reads:

This is the Month, and this the happy morn
Wherein the Son of Heav'ns eternal King,
Of wedded Maid, and Virgin Mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring
For so the holy sages once did sing,
That he our deadly forfeit should release,
And with his Father work us a perpetual
peace.

We are all well versed in the secular countdown to Christmas: cards, presents, invitations, food... But how do we rate on the spiritual front? Is there someone that I promised I would visit and have found time... is there a verse that I heard read in church that is prompting me in a particular direction is there someone I need to forgive or to ask forgiveness from? We are given the four precious weeks of Advent as a time of spiritual preparation. Milton's poem reminds us about whom we are preparing to greet at Christmas. We all deserve a 'quiet time' every now and again to reflect on these things.

May I take this opportunity to wish all readers of the Maynooth Newsletter a peaceful, safe and blessed Christmas.

Jack & The Beanstalk Comes to Maynooth

An Nuadha Players are well under way with their preparations for next January's presentation of their pantomime, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Skillfully directed by Martin Higgins the cast are being put through their paces. Martin is no stranger to the entertainment world, having been successfully involved in *Tops of the Towns* for many years before going on to write scripts for the Gaiety pantomime and for one of Ireland's top comedienne, June Rodgers. The musical direction is provided by Colin Sloan, himself no stranger either to the world of pantomimes and musicals. The cast have been very impressed to date with his professionalism and cheery sense of humour. Grace McGrath, as choreographer, has been proving to many people who were convinced they they had two left feet, that they have indeed inside them hidden realms of grace and elegance. She has also put together a troupe of young female dancers who will no doubt charm audiences with their performances. The cast of Jack and the Beanstalk see the return of some of the faces from last March's production of *Say Cheese* but also sees the introduction of some new and very talented performers. Mark Watson plays the part of the slightly dim-witted Jack with Fiona Tuohy playing his long-suffering mother. Eimear O'Meara sparkles as the beautiful Princess Cassandra, held captive by the evil giant (Bill Eliffe) and sharing her confinement with an "endearing" goose (Catherine Swords) - Dustin eat your heart out! Carmel Reynolds plays Peggy, the giant's house keeper, Pete Butler keeps every one in check as the policeman, Darren Crawley gives all landlords a bad name, Bridget Keon makes us

understand why politicians have a reputation for shady dealing and Mary Higgins and Ann Kelly as the town gossips Dolores and Rita, keep us up to date on all the goings on in the town!

As you can imagine a lot of work has to go into a production of this size, not only by the cast but also by a dedicated backstage crew without whom such a show is not possible. We are still looking for people to help with costumes, props, set building, set painting, make-up, advertising, front of house on the performance nights etc. If you think you could help us in any way we would be delighted to hear from you. Of course the most important thing is that people come along to the performances - there is nothing like a packed house ready to roar back "Oh, yes he will" or "oh, no he won't" as the case may be, to get a pantomime off to a flying start. So keep 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th and 28th January 2001 in your diaries and watch out for posters around the town. Enjoyment for all the family guaranteed! Contact: Roberta Carey - 6291309, Catherine Swords - 6286483, Mary Higgins - 6290817, Ann Kelly - 6289705

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MY FAMILY TREE

Fiona Rogers,
6th Class,
Scoil Mhuire na Toirbhirte,
Maigh Nuad.

Dia duit,

My name is Fiona Rogers and I did a project on my family tree. It was very interesting and exciting. For instance I did not know that the Rogers family motto was *"always ready"* and that in 1273 there was a Florence Tiernan, Bishop of Kilfenora. In my project I did an interview with my granny and that was very educational. I found out that she had a pet lamb. Her favourite subject was maths and she got married in 1952 to Patrick Tiernan. I also did an interview with Eilish Landers my Aunt. She adopted a chinese baby. My mums great grand parents names were Malachy Greally and Margaret Nangle that I found out too.

My name is Anna McNevin

Christina McGarrell (commonly confused withMcArdle) was born on December 13th 1918, the second youngest child. Maureen, her eldest sister died of cancer when she was in her twenties. Then Came Bridie, James, Granny and Peig. Christina was born at home, close to the shore of Lough Ree, Glassan, Athlone. Granny's father was a very fine boat builder who spent a lot of time away, travelling the length and breadth of the Shannon from Carrick on Shannon, Lanesboro, right down to Limerick, was involve d in racing and fishing on the midland lakes. At a time when few could read, great grandad McGarrell had a great love of books and especially poetry. Granny told about when her father would return home after his many adventures on the Shannon himself and his friend would tell stories long into the night by the open fire. Granny who slept in the "settle bed" in the kitchen would fall asleep while listening to these. Granny's mother was a great woman to make dinners, her door was always open to the poorer families that lived close by. They were never short of fowl, fish, potatoes and buttermilk. Granny told of how, as children after the long winter they would look forward to their first "dip" in the Shannon waters from Easter onwards. The highlight of Granny's life was school and she loved and respected her teacher Ms. Duffy and after finishing 7th class in Ballinaccliffey N.S. granny reluctantly left school. She went nursing in Athlone Hospital and had many stories to tell of the patients she meet there.

The Islanders.

When granny was growing up on the shores of Lough Ree there were several little islands on the lake that were inhabited. She often helped her brother James (who was a fisherman) to transport cattle for the islanders. She told of being given the job of sitting at the back of the rowing boat and holding the reins high to keep the cows head above the water as it swam along after the boat. Granny Chris was never fond of water, due , no doubt to her many hair raining experiences when mid journey the lake winds would suddenly whip up waves as tall as mountains from previously calm waters. Granny's father, John McGarrell spent many a night on these islands, He would always be sent for, to make a coffin for the island wakes, most of the time he did it in return for a few drinks as the islanders were mostly very poor. The Connell family were the last inhabitants of Lough Ree. Granny tells of them rowing over to first Mass on Sundays. One very bad winter they had to break the ice the whole way over in front of the boat and when they came out of Mass the lake had frozen over again and they had to repeat the process and all on an empty stomach. I chose to do this extract from my family tree project because granny died on 15th Aug 1999 and I found this part of her story interesting.

Aisling Byrne
Age 11

I thoroughly enjoyed doing my family tree project. I learned a great deal more about my family and ancestors. I hope that some of my grandchildren in the future will use the information and photographs I collected.

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- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar

Method:

- Preheat oven to 200c/400f/gas mark 6
- Divide the pie filling between six small oven-proof dishes, about 3" in diameter.
- Wipe a mixing bowl to remove any grease, then place the egg whites into the bowl and allow to stand at room temperature for a few minutes.
- To achieve maximum volume, whisk the whites with a hand mixer set on speed 1 for one minute, then increase the setting to 2 and whisk for a further minute. Finish on speed 3 until the whites form soft peaks.
- Once the whites have formed soft peaks, whisk the sugar and the wine vinegar into the whites.
- Spoon the meringue into a piping bag and pipe the soft peaks onto the fruit filling. Bake for 10-12 minutes until golden brown and crisp to the touch. Serve immediately.

Toasted Turkey Sandwiches

Cooking time: 3 Mins

- You will need:
- 4 slices wholemeal bread or any of your choice.
 - 1 tbsp whole grain mustard.
 - 4 slices cooked turkey breast, each about 1 oz.
 - Fresh ground pepper to taste.
 - 4 rings of canned pineapple each weighing about 2 ozs.
 - 2 oz cheddar cheese, grated.
 - Watercress sprigs to garnish.

Method:

- Spread the slices of bread with half the mustard and put 1 slice of the turkey on each. Spread the turkey with the remaining mustard and season to taste. Place the pineapple on top of each sandwich and sprinkle with the grated cheese.
- Cook under a hot grill for about 3 minutes or until the cheese melted and bubbling. Serve the sandwiches and garnish with the watercress sprigs.

Features

Turkey Fillets with Mushrooms (serves 4).

Cooking time: 40 min

You will need:

4 turkey fillets, about 5 oz each
2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, skinned and finely chopped
6oz mushrooms, chopped
1 garlic clove, skinned and crushed
1 tsp finely grated lemon rind
2 tsp chopped fresh thyme or 1 tsp dried
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/2 pint hot chicken stock
2 tbsp lemon juice
1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
Lemon slices and fresh parsley sprigs to garnish

Method:

1. Cut each turkey fillet in half crossways and place each half between sheets of greaseproof paper. Beat well until the fillet measures about two inches.
2. Heat 2 tsp olive oil in a non stick frying pan and cook the onion and mushrooms for 5-10 min over a gently heat until excess moisture has evaporated. Remove from heat and add the garlic, lemon rind, thyme, and seasoning, mix well.
3. Divide the mushroom mixture into 8 and spread over the fillets. Roll up and secure at both ends with string.
4. Heat the remaining olive oil in the non stick frying pan just large enough to hold 8 rolls. Cook the rolls 4 at a time for about 5 mins each batch, turning until pale golden on all sides.
5. Return all the rolls to the pan with the stock and lemon juice. Cover and simmer gently for 20 mins.
6. Transfer the rolls to a serving plate, remove the strings and keep warm. Boil the pan juices until reduced, then stir in the parsley and pour over the turkey rolls, serve garnished.

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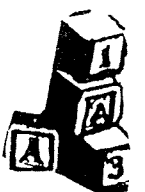
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Castle Keep Art Exhibition
Maeve Maloney, Sr. Catherine Leonard, Susan Durack



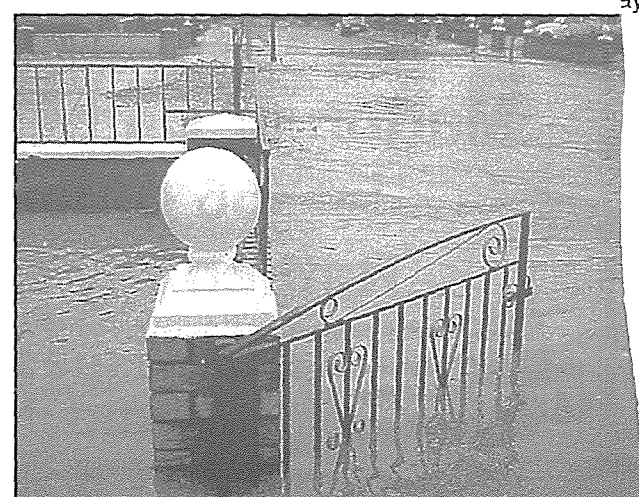
Castle Keep Art Exhibition
Maire, Alva Durkin with Sr. Catherine Leonard



Minister for Finance Charlie McCreevy T.D. with members of the Tidy Town's Committee



Flooding in Maynooth



Feature

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PREDICTIONS FOR 2001

January

The Maynooth Development Plan is finally agreed by Kildare Co. Council. Part of the plan involves flooding all the main roads in the area and encouraging people to travel by boat around the town. 'The minor flooding that took place in Maynooth in November gave us this idea', said a Co. Council engineer. 'For example, traffic in the Meadowbrook area fell by 100% during the floods', he added, 'and we think that if people travel by boat it would help ease traffic congestion in the town. What with global warming and everything, Maynooth is going to be under water anyway so we may as well make the most of it'. Local taxis firms are planning to provide a gondola service around the town and Maynooth is to be marketed as 'the Venice of the north (Kildare)'.

February

The new Roost opens its doors to the public. As the largest pub in Co. Kildare, 17,000 people cram into its 34 different bars on opening night, breaking the previous record for a crowd in the Roost by 17. Customers are issued with a map as they enter but 436 are still reported missing after the first night's drinking. The Maynooth Students Union President welcomes the opening and says students have been saving up their money for the last year and not a drop of alcohol had passed their lips for months as they waited for the re-opening of the Roost.

March

The St. Patrick's Day Parade committee comes up trumps in 2001 when they succeed in getting a star musical lineup for the parade. Fat Boy Slim, the Three Tenors and the Kilfenora Ceile Band agree to act as supporting acts for Danny McCarthy in a musical extravaganza to be performed from the back of a truck in the Main Street.

April

In a revolutionary move announced on April 1st, the price of drink in Maynooth is to be cut by 50%. In a statement local publicans indicate that they have been making too much money for the last few years 'The price of drink is just too high and we feel it's time we gave something back to the punters', says a spokesman for the Licensed Vintners Association. '£1.50 is a fair price for a pint and anything higher than that is a rip-off. Anyway, what we need is far more competition in the pub trade'. The statement also commits the publicans to improving toilet facilities in the town's pubs. Day long celebrations in the town are cut short when publicans issue a further, two word statement - 'April Fool'.

May

The new train service from Maynooth to Dublin is opened. High speed trains are to run from Maynooth to Connolly Station every ten minutes when there is not a strike. Brendan Ogle is due to perform the opening ceremony but backs out at the last minute when he claims the use of a scissors to cut the ribbon at the opening would be unsafe what with the sharp blade on the scissors and everything. The schedule is disrupted when a leaf is spotted on the track near Clonsilla. 'We are just not equipped to deal with a leaf on the track at this time of year', says a C.I.E. engineer. 'We plan to import a specially built leaf clearing machine from Japan in 2006', he added, 'but in the meantime trains may be delayed'.

June

The World Championship Slow Bicycle Race is held in the Harbour Field. 'We fell this is a very appropriate venue for the championship because time seems to stand still here', the championship organiser states. 'At other venues there's a buzz of activity, things are happening and that tends to distract the riders and they fall off their bicycles. In the Harbour Field every thing happens very slowly and that helps the riders'. Following the championship an archaeological dig carried out in the field uncovers several skeletons which are said to date from the 13th century. 'Given the position of the bodies we think they may have been attending a meeting, possibly they were planning the future of the area, but we'll never know', commented one of the archaeologists on the dig.

July

Global warming comes to Maynooth. As temperatures reach 40 degrees centigrade, Maynooth suffers desert-like conditions. Well known TV star and chairperson of Maynooth Community Council, John Doogan, calls for immediate action from Kildare Co. Council. 'What we need in Maynooth is water and lots of it', he states. The Meadowbrook area is particularly badly hit with sand storms trapping people in their houses. Local residents shovel the sand into bags as they will need them to stave off the floods next winter.

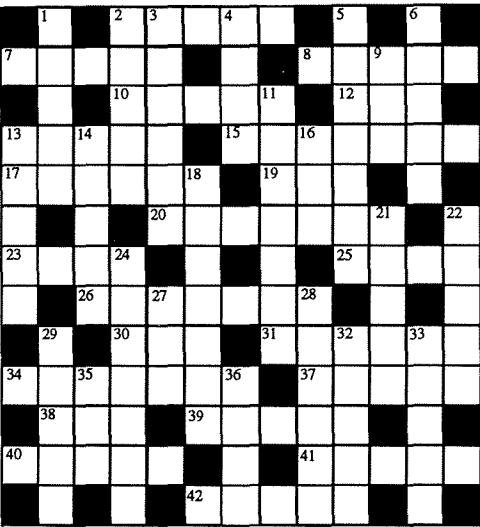
August

The first hangings are carried out in the Square for speeding on the motorway. At Kilcock Court Judge Brophy orders eight people to be hung for breaking the 70mph limit. 'I've been lenient for far too long', says the judge, 'hanging is too good for them'. Amnesty International pleads for clemency on behalf of the accused and two people have their sentences commuted to a life sentence of watching Oireachtas Report. They opt to be hung.

September

Carton is reopened. Maynooth is to be turned into a theme park where residents at the newly opened hotel and leisure centre can be amused and entertained. With accommodation prices ranging from £20,000 per night the hotel attracts only the creme-de-le-creme including Liam Lawlor, Ray Burke, ex-President Marcos (deceased), Des Traynor, Emperor Bokassa (former owner of the Congo) and Bill Gates. The Emperor is appointed official hangman in Maynooth.

Crossword No. 154



Entries before: 22-02-2001

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Across

- 2. Shore (5)
- 7. Brutal (5)
- 8. Demon (5)
- 10. Drain (5)
- 12. Rug (3)
- 13. Sober (5)
- 15. Dedicated (7)
- 17. Whimpered (6)
- 19. Tune (3)
- 20. Dishearten (7)
- 23. Swear (4)
- 25. Resound (4)
- 26. Ousted (7)
- 30. Coach (3)
- 31. Erase (6)
- 34. Wandering (7)
- 37. Promised (5)
- 38. Obtain (3)
- 39. Pick-me-up (5)
- 40. Repulse (5)
- 41. Space (5)
- 42. Spree (5)

Down:

- 1. Veracity (5)
- 2. Start (5)
- 3. Evaded (6)
- 4. Frigid (4)
- 5. Contrition (7)
- 6. Located (5)

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- 9. Tank (3)
- 11. Longed (7)
- 13. Perspire (5)
- 14. Pointed (5)
- 16. Strive (3)
- 18. Lodge (7)
- 21. Twist (5)
- 22. Enciphered (5)
- 24. Discounted (7)
- 27. Place (3)
- 28. Invent (6)
- 29. Impelled (5)
- 32. Regional (5)
- 33. Singer (5)
- 35. Material (3)
- 36. Centre (4)

Solution to Crossword No..152

Across: 1 Scream; 5 Demean; 8 Frighten; 9 Drip; 10 Wig; 12 Loped; 15 Sum; 17 Lea; 18 Rip; 19 Spa; 20 Rogue; 21 Ilk; 22 Dog; 23 Art; 24 Eye; 26; Owned; 29 Err; 33 Safe; 34 Narrator; 35 United; 36 Treaty

Down: 2 Corgi; 3 Edge; 4 Motto; 5 Dense; 6 Mode; 7 Adieu; 10 Waste; 11 Glade; 12 Largo; 13 Pagan; 14 Dread; 15 Spite; 16 Maker; 25 Yearn; 27 Waned; 28 Egret; 30 Roost; 31 Deft; 32 Wade

Features

October

Following a General Election, both Al Gore and W.J. Bush fail to win seats in North Kildare despite spending millions of pounds in their campaigns and having eleven re-counts. Bush succeeds Emperor Bokassa as Maynooth's official hangman. 'I guess I've got more experience at that than as a politician', he says.

November

The Maynooth Newsletter goes on-line and following phenomenal success is floated on the stock market. The Editorial Board suddenly become dot com millionaires but they continue to selflessly serve the community - although they do move their headquarters to the newly opened Carton where the staff tend to their every need.

December

It is the end of the Celtic Tiger. House prices drop, inflation falls, traffic congestion eases off, people are under less pressure at work. 'This is an absolute disaster', says local businessman, 'Maynooth is like a quiet, peaceful village. We'll be all ruined'. In a break with tradition, Christmas doesn't start until mid-December and shops close at six 'o clock. It is the end of just another year in Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH-IRELAND .com goes live

Maynooth Action Strategy unveiled their long-awaited Maynooth Town web site in October. As part of its mission after the town's creditable performance in the Information Age Town competition of a few years ago, Maynooth Action Strategy was tasked with the preparation and launching of an internet community access facility. The purpose of this was to highlight the advantages of the world-wide-web to the people of Maynooth and provide an information facility which could aid community cohesion in this rapidly growing town.

Logging on to www.maynooth-ireland.com provides a wealth of information of use to both the resident and tourist in Maynooth and the site should become a 'must see' feature as it grows and develops over the coming years. For the resident, the site can help with bus and train timetables, useful phone numbers, church services, local news items and announcements. There is also a small ads section where items for sale or wanted can be advertised for free. Want to sell your car or find out if anyone has Pokemon card to swap? There is also a bulletin board to send messages and comments. Maybe you want to discuss the happenings in Coronation Street or just beef about the train service? Or maybe you live in Sydney and want to say 'hi' to your old pals in Parklands. A photo gallery has a selection of local photos in which you may even figure! Maybe though you won't want to be figuring in the rolling news service provided by the Liffey Champion!

Each club and organisation in the town is facilitated with their own web page and an easy to use facility to enter their latest news, results or match report. It will be the place to go for the latest updates. For tourists, the site provides a comprehensive guide to local and regional attractions. How to get there; whether there's an entrance charge, when they're open etc. Maynooth Action Strategy's recent joint publication with the Local History and Civic Forum of a number of guided walks around the town is also accessible. Activities from golf to fishing, traditional music sessions to drama are also detailed. The site has been devised by a core group including Tony Bean, Peter Connell, Paul Croghan, John Dolan, Tom Moore, John Sweeney and Peter Van der Burgt. The intention was to produce an easy-to-navigate sequence of pages which takes you where you want to go without undue delay or complications. Its crisp design also includes one of the first views of the new town logo for Maynooth. Local web company Innovate Ltd of Maynooth host the site and exciting plans for further development and maintenance of the site are being implemented by Maynooth Action Strategy.

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reations and a little son
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or sister

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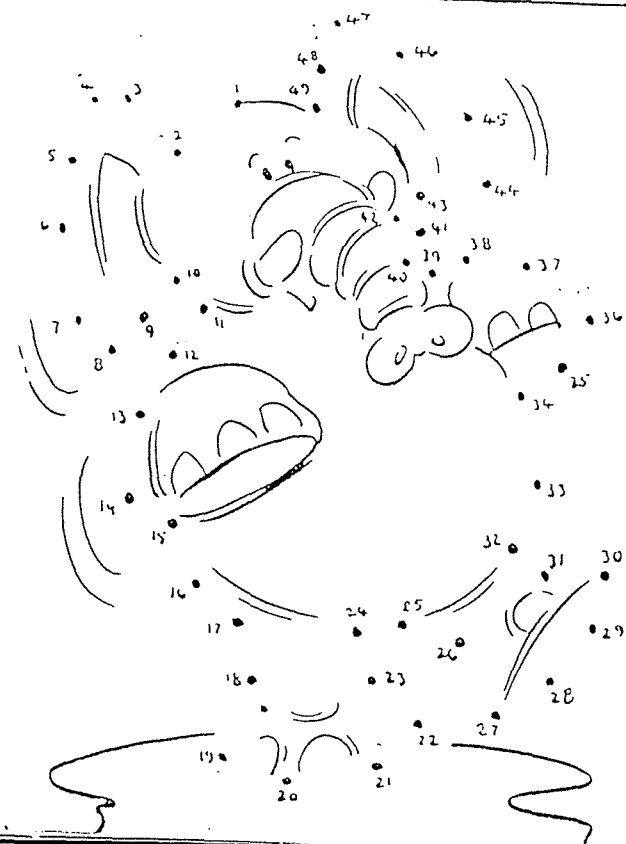
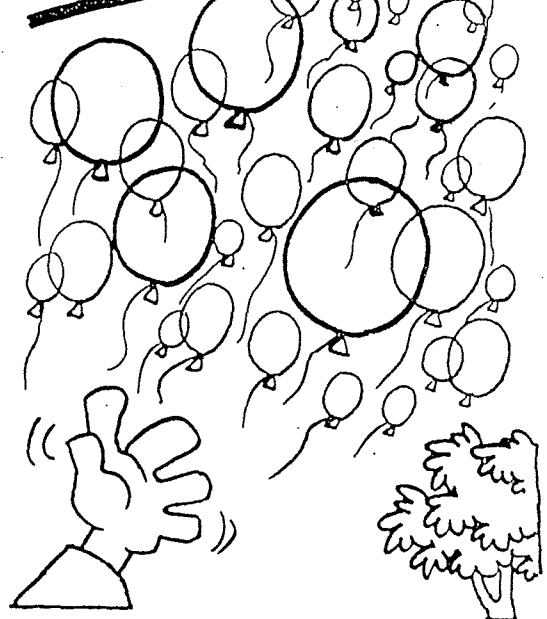
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Leonard's School Of Gymnastics



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Leonard's School of Gymnastics

The above school has been in operation in Maynooth for the past four years, The school is going from strength to strength and has a very strong team for Community Games at local level and even stronger for County level. This year in the County finals, held in Athy, members of L.S.G. in the girls under ten took the top six places which goes to show the hard work and dedication of the gymnastics. At National level, in Mosney members of L.S. G. won the gold medal in the boys under eight last year and won gold, bronze and fourth place certificate this year.

L.S. G. trains every Monday in the Parish Hall, Maynooth and has a very well equipped hall. Floor matting, vault, safety and landing mats, trampette, asymetic bars etc. give the gymnast ample opportunity to improve their fitness, flexibility, stamina etc. while also improving their gymnastics elements.

New members are welcome to the school. Inquiries can be had from Leonard on 087-2462885. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and my assistant Sarah, to wish all gymnasts, parents and friends of L.S. G. a very successful 2001. Also many thanks to all the parents, for all their help and support throughout the year.

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David Kelly : actor

As busy now as ever, David Kelly had to turn away work after the success of *Waking Ned* - 'I'm now booked for about a year'.

David considers himself primarily a theatre actor. He first trod the boards in the Gaiety Theatre in 1941 in a production by the Rathgar and Rathmines Musical Society.

Later he attended the Abbey school of Acting and then started to get parts in the Abbey and Gate Theatres.

Samuel Beckett's plays

This autumn sees David Kelly back on stage doing his seventh tour of the USA. He returns to Samuel Beckett's play *Krapps Last Tape*, a role he first played in 1959. Recently he took part in major Beckett project in which all 19 Beckett plays were filmed

Television and cinema career

He is famous to television audiences for roles like Rasher Tierney in *Strumpet City*, O'Reilly the builder in *Fawlty Towers*, and Sylvie Dolan in *Glenroe*. The runaway success of *Waking Ned*, the best known of his recent films, led to offers from Hollywood, a Golden Sunshine Award in 1999 and a nomination (alongside James Coburn and Robert Duval) for a Screen Actors Guild Award.

Fans can expect to see him on the big screen soon in *Green fingers* starring opposite Helen Mirren. It will be premiered at the Canadian film festival this year.

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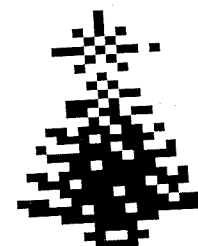
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A lot of manufactures are locked into a pattern of purchasing virgin raw materials and are not equipped either by habit or machinery to use recyclable raw materials even though they might well be cheaper.

Even the daily paper isn't as easily recyclable as one would hope, as many large paper consumers and manufactures throughout the world have investments in forests and are hence loath to use recycled paper. Instead they make additional profit by cutting the trees in which they have invested in and in a lot of cases, receive large tax subsidies.

Before you even think about it, burning doesn't work either. Dioxin generation can occur during the burning of waste. There's a lot of evidence out there suggesting that the global dioxin burden is due primarily to plastics such as polyvinyl chloride (PVC), chlorinated solvents, chlorinated pesticides, chlorine-based bleaching agents, etc.

For this reason, the elimination of dioxins at the source is best achieved by substituting chlorine-free alternatives. Indeed, many economically competitive cleaner products and processes already exist.

And what about handing our waste over to the professionals, well bear in mind that Britain's Environment Agency (EA) compiled a league table (known as the Hall of Shame) of businesses that were found guilty of offences against the environment in 1998. Among the top offenders (2nd, 3rd and 5th place) cited in the agency's league table were waste management operators. The Environment Agency's director of operations expressed concern that three of the worst offenders were waste management companies.

Businesses in waste management sector should be well aware of pollution issues, after all, they are meant to be there to clean up the environment.

So, we all have to find ways to deal with our waste. Just think of the 3Rs;

Reduce
Reuse
Recycle

Reduce; try not to buy products that have loads of extra packaging, use your own bags and not the shops. Reuse; if you must get a plastic bag - reuse it. Put those wine bottles etc to use as candle holders. Recycle; if all else fails, don't just dump it, send it for recycling. At almost any supermarket can be found bottle banks, just get into the habit of bring back the empties when shopping for the refills - saves you petrol as well.

At the end of the day, the marketing people will tell you that, the amount of packaging and the type of material used are what you want. Why don't we tell them what we really want is an environment that all our children can enjoy and that manufacturers should start to take an active role in allowing that to happen.



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New Business

A new mobile phone shop has opened up at Main Street, Maynooth in Gerry Brady's previous shop beside Top of the Crop. Owned and managed by Sam Nolan who has long experience in the business. Agents for Eircell, they have a full range of all Eircell products at reasonable rates. We wish them a long and happy stay in Maynooth.

North Kildare Tennis

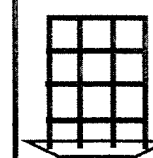
In the summer of 2000 North Kildare went through to the final of Kit Kate Tennis in St. Anne's Park in Raheny. The Kit at team was coached by Phillippa Pentz and caters for all ages 7 - 17. Pictured receiving their trophies are as follows:



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Maynooth Swimming Club

Since the Swimming Club was formed, more than 30 years ago by Owen Byrne thousands of children from the Maynooth areas have enjoyed the facilities of this voluntary organisation. Over the years parents of members have taken on the responsibilities for organising buses, instructors (of which we have 4 for each swim) duty rosters for committee members and duty rosters for parents to help with supervision on buses and changing rooms. Many parents spend up to 5 years on the committee which is a very big committee as the club runs all year from the beginning of September to the end of June. Galas are run every June and all children will go home with a medal. At the moment our head instructor Oliver is drawing up the grading certificate for water safety which all children will receive according to ability. The present term which consists of 8 weeks started on the 11th of November 2000 and will run until 13th of January 2001. There will be no swimming on Saturday 23rd December and 30th of December 2000. The fees are due by 2nd of December and may be paid to any member of the committee or bus supervisor. Once a place has been taken the full terms fee is then due. Parents who will receive the duty roster for the term are asked to ensure that they take their turn or swoop it for that of another on the roster. We need 3- 4 adults on the bus every week. Members who go on the bus and return by car please inform the bus supervisor, and those who go by car and return by bus inform the bus supervisor. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year from all committee members.

Mary Molloy P.R.O.

Features

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

As any child will tell you at this time of year, the wise men were lead to the birth of baby Jesus by a star and if you don't believe them there's always Matthew;

"Behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying where is he that is born king of the Jews. For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him". (Matthew 2:1-2)

The star of Bethlehem as "his star" has come to be known has for years brought forth debate and discussion as to its origin. Astronomers and historians alike, continue to look for evidence, both for and against the presence of the star or phenomenon at the right spot and time.

Meteors or "shooting stars" are one event that for a long time were regarded as the answer, but it commonly accepted that the wise men had some knowledge of astronomy and would not have regarded a meteor as having any great significance on its own.

During the reign of the Chinese Emperor Ai - Ti, a chronicler named Pan Ku recorded, around the time in question; the appearance of a "Hui hsing" that lasted for 70 days which is usually taken to mean a comet or even a nova. But it is the nova theory that has the greatest possibility as further evidence from another Chinese source shows. The Chinese Ho Peng Yoke catalogue records the appearance of an object in the Aquila constellation that may have been a supernova.

With the use of star maps and powerful computers, astronomers have extrapolated the nova remnants back to around the time of the first Christmas and have shown that it may well be the most likely candidate for the star of Bethlehem.

Bear in mind that we don't have an exact date for the birth and even with the best resources available, there's still some factor of error, hence astronomers and scientists alike will only give the "possibility" and "the weight of evidence shows" etc in their answers.

In any case, there doesn't seem to be one perfect candidate for the star and it may well come down to personnel preference. Was it a comet, a meteor, a nova or even an angel, what ever the answer is, knowing it will never make this time of year any less special for all.

Merry Christmas

NOW FOR THE SCIENCE BIT!

I'm sure the last piece has raised some questions as to just what stars, comets and the like are, well this is where the science comes in. We'll begin with the stars themselves.

They are a spherical mass of gases held together by gravity, born inside huge clouds of gases and dust. The process begins when a region of a cloud increases in density. The gases are pulled towards the star's centre where they become densely packed causing them to heat up. This can be triggered by a shock wave passing through the cloud due to a supernova, more about that latter. Under gravity, hydrogen gases the core, are hot enough to undergo nuclear reactions that releases energy. The energy counterbalances the effect of gravity allowing the star to be stable.

Each star has a life cycle of several stages during which its size and temperature change dramatically. The more massive a star the more quickly it burns up its gases in the nuclear reactions and one of the most massive types of stars known as a supergiant ends its life in a huge explosion called a supernova. Basically the gases are used up, the nuclear reaction ceases and gravity causes the star to implode in on itself generating the massive explosion that is so energetic that it can appear as a new very bright star from Earth.


so with the death of one star, we have the birth of many more.

Comets though, are relatively small objects that follow a long, eccentric orbit around the Sun and consist of dust and ice. Most orbit far beyond the planets at distances of up to 9,000 billion miles or 15,000 billion km, but should it come close to the Sun, it partially vaporises, producing a bright head of dust and gas and one or more tails. The best known is Halley's comet, which comes around every 76 years.

A meteor or shooting star, is the streak of light produced when a meteoroid or lump of rock, burns up in the atmosphere. On a clear, moonless night, about 10 meteors an hour can normally be seen, with the number peaking at around 4 a.m. in the morning; no one said astronomy was easy. They are best seen as a meteor shower, which occurs when the earth passes through a trail of dust left by a comet. There are around 20 meteor showers each year, one due around the 7th to the 16th of Dec. in the Geminids constellation and another around the 1st to the 6th of Jan. in the Quadrantids constellation.

The area of astronomy is vast and there is just not enough room here to delve into it in any great detail. There are various books available of both general interest and more in depth knowledge in most bookshops and libraries. A good starting point would be to join a club or society, the best known being Astronomy Ireland. If you just want to look at the stars, start off with a good pair of binoculars, excellent for looking at the moon. If money is available then the next step is a telescope, but beware, there are a lot of telescopes out there that are just not suitable. A good benchmark is a 3" lens for a refractive telescope and a 6" mirror for a Newtonian telescope.

Remember a telescope is not only just for Christmas, but for life and don't forget the warm woollies.



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FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NOTES

Once again this has been a very busy month in Maynooth Fianna Fail. In this edition of the Newsletter we will kick off with a report on the Public Meeting organised by the Cumann in Maynooth and addressed by Dr. Martin Manseragh, Special Adviser to the Taoiseach on Northern Ireland.

PEACE PROCESS - DR MARTIN MANSERAGH

The Meeting was well attended and the audience listened attentively to the speech given by Dr. Manseragh on "the History of the Peace Process". As his reputation preceded him, the speech was a very orderly and detailed journey down the road to peace from where Dr. Manseragh himself dated its inception i.e. the aftermath of the Enniskillen bombing, to the present date. Many other historians dated the start of the Peace Process from the mid 1970's when the English first started a dialogue with the IRA secretly, others marked the Anglo Irish Agreement as the starting point. In the early 1980's John Hume and Charles Haughey started work on a framework for both communities to work together in co-operation. In 1988 Dr. Manseragh himself and Dermot Ahern T.D. met with Gerry Adams with the aim of drawing up a consensus among Nationalists in which the best progress could be made.

This ultimately led down the path to a Draft which was handed over to John Major in June 1993, culminating in the Joint Declaration between the Irish and British Governments in December 1993 - led by Albert Reynolds, John Hume, Gerry Adams and John Major. Consequently Section 31 of the Constitution was lifted, the republican movement was given access to the media, a 48 hour Visa was granted by the United States to Gerry Adams etc. While in Dr. Manseragh's first opinion, Charles Haughey's main contribution was to help create a constitutional Republican position, thereby doing much to contain and even diminish more militant republicanism from gaining ground. Albert Reynolds' role in the period leading up to and after the Joint Declaration was nothing short of magnificent. During a vital and sensitive period, no effort was spared or proved too much for Reynolds. He took every opportunity given to go on T.V., radio, print interviews etc in order to explain, clarify, reassure and push the content of the Declaration.

This was followed by the ceasefire, border roads being reopened, security on streets being reduced, and examination of how foreign investment could be generated leading to a more prosperous economy in which all communities could benefit. Dr. Manseragh applauded Albert Reynolds very recent settlement which he won against the Sunday Times for an article which they printed after the fall of the Reynolds government.

Dr. Manseragh followed up with a systematic account of the sequential events that followed, the difficulties experienced in 1995 with the 'slow bicycling' policy pursued by Patrick Mayhew over decommissioning, the breakdown of the IRA ceasefire, the British and Irish General Elections in May and June 1997, respectively, leading eventually to the Good Friday agreement of 1998. Dr. Manseragh praised the part played by Bertie Ahern, particularly his ability to relate to people without being confrontational.

He has built up very good personal relationships with David Trimble, among others, being the first Fianna Fail leader to go into Unionist Party offices and also the first Fianna Fail leader to visit Republican West Belfast since DeValera.

In conclusion, Dr. Manseragh focused on the dynamism of the process presently highlighting the work being done by the North/south bodies in particular.

At the end of the Question and Answer session which followed, Dr. Manseragh was presented by the Maynooth Cumann with a symbolic present of Waterford Crystal Goblets, issued for the Millennium to toast Peace.

BUDGET SUBMISSION TO CHARLIE MCCREEVY by MAYNOOTH CUMANN

The Maynooth Cumann presented its budget submission to the Minister last weekend. The Cumann wrote to all its members in Maynooth inviting them to submit ideas for inclusion in the submission. The Cumann officer board then met on a number of occasions to discuss and agree on the issues to be included in the submission. The general theme of the submission was summarised by officer board member Noel Brilly as "giving something back to the people without having an adverse effect on inflation". The Cumann have put forward proposals in relation to the following topics.

- 1) Pensioners - proposals related to concessions regarding car tax, vouchers towards the cost of the National Car Test and increased fuel allowance.
- 2) Fixed income recipients.
- 3) Carers - people looking after family members. unable to fend for themselves at home, should perhaps be able to receive significant allowances.
- 4) Students - parents of students paying rent for accommodation should be able to receive a significant relief on their tax allowances. Also maintenance grants for students should be increased as no increase has been received for a number of years.
- 5) Home working incentives to be introduced and strengthened.
- 6) Green issues - tax incentives should be introduced for recycling processes.
- 8) Childcare - Benefits for working parents to be introduced to help towards the cost of childcare, which in turn will help release more people into the workforce.

After some time discussing the various proposals with the Cumann Committee Charlie McCreedy praised the Cumann for its initiative and he said he would consider them during the preparation of the budget.

MINISTER MCCREEVY MEETS WITH SENIOR IARNROD EIREANN PERSONNEL IN MAYNOOTH NEW STATION

Following meeting held in the Glenroyal Hotel and on site, Minister McCreedy and Cumann members accompanied the Minister to the new Rail Station currently being completed in Maynooth.

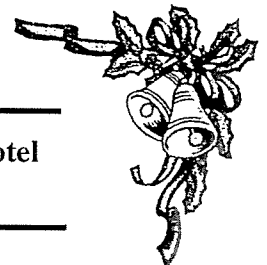
There the Minister met with senior representatives of Iarnrod Eireann including Acting Station Master in Maynooth Mr. Stephen Mangan, Christy Stapleton, Operations Manager with Iarnrod Eireann and Mr. Barry Kenny, Public Relations officer with Iarnrod Eireann and resident of Maynooth himself. Congratulations to Barry on his subsequent Wedding !!!!!!!!!

The Minister announced that the upgrade and increased facilities and frequencies of services would be a welcome addition to the residents and commuters of Maynooth, both present and future, an area which has expanded so rapidly and consistently over the last 10 years in particular. Cont'



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The Minister toured the new Station building itself which will be opened at the end of October or beginning of November and on which £20 million has been made available for its construction. A further £20 million will have been spent on providing 20 new longer diesel cars with greater capacity. The new Station will have new PA systems, mobility impaired access, new lighting, passenger help points, closed circuit television and real time information.

The new facilities and new tracking and signalling put in place will enable a much improved frequency of services with trains departing every 30 minutes during off-peak periods and every 20 minutes during peak-time. There will also be a service available during the small hours of the morning/night which again will be a welcome safety addition to the residents of Maynooth who travel to and from the City Centre on a regular basis. While the new Station and its facilities will be open by the end of October, the increased frequency of trains will be starting in January.

LOCAL NOTES - CHARLIE MCCREEVY T.D. AND CLLR. PAUL KELLY

A) MR. DERMOT AHERN T.D. MINISTER FOR SOCIAL, COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AFFAIRS has written to Minister McCreedy detailing Grants which have been approved under the 2000 Scheme for local based Community and Family Support Groups to bodies in the area. Bodies concerned include among many others, Newbridge Access Group, Nass Adult Centre for Education, Network - Kildare, Maynooth Adult Daytime education and Leixlip Womens studies.

B) MR. DAN WALLACE T.D. MINISTER OF STATE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT has written to Minister McCreedy giving details of Grants being made to 122 projects under the 2000 Environmental Partnership Fund. The increased number of applications to this fund shows that awareness has been heightened of the importance of environmental protection schemes. Among the local groups to be successful in their applications were:-

-KIWI, Kilcock - based on local partnership effort concept and will make a significant difference in delivery on the core objectives of the Departments National waste Initiative.
- Leixlip Integrated Waste Initiative - formed to reduce the amount of waste leaving Leixlip.

C) Charlie McCreedy has welcomed the announcement by BOBBY MOLLOY T.D. MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL of the approval for 43 3-bedroomed houses, 11 2-bedroomed houses and communal facilities under the Departments Rental Subsidy Scheme at Caragh road, Nass. The estimated cost will be £5.4 million and allocation will be made to households on the Local Authority housing waiting list. Minister McCreedy declared that the Government is currently working very hard to increase the supply of serviced land to ensure more of these types of developments will be made available.

SILKEN VALE
Minister McCreedy and Cumann members had a walkabout in Silken Vale on Saturday 7th October, and met with representatives of the Residents Association concerning their objections to Iarnrod Eireann's application for access maintenance gate in Silken Vale. Minister McCreedy has been engaged in on-going representations to Kildare County Council and an Bord Pleanála on behalf of the residents. Decision due date from An Bord Pleanála is 7th December.

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CASTLEDAWSON ESTATE

Again Charlie McCreedy has made on-going representations to Kildare County Council regarding the Rathcoffey road design, having met with a representatives of the Residents on 7th October in the Glenroyal Hotel..

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL - EXTENSION GIVEN GO AHEAD

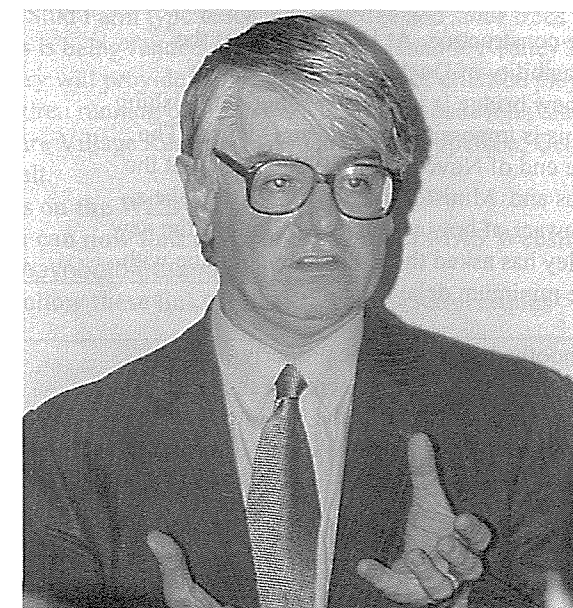
The Chairman of the Cumann, Gearoid Lohan was delighted to receive news that the Department of Education under Minister Michael Woods has sanctioned the extension to Maynooth Post Primary school. The extension will allow accommodation for an extra 850 pupils, and work is expected to begin early in the New Year. Minister McCreedy was also very pleased to learn of the go-ahead having made representations on behalf of the school to the Minister, Michael Woods.

CAIRDE FAIL DINNER - November 3rd

The annual Cairde Fail Dinner Dance will take place this year on Thursday 30th November in City West Hotel. An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern will attend and the Maynooth Cumann intends to have a table on the night. Anyone interested in attending should contact myself at the number below. Tickets cost £40.00 each and music entertainment will be provided by Paddy Cole.

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Action Required to Prevent a Recurrence of the Flooding:

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's proposal it was agreed at the Special Council Meeting on 20 November, that time would be set aside at the Monthly Meeting of the Council on 27 November to consider the Council's report on the flooding. Cllr. McGinley also asked that a member of the National Roads Authority (NRA) be in attendance.

Cllr. McGinley has also put forward the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the following action be taken in order to prevent a recurrence of the flooding in Meadowbrook, Brookfield, Newtown and Parson Street:

1. That an alternative, to the Meadowbrook Stream, be found for taking the Motorway surface water drainage e.g. Lagoons.
2. That the grills on the pipes at the bridges on the Meadowbrook Stream be removed immediately as they contributed to the flooding.
3. That the culverted of the Meadowbrook Stream, which has already been agreed by the Council, be speeded up.
4. That the boundary wall between the Joan Slade River and Parson Street be rebuilt completely as the flooding in Parson Street was caused by the holes in the existing wall.
5. That enough sand bags be retained in the Council Yard in Maynooth for any future such emergencies.

Proposals for Work to be Funded from Development Levies:

The Council are at presents compiling a list of work to be carried out using Development Levies already collected. Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following list for inclusion:

- * Finish the Maynooth Town Improvement Works as outlined in the O'Neill 1996 Plan.
- * Finish the Road Restoration Programme for Leixlip as outlined in the O'Neill 1995 Plan.
- Realign the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth and include footpaths and cycle paths. The footpath should extend beyond the motorway bridge to accommodate the new soccer pitches.
- Finish resurfacing of roads in Carton Court and Cluain Aoibhinn
- Resurface all of the Back Lanes in Maynooth.
- Provide traffic route public lighting and a footpath on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, from the Straffan Road to the new Gael Scoil.
- Realign Convent Lane/Dunboyne Road, Maynooth and remove the 'green' strip.
- Rebuild completely the Parson Street boundary wall with the Joan Slade River.
- Culvert the Meadowbrook Stream.
- Repair the footpaths in Carton Court and College Green, Maynooth.
- Repair the roads and footpaths in Avondale Estate, Leixlip.
- Prune trees, and remove where necessary, in all housing estates in Maynooth and Leixlip. All removed trees to be replaced with appropriate mature trees.

Bond Bridge Construction Held up by Duchas:

Duchas are still holding up progress on the new Bond Bridge construction. At Duchas request the Council employed a **Conservation Architect** to evaluate the feasibility of Duchas proposals which effectively called for the building of the new bridge, where the new bridge is located, without demolishing the old bridge. Anyone with common sense would realise that this is impossible, but no so Duchas. The Conservation Architect's report to the Council is due before the end of November and it is likely that the Council will accept the recommendations. It is then up to Duchas and Minister Sile de Valera to make a fast decision. Emmet Stagg T.D. has already made the Minister aware of how essential it is to have the new bridge constructed without any further delay. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to continue with the design work so that the tendering stage can proceed with the minimum delay.

Resurfacing of Back Lanes in Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the Back Lanes off Maynooths Main Street be properly surfaced, using development levies collected in the area, without any further delay. The resurfacing of the lanes has prevented double yellow lines from being painted on one side of them as agreed in the Parking Bye Laws. Hopefully when this work is completed there will no longer be any problems for the Wheelie Bin truck gaining entry.

Carton Avenue and Top of Main Street, Maynooth

Council officials advised Cllr. McGinley at the Area Meeting on 10 April last that they had £198,000 in funds to extend the Main Street Improvement Works to take in the entrance to Carton Avenue and the top of Main Street area. Since then the Maynooth Action Strategy (MAS) group have produced there own proposals for the Avenue and the entrance to it. They have also secured a further £100,000 funding from the Minister for Finance. Cllr. McGinley submitted a motion asking that the scope of work be agreed and co-ordinated without any further delay. He also demanded that a Council Official take over responsibility for the project with a view to seeking tenders for the work early in the new year. It would be a disgrace if this funding was lost to Maynooth through the inaction of Council Staff.

Carton Court:

Following representations from the Residents' Association Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

" That the resurfacing of the roadways, begun in Carton Court, Maynooth, last year, be completed without any further delay and that the Area Engineer carry out a survey on the condition of the footpaths and that a remedial works plan be drawn up."

In addition Cllr. McGinley has allocated £8,000 of his Discretionary Funding to carry out repairs to the worst sections of the footpaths before the years end.

Cllr. McGinley has also asked EIRCOM to remove the Phone Box as requested by the Residents' Association.

Wall at the Bottom of Greenfield Drive:

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated £2,250 of his Discretionary Funding for the rebuilding of the wall.

Rockfield:

Following representations from the Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to introduce safety measures at the junction of the footpath from Rockfield Lodge and Rockfield Avenue.

Pedestrian Footbridge—Maynooth Rail Station

Arising from representations from commuters, Deputy Emmet Stagg contacted Iarnrod Eireann concerning the dangerous footbridge linking the platforms at Maynooth Rail Station. A number of the steps were broken. Iarnrod Eireann have responded indicating that the Bridge will be examined and repaired.

Increased Frequency on Maynooth Suburban Line

Following the doubling of the rail line from Maynooth to Clonsilla, Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised that increased services will be available in early 2001. There will be additional services at peak and off peak times and also a Sunday service will be in operation.

Extension of Quality Bus Corridor

In response to enquiries from Dublin Bus commuters Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the extension of the Lucan Quality Bus Corridor to cover both the Lucan and Chapelizod By-passes.

Moyglare Village Boundary Agreed

Cllr. John McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg are pleased that agreement has now been reached with Moyglare Village Residents' Association on the provision of a boundary on the front green of their estate. A double Stud Farm type fence with a hedge and some trees in the middle will be provided at a cost of £7,000 and this is being funded in full from Cllr. John McGinley's Discretionary Grant. The provision of the boundary will provide a safe environment for children playing in the front green and will eliminate the risk of children running out onto the Moyglare Road. John and Emmet would, in particular, like to thank Moyglare Village Residents' Association Chairperson, Gerry MacCann, who was instrumental in achieving the result.

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Wishing all our Constituents
a Happy Christmas

MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C. NOTES

With the new pitches coming on stream on the Rathcoffey Rd this is an exciting time for Maynooth Town Football Club. The first Sunday of fixtures on the new site was a great success with Pat Moynan's under 11's side winning the first ever game. We gained some valuable experience from this trial run. Our thanks to Paul Davies and all at NUI Maynooth for the use of their pitches while we installed a car park for visitors. This was seen as an urgent requirement to avoid cars parking on the road. The pitch has also been verti-drained, fertilized and 25 ton of sand is to be spread on it to improve the surface. A turfcare consultant has been employed to advise on how best to bring the surface to a standard to provide a playing pitch until the state of the art pitches are developed.

New temporary dressing rooms are also now on site and permanent goal posts have been installed. These are all short term measures to see us through the current season. In the longer term, surveyors have already been to survey the grounds and their brief is to put together a draft plan for a final layout of the site. It would be the club's intension to consult with all who may wish to have an input before drawing up the final layout. It is hoped that we will gain a facility that will be more than just a home for soccer in Maynooth but an asset to the larger community.

The improvements to date have cost in the order of £10,000. This finance in the main has come from our weekly Lotto draw and we would encourage all supporters of our plans to support our fundraising efforts in any way possible. Finally we would ask all to be patient in this time of major transition and on behalf of the committee, managers and players of Maynooth Town F.C. have a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

DDSL Under 8B1

Marino Boys 1 v Maynooth Town 3

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These Maynooth Town cubs will not be denied their determined march to the championship. They met stout and stubborn resistance from strong opposition in Marino Park but rose to the occasion well. A fine first half lob from John Comerford separated the teams at the interval. Changes at half time did not disrupt the Town's pattern of play.

Weekly Members Lotto Results

Date	Lucky No's	Jackpot	3 x £25 Winners		
23-Jul-00	1,12,18,24	£800	PAULA O' CONNOR	IMELDA DOWLING	SHEA O' SULLIVAN
30-Jul-00	5,9,10,14	£850	JOAN CARROLL	MARGARET DEMPSEY	KARL c/o Caulfields
6-Aug-00	7,10,15,21	£900	JACKIE NOLAN	EDEL HARKIN	LAUREN EDWARDS
13-Aug-00	9,19,20,24	£950	BERNIE WALSH	JACKIE NOLAN	ROSEANNA BYRNE
20-Aug-00	10,11,19,21	£1000	DES KANE	JOSIE KIERNAN	DAN O' DRISCOLL
27-Aug-00	13,21,27,28	£1050	MICHEAL RYAN	RACHEL CASSIDY	PAT KILKENNY
3-Sep-00	5,8,9,20	£1100	MICK FAHEY	B. NURNEY	BER FAHEY
10-Sep-00	3,4,5,27	£1150	WILLIAM FARRELLY	DECLAN COYNE	M. DALY
17-Sep-00	10,16,18,28	£1200	KARL c/o Caulfields	KATHLEEN DEMPSEY	EAMON CARTY
24-Sep-00	1,5,8,15	£1250	GERRY Mc TERNAN	EILISH ASH	EUGENE FITZPATRICK
1-Oct-00	5,12,18,27	£1300	KEN HYLAND	BERNIE FAHY	COLM NEARY
8-Oct-00	3,9,12,27	£1350	DON FOLEY	MICK GERATHY	SUZANNE FARRELLY
15-Oct-00	5,6,10,21	£1400	CIAN O' HAGAN	TRIONA CAHILL	DON FOLEY
22-Oct-00	1,14,16,21	£1450	COLM LOFTUS	KEVIN WALSH	JOHN DRIVER
29-Oct-00	13,14,20,25	£1500	LISA KEALY	GERARD HEGARTY	NIAMH MONGEY
5-Nov-00	1,14,16,21	£1550	MARGARET GANNON	MICK FANNING	T. KIRBY

Martin O' Connor typified this confidence with a fine run and long range strike which put his side 2-0 up. Still the game was evenly balanced and Marino were dangerous on the break. Shane Hawthorne linked well with David Burgess to score goal number three. The home side did manage to score a consolation goal near the end which they deserved for their fine efforts. Maynooth from: James Walsh, Christopher Hobbes, David Murray, John Comerford, Paul Carey, David Burgess, Andrew Foxe, Conor Glynn, Ciaran Kearney, Martin O' Connor, Colm O' Neill, Shane Hawthorne and Conor Sauls

DDSL Under 8D

Maynooth Town 3 v Palmerstown Rangers 5

Maynooth's newest recruits got off to a slow start in this under 8's clash with Palmerstown Rangers. Having conceded two solid goals the Town began to dominate midfield but missed a solid kick just before the break leaving them trailing at half time. The second period began well for the home side as substitute Theo Riva brought the sides level courtesy of two excellent free kicks. Several substitutions meant the game lost its flow and the home side began to surrender the midfield advantage. Once again Rangers got the upper hand and converted three easy chances despite several good saves from home keeper Tom Donoghue. Theo Riva completed his hatrick following an unstoppable run from his own half but Maynooth were unable to close the gap any further.

Maynooth from: Tom Donoghue, Ronan Kirwin, Luke Essex, Desin O'Brien, Garvin Dowling, Hughie Faherty, Andrew Corbett, Theo Riva, Neil Flynn, David Toner, David Scanlon, O'Callaghan, Ciaran Cunningham, Ruari Brett and Lee Cairns.

A Merry Christmas &
A Peaceful New Year to All
From
Maynooth Town Football Club

MAYNOOTH UNDER 11

Maynooth under 11 footballers saved their best performance till their last game in the autumn league. Against a determined and well trained Sallins team playing against a strong breeze they kept in touch and were only three points behind at half time.

After the half time talk they came out and eventually got the better of their opponents winning the game by three points. Once again the support of the parents was great to see at the game and the trainers are always grateful for their support.

The team was: Alex Cash, Seamus McGhillobhríde, Sean Moore, Dare Walsh, Cormac O'Reilly, Damien Greavy, Thomas Donnellan, Eoin Curran, Cathal Farrelly, William Reynolds, Emanuel Ali, Joe Dempsey, Danny Finnan.
Subs: Ben Finnegan, Karl Lynch, Sean Barrett, Philip Corbally, John Devine, Rian Glynn, Colin McClean, David O'Grady.'

Despite a disappointing run of results in their autumn league Maynooth under 11 trainers Dennis Dempsey and Kieran Finnegan remain optimistic for the future. Half of the panel are under age next year.

The team was unlucky to lose star forward Francis McDonald in the summer and he is wished good luck in the playing fields of Westmeath. The support of the parents was great to see at the games and the trainers are always delighted to see parents support their children.

The panel is as follows:
Emmanuel Ali, Sean Barrett, Alex Cash, Barry Connellan, Philip Corbally, Brian Cowley, Eoin Curran, Thomas Donnellan, Joe Dempsey, John Devine, Ciaran Egan, Danny Finnan, Garrett Farrelly, Ben Finnegan, Rian Glynn, Damien Greavy, Karl Lynch, Colin McClean, Seamus MacGhillobhríde, Sean Moore, David O'Grady, William Reynolds, Sean Senchnya, Cormac O'Reilly, Darragh Walsh.

Maynooth Gaelic Football Club renewed old friendships with Edenderry G.F.C. on Saturday last. A coach departed from Maynooth club house bringing both under 11 and under 9 teams to play two challenge matches. Despite the poor weather both games were very competitive with a draw in the under 9 game and a one point defeat for the under 11s.

Afterwards the Maynooth club treated the boys to a well deserved meal. Both teams have been training throughout the year. The under 9 team, for the second year in a row won their North Kildare League.

The trainers of both teams would like to thank the parents who helped to make the day a great success. Also the Edenderry club for the welcome they afforded them. Training will resume in February.

By Kieran Finnegan

Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately
it kills all its pupils. (Ulrick Ruffert)



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Sympathy

Alan Gaffney, (deceased)

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Malone (Maynooth) Donald, formerly of Greenfield, died Oct, 8- 2000, in London. His death is mourned by his sister, brothers, relatives and friends. "May he rest in peace "

McCarthy Michael - Oct 11- 2000 (peacefully), aged 91 years, Killeaney, Maynooth, Co. Meath (late of Killreelig, Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry); deeply regretted by his loving wife Mary, daughter Mary (Mauren), sons Donald, Micheal and Sean, brothers, sisters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law., sister-in-law, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. R.I.P.

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Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask you for this special favour (mention your request).

Take it dear hear of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

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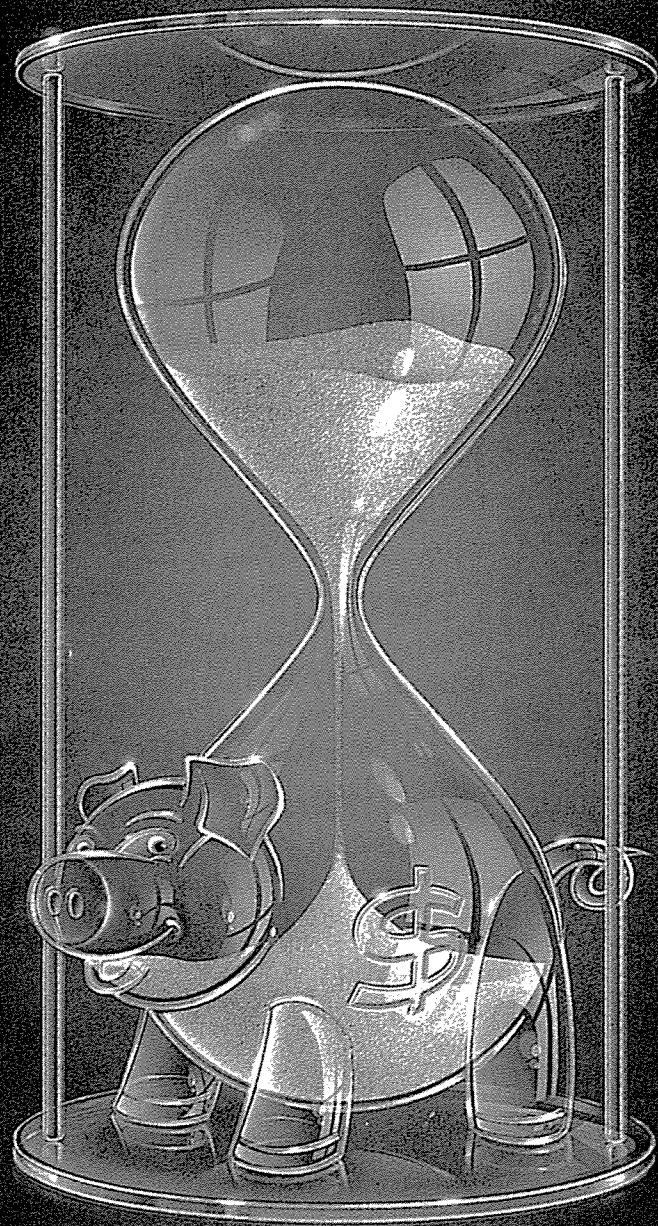
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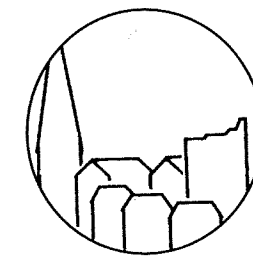
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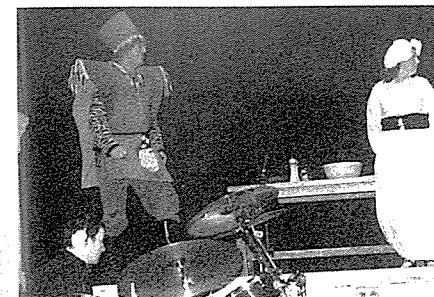
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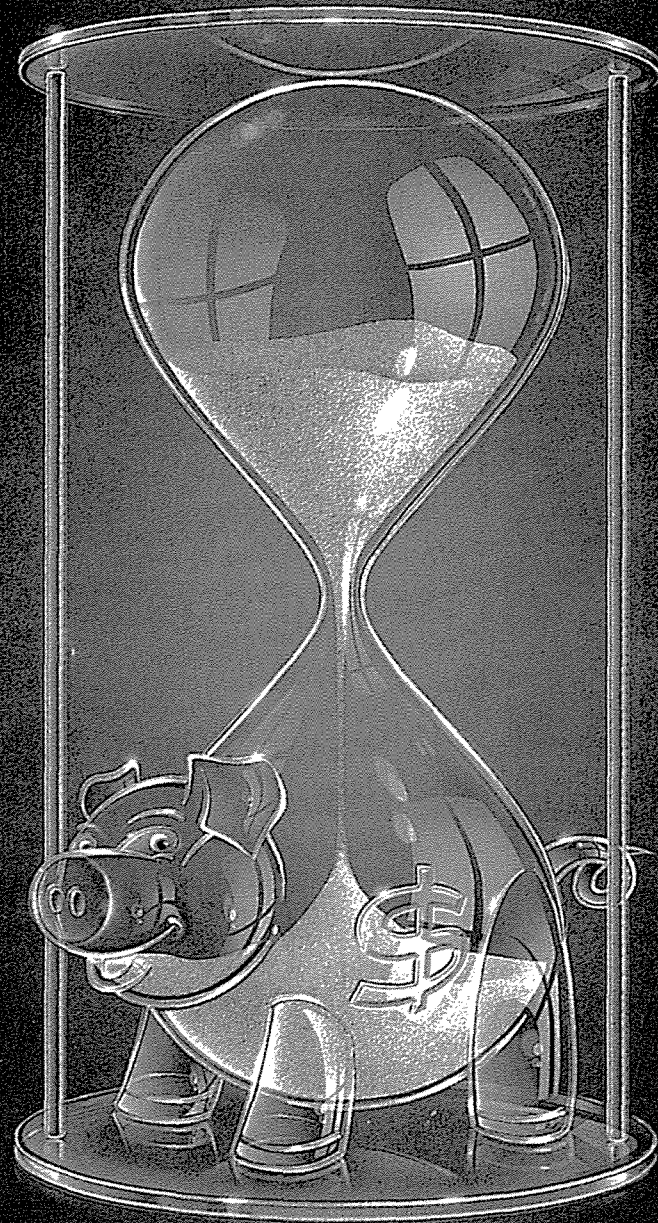
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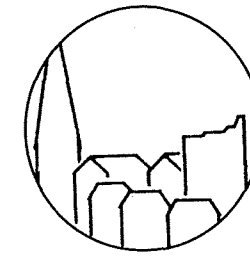
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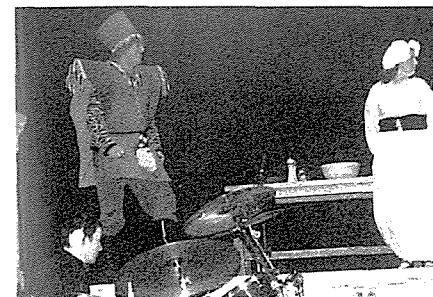


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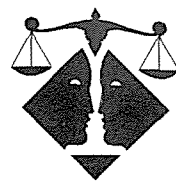
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19th February	Sureshwari Devi Public Library
17th February 3rd March	Workshop Dublin Workshop Dublin
18th February	Valentine Party Post Primary School
20th February	Maynooth Flower and Garden Club Demonstrator Eileen Burns
20th March	Demonstrator Bred Kelleher
21st April 22nd April	Spring show Spring Show

All meetings to be held at 8pm sharp on the third Tuesday of each month in the Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

EDITORIAL

Stay Healthy - Get Involved.

How many people out there have already broken their New Year resolution to get fitter this year - walk more, cycle, join a gym? It is a time of year when we are encouraged to embark on more healthy lifestyles but a recent article by one of Ireland's foremost psychologists has suggested a unique way of staying healthy. The article suggested that people who involve themselves in community and voluntary activities have a better chance of staying healthy - both mentally and physically - than those who don't. It argued that the positive feelings resulting from co-operating with our fellow citizens on projects in which we have a mutual interest is a valuable antidote to the stress and tension that many people now feel. Rather than slumping in front of the television after a hard day's work and claiming exhaustion, the best medicine is to do something positive, join up, get involved. Setting this medical advice alongside the need to strengthen the sense of community in our own town and we come to an obvious conclusion. Most evenings of the week there are dozens of Maynooth people out there being involved. Organising football training, practising with the band, running the Credit Union, learning Irish dancing, planning the St. Patrick's Day Parade, at ICA meetings, Tidy Towns meetings, residents meetings. If you want to know what there is to join call the Community Council Office at 6285922.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Our Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday 17th March starting at 11 a.m. from The Greenfield Shopping Centre. So traffic disruption will take place from then until the Parade ends at 12.30. If you want to take part in the Parade please fill in the entry form in this Newsletter.

COPY DATE:
MONDAY 12TH MARCH AT 5 P.M.

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes.

The first Community Council Meeting of the New Year took place on the 15th January in the Glenroyal Hotel.

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

It is time to start organising the St. Patrick's Day Parade again. Chairperson, John McGinley wants all interested to get in touch with the office. Again they are looking for marching bands and all kinds of bands urgently. This is a good way to advertise yourself and have a great day out.

Office.

Christina Sauls has joined the office as the new supervisor. Christina took up her position on the 8th January. We wish Christina the very best with Maynooth Community Council.

It is hoped to produce the Newsletter every month. Peter Connell said the future of the Newsletter looks good, with the support and continued hard work of the office staff and new supervisor in place.

It has now become necessary for Maynooth Community Council to become a Limited Company. The Executive will now be known as the Board of Directors. It is hoped that this will be finalised soon.

Fundraising

This will prove to be a very busy year for fundraising. It has become necessary to have at least one big fundraising project this year.

John Doogan hopes that a Race Night and Dance will be organised. As appreciated this will involve the office in fundraising. It will require the commitment of the community councillors to give their time and support to this event.

It was also hoped that the continuing sales of *Cannonballs and Croziers*, a local history book will also bring in the needed funds. This book was mainly researched by local journalist John Drennan and supported by the office staff and Community councillors. The production of a new local directory is to be considered.

Local Matters

Millennium trees – P. O Murchu wondered if the millennium trees had been planted yet by Kildare County Council. J. McGinley stated that 1001 trees would be planted to commemorate the millennium this year.

Parson Street, traffic lights – The question of traffic lights at Parsons Street was raised.

J. McGinley said that all underground work for the project was done. The problem arises with acquiring the tenders to carry out the work. The pedestrian crossing and lights at the Bank of Ireland will be removed to facilitate the traffic flow.

Lights on the Celbridge Road – Hugh Gallagher stated that the lights on the Celbridge Road beside Rail Park and Rockfield were not efficient. J. McGinley said that there were to be new lights installed on the road as far as the new Gael Scoil.

Amenity Site – There is need for an amenity site for waste collection in the town. Segregated bins are ideal. It was stated that there is a smaller bin available for people who might not have much waste, also a tax rebate that may help to lower the cost.

J. McGinley also stated that there is a compost bin available from the County Council for £20. S. Griffin is looking for suggestions on how to make our environment better. He would welcome any ideas on environmental problems.

Water Quality – T. McMullon stated that the tap water had a very strong smell of chlorine and was not pleasant to drink.

Web Site – P. Connell said that MAS want to form a management committee to maintain the site. They are looking for interested people to get involved. Please note that you can send Valentine's cards, Patrick's Day cards etc.

There is a workshop being organised to help people set up their pages, any clubs, resident's associations may get in touch with the office.

Vandalism in Maynooth – There is a noticeable rise in vandalism in estates and house break-ins. S. Griffin asked that everybody keep a look out for anything suspicious and report it to the Gardai.

Post Office box – The Post office box at Tesco Shopping Centre has been removed. It would be a great assistance to shoppers to have a box at the Centre.

Next Community Council meeting February, Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson P.R.O.

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A class photograph from the Convent in the 1930's.
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Under-Age Drinking

We all must become more aware of the increase in under-age drinking. One only needs to walk a short distance in all areas, to see among the litter strewn green areas and hedges beer cans, vodka and Bacardi bottles (naggins) either broken or whole. Incidents of 14 year olds having to be hospitalised after alcohol abuse are not rare. Bad behaviour, after examination results are released is due to alcohol intake. Society as a whole is to blame. What example has been given to those young people?

We have, for decades celebrated events such as weddings, birthdays, promotions, retirements, and even funerals, with alcoholic drinks.

For the younger generation, alcohol is part of its social culture. The consequences of misuse of alcohol are well known. It leads to

- a. Unsocial behaviour
- b. Vandalism and Crime
- c. Drug abuse
- d. Serious Illness
- e. Family hardships, broken relationships and homelessness. There are no easy solutions but:

- a. More parental control might help.
- b. The new laws on underage drinking, and drinking in public places, should be more strictly enforced.
- c. Publicans and off -licence owners should be more responsible by not serving young people with alcoholic drinks.

Our teenagers are our future. We must cherish and protect them from the horrific consequences of the misuse of alcohol and drugs.

Gardening

Gardening to some is a chore. Like housework it has to be done to keep up appearances. To others it is a hobby and can have a therapeutic effect in dealing with stress and worry. It is also a challenge and the results can be rewarding.

In Spring, after dreary winter months, snowdrops appear through the uncollected Autumn leaves and other debris and herald a sense of hope and expectation. Daffodil bulbs are beginning to feel through the cold earth and shortly will reward us with golden blooms. St. Patrick's day is heralded by their beauty!!

As the dead leaves and the "left overs" from last Summer's bedding plants are gathered the odd pleasant surprise occurs. Some seedlings from last year's crop have clung to the soil. Hopefully these will survive the inevitable frost.

The new buds on shrubs and trees provide a sense of anticipation of the beauty and colour to come. The discovery of a strange plant, which you are sure you never planted, is a mystery. It could only have come from a bird dropping it's digested seed or berry.

*The things I sow, they do not grow,
I'm sorely disenchanted, But, oh what luck
I have with stuff I never even planted.*

Mary Fitzgerald

Kavanaghs

A small bit of good news came from Kavanaghs' liquidators since the last Newsletter was printed.

Following liquidation the workers will receive their entitlement like other creditors. This was no thanks to the liquidator, the banks or creditors or indeed Kavanaghs themselves who left the workers idle and hanging around while they were awaiting liquidation.

According to a heading in the Independent since Christmas Kavanaghs were on the headline. I hope not but I doubt it very much.

The workers may have to wait 2 years for their few bob but at least it gives them some hope. Hopefully things work out sooner for the workers.

P. Kelly.



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**We are tempted not because we are evil.
We are tempted because we are human!!**

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Review of "Jack and the Beanstalk"

We set off on Saturday night for the 7.30 performance with high hopes and we were not disappointed. The curtains drew back to reveal a bustling village scene. The set here, as throughout the panto was excellent. The costumes were very colourful and appropriate. We were introduced to Daisy the Cow, played by Sarah Best and Niamh Higgins who was shortly to be sold to Charlie McCreevey.

In the next scene Jack, otherwise known as "Pimple Features" met Mary O'Rourke on the way to Dáil Eireann and was tricked into parting with Daisy for a bag of supposedly "magic" beans. Mary O'Rourke was played by Bridget Keon and was extremely funny throughout the entire performance. Jack's mother, Marjorie Dawe, played by Fiona Tuohy, was not at all pleased with this exchange and was not shy at showing her annoyance. The reason she was so irate is because she was under threat of eviction for arrears in rent from the landlord, played by a very wicked Darren Crawley. She was fought back ably with a flickknife and there was an exciting high speed scooter chase.

Next morning the wonderful beanstalk had appeared and when Jack climbed to the top he met the lovely little Creatures from the Land above the Clouds. We particularly liked the "cool" bunny. Inside the castle we met Peggy the Cook (played by Sara Baxter) and of course the fearsome giant played by Bill Elliffe whose costume was wonderful.

After the interval we were whisked back to the castle, where Jack (Mark Watson) met the lovely Princess Cassandra (Eimear O'Meara). After releasing her from the harp they naturally fell madly in love. Before escaping down the beanstalk they met Ganymede the Goose (Catherine Swords) who had narrated superbly throughout. She gave the young couple a basket of golden eggs. This was just as well as meanwhile back on earth Mrs. Dawe had been given one day in which to find her rent.

Of course all her financial difficulties were over when Jack returned with the golden eggs. She was able to buy her cottage outright, a snazzy new frock and throw a "gigantic" engagement party for Jack and Princess Cassandra.

As for Rita and Dolores, who had treated us to a marvellous rendition of "Cheap Bananas" and entertained us royally through the entire show, I doubt if they got an invitation to the party.

All in all it was a most memorable night of family entertainment, with something for everyone. If we had one criticism to make it would be that at times the sound system was less than 100% but this did not detract from our overall enjoyment.

Sarah & Grace Oxley.

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Early Irish literature and history

1. Brigit of Kildare

The month of February is not only associated with the feast day of Valentine. February 1st is the feast of our second most famous Christian saint – Brigit. In pre-Christian times this date marked the beginning of spring and was called *Imbolc*. This festival begins the new growing season when the Brigit's cross was hung in houses and byres to ensure fertility in the future. The associations with fertility goes back to our so-called Celtic past and Brigit appears first as one of three sisters who were worshipped by poets, healing and the craft of the smith. She is also manifest on the Continent throughout the Celtic areas and her name means 'the exalted one'. Her father was an old Irish God the Dagda (the good god). The words *Briganti/Brigantia* appear in Continental and British sources and she has left her names on rivers such as Braint in Wales and the Brent in England. She is acknowledged as one of the principal goddesses of the Celts although no depictions of her exist to our knowledge. In Roman mythology the goddess Minerva is her closest counterpart.

Brigit is associated with Leinster in general and with the area of Kildare in particular. Kildare is the anglicised version of the Irish Cill Dara – the grove of oaks that conjures images of druids and the otherworld. Oak trees were considered sacred and had associations with druids and magic. She was considered the protectress of the Leinstermen in battle and concerned with political as well as economic wellbeing.

But it is the Christian St Brigit who has survived to the present day. It is recorded that 19 nuns took turns in guarding a sacred fire burning perpetually in Kildare where no man was allowed to enter. It would appear that the saint usurped the role of the goddess and her traditions. St Brigit is also associated with livestock, fertility and the produce of the earth. Her Life tells us that she was born liminally at sunrise – neither within nor without the house, her mother straddling the threshold. She is fed from the milk of a white, red-eared cow, her coat hangs on a ray of sunlight and one house in which she stays appears to be on fire. It seems that there is little or no distinction between the goddess and the saint. Even though Brigit is thought of as being the founder of the monastery at Kildare in 490 AD but there is no firm evidence for the abbess as a historical figure and most of the stories about her are legend rather than fact. Her father was Dubhthach and her mother was the slave Boicsech whom he sold to a druid. When the child is born the slave is freed. The druid has a vision in which three christian figures appeared to him and told him to call the child Brigit. She is constantly associated with fire, liminality and prophecy and is heard to speak while still too young to do so. When her father wanted to marry her off she plucked out her own eye to mutilate

her beauty. Thus she represents the Christian image of the paradoxical figure of the virgin who stimulates fertility. She provides endless food and drink reminiscent of Christ's miracle of the loaves and fishes but also of the Old Irish vision of the Otherworld as a place of never-ending plenty. It is said that she was promised land to extent of the breadth of her cloak – when she placed it down the cloak spread and spread.

Up until very recently the Brigit's cross was put up in houses and outhouses to bless the family for the following year. As is the case in many other instances Brigit is at the crossroads of pre-Christian and Christian traditions, the goddess merging into the saint. The new religion did not destroy the older power but incorporated its salient features and effectively amalgamated them with its own.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Placenames

1. Maynooth

The anglicised version Maynooth represents the older Irish place name Mag Nuadat, later Maigh Nuad. The first element *mag* is very common in place names and means 'a level plain' of which there are many in the Meath/Kildare area. The second element *Nuadat* is a personal name, the genitive of the word *Nuada*. Therefore Maynooth is 'The plain of Nuada'. There are two famous ancestral godlike figures with this name. The first is *Nuada Airgittlám* (Nuada of the silver arm) who belonged to the Irish/Celtic pantheon of Gods – the famous *Tuatha Dé Danann* (The people of the goddess Danu). Nuada is said to have been their leader until they met in battle with the *Fir Bolg* (the men of bags ?) and he loses his arm in battle. According to old Irish law and custom an unfit king could not reign and Nuada stepped down in favour of another candidate. The leech of *Tuatha Dé Danann*, the god Dian Céacht fashioned a silver arm for Nuada and attached it to his arm. But Dian Céacht's son, Miach, was unhappy with this situation and set about replacing the silver arm with a fully human arm. His father was furious at this rebellious behaviour from his son and killed him!

The second figure is less dramatic and more obscure. At one point tradition records that the country was divided in half, *Leth Conn* (Conn's half) and *Leth Moga* (Mog's half) after Conn of the hundred battles and Mog Nuadat respectively. These are semi-divine personages and ancestors of the Connacht people and the people of Munster. The word *mog* is the old Irish for 'slave, servant' thus describing Mog as the servant of Nuada.

Either of these figures could be the Nuada in the name of our town which was an important feature in the roadway between Tara and the Leinster dynasties in days gone by.

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DIVINE LOVE MEDITATION

A very interesting event is happening in your local library on Monday 19th February when a visiting teacher will give an introductory talk on meditation and yoga.

Originally from New Zealand, Sureshwari Devi is a teacher of Transpersonal Relaxation and Divine love meditation. She has helped thousands of people in her workshops and programmes in New Zealand, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, England, Canada and the United States.

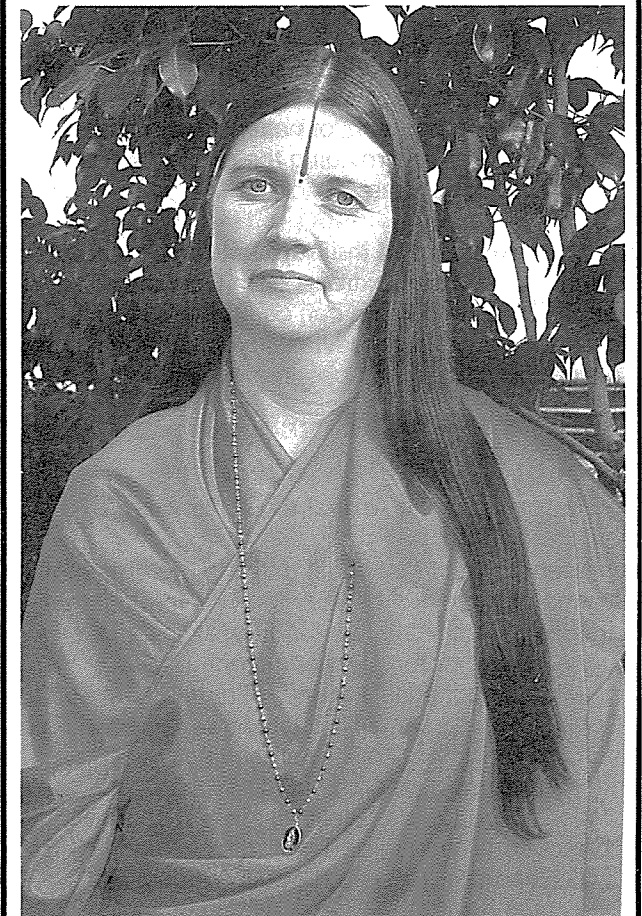
Her extensive studies over the last twenty-four years include years of advanced studies in India, where she investigated the deeper aspects of both the philosophy and practice of Meditation and Yoga. Monday's presentation will include a guided meditation, which will bring deep relaxation to the mind and body. It will serve as an introduction to its practise in daily life and will also introduce and explain the programme in the upcoming workshops. There is increasing awareness of the stress and anxiety experienced as a consequence of our modern lifestyle, which has a negative effect on our health and general well being.

Recent research outlines the many benefits resulting from the form of meditation as taught by Sureshwari Devi is a very simple and natural process and is extremely effective in developing a person's positive potential. Its benefits are profound: sincere practice deepens awareness, bringing inner peace and contentment in life. Sureshwari Devi will also conduct a number of workshops during her visit to Ireland and the following are some of the comments from previous course participants: "Nothing could have prepared me for the total relaxation I experienced in the workshop.

And so easy to do! It awoke feelings of great love in my heart! Gerard, Galway. "It is rare in life that you come across something so special, so pure, so beautiful, that it can touch the essence of your being and change your life" Carol, Dublin. "This joyful programme gave me insight and tranquillity. But what is more surprising for me is that this something special never left me, it stays and guides me, it became a strong foundation that streams joy, peace and love" Alex, Dublin.

You are invited to attend this free, public lecture at the library at 8.00 p.m. on Monday, Feb 19th. For further information telephone (01) 4905495 / 086-8915580.

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MAYNOOTH'S HISTORY

Extracts from Cannonballs and Croziers

In 1994 Maynooth Community Council produced a history of Maynooth entitled 'Cannonballs and Croziers'. It is an excellent survey of the town's historical development. Well illustrated, it describes the town's links with events of national historic importance as well as providing the reader with a sense of the unique character of the Maynooth area.

In the next few issues of the Newsletter, we will be publishing abbreviated extracts from Cannonballs and Croziers. However nothing can compare to reading the original, so we would advise anyone interested in the history of Maynooth to obtain a copy of the book itself.

Maynooth

Early History and the Arrival of the Normans

The present town of Maynooth dates to the arrival of the Normans in the 12th century, but it is thought that the area has been settled as far back as the 1st century A.D. or before. The origin of the town's name, Migh Muadhad is a matter of debate. In 1833 the Dublin Penny Journal translated the name as 'The Plain of the Black Virgins'. Interesting as this may sound; subsequent research has discounted this translation of the town's Gaelic name and suggests the correct translation to be The Plain of Nuadha. So who was Nuadha? Research would suggest that Nuadha could have been one of two mythological figures. The first Nuadha was leader of the Tuatha de Danann who conquered Ireland from the Fir Bolgs. The second was Eoghan Mor, otherwise known as Mogh Muadhat, who ruled Ireland south of the Eiscir Riada.

Whatever its origins, the name of the area had long been established by the time of the coming of Christianity to Ireland. The earliest definite records of settlement refer to the 6th century. By this period there were over eight hundred monasteries established throughout Ireland. These monastic sites represented the nearest approach to towns in Gaelic Ireland. Three monastic sites were based in Maynooth. Donaghmore is probably the oldest. Tagadoe was founded in the 6th century. Its founder is thought to have been St. Tua or 'Ultan the Silent' so called because he is reputed to have placed a stone in his mouth throughout the season of Lent so that he would not be able to speak.

Laraghbryan meaning The Place of the Byrnes, also dates from around this period. It was a settlement of some importance. As was the custom of the time, it was named after the Gaelic Chieftain O'Byrne, on whose land it was built. The ruins of all three

settlements can be seen today and are well worth a visit.

Until the arrival of the Normans in the 12th century, Maynooth had a strategic base in Gaelic Ireland. It formed part of the kingdom of Ui Faelain, literally meaning the Sons of Faelain. These included the O'Tooles and the O'Byrnes who provided several kings of Leinster.

Their supremacy was smashed with the coming of The Normans, but the tradition of Maynooth producing leaders of national prominence continued with the reign of the Fitzgeralds.

With the coming of the Normans Gaelic Ireland was transformed. Led by Strongbow, these professional, hardy warriors invaded Ireland from Wales and swiftly overran the armies of the Gaelic chieftains. The lands of the Gaelic chieftains and kings were confiscated by Henry II and divided along Feudal lines among the Norman lords who had originally invaded the country. Among them were the Fitzgeralds, led by Maurice, who could trace their ancestry back to the Geraldini of Florence. (Hence the name the Geraldines). In 1176, Strongbow granted Maurice Fitzgerald the territories of the Ui Faelain. These included Maynooth.

On settling in Maynooth the Fitzgeralds built a 'mote and bailey' on a site between the two rivers the Lyreen and the Joan Slade. The mote and bailey was a defensive settlement as well as a living place. Defence was of the up-most importance as the displaced Gaelic chiefs were a constant threat to Norman supremacy. It was for this reason that the Fitzgeralds set about building their castle, which has dominated the landscape of Maynooth to this day. It is not certain when construction actually began but it was probably around 1248. Some of the walls are eight feet thick and much of the original structure survives to this day.

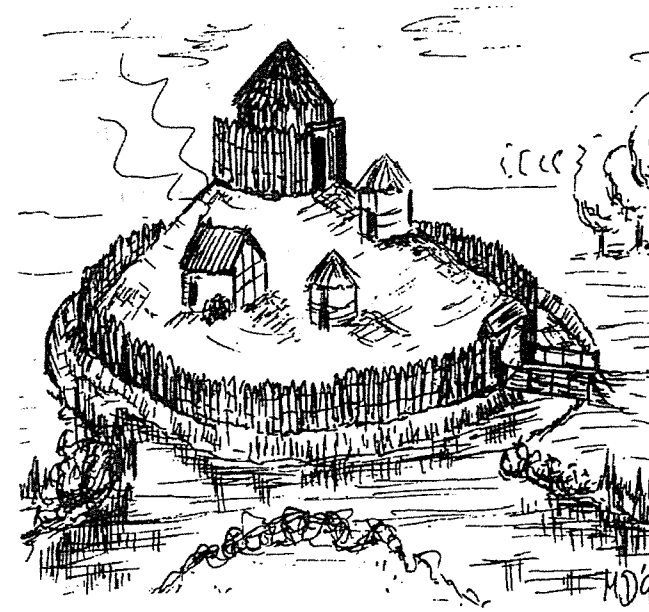
From the beginning the Fitzgeralds played a central role in Irish political life. Maurice was appointed Lord Chief Justice in 1232. The Lord Justice was the King's representative in Ireland and as such was one of the most powerful political figures in the land. The family influence grew rapidly throughout the next century. In 1316, John Fitzgerald was created the 1st Earl of Kildare and Lord Chief Justice in 1330. The Fitzgerald holdings also expanded rapidly. Territories were acquired in Limerick and Munster and it is from the Limerick manor of Crom, that the famous Geraldine war-cry hails - Crom Abu, the motto of the Maynooth's GAA club.

Under the Geraldines Maynooth prospered. The presence of the Fitzgeralds and their residency in Maynooth brought stability to the area. By the 14th century Maynooth had developed into an area

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populated by farmers with various types of holdings from independent freeholder to landless labourer. For tradesmen and craftsmen Norman rule offered many opportunities. The increasing prosperity of Maynooth is indicated by the fact that in 1286 a charter was granted to hold a market every Friday in the town. This would have been held in the area of the present green outside the castle. The town developed with an interesting cross-section of tradesmen gathered round the settlement including bankers, shopkeepers, carpenters, masons, smiths, brewers, cross-bow and carriage makers. The picture we get from the records is that of a prosperous growing community developing around the castle. Cannonballs and Croziers can be obtained at a cost of £5.00 at the following outlets:

Maynooth Community Council Offices,
Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.
Maynooth University Book Shop,
The Square, Maynooth.
Maynooth university Book Shop,
Old Campus, NUI Maynooth.



Mote & Bailly

Margaret Clince A prophecy from 1901

Well we get an Arrow every 30 minutes or less before the end of the year? This ballad was written many years ago, but it captures the future traffic situation:

*But yet I have a feeling when the world's come to an end
That the steam tram will come stealing back like an old and trusted friend.
When we're standing round in billions trying to get*

across the Styx

*And the cars are lined up in millions, and we're really in a fix
When the buses cannot shift on, and the traffic's all jam
Perhaps we'll get a lift on THE OLD STEAM TRAM.*

What predictions could we make would be so accurate?

Thing about it.

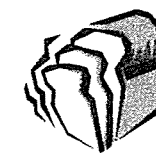
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Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich News

Move to permanent site on Celbridge Road

We are delighted to announce that the school will be moving to its permanent site on the Celbridge Road and school will begin there on Monday, February 5th 2001.

The new address for the school will be:
Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, Bóthar Chill Droichid, Maigh Nuad
The phone number will remain the same, that is 6290667.

Cleaners for the school

We will be looking for cleaners in the new school building. If you are interested in this job, please contact the school.

Parent and toddler group

Once we are settled in the new premises, a parent and toddler group will be starting up one morning per week (day and times to be confirmed at a later date). All parents and toddlers will be welcome.

Date for First Holy Communion

The date for First Holy Communion this year is Saturday May 26th.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are now taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday for 2nd class upwards.

Piano

We are currently looking for a second hand piano. If anyone can be of help with this, please contact the school.

Aisling Ní Bhriain
Máire de Moiréis

Castle Keep Art Group

Attention members and potential members!

The Castle Keep Art Group is happy to announce that it is resuming its meetings on Thursday nights in the Boys' National School at 8pm starting on Thursday February 1st. We realise that this announcement may be a little late appearing in the Newsletter. Members will have been informed prior to this. This notice may

serve those people who expressed interest in joining the group at our exhibition in November. If you are still interested please contact Brian Tuohy at 6285993 or Susan at 6289349 we would be happy to hear from you.

Jack and the Beanstalk

It was with great anticipation that we, two adults and three children, trotted off to on Sunday afternoon to see The Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk. The performance took place in the Aula Maxima of the College which was produced by An Nuadha Players, a community based Theatre group which was formed in 1999, under the aegis of the Maynooth Arts Forum.

We were not disappointed, the show proved to be a great success and compliments must go to all who worked so hard to bring it about. What a refreshing and fun break it made from the constant stream of childrens' TV, wrestling TV, and MTV which seems to be coming at us constantly.

The full audience of children and adults who attended showed their enjoyment and appreciation through their participation in song and dialogue. The original script was written by Maynooth resident Martin Higgins who has created a range of hilarious characters for one of Ireland's leading comedienne June Rogers and currently writes all her material. Musical director was Colin Sloan and who has directed many variety shows and musicals. Production Manager was Ann Kelly who hails from Maynooth. For the show Grace McGrath choreographer who is also from the parish, put many dancers through their paces. From the very young Beanstalk Creatures which included Caitriona Higgins, Graham Best, Sean Cunningham, Ailbhe Flynn, Hannah McGrath and Meadhbh Fitzgibbon-Moore who all looked great in their costumes and whose movements around the stage showed great confidence. The older troupe of dancers which included Eimear O'Meara, Aoife Dunning, Ciara Higgins, Sarah Murphy, Eimear Flynn, Sarah Best, Sarah Baxter, Maeve Cunningham, Aisling Byrne, Caroline O'Donovan, Caitriona Higgins and Ailbhe Flynn, again they looked superb in very colourful costumes. They worked well together, showed their natural abilities and above all imparted their enjoyment to the audience.

The cast again showed their talents. Mark Watson was very good as Jack Dawe and brought out the audience reaction. Ann Kelly and Mary Higgins who played Rita and Dolores respectively were excellent as the gossip neighbours of Mrs. Dawe. Darren Crawley as the landlord showed the right amount of meanness to get the children in the audience going. Bridget Keon played a very credible Mary O'Rourke. The already tall Bill Elliffe as the Giant was a made even larger that life with his booming voice, his inventive broad shouldered tunic (made of carpet!)

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Jack and the Beanstalk (contin.)

and his platform type boots. Fiona Tuohy as Mrs. Dawe could say it all in a look and she has a great singing voice. Pete Bulter and Trevor Best portrayed the archetypal Garda and Judge very well as they tried with great difficulty to provide a few moments of law and order. Eimear O'Meara effectively laid on the sweetness to play the pretty Princess Cassandra and found romance in the end and Sarah Baxter as Peggy the Cook found the way to a man's heart is through his stomach as she leads the giant out at the final curtain. Congratulations to Catherine Swords who played Ganymede the Goose and Sarah Best and Niamh Higgins who played Daisy the cow.

Others who took part as Villagers were Andrew Best, Anna Whelan, Trevor Best, Debbie Keogh, Denise O'Flanagan, Ailbhe de Bhulbh, Naoise Nig Fhloinn, Jean Ledwith, Suzanne O' Hurly, Aoife Conway and Siomha Glynn. Costumes were designed by Roberta Carey, Stage Manager was Bert Carruthers, Sets and Props were done by Liz Stoll, Harry Montgomery and Claire Daly and Kathleen Cunningham. Pit Singers included Mike Giblin, Tina Dondell, Carmel Moloney, Ollie Durack, Sally Cunningham and Ger Brangan to mention some. This does not include other people who worked I am sure tirelessly backstage and congratulations to them as well.

This is the second work of the Nuadha Players. Last year they presented their inaugural production, the Bernard Farrell comedy, 'Say Cheese', which proved a great success.

Thank you all for a wonderful show and hopefully there will be more in time to come from the Nuadha Players.

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Maynooth-Ireland.com Enters New Phase

Maynooth's official website, which was launched last October, will enter a new phase in the next few weeks. The site is run by Maynooth Action Strategy and has the support of the Community Council, the Chamber of Commerce, NUI Maynooth and St. Patrick's College. Over Christmas the site provided a service whereby electronic Christmas cards could be sent from Maynooth and this is being followed up with Valentine cards in February, St. Patrick's Day cards in March and Easter Cards in April. All cards contain scenes from around the town. The Bulletin Board on the site has also proved a popular forum for debate on topical issues in the community - from litter and traffic to planning and the County Council.

In the next few weeks Maynooth Action Strategy is planning to form a committee to maintain and plan the future of the site. Anyone interested in becoming involved in this project should send an email to info@maynooth-ireland.com.

Spring Wine Fair -2001

The Mill Wine Cellar, Maynooth invites you to join in our third "Annual Wine Fair" which will be held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Thursday the 5th April 2001 commencing at 6.30p.m. until 9.30p.m. This is a great opportunity to sample a wide variety of wine styles, with over 100 wines to taste from all over the wine producing region of the World. The evening will include challenges for novices and wine buffs alike, with super prizes for all.

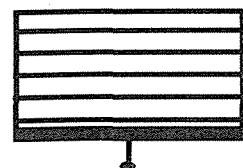
The event promises to be a casual, informative and good fun. Tickets are priced at £6, and will be available from the shop at Mill Street, Maynooth from March onwards. Tickets may be reserved by telephoning 01-6291102.



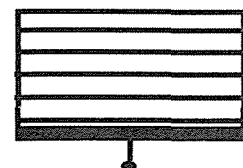
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"A Red Moon over Kilcloon"

Astronomy Ireland visited Kilcloon National School on Monday 9th January 2001 for an inaugural event enjoyed by the children, parents and teachers in the School. Although a Lunar Eclipse would occur one every few years, the combination of circumstance last January was quite rare and allowed the children to view the eclipse. The timing of an eclipse early on a winter evening allowed pre-bedtime viewing, the full event being visible in the skies over Ireland on an evening of sufficiently good weather to allow gaps in the clouds through which the group could get a clear view of the moon. This, combined with the availability of the largest mobile telescope, - the 21" Millennium Telescope loaned to the organisers by the Astronomy Ireland educational charity - made the 9th January an astronomical date not to be missed. The children had been introduced to the solar System by Ms. Orla Ni Odhrain and Mr. O'Carroll and they demonstrated their knowledge enthusiastically on the evening. The event was also attended by Mr. J. Bruton, Fr. Rice and several local amateur astronomers - Kevin Sweeny and James Maher. The clouds cleared over Kilcloon at 7.30 and the large group had good visibility of the lunar eclipse, Jupiter and mars. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we look forward to future events.

The Kilcloon Parents Association will host a Pub Quiz in Slevins Pub, Dunboyne on Thursday 15th February - all are welcome to come along.

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Some people pay a compliment like they expect a receipt!!

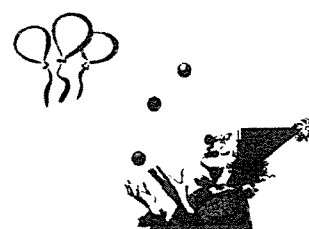


"Junior Infants in Good Voice"

The children and teachers in Kilcloon National School had a carol concert on Friday 22nd December 2000 in Kilcloon Church. The event was enjoyed by parents, family members, teachers and of course the children!

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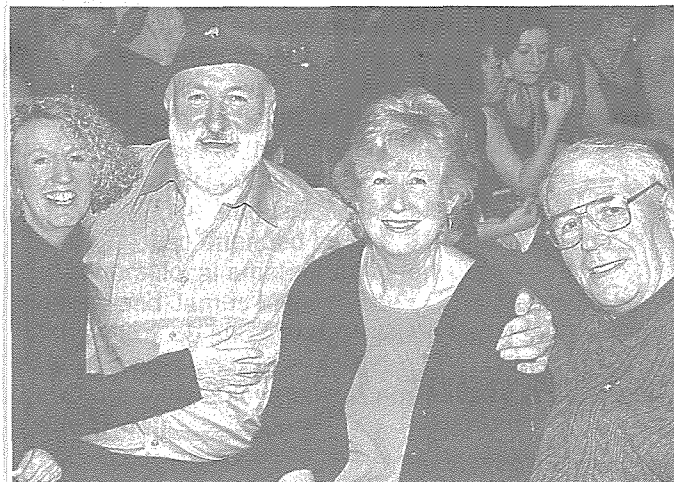
MAYNOOTH'S TYNESIDE CONNECTIONS

(Words and pictures by Anthony Toole.)

Throughout the hours leading up to midnight on New Year's Eve, Maynooth was well represented in the north-east of England. The walls of the Tyneside Irish Centre in Newcastle upon Tyne shook to the music of Fiddler's Green. This duo, comprising John McGarrigle and Maynooth's own Danny Carthy are easily one of the most popular acts to grace the stage of the centre, which stands next to St Jane's Park, home of Newcastle United Football Club. The music of Carthy and McGarrigle, ranging from slow ballads to the liveliest of ceilidh dances, performed with gusto and terrific audience rapport, always ensures a full house in Newcastle. Fiddler's Green has performed many times here, and took pride of place at last year's St Patrick's Day celebrations.

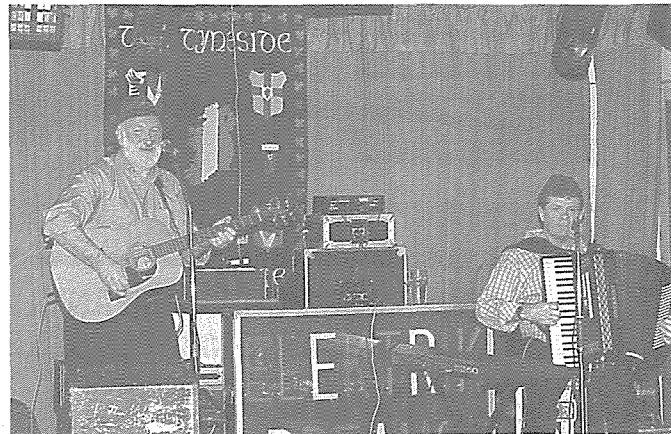
Among those enjoying the New Year's Day party was Therese Toole (nee Cusker) from O'Neill Park, who lives in Newcastle. Theresa's mother-in-law, Maureen Carr is also a native of Maynooth, having been born and brought up on Main Street. Father Joe Travers, from Rathcoffey, who has several relatives in Maynooth, founded the Tyneside Irish Centre some 30 years ago.

Father Travers is Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, North Gosforth. One of those who frequently attends mass there is Newcastle and Ireland goalkeeper, Shay Given. The Tyneside Irish Centre is the premier focus for Irish activity in Newcastle and hosts an annual Irish Festival that has become one of the major cultural events in the North of England.



Enjoying New Year's Eve at Tyneside Irish Centre
Danny Carthy, Therese Toole, Maureen Hughes
and Kilkenny's Father Tom Cass.

Over: Fiddlers Green on stage at Tyneside Centre
Danny Carthy (guitar) & John Mc Garrigle (accordion)



A CAT'S TALE

It has always been said that a dog was a mans best friend. The cat generally clings more to the woman of the house when they are not out on sexual activity. Among the African natives, however, there is a belief that the cat's apparent attachment to any particular dwelling is really a desire for the society of the woman of the house.

According to this legend, before cats became domesticated there was a battle among the beasts of the jungle in which the lion proved to be the most powerful. The cat followed the lion, and became his servant, until the lion was killed in an encounter with an angry elephant. Then the cat transferred its allegiance to the elephant and rode about on his back until that great animal fell into a pit which a man had dug for him.

The man came up and killed the elephant with a spear, whereupon the cat followed the man; but when the man returned to his village he got into trouble with his wife, because he had not brought home enough provisions. They came to blows, and the woman knocked the man senseless by hitting him over the head with a cooking pot. Immediately the cat attached itself to the woman, and, not being able to find any more cunning or powerful ally in nature, has remained in that association ever since.

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PREDICTIONS

A not so pretty child called Ursula was born in Yorkshire on a stormy night in 1488. It was said at the time that her arrival came about as a result of her mother having dallied with the Prince of Darkness on another stormy night. In 1512 she married a carpenter called Shipton in York. She was a strange and unearthly creature, a talented prophetess who recorded her visions in the fifteen hundreds, women dressed as women, there was no mechanised farming, aviation, cinema or submarines. According to Brendan Mc Williams of the Irish Times she wrote the following:

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MOTHER SHIPTON'S PREDICTIONS (cont.)

For in those wondrous far off days.
The women shall adopt a craze
To dress like men, and trousers wear
And to cut off their locks of hair
And roaring monsters with men atop
Shall seem to eat the verdant crop
And men shall fly as birds do now
And give away the horse and plough
Pictures shall come alive with movements free
And boats, like fishes, swim beneath the sea

Remembering that she wrote over 500 years ago you can see that we now have women's fashion, the combine harvester, aircraft, moving pictures and submarines. What is more disturbing is that in her other piece of poetry we are being warned continually of the greenhouse effect but Old Mother Shipton wrote the following:

The tides will rise beyond their ken
To bite away the shores and then
The flooding waters rushing in
Will flood the lands with such a din
That mankind cowers in muddy fen
And snarls about his fellow men
Not every land on earth will sink
Those that do not will stench and stink
Of rotting bodies of beast and man
And vegetation crisp on land.

If that is not a warning of global warming what is. Most of the world is experiencing warmer climates and much more rain with effects that can be seen already. Animal species are disappearing because of the melting ice. The Penguin population has dropped 33% in 30 years because their sea ice habitat is shrinking. The caribou is almost disappeared in the Canadian Arctic. Human disease has also increased as mosquitoes can rise to thousands of feet higher than they could, bringing yellow fever. Malaria is now common in areas where it could not have survived before. Countries have lost coastlines and Bermuda has lost forests due to sea water killing the trees with its salt water. So should we listen to who was described as an eccentric five hundred years ago? She had something to say !!

St Valentines Day Origins

From the fourth century B.C. the Romans practised a pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men's rite of passage to the god Lupercus. The celebration consisted of a lottery in which young men would draw the names of teenage women from a box. The young man was assigned a woman companion in that manner for their mutual

entertainment and pleasure for the duration of one year, after which another lottery was staged. In an effort to do away with this pagan practice Pope Gelasius ordered that the lottery should be changed. Instead of the names of young women, the box would contain the names of saints. Men and women drew a saint's name from the box. The idea was to emulate the ways of the saint they had drawn, during the rest of the year. The church looked for a patron saint to replace the pagan god Lupercus. They found it in the Valentine who in AD 270 has been beheaded by the Emperor Claudius.

Claudius had banned marriage from his empire because he believed married men made poor soldiers. Valentine would secretly marry couples. When Claudius found out he unsuccessfully tried to convert Valentine to paganism. Valentine for his part tried unsuccessfully to convert Claudius to Christianity. Valentine was stoned and beheaded for his efforts. History also claimed that while Valentine was in prison awaiting execution, he fell in love with the blind daughter of the Jailer. Through his faith, he miraculously restored her sight. He signed a farewell message to her 'From your Valentine'. In the middle ages, lovers said or sang their valentines. Written valentines began after 1400. Young men instituted hand-written greetings of affection to women they admired and wished to court. Cards acquired St. Valentine's name. In 1537 Henry VIII declared February 14th as St. Valentines Day by Royal Charter. The earliest extant card was sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. It is now in the British Museum.

In the sixteenth century, St. Francis de Sales, bishop of Geneva tried unsuccessfully to quash this romantic practice and to reinstate the lottery of saints' names. Instead cards became more numerous and more decorative. The cherub Cupid who was the son of Venus, goddess of love and beauty, armed with arrows dipped in love potion, became a popular image. The seventeenth century handmade cards became oversized and elaborate. Store bought ones were smaller and costly. Miss Esther Howland is credited with developing the first commercial handmade valentines in 1840. She is reputed to have earned \$5000 for her first year in business. Her elaborate lace cards of the 1870s cost from \$5 to \$10. By 1800s valentine cards were being made by machine. Hallmark owns a collection of rare antique valentines which are exhibited from time to time. During Queen Victoria's reign Walter Crane and Kate Greenaway, famous for their children's book illustrations designed Valentine cards. Their cards are now collectors' items. By 1880 lace paper cards were replaced with ones covered in feathers, fake flowers, jewels, beads, seed and berries and had fringes and tassels attached. People lost interest in them and by the end of the WW 1, English valentines had become relics of a bygone era.

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St. Valentine in Ireland

The story of how St. Valentine's remains came to Ireland centres around Fr. John Spratt who is associated with the building of Whitefriar St. Church. He visited Rome in 1835 and preached at the famous Jesuit Church, the Gesu. His fame as a preacher had gone before him. He received many tokens of esteem from his visit. One token was the remains of St. Valentine which were presented to him by Pope Gregory XVI. On November 10th 1836 the remains of the saint arrived in Dublin where they were officially received by Dr. Murray Archbishop of Dublin. After the death of Fr. Spratt devotion to the saint began to disappear and the relics were stored. Forty years ago as a result of major renovations, St. Valentine has been restored to his rightful place with a specially designed altar and shrine. Irene Broe has carved a statue depicting the Saint holding a crocus plant, the symbol of spring.

Types of Valentine Cards

Puzzle Purse valentines were a puzzle to read and refold. Scattered among the many folds were verses that had to be read in a certain order.

Acrostic valentines had verses in which the first letter of the lines spelled out the loved one's name.

Cut-out valentines were made by folding the paper several times and then cutting out a lacelike design with scissors.

Pinprick valentines also had the look of paper lace. These were made by pricking tiny holes in paper with a pin or needle.

Theorem or Poonah valentines had designs that were painted through a stencil cut in oil paper, a style that originated from the Orient.

Rebus valentines had verses in which tiny pictures took the place of some of the words. An eye might stand for the word 'I' or a heart shape for the word 'heart'.

Fraktur valentines had ornamental lettering in the style of illuminated manuscripts of the Middle Ages.

Love knot valentines were made of ribbon or drawn on paper and consisted of loops, sometimes in the shape of hearts. Messages were written on the loops which were read by turning the knot about.

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Some people decide to repent at the eleventh hour - and die at ten-thirty.!!

Buying a car.

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'Business people now find a carriage which, if not exactly ideal, is yet practical, does the work of three horses in a fraction of the time and with a minimum of the labour. In 1893, there were in existence but a few experimental machines - most of them in France and a few in Germany and America. It is probable that for every future purchaser, who regards his automobile, as a pleasure vehicle there will be two who acquire it to use mainly, if not solely, for business purposes. Today this class is growing rapidly.

It is quite within bounds that the automobile will do for the individual what the locomotive has done for mankind collectively. It will do it on the roads - which good, bad and indifferent - are now in existence in every civilised country, as well as in many uncivilised ones. The choice of routes is world-wide, and the car can rise superior to considerations of weather. In short, there are no bounds to its capabilities, no appreciable limit to its usefulness.

Yet this is but a shadow of the future which awaits it. The car is always ready, can start a journey at a moment's notice, needs but one person to operate it and provides accommodation for from two to six more passengers. The electric, the steam and the gasoline machines all have their field and will continue to appeal to different clienteles. Those clienteles will grow and grow, until the day will come when the poor man will have his automobile as surely as the rich man. A house without an automobile will be the exception.'

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Dorin's Recipes

Beef Casserole Serves 4

You will need:

1 1/2 lb of stewing beef cut in chunks
1 tbs. plain flour
6 oz button mushroom
about 16 very small onions, skinned
1/4 pint red wine or stock of your choice
14 oz can whole tomatoes
3 sticks celery, washed, trimmed and sliced
1 sprig fresh thyme or 1 tsp. dried thyme
1 tbs. whole grain mustard or any of your choice
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Method:

1. Toss the beef in the flour and shake off excess, put the meat, mushrooms, onions, wine or stock, tomatoes, celery, thyme, mustard and seasoning in a flameproof casserole and mix well. Bring gently to the boil and remove from heat.
2. Cover the casserole and cook at 180c (350f) gas mark 4 for 2 hours, until the meat is tender.

Courgettes with pork

Serves 4

You will need:

4 lean pork steaks
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Paprika to taste
1 onion
2 table spoons oil
3/4 lb tomatoes
3/4 lb courgettes
1 tablespoon tomato puree
1 teaspoon sugar
5 fl oz stock
1 oz butter
Garnish with chopped chives
Cooking time 65 mins
Oven temp 160c (325f) gas mark 3

Method:

1. Season pork steaks with salt, pepper and paprika peel the onion and chop finely. Heat the oil in the pan and seal the pork steaks until they are brown on both sides about 2 mins on each side. Put these into a lightly buttered oven proof dish.
2. Fry the onion in the oil until golden, then spoon over the steaks. Skin and roughly chop the tomatoes and put them over the onions, slice the dried and washed courgettes thinly and add the tomatoes.
3. Blend the tomato puree and sugar with the stock of your choice. Pour over the contents of the casserole cover the dish with a lid and bake in the oven for 50 mins. Garnish with finely chopped chives and serve straight from the oven.

Spinach Bake Serves 4

Baking time 30 - 35 mins

You will need:

8 oz broccoli, in florets
1 lb spinach, trimmed and rinsed
8 oz tagliatelle (pasta)
3/4 oz margarine
3/4 oz plain flour
14 fl oz milk
3 oz button mushrooms, sliced
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
3 oz hard cheese, grated
2 tbs. fresh wholemeal bread crumbs
1 tbs. chopped fresh basil or if you like 1 1/2 tsp dried oregano

Method:

1. Lightly grease an oven proof dish and set it aside blanch the broccoli in boiling water for 5 mins. Drain refresh in cold water and drain again.
2. Cook the spinach in a covered saucepan with just the water to cover the leaves, for 5 mins until tender. Drain and press out the water.
3. Meanwhile, put the pasta in a saucepan of boiling water cook for 4 mins or until just tender, drain
4. Melt the margarine in a saucepan and stir in the flour, cook over a gentle heat for 1 mins, stir in the milk off the heat, then bring to the boil. Lower the heat and add the mushrooms, season well. Simmer for 3 mins.
5. Spread the spinach in the base of the oven dish. Stir the broccoli and pasta into the sauce with half the cheese then spoon over the spinach, then sprinkle with the bread crumbs, herbs and remaining cheese. Bake at 190c (375f) gas mark 5 for 30 - 35 mins until bubbling and golden. Serve immediately.*



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Almost every day there will be some news about a new endeavor from NASA or some piece in the media about the subject of space. So what better place to start than with the beginning.

The Big Bang

As we look up at the sky at night, we often wonder where did it all come from? What's really out there, beyond our vision, beyond the reach of our telescopes? How did it all get here? A simple observation of the night sky would suggest that not much is changing in the sky; there are a few rare occasions in which things happen in an unpredictable way, such as the appearance of shooting stars and comets; once in a great while, big explosions (supernovae) are observed.

Not much more than 300 years ago, many people still thought the sun revolved around the Earth. The proposition by Copernicus in 1543 that the earth revolved around the sun took over 100 years to be accepted, requiring the combined efforts of such famous astronomers as Brahe, Galileo, Kepler, and Newton. Newton put the final nail in the earth-centric coffin in 1666 when he espoused the principle of gravity and demonstrated mathematically how gravity could explain the orbits of the planets and their moons.

An important discovery of Edwin Hubble (1889-1953) found that galaxies move away from us, at great speeds, receding from the Earth in all directions. The further a galaxy is from us, the faster it moves.

By calculating the rate of expansion and working backwards, astronomers estimated that the age of the Universe must be between 10 and 15 billion years old and no older than 20 billion years.

No, we are not at the center of the universe as the following little exercise you can try yourself shows:

- Take a deflated balloon and draw three dots on it, and label them 1, 2, and 3.
- Now begin to blow up the balloon.
- As you do this, look at the movement of the three dots. They are all moving away from each other as you inflate the balloon.
- Now pretend you are standing on dot number 1. What is happening to dot 2 and 3? They are moving away from dot 1. Is dot 1 in some preferred position on the balloon?
- No, in fact the movement of the other two dots is the same, regardless of whether you put yourself on dot 1, dot 2, or dot 3.
- This is an excellent model of the expansion of the universe. The dots are not moving on the surface of the balloon, rather the fabric of the balloon itself is expanding.

The most common "model" or assumption used to explain the origin of the Universe is the **Big Bang model**, which explains that all the matter and space that make up the Universe was concentrated into a small volume, that rapidly expanded at the speed of light.

Although what happened during the first second can only be speculated, the popular story goes like this. In the beginning, all the energy of the Universe was squeezed into a ball the size of a pinhead. The Universe began with a tremendous explosion, creating matter out of pure energy as it expanded. Within the first second, the density of the Universe was equal to the Earth squeezed down to the size of a marble.

As the universe expanded, the temperature of the universe became low enough so nuclei first (after the first three minutes), and then atoms and molecules formed (after a few hundred thousand years). The first stars were formed when giant gas clouds of hydrogen atoms (millions of light years across) collapsed under gravity to densities high enough to initiate thermonuclear reactions.

But why then is matter concentrated in stars and galaxies with very little matter in the middle? A modification to Big Bang Theory implies that in the very early stages, the expansion of the universe was at an unprecedented rate. Different parts of the universe expanded so much that they evolved independently from each other. The theory predicts that matter, of yet unspecified kind, formed before atoms became stable, and this influenced the aggregation of atoms into gas clouds and then into stars and galaxies.

Whether or not the expansion of the universe will continue depends on how much matter there is in the universe; if there is enough matter, eventually the gravitational pull will bring back all the matter together; if there is not enough then the universe will expand forever. Calculations show that in order to explain motions of stars and galaxies, there has to be much more matter than we see using telescopes; we only see about 10 percent of the matter that it should be out there. Where is the rest?

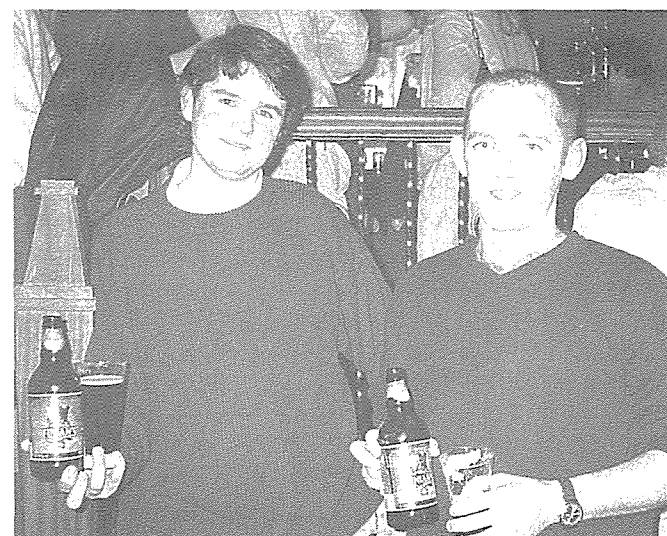
Several hypothesis have been put forward. There is certain opaque matter, which is not easily seen at great distances, such as gas clouds and planets. Then there can be some exotic particles, not yet identified, which would weakly interact with other matter and would be difficult to spot. And others have thoughts that the universe is filled with black holes, objects where the gravitational pull becomes so large that even light cannot escape from it.

So the Big Bang theory proposes that the universe formed at a definite moment in time and then expanded rapidly and is still going on today. But remember the Big Bang theory is only an assumption, no one knows for sure exactly how the universe began or how it will end, but it is the most logical and reasonable theory we have at the moment to explain our universe.

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Alternative Careers

To students who think that the point system is the only way forward there are people that disprove this. You don't have to go for the careers that your peers have set out for you. Your parents relations and your teachers like to have doctors, teachers, solicitors and highly qualified people in their families. You the student can presently get plenty of work if you go into hi-tech computers and look at a screen all day. Not for everyone. One who has decided this was not for him is a young 22 year old from Maynooth. Patrick Howell from Laurence Avenue who was one of the highest point earners in Maynooth Post Primary, spent 2 years in Trinity College studying science. That needed a lot of points. He decided it was not for him. A job you are happy in is more important than an extra few bob. Patrick took an apprenticeship with a Porterhouse in Parliament St in Dublin also known as the Porterhouse. He qualified as a master brewer after his apprenticeship. He now is head brewer in a small and very successful brewery in Enfield. They brew stout and ale under the names of Finians. I can vouch for the stout which has a lovely barley flavour reminding me of the barley wine which the older readers will remember. The beer I will leave to your own taste. Sadly the only outlet for the brew is in the Roost, something the other pubs should think about. Patrick's parents, originally from Galway, were probably not too pleased at the start but like all his friends they are now glad to see him very successful and more importantly, happy in his career.



Patrick Howell and friend Martyn McGuinness

If we do not help a man in trouble, it is like we caused the trouble

Canon John O'Rourke of Maynooth

One hundred and twenty five years ago the parish priest of St. Mary's Maynooth, John O'Rourke, had just published his book on the 'leading facts of the great Irish Famine of 1847'. A quarter of a century had elapsed, and like all good local historians he knew that the people who retained memories of the scourge, were rapidly passing away. The Canon was a methodical man. He sat down and thought how best to collect all the information. A questionnaire would be the ideal way of jogging peoples' memories. People were eager to help, so from Kerry to Belfast the answers rolled in to Maynooth. It was a heart-breaking task to read all the stories of starvation and death. In pre-radio and television days the canon decided the story could not be forgotten and people all over the world should be made aware of the catastrophe.

Canon O'Rourke left his own warm fireside to read as much as he could of the newspapers of the period; of the Parliamentary Blue Books and parliamentary debates: of reports of the various societies and associations that gave alms to save the lives of the famishing people. He travelled by coach and canal-boat, in the uncomfortable conditions of the time, to visit parishes with appalling memories, and to 'converse with persons whose knowledge of that awful calamity made them valuable and interesting guides.' He compiled his book in Maynooth.

That book, re-issued in 1989, as *The Great Irish Famine* by Canon John O'Rourke is available in bookshops.

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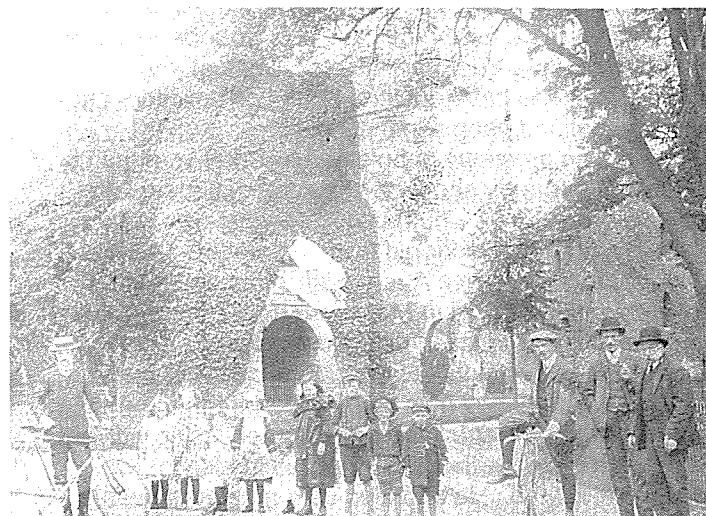
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Therese Monaghan



The gentleman on the right is Bill Sauls, grandfather of Christina, Willie and John.
Any ideas who the other people are?



Margaret, Nicholas, Jimmy Dempsey and dog Rover.
Photo taken in garden of their house Mariaville, Dunboyne Road. Houses opposite were original Dillons Row Houses, they have now been replaced by present houses.

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Maynooth Remembered

(This article was prepared in conversation with Bridie O'Brien who also supplied the photographs).

Sixty or seventy years ago Maynooth was a small tightly knit community. Many of the old Maynooth families were inter-related and it was a place where everybody knew everybody else. It was a world that is hard to imagine now, a world dominated by St. Patrick's College and Carton, by hard physical work and, sometimes, poverty and bad housing. The generation who reared their families in those hard times are now our senior citizens. They have a story to tell which is the story of our town. It is a story that should be heard.

The Monaghan Family

Years ago the seminarians in St. Patrick's College were not allowed outside the gates. So instead of going shopping in the Main St., Maynooth businesses went into the College and sold their wares in there. In fact there were two 'mart' days held every week when tailors, shoemakers, green grocers, and anybody else who had a service to offer, went through the College gates to do business. Sullivans transported their baskets of fruit on a hand cart and Edward Coogan from Convent Lane was one of the tailors who plied his trade on mart days. George Monaghan was a shoe maker and each mart day he went in to the College to collect shoes for repair, carrying them off in a sack, to return the next day with the repairs completed. George lived on Double Lane with his wife Eva (a Melia before she was married) and their two daughters, Phyllis and Therese. The Monaghan family was struck by tragedy in the 1930's and 1940's when George, Phyllis and Therese all died of TB - a scourge that affected dozens of families in Maynooth at that time. Phyllis and Therese were both young women when they died. Phyllis had attended a secretarial course in Dublin and Therese was engaged to Bertie Travers. Occasionally families suffering from TB were moved to better housing and the Monaghan's moved to the Crescent in the 1940's. But it was too late for Therese.

1916 and the Back Lanes

Maynooth send forth 12 good men and true in Easter Week and most of them came from the vicinity of the Back Lanes. One of the twelve was Dan Buckley and the men first assembled at Buckley's Garage in Buckley's Lane before marching off to the College. Patrick Colgan was a foreman in Kavanagh's Mill before the Rising and afterwards went on to become a Major in the Free State army. He later bought a hotel on the Ring of Kerry. Jack Maguire had lived at The Hollow on the Moyglare Road and later moved to Convent Lane. His mother, who used to keep turkeys,

lived in Dillon's Row. Tom Mangan was a blacksmith in Carton and Pa Weafer, after 1916, followed in his father's footsteps and became a coffin maker. Patrick Kirwin worked in the Board of Works and was jailed in Frongach after the Rising. He returned to Maynooth with a book signed by many of his fellow prisoners. Years later he presented it to Bridie O'Brien who subsequently lent it to an interested party. It hasn't been seen since.

The Carton Connection

Some time in the second half of the 18th century 28 houses were built for Carton workers. Historically the rent for these houses, now Leinster Cottages, was 1s per week. In the 1960's the rent had increased to 7 shillings and sixpence and then in 1978 the houses were put up for sale. Many sitting tenants bought their houses for £800.

Maynooth people regarded working conditions in Carton as being very good. Men brought home butter from the farm and were also given land to plant potatoes off the Dunboyne Road near Pebble Hill or Crettyhan Boreen. After the grass on the Avenue was cut men working in Carton made hay and brought it home for their own animals. Many residents kept chickens and pigs at the time. Firing was also freely available to men working in Carton and they were provided with transport to carry it home. Occasionally Lady Nesta from Carton House called around to the cottages, enquiring after the welfare of her tenants and workers.



Bridie O'Brien (1943)

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The College and a Not So Healthy Diet

Many of Maynooth's women worked in the College. The work was hard - scrubbing floors, cleaning the chapels and cloisters - and the pay wasn't very good. A cleaner earned 26 shillings a week in the College in the 1950's. The women brought in their own tea, sugar, milk, bread and butter and also brought in tea for their husbands and sons if they worked in the College.

The College did a steady trade in dripping. Most people had porridge and fried bread for their breakfast in the morning and the College sold dripping at a shilling a pound every morning at the Lodge gate. Most mornings there was a queue to buy the dripping. Pupils were also sent from the Convent to the College farm where Tom Connolly (Brid Farrell's father) had the job of killing cattle and sheep. The children were given sheep's heads which were boiled up in the convent to make soup which was given out to poor families. The Convent also delivered skimmed milk to the poor of the town.

A May Day Tradition

On the nearest Sunday to Mayday the children from the Lanes decorated a May bush with flowers and holy pictures and called around the houses in the area, making a collection. The money was then given to their mother's who bought minerals, custard, cornflour and biscuits. Tables were set out on Dillon's Row and a party was held with every child bringing their own chair, cup, saucer and spoon. Later that evening the May bush was burned and people sat around talking and singing.

Joe Murphy

Born in Dillon's Row in 1910 and now living in Leinster Cottages, Joe Murphy is one of Maynooth's oldest residents. Up to the age of seven boys in Maynooth went to the Convent and Joe remembers wearing a bib, petticoat and pinafore to school. In 1948 Joe helped form the famous Kilbride football club in Co. Meath and in 1998 he was presented with an inscribed vase by the club. During his time in London he played with Round Towers and London Irish and still has a keen interest in football.

Therese Monaghan's photo was published with an incorrect caption in the last issue. We apologise for this error.



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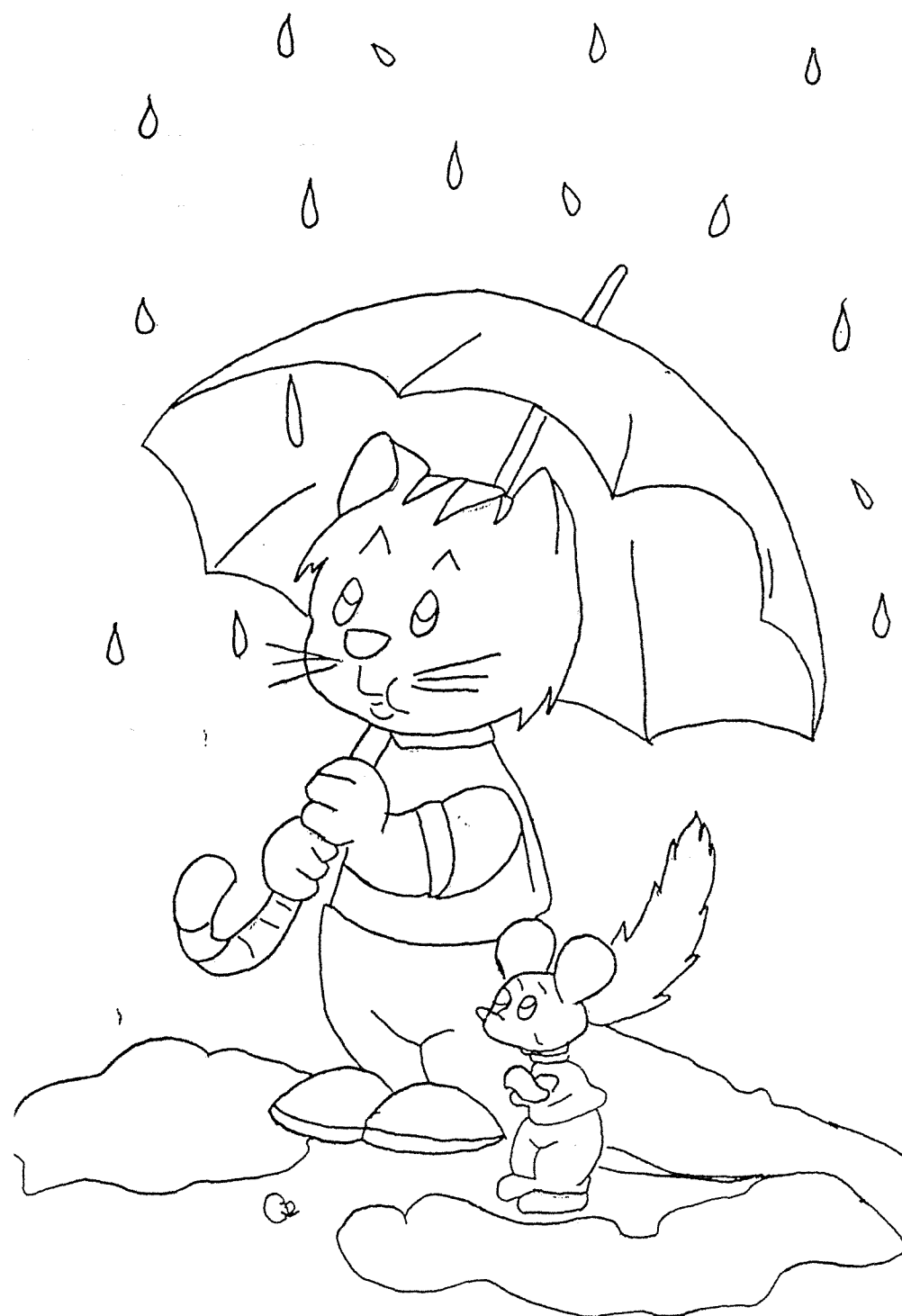
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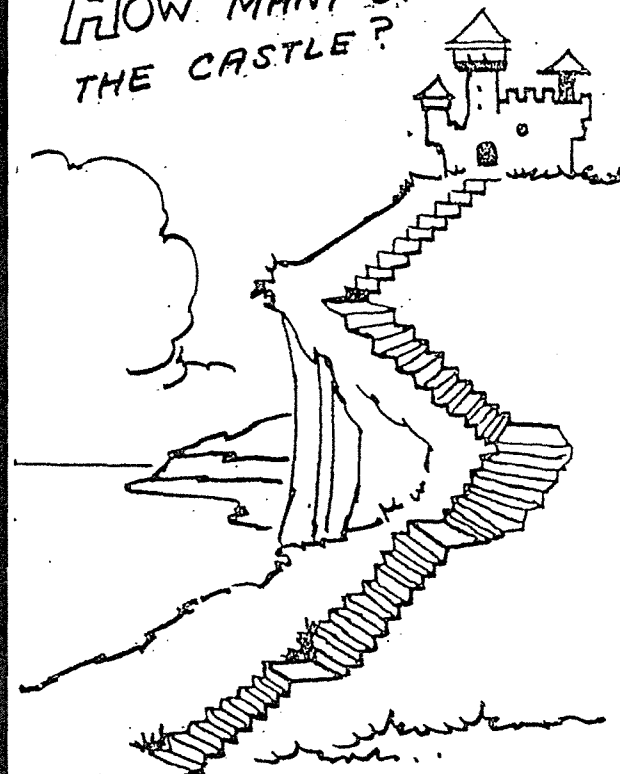
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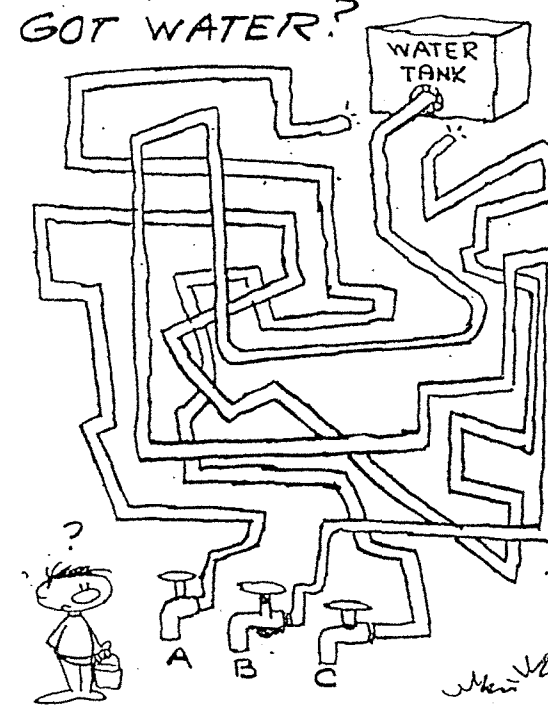
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Features

A selection of Family Tree studies from 6th Class in the Presentation Convent Maynooth. Our thanks to Ms Ledwith and students for their efforts

The Waldron Clan

The Waldrons are a great Norman family that came to Ireland in 1170. One of the great soldiers Arthur Wellesley Duke of Wellington is related to the Waldrons. Waldron changes to Mac Bhaildrin in the Irish language. Peter Waldron was Bishop of Killala from 1814 to 1834. Waldrons are part of the Costello family in Connacht. My great Grandfather James Waldron worked and lived on Carton Estate. A famous Waldron was transported to Australia for being the best pick-pocket of his time. Waldron can also be spelt Waldren

By Vanessa Waldron

My Family Tree

I enjoyed researching for my Family Tree project about the Flynns and the Doyles. I loved finding out all about my ancestors and what they did. My grannies and granddads were delighted with me interviewing them. They told me all about their childhood, what they did and their Hobbies. When they saw it they were delighted with what I wrote.

By Eimear Flynn.

My Family Tree

I enjoyed doing my family tree because found out more about my great grandad Michael Reilly. In WW 2 in 1915 he was wounded by a bullet in the chest. In 1925 he was taken under the care of Mary Farrell in the Richmond hospital. Eventually, they found the bullet that had been inserted in his chest ten years beforehand.

By Jessica Mc Grath

JOHN FRANCIS MC GREAL

The best part of my Family Tree was the story I found out that my great grand dad John Francis Mc Greal who sold cattle and got money. On his way home he was attacked. The robber tried to take his money. His dog Champ attacked the robber and scared the robber off. My great grandad got a picture taken of him and his dog Champ to commemorate that day

By Emily Mc Greal

My Family Tree

While researching my family tree I found out a lot of information. The interview I did with my Grandad Micheal helped me discover a lot about my family's past. Most of my relatives saw it and some of them discovered some things they didn't know. It turned out brilliantly and I enjoyed doing it very much.

By Laura Bennett

My Family Tree

I rang my cousin and asked her to get me photographs of my great grand parents Bridget and Frank Fitzgerald. I was very happy with the photographs of my Dad, my aunt and my uncle as children. I enjoyed putting it together.

By Laura Fitzgerald.

My Family Tree

I really enjoyed doing my Family Tree because I found out that once my Nana's house went on fire. It spread upstairs and stopped at the Sacred Heart picture. Fortunately everyone escaped. Also, my Granny's father was a horse trainer. One day he got kicked by a horse and he died. After his death the doctors found out that he had cancer so he might have died anyway.

By Grace Fox

SCANLON FAMILY

My Grandaunt Sarah was born in Co. Mayo. She walked a mile to school with her brothers and sisters. During the winter they had to bring a sod of turf to school everyday because they had an open fire. As she grew older some of her sisters emigrated. She trained to become a teacher and later on became principal. There have been many changes in her life; they had no washing machines, computers, televisions or videos. They didn't have the comforts or luxuries that we have today, but they also didn't have the fear for their security.

Caroline Bermingham

Paddy Crosbie

My favourite part of my family tree was the research I did on my granddad Paddy Crosbie. My granddad died along time before I was born so I knew very little about him. Lucky for me he had written a book called 'Your Dinners Poured Out' which explained all about his boyhood, growing up and his showbizz career. You know, his showbizz career all began with a teacher's strike in the 1940's.

By Shonagh Crosbie

Spierin Family Tree

The most interesting thing I found out my Family Tree was that I have a relative whose tomb is in Christchurch. His name was Berry. He owned land where Arnotts is now. They had the deeds in a safe place. But then some of his family moved to Germany and they decided it would be safe to take some deeds to Germany with them. While they were over there they lost the deeds so we were not able to claim the land. If we had the deeds today we would be able to claim the land.

By Samantha O'Neill

Features

The Dunne Family

While I was researching my Family Tree I found out a lot about the Dunes. One bit of information I found out was about the Penal Laws. During the Penal Laws Catholics were forced to turn Protestant or else their land and houses would be taken from them. Since the Dunes were Catholic they had to make a decision between their land or their religion. The ascendancy of Dunes chose their land so they became Protestant but the poorer Dunes chose their religion and were thrown off their land.

BY AISLING DUNNE

The Judge Family Tree

My family project helped me remember those who had gone before us and how important our family is. I learned a lot more by just using my mouth on the phone, or with my parents, but in the end it was a great experience!

By Laura Judge.

The Lyons Family

My Great Grand Aunt Margaret Mannion was on the Titanic. She was born in Galway, in the Parish of Caltra. When she was 28 she left her townland Loughanboy to get the train to Cobh in Co. Cork. She was to go on a voyage to New York. She wanted to live in 314 West 127 Street, New York. She was one of a small amount of people to be saved.

By: Sharon Lyons.

WAYS TO HELP YOUR KIDS STAND UP TO PEER PRESSURE BY VICTORIA ALI

A child should be encouraged and allowed to express some of her own individuality.

A child should be allowed some independent instead of running the risk of overly dependent on their parents. Every person, regardless of age, wants to be liked and accepted by others, but for children and teens, the desire for peer acceptance can become all-consuming and oppressive. Many adolescents do not understand that they can be popular, have many friendships, be accepted by their peers and also make wise decisions which can keep them out of trouble and prevent unpleasant – even dangerous – consequences. Children should be taught by their parents or parent on how to stand on their own feet and resist peer pressure. Parents should learn about peer pressure. Parents should know that peer pressure can be positive and negative. Positive peer pressure occurs when a friend encourages another to do his or her best in a difficult class or situation, **cheers a class mate who represents the school on a team or in a competition, talks a friend out of a self-destructive choice, comforts**

and consoles a friend who has been hurt by a life experience. Negative peer pressure occurs when one or more persons try to persuade another to do something wrong, dangerous or in violation of the law, school regulations, or family values. Thus, the key to effectively shaping peer pressure lies in a parent's ability to accentuate the positive and modify the negative.

BE GUIDED BY SCRIPTURE

Christian parents should allow their parenting to be shaped by Scripture. Long before the issue of peer pressure arises within a family, fathers and mothers should give consideration to specific biblical passages. Several such citations caution Christians against following the crowd while urging faithfulness to a higher moral and spiritual standard. Appropriate passages for parental reflection include the following:

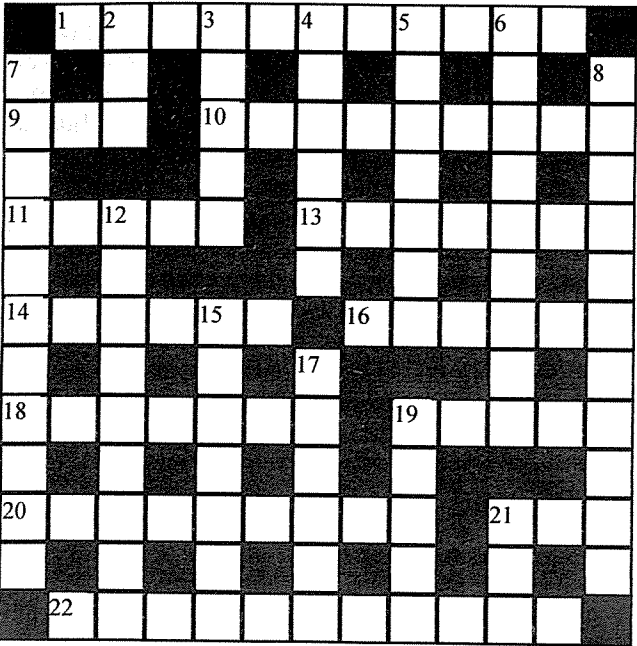
Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.
Do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd.
(Exodus 23:2)

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL BY VICTORIA ALI

If we are really Christians, then without thinking we should be able to say that life is beautiful. Christianity is the Good News and we should not be making it into anything different. It does happen, however, that often we find ourselves saying that we do not have time, or that we are in a hurry. This sort of stance is not in keeping with "Joy". He who has joy within, always has time for everyone, time for everything that is good. "Not having time" is the illness of modern civilisation. Since reason has worked itself up to having precedence over the soul, the soul is left to without it's own quintessence. And so it must say that it is in a hurry it does not matter where, it's just important that it does not have enough time for thinking about itself. Our Lady's coming here does not mean that she wants to destroy modern civilisation because there are many very good things in it.

She does however wish to light up its darker aspects. That's why often in her messages she tells us to leave everything. When we approach God, we should do so with empty hands and with time at our disposal. Only then can He give us His gifts and make us happy. Our Blessed Mother is the perfect example of this.

Crossword No: 155



Entries before: 12th March 2001

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Across:

- 1. Stamp-collector (11)
- 9. Decay (3)
- 10. Reserve (9)
- 11. Wife (5)
- 13. Rival (7)
- 14. Vilest (6)
- 16. Negligent (6)
- 18. Pedigree (7)
- 19. Dogma (5)
- 20. Docile (9)
- 21. Place (3)
- 22. Ceaseless (5-6)

Down:

- 2. Strike (3)
- 3. Big (5)
- 4. Stagger (6)
- 5. Address (7)
- 6. Feeling (9)
- 7. Likelihood (11)
- 8. Require (11)
- 12. Hint at (9)
- 15. Make jump (7)
- 17. Weak (6)
- 19. Tendency (5)
- 21. Write (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 154

Across: 2 Beach; 7 Cruel; 8 Devil; 10 Gully; 12 Mat; 13 Staid; 15 Devoted; 17 Whined; 19 Air; 20 Depress; 23 Aver; 25 Echo; 26 Deposed; 30 Bus; 31 Delete; 34 Eratic; 37 Vowed; 38 Get; 39 Tonic; 40 Repel; 41 Salon; 42 Revel.

Down: 1 Truth; 2 Begin; 3 Eluded; 4 Cold; 5 Remorse; 6 Sited; 9 Vat; 10 Gin; 11 Yearned; 12 Morse; 13 Sweat; 14 Aimed; 16 Vie; 18 Deposit; 21 Screw; 22 Coded; 24 Rebated; 27 Put; 28 Devise; 29 urged; 32 Local; 33 Tenor; 35 Rep; 36 Core.

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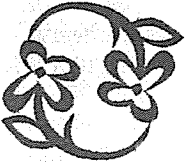
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Party Political

FINE GAEL NOTES

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin would like to wish all readers of the Newsletter a very happy and a prosperous New Year.

Housing - a crisis of mammoth proportions, so stated Deputy B. Durkan recently with particular reference to the housing situation in County Kildare. Deputy Durkan stated that along with the people who previously has an expectation to receive a local authority house, we now have an added complication, people who are on a relatively good income up to £30,000.00 p.a. are forced onto the housing list, thereby creating greater pressure for those already there. There are approximately 2,500 families on the County Kildare housing list at present and the numbers are increasing weekly. Add to this, at least another 1,500 who are renting privately but cannot afford to buy a house at today's prices. The housing building programme both public and private, needs to increase by at least 30% per annum just to hold the position.

To the Minister for the Environment and Local Government:

To ask the Minister for the Environment and Local Government the action he will take to address the unprecedented shortage of housing throughout the country; if, in view of the total lack of impact on this situation in the past 12 months he will now declare a housing emergency with clearly defined objectives of dramatically increasing the housing stock in both the public and private sector; if he will ensure that those on both the local authority housing lists and families seeking affordable housing will have a reasonable chance of achieving their objectives within a short time; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY

Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and Local Government (Mr Molloy): Since coming into office, I have commissioned three reports on the housing market with a particular focus on the supply and demand for housing and the affordability of housing. The Government has responded positively to the findings of these reports in Action on House Prices (April 1998), Action on the Housing Market (March 1999) and earlier this year in Action on Housing. Government strategy, which is proving effective, is to increase housing supply to meet demand and to improve affordability, particularly for first time purchasers. Total housing output last year was over 46,500, an increase of 20% over 1997, and output is expected to reach 50,000 units this year, a 29% increase on output in 1997.

House price data for recent months indicate further moderation in the rate of increase in average house prices. There is also firm evidence that first-time

buyers are gaining an increasing share of the new housing market. These trends may be attributed to reduced investor activity in response to measures introduced in Action on Housing and the sustained increase in housing output.

The provision of £6 billion for social and affordable housing in the National Development Plan, augmented by further investment of almost £1 billion announced in Action on Housing, will ensure that the social and affordable housing needs of almost 100,000 households will be met with Government assistance over the period of the Plan.

Part V of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 requires local authorities to prepare housing strategies to address the housing needs of all sectors of the community, including those in need of social and affordable housing. This requires local authorities to make an assessment of current and projected needs for housing in their areas, to prepare housing strategies and vary their development plans to incorporate the strategies. Guidelines for planning authorities on the preparation of their housing strategies, together with a model housing strategy will be published shortly. These, together with earlier measures provide a comprehensive and coherent response to housing needs.

Straffan Road.

Cllr. Senan Griffin has been informed by Kildare Co. Council that they accept his proposal to paint a yellow box junction at the Greenfield estate with the Straffan Road. The residents who have to use this exit are constantly finding it extremely difficult to turn right for Maynooth and especially when their sight line is hampered with the pedestrian barrier. The Co. Engineer has arranged that the work will be carried out as soon as weather conditions are favourable.

Litter Bins.

Maynooth Credit Union and Coonan auctioneers have agreed with Cllr. Griffin to sponsor the provision of twelve litter bins for Maynooth on the understanding that KCC erect the bins. In response the council have informed Senan Griffin that they will erect the bins but that they could have problems in emptying the bins. Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed astonishment that the council could have problems in emptying the bins and he further stated that if the council were serious about the local environment they will have to ensure that the bins are emptied on a daily basis. According to Senan Griffin there is nothing worse than a bin overflowing with rubbish.

Maynooth Interchange.

Work on the new interchange is progressing and in due course the new roundabout will be on stream.

Party Political

Hopefully traffic will move freely. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to reduce the width of the footpath on the bridge by 0.3 of a metre on both sides and to realign it so as to allow traffic to move on towards Maynooth while other traffic is turning right onto the motorway. Senan Griffin has constantly demanded that this work be given priority and that a similar roundabout be constructed south of Noone's garage so that the traffic congestion can be eliminated. In recommending this roundabout to the Council Cllr. Griffin has maintained that this is the only acceptable place for the proposed Blacklion ring road to meet the Straffan Road.

Castlebridge/Parklands.

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC provide a two metre footpath at the inner road in Castlebridge/Parklands. (Residents attending the surgery have to walk out onto the roadway). The council state that the cost of providing this path is £11,000. This path is required for the safety of pedestrians but the cost is unreal and is questionable.

Public Lights in Maynooth.

Senan Griffin has requested that the following areas be provided with an improved lighting system.
Leinster Park: Two lights.
Castlebridge/Parklands: Three lights.
Moyglare at Moyglare Meadows: Two lights.
Celbridge road: Improved lighting system required to the Gael Scoil.

Gael Scoil.

Senan Griffin has requested KCC to draw up plans in order to provide safe access to the Gael Scoil on the Celbridge Road. This will require footpaths and proper lighting and will have to be done as a priority. In Cllr. Griffin's view this road is unsafe with speeding traffic and it is not fair or reasonable to expect young children to use it for access to their new school.

New Appointment: Senan Griffin chairs Kildare Co. Council Environmental Committee.

Congratulations were extended to Senan Griffin on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Strategic Environmental Committee at a recent meeting of the Maynooth branch of Fine Gael. The important issues for the people of the County of Kildare said Cllr. Senan Griffin are:

- (1) Prevention of waste
- (2) Re-use
- (3) Re-cycling
- (4) Protection/conservation of resources i.e., water, energy.

Speaking generally on the environment Senan advised members that 68% of people think that the environment is an urgent problem *but only*

18% are prepared to pay higher charges to solve the problem.
67% never pay attention to packaging while
75% have access to glass recycling only
25% are actually availing of recycling glass
49% admit to littering.

The challenge, he said for the people of Co. Kildare is:

For clear leadership at local and regional level. A willingness to take hard decisions on behalf of the county and an acceptance that segregation and separate collection of recyclables/organics are part of an improved waste management infrastructure for Co. Kildare.

The need to protect the water quality in the county is of the utmost importance emphasised Cllr. Griffin. The national position on water quality is as follows:

Water quality is good but is rapidly deteriorating.
33% of rivers polluted in 1997 (that is in river length)
50% increase in pollution over the past ten years

With regard to river pollution Cllr. Griffin said there is:
1% serious pollution
14% moderate
18% slight
67% unpolluted.

Ten years ago 77% of our rivers were unpolluted. This increase in pollution of our rivers is causing serious concern at both national level and local level.

Senan Griffin, in seeking support for change, proposed that the Department of the Environment slogan be adopted. "It's easy to make a difference". Each individual, said Cllr. Griffin, has a vital role to play in improving the environment of his or her own locality. This, he said, can best be achieved in partnership with the community and our local authority Kildare County Council.

I am appealing to the people of County Kildare for suggestions/proposals notably regarding:
Litter prevention.
Control and ideas on re-cycling.
Re-use and water quality control.

I am prepared to put before the environmental committee suggestions from the public and to meet with local groups to ascertain their views and concerns on the environment.

Cllr. Griffin can be contacted at Ballygoran, Maynooth. Tel. 087 2331267.

Party Political

MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS

A warm welcome back to all our readers of Maynooth Fianna Fail News. The Cumann members would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the local community a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year 2001 - what many believe to be the first real year of the New Millennium.

The Cumann officers have fixed our first meeting of the year for Monday 22nd January at which we will provisionally set out our agenda for the next eleven months, listing our objectives, activities, matters to be attended to, our aims, visits by the Minister Charlie McCreevy etc. Of course the on-going plans laid and pursued last year will be resumed with dedication.

Cumann Breakfast with Minister McCreevy

At this stage we hope to soon finalise our plans to repeat our very successful breakfast with Minister McCreevy which we have penned in for Friday March 9th, yet to be confirmed. This event was very well attended and very enjoyable last year and we look forward to a repetition. The Glenroyal Hotel provided an excellent venue and as usual the food and services provided were first class. Anybody interested in attending can make enquiries from any Cumann member or from any of the Cumann officers listed.

Cairde Fail Dinner Dance

As noted in the last issue of the Newsletter the annual Presidents Dinner Dance was held in the City West Golf Club on the Naas Road. Over 2600 people attended the event (the largest ever attendance for one dinner sitting in Ireland) giving evidence of the buoyant state of the Partys supporters and members. Music was provided by Paddy Cole and his band, and the meal and facilities were excellent. Maynooth members hosted two tables on the night with about 24 members attending.

Visit to Dail Eireann

On November 15th the Cumann in conjunction with our friends in Leixlip Cumann visited Dail Eireann and attended on-going debates which were taking place late into the night, the most detailed of which was on the subject of milk quota rights. Many of our T.D.s met with the Cumann members on the night, including Mary Hanafin, Conor Lenihan, and Tom Kitt. Charlie McCreevy was unable to meet us on the night as he was returning from an official meeting in Northern Ireland. However Paul Kelly, our local councillor did accompany us. The evening

Maynooth Development Plan

On 21st November the Cumann hosted a public meeting which was well advertised and attended, at which our local councillor Paul Kelly outlined in great detail the elements of the Draft Plan. He strongly advised all who attended, many representing residential areas, to submit ideas, plans, adjustments or changes they thought beneficial to himself and/or other local councillors or to the County Council directly by the end of the month. All such submissions would be carefully considered before final adoption of the Plan, as the best plan by its very nature, comprises the best compromise possible on all the issues concerned. The Cumann would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the meeting and made contributions.

Manor Mills, Maynooth

The abrupt and unexpected ending of the relationship between one of its oldest employers and industries and the Community in Maynooth which occurred with the appointment in late October of a provisional liquidator to Kavanagh Mills was shocking and sad. It provided a tragic end to the employment of many members of the Maynooth Community who had been employed for periods ranging to almost 40 years. On disclosure of the precarious position of the company and in particular the redundancy packages which had been agreed only a short time previously, the Cumann urged Minister McCreevy to become involved in any way possible or appropriate that might help. Many meetings followed and at the time of writing, it appears that those redundancy packages will be included in the list of creditors, hopefully resulting eventually in the securing of 40-50% of the value of the original packages. The Cumann sympathises with all those concerned and directly effected by this sad event.

Garda Station in Maynooth

The Cumann recently wrote to Charlie McCreevy urging him to make representations to Minister for Justice Mr. John O'Donoghue T.D. We are pressing for the Maynooth station to be given full-time status, given that Maynooth now has a permanent population of 10,000 with a further 5,000 student population for the majority of the year also. In light of the likely projected population increase envisaged, proper planning for future needs must begin in advance to ensure Maynooth remains a relatively low crime area. Minister O'Donoghue has replied that on further study and consideration of the proposal he will issue a reply in due course.

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Community Support

Mr. Dermot Ahern TD., Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs has recently written to the Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D. advising him of increased approval of grants under the Scheme of Community Support for Older People in the Dublin West region, pending conditions and administrative requirements which must be made before payment is made. Among the local groups in the area to benefit will be:- Care for the Aged in Celbridge and Newbridge, Golden Years Club in Leixlip, the Kildare North Sheltered Housing Group, Community Alert in Donadea and Kilmacredock, and Maynooth Senior Citizens.

Minister McCreevys Budget

In early December, local T.D. and Minister for Finance Charlie McCreevy announced the latest in a series of innovative and reforming Budgets which he will formulate before the next general election due in May/June 2002. The Cumann sent a letter of congratulations and support to the minister after the Budget was announced.

The minister outlined 4 basic objectives of the Budget:

- 1) To manage our economy to secure our continued prosperity,
- 2) To improve our quality of life
- 3) To promote a fairer society,
- 4) To reward work and enterprise through on-going tax reform.

Minister McCreevy introduced large increases in children's allowances, increases in grants for commercial creches and childcare employment grants. Employer-provided childcare was also exempted from benefit-in-kind tax.

Big increases in social welfare payments were also announced with an 11.5% increase in this year alone for Old Age and related pensions, following on the increases he introduced in his previous three budgets. Tax Bands were widened, allowances or credits increased, rates decreased, ensuring that on top of the 176,000 taxpayers previously removed from the tax net, another 133,000 were removed this year. The proportion of income earners on the higher rate of tax was also reduced to 23%.

Of particular interest to many in Maynooth was of course the introduction of the Rent-a-Room, whereby up to £6000 income earned from renting out a room in a persons principal private residence will be exempt from tax and will have no tax implications further down the road should the home owner wish to sell his/her property.

This should benefit private home owners and students seeking accommodation in the Maynooth area and indeed must be applauded as being innovative in a similar way that Charlie's pension policies and changes introduced over the last number of budgets have been revolutionary and mould-breaking in an expansionist manner.

Finally thank you for reading our news this month. We once again invite any persons interested in joining our Cumann to contact myself, Brid Feely on 01-6286647, Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187 or anyone who is a member of Fianna Fail Cumann.

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Party Political

Maynooth Labour News

Seven Day Street Cleaning for Maynooth:

While the Celtic Tiger has brought much wealth and affluence to the country, basic services have gone backwards. Cllr. John McGinley has been using every opportunity possible to get the Council to agree to seven day street cleaning for Maynooth – a town with a population of 11,000 and 5,500 students. Cllr. McGinley's motion calling for the introduction of seven day cleaning in all major towns in the County was agreed in October and it was put into effect through the allocation of an additional £345,000, in the Estimates for 2001, to extend this service. This means that we can look forward to litter free streets in future, but it does not give litter louts a licence to flout the law. Cllr. McGinley has also asked the Council to introduce more litter wardens when the seven day cleaning comes into operation and he will be insisting that they fine all law breakers.

£3M Cost of Preventing Flooding in Maynooth:

During the debate on Cllr. John McGinley's motion at the Leixlip Area Meeting on Friday 1st December the County Engineer stated he estimated that it would cost up to £3M to carry out the work necessary to prevent a recurrence of the flooding in Maynooth. The debate lasted over an hour and was much more rewarding than the wasted exercise at the previous Monday's Council Meeting.

The Council has extended the scope of Consultants, H.G.L. O'Connors, (they had already been engaged to design the culverting of the Meadowbrook Stream and the design of the new Bond Bridge) to include an investigation of the Stream from the motorway to the Lyreen at Mill Street and also to investigate the Rathcoffey Road drainage. This could mean building a hydraulic Model to simulate the drainage system (likely cost is £150,000) to verify calculations and to ensure that rezonings in the Draft Maynooth

Development Plan don't result in further flooding. It will take about 6 months to set up the model so the Maynooth Development Plan cannot be approved until the model does it's work. The Consultant's Report is expected to be with the Council early in the New Year. It will be discussed with the local Councillors and the Government will then be asked to fund the cost of the work. In addition the little heard of 1994 Nicholas O'Dwyer on flood prevention (like many other Reports it was never implemented) in Maynooth, will be updated and included in the new Report.

Cllr. John McGinley Proposes go Ahead for Bond Bridge:

Cllr. John McGinley proposed at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 1st December that the Conservation Architect's Report on Bond Bridge be accepted by the Council and then submitted to Duchas, The Heritage Service, for their early agreement. It would be extraordinary if Duchas do not endorse the report as it was Duchas who asked the Council to engage a Conservation Architect in the first place.

The Conservation Architects, Arthur Gibney & partners, state that the best method of conserving the old bridge is to take it down and re-erect it in another location on the canal. They believe that this solution allows it to best retain its architectural significance as a small stone canal bridge. Cllr. John McGinley stated that he was very pleased with the report and he hoped that the bridge construction could now go to tender without any further delays.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has asked Minister de Valera to ensure that Duchas makes an early favourable decision.

Traffic Lights at Bottom of Maynooth Main Street:

Tenders will be issued in early February for these new Traffic Lights. In the meantime the design will be rechecked to ensure that the safety needs of pedestrians and the co-ordination with the existing lights are complied with.

Bus Turning Points on Straffan Road, Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley demanded at the Area Meeting of the Council on 6th January that the Council Engineers bring forward proposals for the removal of the central "green area" of the two bus turning points on the Straffan Road without any further delay. These two areas are a complete eyesore and despite repeated attempts it has not been possible to get the bus drivers to act as good citizens and refrain from driving on the "green area".

Parson Street Traffic Calming:

The delay in Council Officials carrying out traffic calming measures in Parson Street has been nothing short of disgraceful. At January's Area Meeting of the Council Cllr. John McGinley got a solemn undertaking from Des O'Connor, Senior Executive Engineer, that he would present definite proposals to the next Area Meeting on 5th February.

Party Political

Case for a Swimming Pool Complex in Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council:

"That this Council takes the necessary steps to locate a swimming pool complex in Maynooth, to serve the people of North Kildare."

With the wealth that is now in the country there is no reason why a Swimming Pool Complex to accommodate Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Clane should not be built in the Harbour Field. Maynooth being around five miles from each of these towns is ideally located to act as the centre for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex. After all the South and Centre of the county are catered for by the Athy and Naas Pools, so the North of the County, which contributes significantly to the funding of the County should also have a Public Swimming Pool.

Air Quality in Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Area Committee of the Council:

"That the air quality in Maynooth be monitored so that a decision can be made on whether or not a ban on bituminous coal is warranted."

Ballygoran Cross, Celbridge Road, Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Area Committee of the Council.

"That the sight lines at Ballygoran Cross, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, be improved as a matter of urgency, in the interests of safety."

Banning heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Parking in Housing Estates:

Cllr. John McGinley's motion banning HGV's from parking in public areas in Moyglare Village, Meadowbrook, Meadowbrook Crescent, Greenfield Estate, parklands and Beaufield was agreed by the Council some months back. These were the only Residents' Associations that advised Cllr. McGinley that they had a problem with HGV's and that they wanted the ban on parking.

Cllr. McGinley has been advised by the County Secretary that the signs are almost ready and that they will be erected as soon as labour is available.

New Public Lights for Harbour/Canal Area, Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to erect eleven new Public Lighting Standards on the north side of the Royal Canal, between the harbour Area and the Straffan Road, Maynooth. There is no public lighting at present on this much used walkway.

Proposed Development Off Parson Street:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged an objection to the proposal by Leatron Ltd. To build 120 apartments in 6 four storey blocks on a site off Parson Street with access through Parson Lodge.

The main reasons cited by Emmet and John for the rejection of the planning application include the following:

- The application is premature given the fact that the site in question is included within the Action Area Plan 1 of the Draft Maynooth Development Plan. This Action Plan, which will require extensive consultation, is not even at 1st Draft stage at this time. The Action Area Plan will decide how the Harbour Area should be developed as an amenity resource for the Town and will set down guidelines in relation to development within the area.
- The site is within the historic core of Maynooth Town and the proposed development would, due to its height, have a negative impact on Maynooth Castle, St. Mary's Church, St. Patrick's College and the Harbour area.
- The proposed 4 storey blocks would dwarf the existing houses in the area and in particular those at Parson Lodge.
- The proposal to use Parson Lodge as the access to the development would create a traffic hazard within Parson Lodge.
- The amenity value of the Canal would be seriously damaged if the proposal was allowed to go ahead.

Additional information in relation to the planning application was requested on January 12th by Kildare County Council. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley will continue to press the Council to ensure the proposal is rejected.

Party Political

Council Reject Planning Application at Leinster Cottages.

A proposal to build a two storey extension at the rear of 28 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth was objected to by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley.

The proposal would have destroyed the character of the existing Leinster Cottages Area due to the proposed scale and height of the development.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley are pleased that planning permission was refused by Kildare County Council before Christmas.

Newtown Pub Granted Planning Permission:

Kildare County Council granted Planning Permission for a Public House at Newtown Shopping Centre before Christmas.

Residents Associations in the area have appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanala and Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley will also be making a submission to An Bord Pleanala.

Maintenance Access Gate at Silken Vale Granted Planning Permission:

On December 8th An Bord Pleanala granted planning permission to Iarnrod Eireann for a maintenance access gate from Silken Vale Housing Estate cul de sac of houses no. 23 - 27.

Deputy Stagg described the decision as disappointing and called on Iarnrod Eireann to abide by the conditions of the permission which has issued and which allows the access gate to be used only 5 times in any year.

Kilmacredock/Barrogstown - Traffic Calming:

Following representations from the residents association in the area, Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley are seeking the introduction of a 30 MPH speed limit in the Kilmacredock/Barrogstown area and the provision of traffic calming measures at certain points along the road.

Lucan Quality Bus Corridor Extended:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Dublin Transportation Office that they are extending the Lucan Quality bus Corridor to both the Lucan and Chapelizod Bye-Passes. We are pleased to note that work has started on the extension.

Paul Connolly:

November 30th was a sad day for the members of Maynooth Labour Branch when one of our beloved Presidents of the Branch, Paul Connolly of Greenfields, Maynooth passed away.

Paul worked tirelessly for the Community of Maynooth and was well known to many as the person to contact if somebody needed assistance from our Public Representatives. Paul also involved himself actively in the Maynooth Branch and his many comrades in the Branch will be the poorer for this departure.

To his wife Kathleen the Branch extends its deepest and most profound sympathy in this time of great sadness.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Annual Dinner which took place on December 10th in the Straffan Lodge Hotel was a most pleasant event. We enjoyed a superb meal in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Many thanks to Jim Upton for his attention to detail. We danced the rest of the evening away to the wonderful sound of "Bourbon Street". Thank you to all our guests who came along. To Emmet for his presence and Bernard for a wonderful hamper, which raised £230.00.

While the weekend we had was relatively wild, since then the country has been in a very cold "icy grip". So I advise our older people to stay warm and dress up well when outdoors. Hypothermia is a real threat at this time of year. Make sure your temperature guide is in view. Room temperature should not drop below sixty five degrees {65°}. This is also the time of year where being a good neighbour can matter most. So don't forget, if you have an older person living near by, drop in and say "hello". Don't leave it to someone else, they may have left it to you.

Our morning club is in full swing again. Don't forget all Senior Citizens are welcome along whether you have just moved into the area, or have been here all your life, you will receive the same welcome. Why be alone when you can be among friends.

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday February 6th in Maynooth Health Centre at 8p.m. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome. Our Annual Collection will take place from March 1st until March 4th and once again we appeal to your generosity. Speaking of money, many thanks to the proprietors, staff and customers of Caulfields for the donation of £500.00. We also acknowledge receipt of £800 from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs towards the cost of installation of Emergency Response Units which is on-going. Thank you also to John Sauls and the Maynooth Golfing Society for their donation of £200.00.

Our Valentines party will take place on Sunday February 18th. We will have our usual competitions for the most "Romantic Couple" and for those who prefer to write, the most "Romantic Verse", all of which will take place in the Post Primary School from 3 p.m. until 6.30 p.m.

Finally we extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Paul Connolly, Gretta Payne and Agnes Murphy. May they rest in peace.

Josephine Moore.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Plans for 2001

After a successful year in 2000, with an increase in our Tidy Towns marks and the achievement of winning an award in the national Millennium Committee, Green Town 2000 Competition, Maynooth Tidy Towns are looking forward to 2001. Our main aim this year is to break the 200-mark barrier in the national Tidy Towns Competition. Others include, participating in the delivery of some key environmental projects that will enhance the image and condition of the town. We will keep you advised on these plans throughout the year.

Green Town 2000

Maynooth Tidy Towns are delighted with our success in this competition. Our project was based on education and some practical tasks. We are pleased with the positive response that we have received from the people of the town for our Green Town 2000 Recycling Wall-chart. Thanks again to everyone for their help on this, particularly Dr. John Sweeney from NUI, Maynooth. We are grateful to the Schools for their interest in this project and we would like to continue our association with the Schools in 2001.

Bus Turning Point Our biggest eyesore.

Last summer we sought volunteers to look after a number of problem areas in the town. Members of the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann landscaped and re-seeded this area and kept it cut during the growing season. However, because of the design of this area, buses are having difficulty negotiating this space because of parked cars waiting for passengers at this point. Consequently, the green area has been destroyed again. Bus Eireann are pressing Kildare County Council to re-design this area and to remove the grass. Following representations to Cllr. John McGinley, he is supporting our view that this work should be done without delay.

New Members

New members are always welcome in Maynooth Tidy Towns. If you would like to get involved, please write to us at Maynooth Community Council Office, Convent Lane, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth or contact any member of the committee.

**Paul Croghan
Secretary
Maynooth Tidy Towns.**

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Annual Dinner Photo Gallery



L-R: Sr. Mary Ann, Mai Hughes, Leo McGlynn



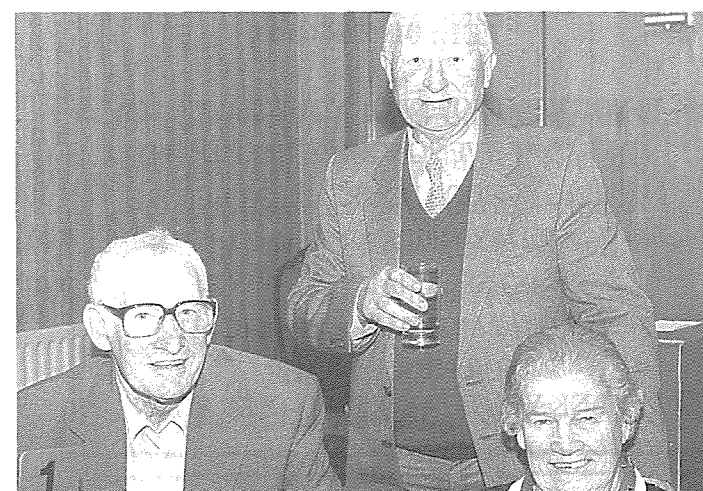
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Maynooth BNS Parents Association

With memories of Christmas fading fast we would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Toy Appeal especially all those who donated toys. I am sure they were much appreciated.

By the time that you read this, the Credit Union Quiz will have taken place. Every year the Aula Maxima in the college is packed with boys and girls all hoping that they have the right answers. Hopefully we will have the results and some pictures for the next issue.

Enrolment for boys wishing to start school next September is currently taking place (January and February). Please leave the child's details into the school office as soon as possible.

The school website is being designed at the moment and should be ready soon.

Finally, our annual Book Fair is coming up shortly. Full details will be announced in the school.

Claire O'Rourke
PRO

Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

1. A Hillwalking Group within the Glenroyal Leisure Club has been in existence for the past three years. It has now been decided to expand and set up a hillwalking club which will bear the name of Glenroyal but will be independent of the Leisure Club. The Glenroyal Hillwalking Club will be open to anyone interested in the leisurely activity of walking in the mountains of Ireland and hopefully in the future further afield. At the end of January the Club hopes to be affiliated with the Mountaineering Council of Ireland which affords advantages to members.

2. The Hillwalking Club membership is £23 for adults, £18 for Junior (under 18) and Family membership (fees on request), which covers club membership. The fees cover affiliation fees to MCI and personal insurance. An additional charge of £1.60 to cover postage for four issues of Mountain Log magazine, which members will receive four times a year as a result of being a member of MCI. Details on request.

3. Club activities include hillwalking events twice a month, and this may increase as demand requires. Activities will be geared to suit members' needs.

Activities will be geared to suit members' needs. It is hoped initially to hold a number of introductory hikes where people who may be interested can attend before committing themselves to taking out full membership. Throughout the year a number of weekend events will take place including for 2001 Kerry-Dingle area, Mourne Mountains, and the Comeragh Mountains. Other weekend events may be organised to meet members' needs.

4. Details of the Hillwalking Club will be available from Jim at 6285367.

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Maynooth I.C.A.

Activities resumed in January 2001. ICA members in Maynooth braved the wild, stormy weather to attend their December meeting in the local hall.

Once indoors they enjoyed a pleasant few hours with delicious home baked mince pies and a drama entitled 'The Lourdes Cafe'.

This featured Guild members Rosemary Hanley, Margaret Houlihan, Bernie King and Madeline Stynes. And there was poetry reading with Mary Deane, Imelda Delaney, Eileen Flynn and Maeve Moloney which evoked much good-natured banter.

The ladies welcomed Bernadette Raftery's news that her fundraising target had been met.

A special word of thanks to all who contributed, attended or helped Orla Keane and her very willing lunch-helpers at the Glenroyal Hotel. Fr. Thomas Raftery appreciated the efforts. The appeal for funds for the Romanian orphanage exceed all expectations.

The Carers' Association Resource Centre.

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This was the historic unification of three individual Planning Alliance groups, representing the hinterland areas of the Dublin Region, under one alliance. The reason for the establishment of the Kildare, Meath, Wicklow Planning Alliance is in response to the widespread breaching of the Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area, in relation to the development plans which are being proposed for the counties concerned.

The Single Objective of the group will be: -

* To ensure that the Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Region are fully implemented.

KMWPA will not be an organisation that is party politically aligned

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Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

The Committee wishes all its members and their friends a Happy and Peaceful New Year. We certainly got the New Year off to a good start with our Annual Dinner in the Moyglare Manor Hotel on Tues. 15th Jan. We enjoyed a lovely meal in beautiful surroundings among old and new friends. As a treat after dinner, the committee had organised for Fr. Jack O'Connell from Caragh Parish to come and show his wonderful collection of slides on wild flowers. It was easy to see that Fr. O'Connell has a great love of nature and the outdoors. He has a great knowledge of plants and was only too happy to discuss this subject. We also had the pleasure of Monsignor Alex Stenson's company on the night. **Daffodil Day** will take place on Fri 23rd March. We know you will support this very worthwhile charity as you have done in past years.

Programme for 2001

All meetings to be held at 8pm sharp on the third Tuesday of each month in the Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

FEBRUARY 20TH :Demonstrator : Eileen Burns
Competitions: "A Farmhouse Kitchen"

A:An Exhibit to include fruit and veg. Space 75cm
B&C:An Exhibit to include fruit and veg. Space 60cm
Plant Competition: 1 Stem of Flowering Shrub

MARCH 20TH : Demonstrator : Brid Kelleher
Competitions: "March Winds"

A: A modern exhibit Space 50cm
B&C:A modern exhibit Space 45cm

Plant Competition: 3 stem of any Spring Flower

April 21st - 22nd: Annual Spring Show (Details later)

May 15th: A Garden Peter S. Harrison
"Architectural Plants in Garden Designs"

No Competitions Venue : Physics Hall

May 22th: Day School with Linda Murphy
(Details Later)

June 12th: Day School with Nuala Hegarty
(Details Later)

June 19th: Demonstrator - Margaret Quinn

Competitions: "Secret Garden"

A: An exhibit to include roses Space 75mm

B&C: An exhibit to include roses Space 60mm

Plant competition: 1 rose.

September 18th - 23rd: Trip to Cork
(AOIFA Flower Arranger of the Year competition)

September 25th: Demonstrator
Angela Behan O'Carroll

Competitions:

A: "From the Hedgerow" Space 75mm

B&C: "From the Hedgerow" Space 60mm

Plant competition: 3 dahlias.

October 16th: Gala Christmas Night with
Clive Moorhead

October 17th: Day School with Clive Moorehead

October 23th: AGM Imposed Class
with Six Competitors

No Competitions

November 20th: Demonstrator : Lorcan Burke
Competitions:

A: "New Trends" Space 50cm

B & C: "New Trends" Space 45cm

Plant competition: 3 Stems of Autumn Foliage

December 11th: Demonstrator : Carol Bone
A, B & C "Christmas Wall Hanging"
Space - Not to exceed 75cm in length
Artificial Material allowed

Plant Competition 1 Stem of Coloured Bark

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As the second half of the season gets into full swing it is hoped the weather will be a little kinder to avoid a further backlog of fixtures. With some teams playing as little as 4 games so far it has been a little frustrating for players and managers alike. The backlog of fixtures will mean a large amount of mid-week games as the evenings grow longer. It would be the hope in the coming years that purpose built pitches with proper drainage will ensure that home games will be able to take place in all but the most extreme of weathers. The draft development plan for the Rathcoffey Road site is now complete and we are hoping for the widest possible input from the wider community to finalise the plan so as to make it a resource that will be an asset to all in the town. This will be a major project that will only get off the drawing board if it is supported by all sections of the community not just those involved in the game of soccer. The only way Maynooth will benefit from national funding for any project such as this is to make the proposed facilities available to the widest possible range of people. In the past Maynooth Town Football has made what little equipment and resources it has had available to those who requested it. We have also had tremendous support from many business and groups within the town to allow us to cope with the huge demands that the younger membership have placed on us. The only way for clubs and groups that cater for our youth to survive and cope with such demands is for the whole community especially the parents to get more involved in the running and financial support of these groups.

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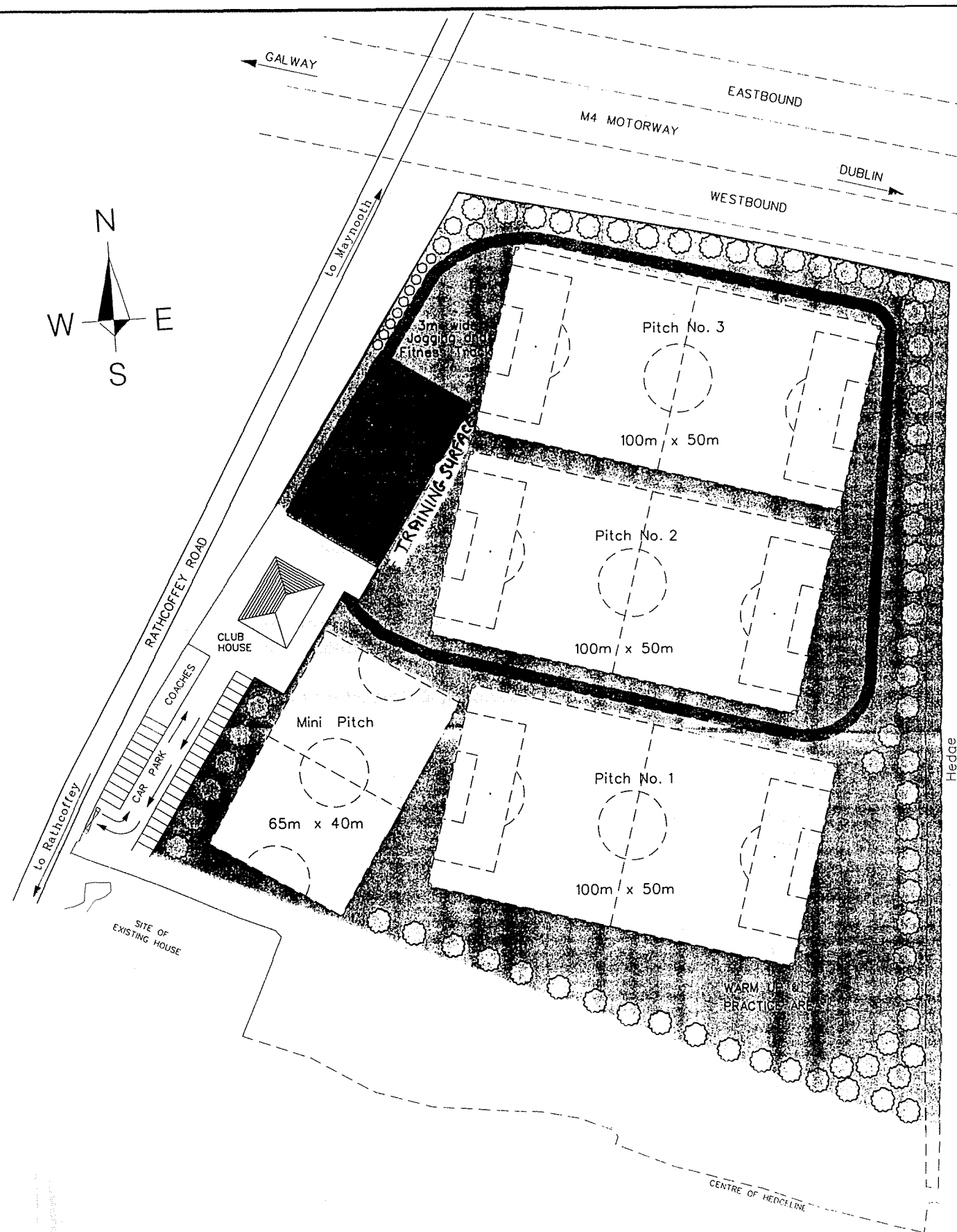
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10-Dec-00	6,8,10,12	£1,800	BREDA FAHY	ROSANNA BYRNE	CIARAN TOCKNEY
17-Dec-00	4,17,18,19	£1,850	'MUIREANN'	BERNADETTE TOBIN	RICHARD SCANLON
There were no draws on Christmas or New Years Eve					
7-Jan-01	1,12,18,20	£2,000	WALTER FARRELL	Mc AVINUE'S	BREDE FARRELL
14-Jan-01	5,11,16,17	£2,050	OLLIE DURACK	CHRISTY'	P. SPEIGHT
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Connolly:

The wife, brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews of the late Paul Connolly wish to thank all the good neighbours of Greenfield and Leinster Cottages, the staff of James Connolly Memorial Hospital, the Labour Party, the Priests and staff of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and all others who helped in any way. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

A Tribute to Rose Hayes

The residents of Cluain Aoibhinn estate would like to pay respect to the memory of our friend, colleague and neighbour Rose Hayes who passed away recently. Rose was a long time resident who was always active in her efforts for the estate. She was involved in the Residents' Association for many years and served on the executive several times as treasurer and was so able to keep an eye on the purse. She also added lots of valuable contributions towards the running of events. Even when she was not on the committee Rose was still very active weeding and cleaning the flowerbeds and generally keeping an eye on things. As the spring approaches I'm sure Rose will be saying "Mac, Jim get the mower out and cut the grass and clean the flowerbeds". It would be a compliment and a memory to Rose if we all made a special effort this year improving our status in the Tidy Estates competition. During her illness Rose was always positive and outgoing and always ready for a laugh and a chat. Many of us will remember the residents' holiday in Spain and the parties on the green where Rose was always in the heart of things.

We express our sincere sympathy to her husband Con, Carolann and Ian and also to her dear mother

and family in Castleblaney. May God grant her peace and a place at His side, as this is the least she richly deserves.

Tom McMullon
Chairman Cluain Aoibhinn Residents' Association

First Anniversary - Danny Fitzpatrick

The first anniversary occurred last month of the death of Danny Fitzpatrick. Native of Fermanagh and much travelled he ended up in Maynooth.

I also ended up in Maynooth and the first welcome I got was from Fitz in Bradys where he worked as a barman. Mae his wife and his family also extended a great welcome. It is a great help if you are a stranger (blow in) in a new town.

I came to Maynooth from Dublin. When I visited Dublin and said I lived in Maynooth it was amazing how many people just asked for Danny Fitz. He was very highly respected amongst all publicans and barmen in that city.

His wife Mae comes from Kilnaleck in Co. Cavan and the Fitz family are as well known and popular there as they are in Maynooth. Mae's mother was unwell in her last few years so the Fitz family visited at least every second weekend.

A lot of his friends from Bradys were from the West of Ireland so there were very few houses in Achill Island or any part of Mayo where Danny or any of his family were not given a warm welcome

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Pius Kelly

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This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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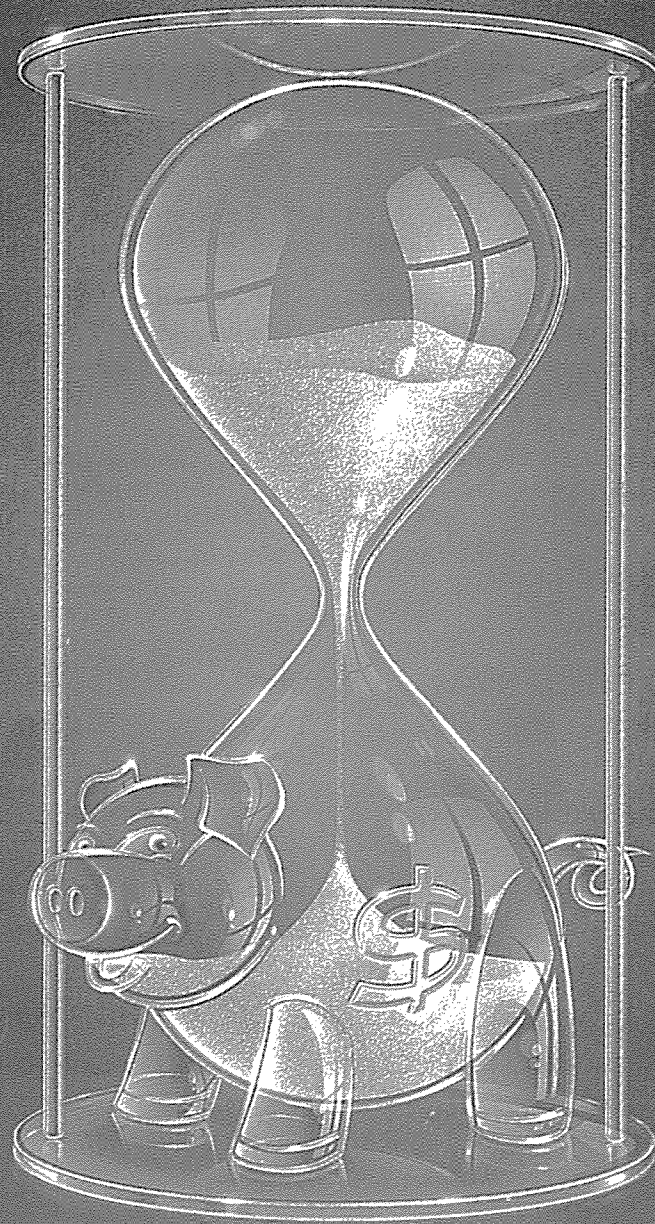
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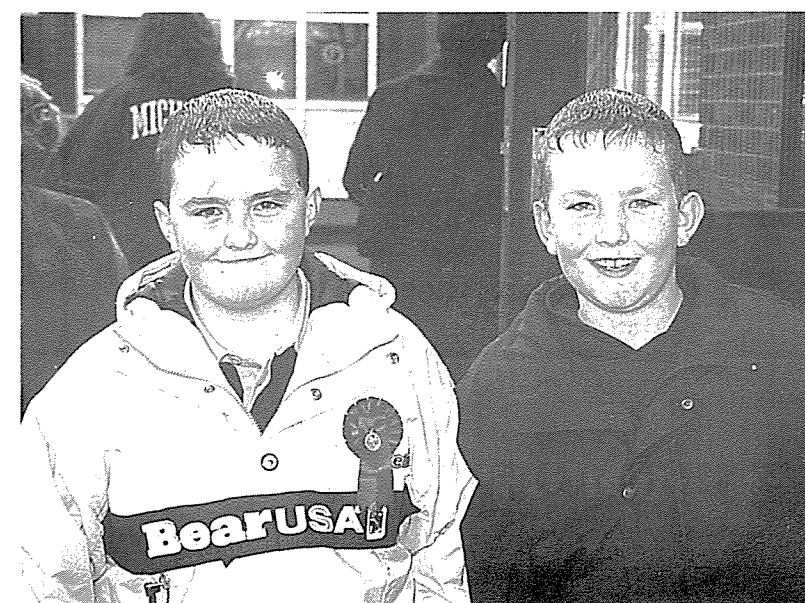


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Green Spaces

Assuming the Draft Development Plan for the town is approved without too many radical changes it seems likely that Maynooth will have a number of potentially very attractive 'green spaces' around the town. We are all aware that negotiations regarding the Harbour Field coming into public ownership are on-going and the news that £100,000 has been made available for the refurbishment of Carton Avenue is certainly very welcome. The Draft Development Plan also makes provision for quite an extensive public park off the Dublin Road and it does not appear that a huge amount of thought has been put into what purpose this space might serve. Should it have playing pitches now that both the soccer club and the GAA are in the process of acquiring new facilities? Should there be ornamental gardens? A bandstand? A children's playground? Basketball and tennis courts? If the community does not come up with its own ideas someone else will. Or perhaps nothing at all will happen. Last year Kildare County Council set aside funding for the establishment of a Parks Department. Whether it will be in a position to maintain our new public park is unclear. With continuing high demand for housing what is clear is that the 150 acres rezoned for housing in the Draft Plan will be built on in the next five or six years. The momentum to develop our community facilities such as green spaces will have to come from the community itself. If you have some ideas let the Newsletter know.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Regretfully this year we had to cancel our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. We would like to thank those who sponsored us prior to the cancellation and who now insist that we retain the sponsorship for next year's Parade.

At this unfortunate time we would like to thank both the public and our Parade sponsors for their understanding in our decision to cancel the Parade.

We also wish to extend our solidarity with the farming community on this threat to their livelihood. We hope the crisis will soon pass and life can return to normal.

In the meantime we can all look forward to next year's Parade which will be bigger and better than ever.

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HAPPY EASTER



Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The February meeting took place on the 12th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Like all other sporting and cultural events across the country, the St. Patrick's Day Parade had to be cancelled. The March meeting of the Community Council which was due to be held on the 12th was also cancelled because of the Foot and Mouth scare.

Newsletter

New technology now in place in the office, will be of great assistance to the staff. John Doogan, Chairman offered congratulations to all the office staff and the Editorial Board for their dedication to the Newsletter.

Limited Company

Maynooth Community Council will now be known under the new title of Maynooth Community Council Limited. It will now be necessary to make some changes to the Constitution. These changes should be in place soon. It is hoped to hold the A.G.M. in April.

Swimming Pool

Amenities for Maynooth, or rather the lack of, was raised again. John McGinley stated that he had put a motion to Kildare County Council for a swimming pool for the north of the County. He also stated that Maynooth is ideally situated for a swimming pool. It was also stated that part of the Harbour Field would be suitable for the swimming pool. A request was made to all Residents' Associations and Schools to write to the Secretary, Kildare County Council supporting the motion for a swimming pool for Maynooth. Maynooth Community Council fully supported this motion. Senan Griffin stated that other towns would also be interested in having a pool in their town, so if a swimming pool is to be allocated in North Kildare there will be a big battle on for it to be sited in Maynooth.

Visit to Intel

A visit to Intel has been arranged by Hugh Gallagher - all Councillors interested to contact Hugh. This is a great chance to visit inside Intel and to ask all the relevant questions. It was also stated that emissions from the plant were well inside limits set by the EPA. Padriag O'Murchú also said there are more emissions from 8,000 cars than Intel.

Cross-Cultural Forum

Padriag O'Murchú said that a Cross-Cultural Forum has been organised in Maynooth. The Forum is being set up to bring people of different cultures and religions together. This would be a very interesting group to get involved in. For further information please contact Victoria Ali in the Community Council Offices.

Website

The workshop that was organised to help people set up their own page has been cancelled. Contact the office for new date.

Representation on the Council

At the last meeting a new member representing Castle Dawson Residents' Association was welcomed. Again we would ask all groups in Maynooth to send a representative of their club or group to the Council. There has been a good uptake on membership but we would like to see all areas represented.

Marie Gleeson
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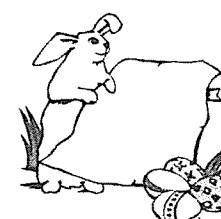
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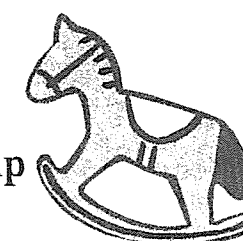
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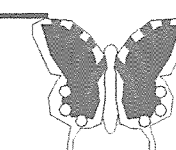
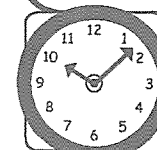
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Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich News

Postponement of Official opening due to Foot and Mouth crisis.

The scheduled official opening of the school at the Celbridge Road location was postponed due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. The new date for the official opening will be advised in due course.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day with a number of activities including the following:

- Paired reading
- Story telling
- Library time
- "My favourite Book" (Children brought in their favourite book into school for class discussion)

Our thanks to those parents who came into school to read stories. The entire event was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. We intend on organising these types of activities annually to coincide with World Book Day.

School Book Fair

The School Book Fair was run in tandem with the above World Book Day activities and books were available for view and sale on March 5 to March 7. The Book Fair proved to be a huge success and the school received £500 worth of free books as a result of the Book Fair. Our thanks to all of you for making it a success and particular thanks to the parents who helped out at the Fair,

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our Parent/teacher meetings took place on March 8 and March 9 and we value the opportunity to discuss children's progress with parents. Thank you all for your attendance.

Parent and Toddler Group

A Parent and Toddler group has started up on Tuesday mornings (time to be confirmed). All parents and toddlers are welcome. Please contact Mary Walsh on phone 6290164 for queries relating to the Parent and Toddler group.

Seachtain na Gaelige:

March 10-17

Seachtain na Gaelige is organised annually by Congradh na Gaelige to encourage everyone to make use of whatever Gaelige they have.

Various activities were held at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich during Seachtain na Gaelige including:

- Drama
- Irish dancing (fince)
- story telling (scealaíocht)
- Poetry (filíocht).

Each week, starting during seachtain na Gaelige, parents will be given cupla focail le foghlaim and will be asked to make a special effort with this.

Maire de Moireis
Aisling Ni Bhriain.

SCOIL OILIBHEIR NAOFA, KILCLOON

There has been a national school in Kilcloon since 1839 and the present modern building was opened in September 1983. The school has eight classrooms, one of which is now fully equipped as a computer room. There are seven class teachers, a resource teacher, a learning support teacher and a part-time music teacher. The school had its maximum intake of 250 pupils in 1990. Nowadays, with very little housing development in Kilcloon, the school attracts children from the growth areas of Dunboyne and Maynooth, as well as from the locality.

Scoil Oilibheir is a mixed school in a quiet rural environment. There is ample space for the children to play outside while the assembly hall is also used for indoor physical education. The school is well equipped with teaching aids and an extensive library.

A wide range of extra-curricular activities is offered to the children, both in the school and in the locality e.g. hurling, football, soccer, athletics, tennis, swimming, scouts, french, rinci gaelacha, quiz competitions etc.

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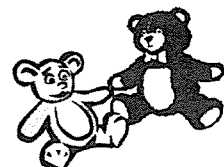


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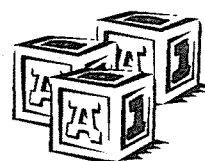
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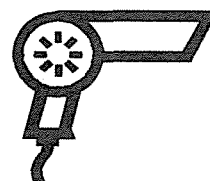
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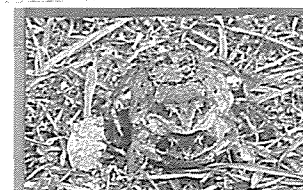
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New Industry Idea!

With the French who at any excuse stop importing Irish beef and lamb to boost their own agriculture industry, with mad cow and now the foot and mouth Ireland should look to new products to export. While walking the canal between Bond and Jackson bridges a pair of frogs were photographed, should we say "enjoying themselves". We have beef farms, sheep farms, milk farms, deer farms, why not have a frog farm? With all the bogs not far away why not get this couple and thousands of their friends together and make plenty of frogs legs for our own market and for export to the French.

Pius Kelly

Mental Peace

My heart is weary, trying to hope
My brain is weary, trying to cope
In this world of despair, we all need to care
We all need someone, our problems to share
The Northern troubles have my heart torn
The children of starvation leave me weary and worn
For I am so helpless there is naught I can do
But resort to despair and join the long queue
Of people who've grown tired trying to cope
In a world filled with sorrow and so little hope

I'm tired reading the woeful news of the day
There must be some good news in this big world to-day

I pick up the paper and look for a spark;
A small ray of sunshine to lighten my heart
I read the small print row after row
Look for a tiny seed of hope to sow
I find it at last in a paragraph small
Of a surgeon who's trying alone
To replace limbs so worn, from their sockets being torn

With arms though not real, will help people to feel,
In this world of despair, there is someone to care.
Someone who'll help us to cope
And try not to moan when there's so little hope.

We all need to try a little harder each day
To find the good news so we may
Take the good with the bad, or else we'll go mad
And live in a dream world so sad.

Cecilia Murray

Profile of David Tarpey

We don't have many world champions in Maynooth but we have one in David.

David is the son of Martin and Ann Tarpey of College Green Maynooth, both from Mayo, which is why he may not have taken up the G.A.A. He was not into team sport as his first love was swimming.

At the age of 12 he got interested in kickboxing which is a combination of all the martial arts including Kung fu, Karate, Tae-kwon-do etc.

Under the instruction of Roy Baker, a 5 time's world champion, David progressed rapidly at the amenities centre in Leixlip.

He won his first Irish junior championship at the age of 14 and won a notional silver medal at 15.

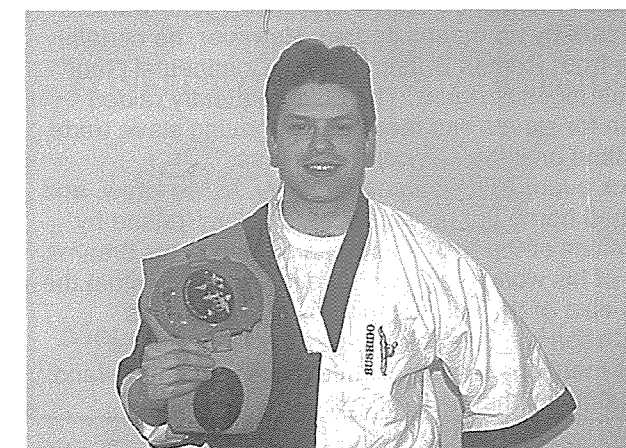
At 17 he moved to senior, and although it took a while and hard work he won the national title in the light heavyweight division beating a longtime champion and vastly experienced Dublin man David Heffernan. Internationally from 18 his first success was at heavyweight. He won the gold medal in the W.P.K.A. finals held in Greece. His trainer and friend from Leixlip, Roy Baker, also won a gold at the same championship.

In summer of 2000 he turned professional thanks to the kind sponsorship of Mick Roland, a Mayo man in construction development. Professional it may be but until the sport gets more popular and gets more coverage there will be little money in it.

David won the world title that year and as professional he must wait for a challenger to take him on. I wouldn't!

Out through injury at the moment he is hoping to be fit for the coming Irish championships in May to be held at the centre in Leixlip where David works. There is a slight doubt due to the foot and mouth disease.

The club he is involved in in Leixlip is called Bushedo Martial Arts. They also have a club in Maynooth at the parish hall of Tuesdays from 7 to 9pm and Saturday from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Under the instruction of Richie Nunan and Ilija Salerno both top grade European champions the club should grow and be successful. Being so successful at a young age, David should win many more world titles and, hopefully, move up to the paid ranks so he may make a decent few pounds for his efforts.



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St Patrick

St Patrick may be our primary patron saint but our information on him is minimal. His are the only written sources from the 5th century, a lone light in the darkness.

He arrived in Ireland sometime in the 5th century, year and date unknown. He was preceded by another shadowy missionary figure called Palladius who arrive here in 431. We know this because it is recorded in the Chronicle of Prosper of Aquitaine who says: 'Palladius was ordained by Pope Celestine and sent to the Irish believers in Christ as their first bishop'. But he left again shortly afterwards – he did not seem to like the Irish! It is the existence of this second individual that gave rise to the theory of the two Patricks.

We know then that there were Christians in Ireland before 431 and it is believed that they were concentrated in the southern part of the country. The first signs of literacy appear at the same time on the ogham stones with their unusual scripts usually commemorating the death of an individual. Therefore Patrick was not the first Christian saint in Ireland by any means but he is definitely the recognised founder of the new faith among the Irish in the 5th century. He left us two documents from his own hand and scholars agree that they are authentic. But he is scant on the detail that modern readers crave although he reveals his personality and faith in depth. He appears as a deeply religious man who is seen as somewhat of a maverick among his contemporaries. His writings are also a response to some accusations made against him at home in Britain, an indiscretion that is never fully explained.

Patrick tells us his life story in the *Confessio* 'Declaration', written in Latin, but we learn more about his interior existence.

He says: 'I, Patrick, a sinner, am a most uncultivated man, and the least of all the faithful, and I am greatly despised by many. My father was the deacon Calpornius, son of the late Potius, a priest of the town of Banna Venta Berniae. He had a small estate nearby, where I was taken captive. I was then barely sixteen. I had neglected the true God, and when I was carried off into captivity in Ireland ... it was well deserved.'

The town mentioned above is probably near Carlisle but this is by no means certain. However, he certainly came from Roman Britain and not Continental Gaul as later legends report. The Irish frequently raided Britain for slaves and there was a thriving slave trade in Ireland until the 12th century at least.

Patrick eventually escaped captivity, as we know, and returned home but he was called back to Ireland by the voices of the Irish as he hears them in his dreams. Most of his work seems to have taken place within the north-east of the country thereby explaining his association with the present-day Armagh. But he never mentions a recognisable place name in Ireland. He maintains that he baptised many thousands

without taking money from anyone and distributed gifts to chieftains. He never explains how he got these gifts but it is clear that he targeted the most powerful members of society.

The Patrick of the *Confessio* is a self-deprecating man and he constantly explains and mentions his deficiencies.

'Therefore, while I have had it in mind for a long time to write, up to now I have hesitated. I was afraid of being exposed to criticism, because I have not the education of others'.

This is all we know about Patrick from his own hand. There is no mention of his lighting a fire or using the shamrock or indeed of his driving the snakes out of Ireland never mind any association with the 17th March as his feast day. All these traditions developed later and have no part in the original life of Patrick. Indeed, another text, the Book of Invasions gives an alternative explanation for the lack of snakes in Ireland. This legend states that Nél the ancestor of the Irish was living in Egypt on the shore of the Red Sea. The Sons of Israel arrived at his estate and were made welcome. That night Gaedel Glas, Nél's son, is bitten by a snake. The child is brought to Moses who cures him. Moses then declares: 'I command and God commands that no serpent harm this lad or any of his seed forever and that no serpent shall ever dwell in the homeland of his descendants ... this is the reason why there is no serpent in Ireland and why no serpent or venomous reptile can do harm to any of the seed of the Gaedel'.

Placenames

Ard Mhacha/ Eamhain Mhacha

The present day town of Armagh is situated beside the old site of Eamhain Mhacha, ridiculously anglicised as Navan fort. It is said to have been the centre of the ancient population group of the Ulaid from whom is named the province of Ulster (*Cúige Uladh*) and the Heroic Cycle of king Conor mac Nessa takes place within its legendary walls. But it seems to have been a ritual rather than an inhabited site.

Ard Mhacha simply means the prominent place of Macha and the older Eamhain Mhacha is the site with the legends attached.

One version states that it takes its name from the goddess Macha. Legend has it that she arrived in Ulster and moved into the house of widower. She cooks for him, sleeps with him but warns him never to boast of her accomplishments. She never mentions her name to him. Time passes and the king of Ulster organises a festival at which chariot races take place. The widower boasts that his wife can outrun the king's horses. She is sent for but being pregnant she begs them to allow her to give birth at first. She is refused and runs the race. She wins but gives birth to twins immediately and dies shortly afterwards. But she finds

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Placenames (contin.)

time to curse the men of Ulster telling them that her name is Macha and henceforth when Ulster is under attack that all men will suffer the pangs of childbirth and will be unable to fight. After her death the place is named Eamhain Mhacha, the twins of Macha. This little tale also explains why Cú Chulainn is left on his own defending the province during the famous Táin Bó Cuailnge (Cattle raid of Cooley) when Medb, her husband Ailill and lover Fergus attack Ulster in search of a famous bull. He was not an Ulsterman and as such he was exempt from the curse of Macha

Maynooth Remembered

(Part two of a series of reminiscences on Maynooth in days gone by. Prepared in conversation with Bridie O'Brien)

Businesses in Maynooth in the 1920's and 1930's

The four main shops in Maynooth in the 1920's and 1930's were Dawsons, O'Brien's (where the Roost is now), Buckley's and Connolly's (now CPL). These were general stores and Dawson's motto was that they sold everything 'from a needle to an anchor.' Dawson's was one of the biggest employers in the town with over thirty workers. The shop sold farm machinery, which was on display outside, and also had a garage. All kinds of cereals were sold from bins inside the shop, weighed and put in paper bags for customers. Dawson's offices were all up on the first floor and when paying for any goods purchased in the shop the money was put in a basket and sent upstairs using a pulley and then the change was sent back down in the basket.

Farther up the Main St., Luke Mahon ran a tailoring business, employing six men, near what is now the Library. Next door, Jimmy Green was a shoemaker employing three men including Waxie Doyle, Tosheen Farrell's grandfather. All told, there were five tailoring and four shoemaking businesses in the town. Close by, Mooney's guesthouse and restaurant, the first in Maynooth, was opened in about 1929 and one of its early customers is reputed to have been Robert Emmett's grandniece. Cattle drovers, on their way from the west, often stayed overnight in Mooney's and then, the next day, walked their cattle into Dublin. Along that same row of houses was Jack Weafer's, Frizzell's which was a drapery shop and Bertie Mooney's (a relative of Hilda Mooney's) which is now Smith's the butchers. Maynooth had its own wine merchants where Sean Power's bookmakers shop is now; it was called Gilbeys. Caulfields was then run by Dos Caulfield's father and mother. Mr. Caulfield was responsible for the weigh-bridge which was then on the Square. The weight of any carts weighed on the weigh-bridge was recorded in a notebook by Mr. Caulfield. Brady's pub was originally owned by a Mrs. Pitts. Phil Brady came to work there as a shopboy and later took over when Mrs. Pitts died.

Some Prices From the 1930's

Milk 2d a pint (1p)
Tea 1s 6d a half pound (7p)
Sugar 8d a pound (3p)
Stout 6d or 7d a pint (3p)
Bread 5d a loaf (2p)
Butter 1s 2d a pound (6p)
Coal 8s for an 8 stone bag (40p)
Rabbit 1s 2d cleaned or 6d uncleaned. Rabbits were supplied by 'Rabbitman Malone from Buckley's Lane.

Of course wages were low so everything wasn't as cheap as it may seem. A typical wage working in the College around 1940 would have been £3 a week.

Water Supply

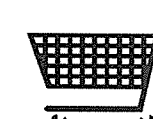
Maynooth had no piped water supply until about 1950. Before that there were a number of pumps around the town. There was one on the Square, a second just beyond the rectory at the end of Parson's Street, a third on the Moyglare Road past the chapel and a fourth on the Straffan Road, opposite Rail Park. When these went dry people used some of the wells around the town. One that was often used was known as Weafer's Well which was at Kennedy's house beside the chapel. Taps replaced pumps from about 1950 and residents gradually got piped water into their houses as they could afford it. Of course the town had no sewerage system during these years either. People living in the 28 cottages built by Carton were probably best off. These had dry toilets at the end of their gardens that were maintained by Carton staff and were cleaned out once a year. For most other people the system was more primitive and the chamber pot under the bed came in very handy!

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Maynooth as it was in the '50s
On the left the Parish Hall, now sadly gone. Ned Smith standing nearby.



William Keogh, his wife Margaret and
Margaret Mee



The 1986 reviewing stand in front of "The Thing"
Lord Mayor Owen Byrne sitting comfortably while Bridie O'Brien speaks.



Workers of the Presentation Convent laundry.
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Agriculture in Maynooth

During these years almost everyone grew their own potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, onions and turnips. Those with decent sized gardens kept chickens and pigs and some leased plots of land around the town from Carton where they kept cattle. So most people were very self-sufficient and only had to buy items such as tea, sugar, butter and fuel in the shops. Milk was delivered every evening by Farrells of Killeany. The sale of a pig was a big occasion for the household. The pig was collected at 5 o'clock in the morning to be brought to market in Dublin and had to be carried out from the back yard and through the kitchen. Sean Neill's father was one of the men who transported Maynooth's pigs to market. With the money from the sale of the pig families bought new clothes and shoes. Two of the biggest landholders around Maynooth at the time, who were tenants of the Duke of Leinster, were Chamberlains of Crewhill House and Chandlers from the Celbridge Road. In the late 1920's the young Duke of Leinster visited Maynooth and was met by the band and a torchlight procession. He was brought to the Leinster Arms, presented with a brace of guns and spoke to the people of Maynooth from a first floor window of the hotel.

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Kavanagh's Manor Mills

The latest movement in the Kavanagh saga was back in motion on Tuesday 13th March. To get their rightful payment of 8 weeks pay in lieu of notice they were before the Appeals Tribunal. The Tribunal ruled for the workers, so hopefully things will move faster on the workers getting their well earned and overdue redundancy payments.

Celtel, Mill Street, Maynooth

Under the management of John Clancy and Barry Maher Celtel have set up a training centre in Maynooth.

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Coffee Mill

A new coffee shop and delicatessen has opened in the new premises beside the former Mill. A downstairs premises, with plenty of space backing on to the river, it has seating inside for approximately 70 people and when the weather improves an additional 30 on the banks of the river.

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New Railway Station

The completion of the new railway station is here at last.

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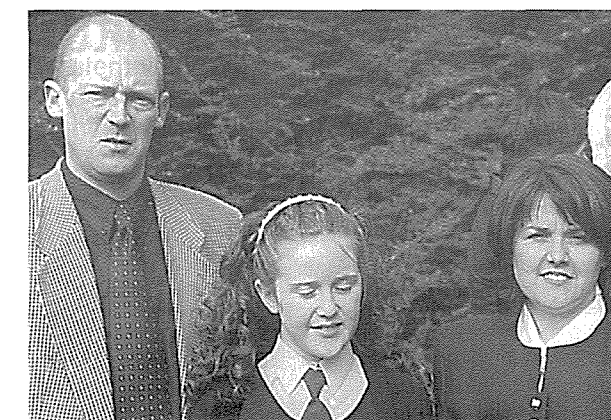
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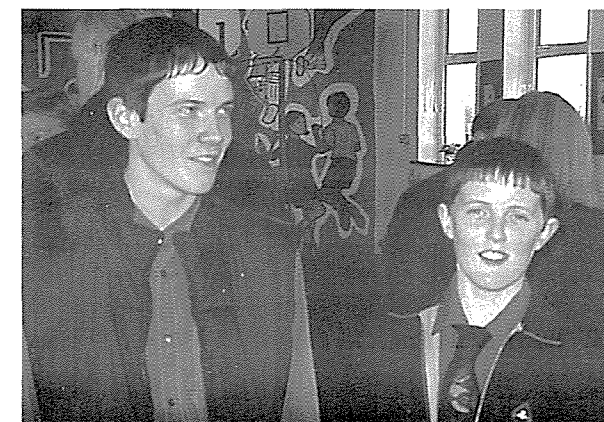
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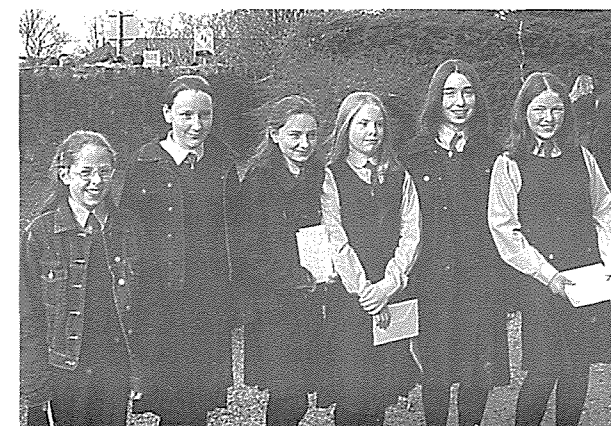
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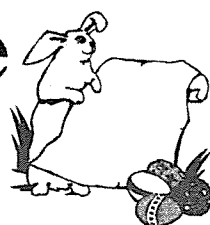


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MAYNOOTH MULTICULTURAL FORUM

At a recent meeting of local residents, held under the auspices of Maynooth Local History & Civic Forum, it was unanimously decided to initiate the Maynooth Multicultural Forum.

The following mission statement was agreed:

The Maynooth Multicultural Forum strives to promote social and cultural awareness, respect and interaction among peoples and individuals of different cultural origins. The Forum has set itself the objective of hosting a series of social and cultural events in Maynooth to celebrate the diversity of modern Irish society and help combine the traditional Irish 'faillte' with mutual respect and appreciation.

The meeting was attended by residents originally from Hungary, Nigeria, The Sudan and different parts of Ireland. It was decided to reach out and seek support from the Maynooth Community and invite more local residents and expatriates to join us in our initiative.

We look forward to warm response to our invitation.

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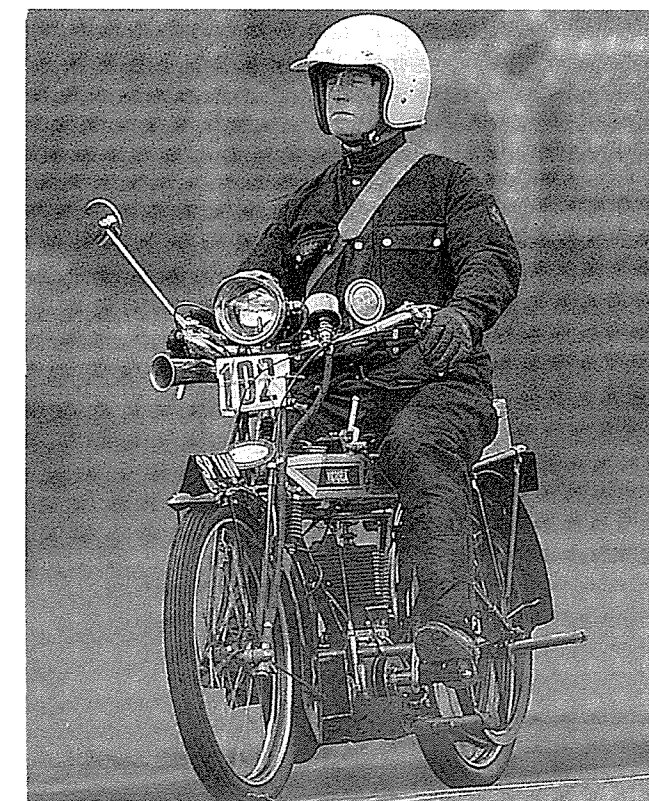
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The Motor Bike

This invention has come a long way since the following article appeared in the Irish Times on February 8th, 1901.

"The latest form of automobile introduced to Dublin is the motor bicycle, and already several are to be seen careering about the streets. A delightful variety exists in the fitting up of these vehicles, as each maker puts the engine in a different part of the cycle. One designer places it over the handlebar, and it buzzes in a pleasant way under the riders' face. Others are placed lower down on the frame near the pedals, whilst others are mounted right up behind the saddle. Perhaps the most ingenious, as far as position goes, is that variety which has the engine completely within the back wheel. Motor bicycles are pretty dear, the prices running up to £70, and a certain amount of dubiety exists as to their steadiness on greasy roads. Experts, however, say that the tendency to side slip is no greater than in the ordinary bicycle, provided that the rider is reasonably cautious. The machines are rather heavy, weighing up to 80lbs."



A hundred years on, motor bikes have advanced so far that the writer of the above article would hardly recognise them. Bigger and bigger engines, multiple cylinders, electronic ignition etc. One thing, however, remains the same: the rider still must exercise extreme caution regardless of road surface and condition.

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Cardinals in Dublin

Congratulations to Archbishop Desmond Connell, newly appointed Cardinal. Aspects of his life mirror the lives of two other men who worked together in Dublin almost a hundred and fifty years ago and who were appointed Cardinals. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the Roman Catholics of Ireland had to go abroad for further education. County Kildare born Paul Cullen, rector of the Irish College in Rome, was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1849. In 1850 he convened to Thurles the first national Synod of Catholic bishops since the seventeenth century. They decided that Catholics should no longer have to seek education abroad, but should have a Catholic University in Dublin. They acquired two town-houses on the south side of St. Stephen's Green for the newly created University and invited John Henry Newman, born in London on the 21st of February 1801, to become Rector. In May 1852, Newman, as rector-elect of the proposed University, began a series of lectures in Dublin on *The idea of a university*. He was Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland for four years, and Newman House perpetuates his memory. He was created Cardinal in May 1879 and died in August 1890. In 1853 Paul Cullen was installed as Archbishop of Dublin and in 1867 appointed Cardinal. Desmond Connell, Archbishop of Dublin and formerly of the National University of Ireland follows in their footsteps and we wish him *ad multos annos*.

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The National Concert Hall

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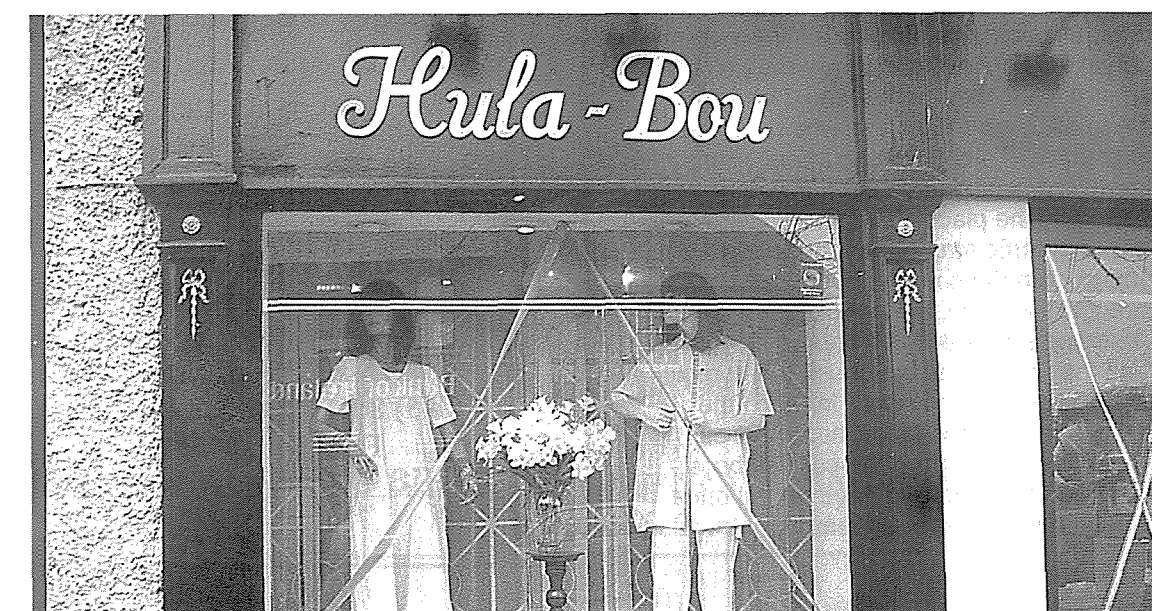
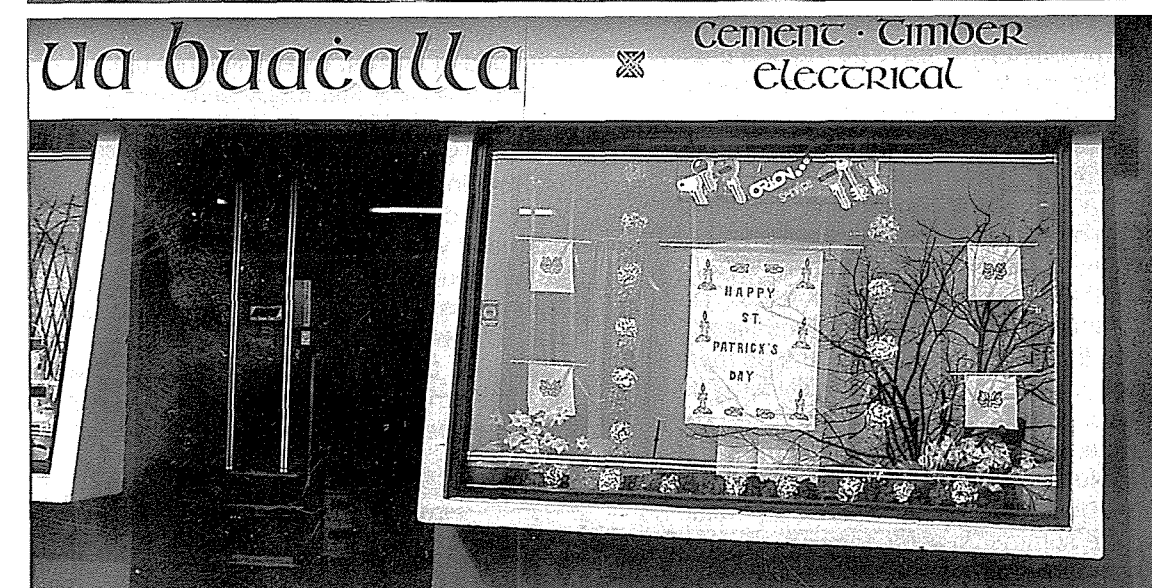
The **John Field Room** is an intimate recital room. John Field was born in Dublin in 1732. A musical prodigy, he amazed his audience at a concert in the Rotunda Concert Rooms with his piano playing when only ten years old. He spent most of his life on the continent where he devised the dreamy pensive compositions for the piano, which came to be known as Nocturnes. His music was particularly popular and appreciated in Russia. He died in Moscow in 1837.

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Is fearr réal inniu ná scilling amárach.
It is better to have 6 pence today than a shilling tomorrow.

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WINDOW DISPLAYS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2001



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Maynooth College 150 Years Ago

This is an extract from a book written by Canon Peadar O'Laoire in 1915. Considered a classic in the Irish language "Mo Scéal Féin" was translated in 1970 into English by Cyril O'Ceinn. It was translated as directly as possible from Irish to English so the teachers and students of perfect English (whatever that is) may find the translation rather odd. An t-Athair Peadar's (as he was affectionately known) opinion of the English language was as follows. "But the people, who were in middle age were speaking English and I don't suppose that there was ever a more horrible language spoken from the mouths of people than the same English.

MAYNOOTH

In 1861, I went down to Maynooth College to spend the appointed period preparing to be a priest. It was the rule of the College at the time that a person had to spend eight, seven or six years there, learning the arts that were necessary in order that he would have the right knowledge so as to be made a priest. When the youths would enter, they would undergo an examination, despite the examination that the Bishops outside has given them. If the examination showed that it was not necessary for a youth to spend eight years in there, a year would be remitted; and if the examination showed that it was not necessary for him to spend the seven years inside, two years' work would be remitted. I was let off the two years. That was of great benefit to me, as the air of the place is very severe on the health of the boys who go there from the country. Whatever in the world it was, they found it severe. I don't know if it has improved since or has not. Fine, big, strong boys went in the same year as I did. No sooner had they spent a year inside than they were quite emaciated. When they would go home during the summer season, they would put on weight again and their strength would come back. But the weight and strength would leave them again when they were some time after coming back. When the end of the period was passed and they were going out as fully-finished priests, their bones would be bare enough on them all, especially those who had been reared in the country. Those, who had been reared in the villages or towns, would have been nowhere near as much affected by the place. They wouldn't have, from the onset, the same strength as the young men, who had come in from the country, but, whatever amount of strength they had, they would keep it during the period. In comparison with the country boys they were weak and insignificant at the onset; but coming near the end of the period, they were in much the same shape, whereas all the vigour, or almost all, would have been plundered from the country boys. While we would be at home, we'd have our fill once more of the food on which we were reared, oatmeal

bread and wheaten bread from the mill, hen-eggs and duck-eggs, sweet milk and thick milk and buttermilk, the potatoes and the butter taken fresh from the churn, the bit of bacon now and again. That's the food that would do us good. We'd put on weight again at a great rate and the chubby cheeks; and the strength and vigour would come again into us so that, when the three months' holidays would be spent and we would go back to the College, the superiors would hardly recognise us and we would hardly recognise each other.

I put the first year by me without any failing coming on my strength, although I was very bare when I came home in the summer. I went back in the autumn, fine and strong. I wasn't long inside, however, when my stomach began to play up on me. From that on I had to spend a good deal of my time in the infirmary and I was only able to give as much attention to my studies as would bring me past each examination, as it came. I would have the grand, long three months in the summer and that would nearly cure the amount of damage done in the rest of the year.

During the six years I put in there in the College, I used often reflect on those colleges which they had in Ireland in ancient times. Neither teachers nor students had any fine, big, slated houses. It's how everybody had his own small house nice and well-sheltered with a good thatched roof on it, and no furniture in it except for a table and a bed and a couple of chairs, perhaps, and the hearth. We are told that it was normal for the students to be going round about the neighbourhood 'gathering' milk for themselves. They hadn't got the grand walls round them like we had, but I reckon that their health was better than that of the Maynooth College students, at the time I knew the place at any rate. Perhaps, things are better with them now

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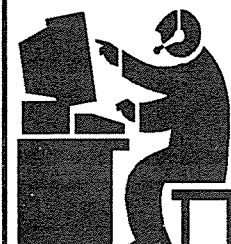
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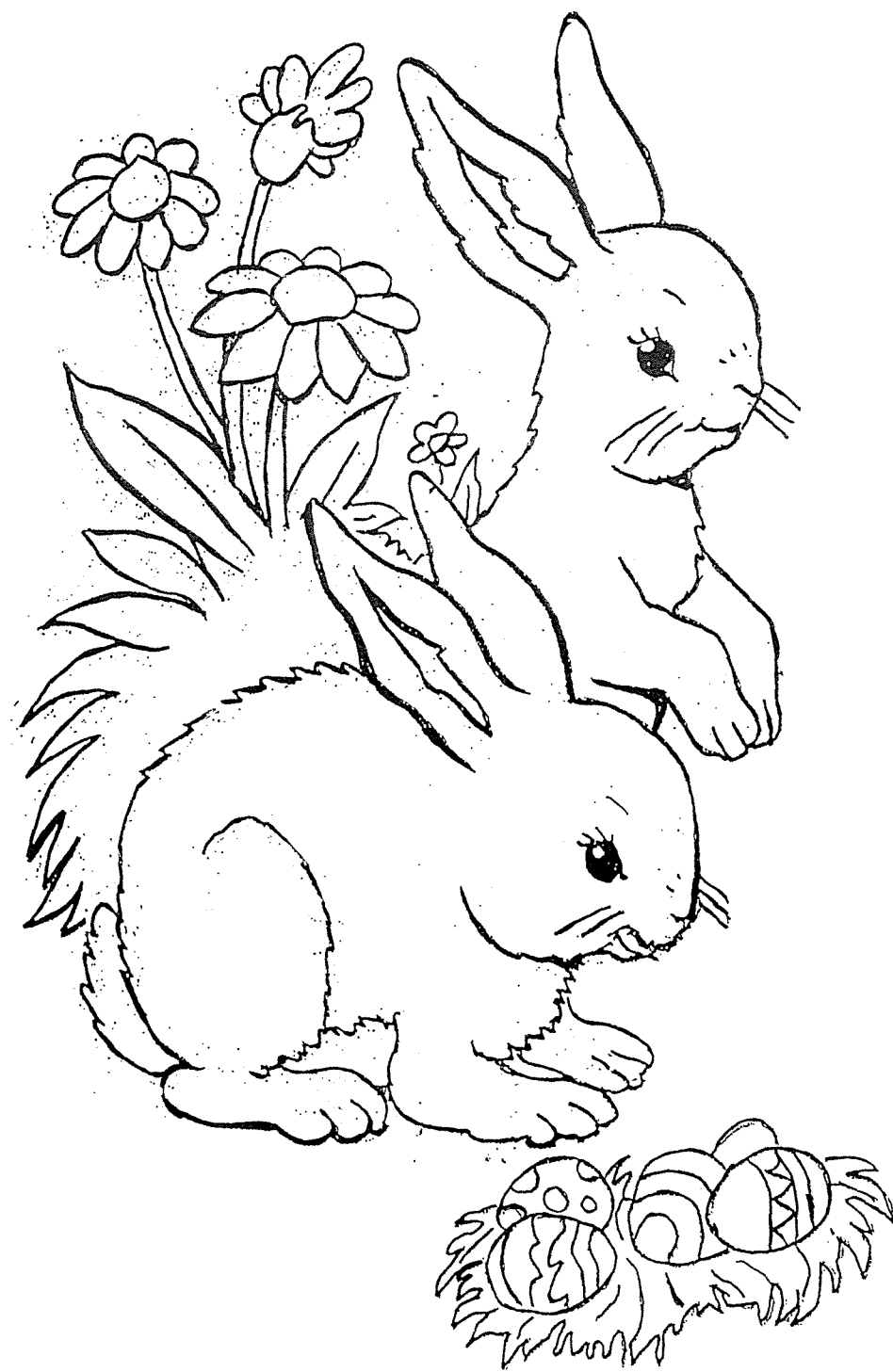
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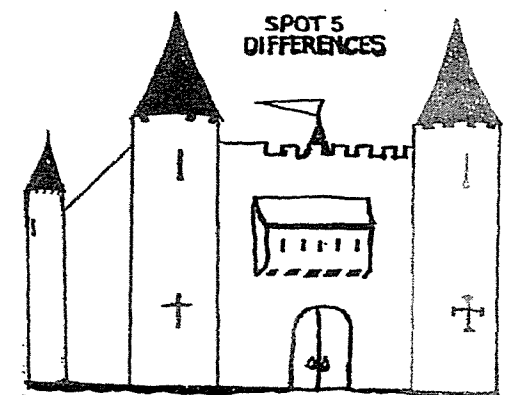
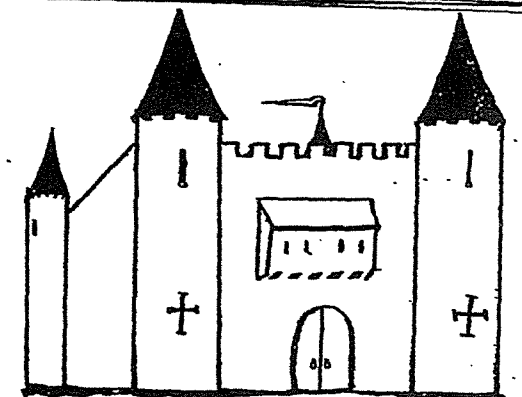
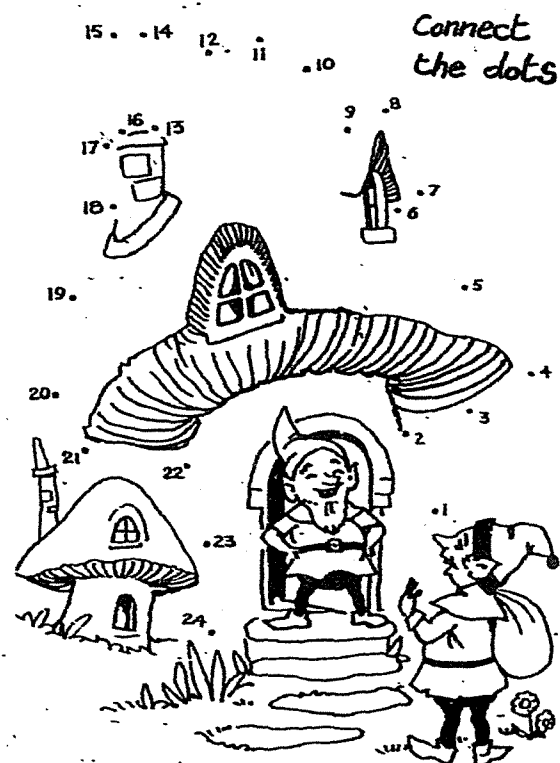
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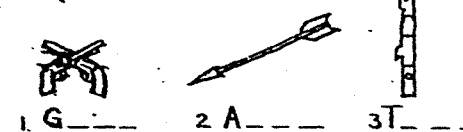
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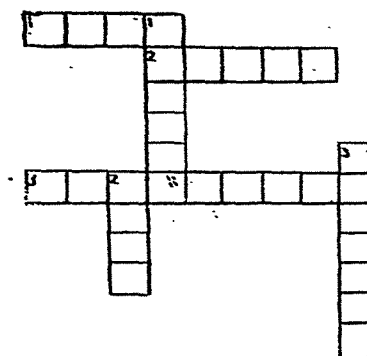


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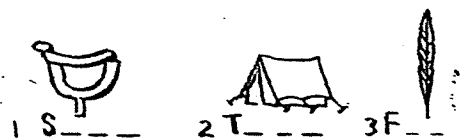
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Features

Norman Kilcloon

by Fr. Gerard Rice

Publications on local history have mushroomed over the past decade. 'Cannonballs and Croziers', published by the Community Council some years ago, is one of a host of local histories that have fed a growing interest in our past. History used to be the domain of landmark dates – 1014, 1169, 1690, 1798, 1916 – and famous people – Brian Boru, Strongbow, William of Orange, Wolfe Tone, Patrick Pearse. It was remote, not just in being long ago, but also in having little to say about the places we knew best – our town or our parish. The best local history brings these two perspectives together, the international and national, on the one hand, and the local, on the other. Norman Kilcloon by Gerard Rice merits such as description. This scholarly work places Kilcloon, on the surface a quiet, sparsely populated parish in the corner of Co. Meath, at the centre of the great movements in Irish history up to 1700. And the leading families of the parish – the Tyrells of Moyglare, Husseys of Galtrim, the Delahydes, the Boyces, the Plunketts of Rathregan, the Wentworths of Moyglare and the Fitzgeralds – are all portrayed as players on a world stage, as active participants in the great events which shaped Irish history.

The two great themes which run through this story of Kilcloon from early Christian times to 1700 are land and religion. The impact of the Normans in the 12th century is compared to the great glaciers of ice that shaped the landscape ten thousand years before. The old Gaelic way of life was swept away and we are left with their heritage of townland names – Rodanstown, Paddanstown, Harristown, Porterstown and Barrockstown to name a few. The first Lord of Moyglare, Hugh Tyrell, was typical of the new, cosmopolitan conquerors. Born in Normandy, he owned extensive estates in Hampshire in England and was close to the king, Henry II. In religion, the Normans were innovators as well. Norman families assumed control of the church in Kilcloon and introduced a European style organisation which would be financed by tithe levied on the landowners. In the 15th century Kilcloon, as part of the liberty of Meath, look to Trim as its capital.

The rise and fall of the great families such as the Delahydes of the manor of Moyglare is a recurring theme through Norman Kilcloon.



Features

Norman Kilcloon (contin.)

The family originally bought Moyglare sometime after 1300 and for the following three centuries built a powerful dynasty in the region. Inter-marrying with the Fitzgerald's of Maynooth strengthened the family's position in the 15th century and that association turned to disaster in 1534 with the Silken Thomas rebellion and the Delahydes had their lands confiscated by the king. Over the next half century the family managed to recover some of their land but were now in debt to Queen Elizabeth I and their political power was gone. Walter Delahyde fought alongside Hugh O'Neill in 1595-1600 and later helped form an Irish regiment fighting in the Spanish Netherlands.

The 16th century brought the Reformation to Kilcloon but this history shows that its impact on the ground was not as radical as might be expected. Initially changes introduced by Edward Staples, bishop of Meath in the 1530's, were reversed by his successor William Walsh until he was deposed by Elizabeth I in 1560. None of the leading families in Kilcloon benefited from the dissolution of the monasteries or co-operated with the government in imposing the new religious practices.

The Wentworths succeeded the Delahydes at Moyglare and George Wentworth is seen as being at the centre of things in the troubled years in the middle of the 17th century. And shortly afterwards a new class of landowners arrived in the parish – adventurers, land speculators and soldiers who followed in the wake of the Cromwellian plantation and the redistribution of land in the 1650's. And so into the 17th century, the tightening of the Penal Laws and the consolidation of land ownership. The manors of Moyglare and Rathregan remained intact with boundaries stretching back into the middle ages.

Despite being in a different diocese and a different county to Maynooth, Kilcloon is in many ways a sister parish. The names of Moyglare, Moygaddy and Mulhussey, along the northern outskirts of the town, are Maynooth names as much as they belong to Kilcloon. *Norman Kilcloon* brings these names, and many more, to life. It is essential reading for anyone interested in our rich and varied past.

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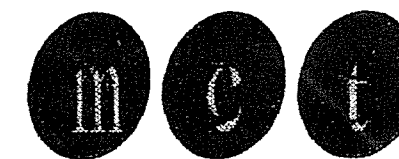
Following on from the cancellations due to the recent bad weather the restrictions due to the Foot and Mouth scare will no doubt disappoint a lot of teams who will be keen to get back into action. However Maynooth Town Football Club will strictly adhere to the Minister's guidelines as passed on to us through the Football Association of Ireland. At the time of writing the total ban on all field sports has been lifted. The situation will be review on a daily basis and we would ask all team managers to be aware of any changes to current situation. In the event of the ban being re-introduced the same restrictions will apply as before. The inconvenience we are having is small in comparisons to those whose livelihood is under threat from this disease. We would ask all members and supporters to be responsible and adhere to all precautionary measures in force at both home and away games and ensure that our younger members do likewise. It is unfortunate that the London trip planned for this year looks highly unlikely to take place but hopefully the trip can be re-organised when the official advise allow it. For any further advise on prevention measures contact any committee member or the relevant League secretary. On a brighter note the Club has recently completed the application for Lottery funding for the first stage development of pitches. The application for £176,000 is currently under consideration by the Department and if successful will enable work to commence on a comprehensive drainage system, running track and all weather training surface. Could we take this opportunity to thank all those who gave us letters of support and also those who worked so hard to complete the application. This is an important and exciting era for Maynooth Town Football Club but should our application be successful it will only be the start of a major project that will take a lot of hard work and major support from the wider community to achieve our goals.

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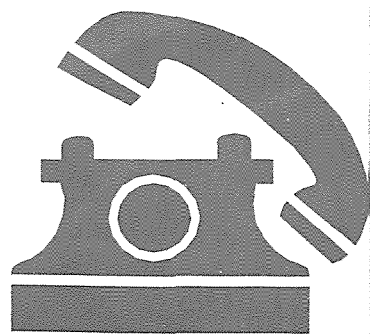
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Maynooth Golfing Society

The A.G.M. of the above society was held on Sunday 11th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The following officers were elected for the year.

President:	Noel Brady
Vice President:	John Tiernan
Captain:	Mick Flynn
Vice Captain:	Sean O'Connell
Secretary:	Tom O'Haire
Treasurer:	Gerard McTernan
Handicap Secretary:	Dominic Nyland

The following committee members were elected.

Mick Fahy, Sean Nyland, Miley Scanlon, Kevin Loftus, Tom Nolan, Owen Byrne, John Saults

Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Outing

The above outing was held in Turvey Golf & Country Club on Saturday 10th March. This ever popular outing had a turnout of 43 members and visitors playing.

The following is the list of winners:

Overall Winner:		
	Terry Moore	40 pts (on Back 9)
2nd	Gerry McTernan	40 pts
3rd	David Donnelly	39 pts
4th	Niall Byrne	38 pts
5th	Kevin Loftus	37 pts (on Back 9)
6th	Tom O'Haire	37 pts
7th	Paddy Doolan	35 pts (on Back 9)
Front 9:		
	Pa Conway	20 pts
Back 9:		
	Tom Flatley	18 pts
Visitors:		
1st	Christo Reilly	40 pts
2nd	Don O'Sullivan	38 pts
Ladies:		
1st	Sinead Lyons	
2nd	Shauna Hickson	

Nearest The Pin:
David Donnelly

Twos Club:
Gerry Kelly
John Tiernan
Gerry McTernan

Our thanks to Anne, Perri, Bronagh, Shauna and Dunner Construction for making this a most memorable and enjoyable outing.

Our list of outings for the year are as follows:

April 21st:	Moate Golf Club
May 25th:	Kilcock Golf Club
June 9th:	Athlone Golf Club
July 6th:	Woodlands Golf Club
July 22nd:	Kileen Golf Club
August 24th:	Knockanally Golf Club
Sept 9th:	Elm Green Golf Club
October:	Weekend away
October 27th:	Edenderry Golf Club

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The Carers' Association News (contin)

Education and Training

The Carers' Association believes that one of the main tools in achieving empowerment for carers is education.

The Carers' Association has 4 training programmes at present:

- Personal Development
- Job Search Skills
- I.T. Training (ECDL)
- Care in the Home Training Programme (Certified by the VEC)

"Take Care!" Magazine

Carers need a strong voice: "Take Care!" the quarterly magazine on Caring in the Home in Ireland, allows us to express our own views. The magazine deals with all issues and topics of concern to carers and also acts as a platform for isolated carers to have our voices heard.

The Carers' Information Pack

The Carers' Information Pack is an easy to read pack, which contains leaflets dealing with available supports and services for family carers.

Carers' Support Groups

Carers' Support Groups are a life line for many family carers.

The Carers' Association provides the framework within which carers and former carers come together to support each other. The emphasis of the Carers' Support Group is to encourage leadership and empowerment and recognise the role of the carer in the community. The Carers' Support Group also lobbies the Government, and has excellent contacts with all local politicians and with policy-makers.

The activities of the Carers' Support Group include:

- Meetings with local politicians
- Submissions to The Carers' Association
- Pre-Budget Campaign
- Pamper Days for ourselves
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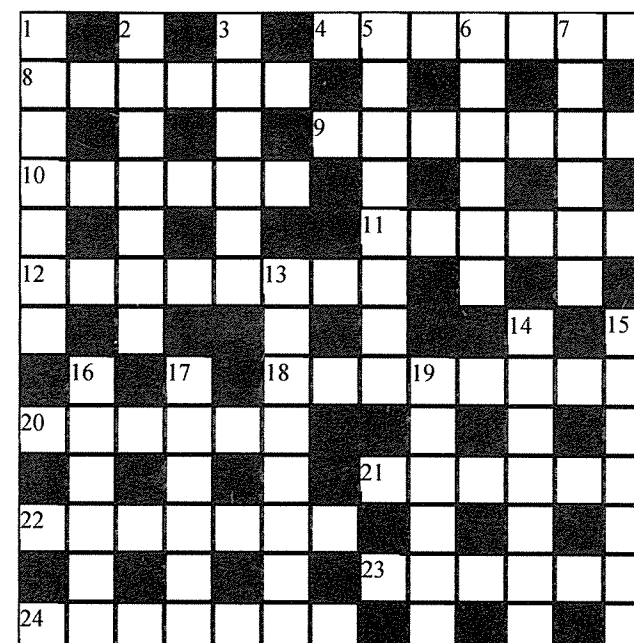
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21. Split (6)
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23. Communal (6)
24. Slumbered (7)

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1. Fairness (7)
2. Dazzling (7)
3. Expedition (6)
5. Well-being (8)
6. Shack (6)
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Down: 2 Hit; 3 Large; 4 Totter; 5 Lecture; 6 Sensation; 7 Probability; 8 Necessitate; 12 Insinuate; 15 Startle; 17 Feeble; 19 Trend; 21 Pen.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Annual General Meeting took place on 6th February at 8 p.m. in Maynooth Health Centre. Our committee was elected for the coming year with Josephine Moore being re-elected to the position of Chairperson. After many years of dedicated service on the committee Imelda Delaney and Betty Moore announced their retirement. They will be sadly missed by us all.

Mary O'Callaghan, manager of services for older people was our guest speaker on the night. She gave us a very informative and much appreciated talk. The senior citizens gathered in Maynooth Post Primary on Sunday 18th February for their Valentines Party. The afternoon commenced with Mass celebrated by Fr. John Sinnott. This was followed by tea and dancing. There was such a wonderful selection of poetry and verse for the Valentine Romantic Verse Competition that our judges, Brenda O'Donoghue and Ann Brady, found their task of selecting an overall winner hard work. However, they selected the verse entered by Joan Branagan as the overall winner. Mary and Hugh Walsh from Kilshanroe were voted the most romantic couple when they displayed their light-footed partnership on the dance floor.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to our annual collection which took place between the 1st and 4th March. The collection amounted to £2,236.00.

Our morning club for senior citizens, which is held in the I.C.A. hall every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10.30 a.m. is a great way to meet friends old and new.

Our Easter party will be held on Sunday 22nd April in Maynooth Post Primary.

Finally we extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Thomas Flanagan, Old Greenfield. May he Rest in Peace.

Marie Breen.

Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Our February meeting was very enjoyable and got us off to a good start for 2001. Our demonstrator Eileen Burns interspersed her demonstration with humour and anecdotes from her travels.

Our **Spring Show** will be happening on the 21-22 (Sat & Sun) April 2001. The title for this year's show is **"SHOWTIME"**. The schedule will be available shortly. The venue is the same as last year i.e. **Arts Building, North Campus, NUI Maynooth, Kilcock Road**. We are hoping for lots of entries and lots of visitors. So, even if you are not entering do come

along to see the beautiful arrangements.

On 22nd May 2001 we have organised a Day School with Linda Murphy. The title is "Garden Design" and is confined to 15 people. So if you are interested in redesigning your garden or getting some new ideas do put your name on the list early.

You might like to visit St. Andrew's Church in Lucan, Co. Dublin. They are having a festival there on 11-13 May 2001. The theme for the festival is "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men".

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College (except where otherwise stated). Visitors and new members always welcome. Admission £3 which includes refreshments.

Our Charity Plant Table is looking a bit bare at the moment, so if you have any plants to divide or slips to be taken, please remember the sales table. You may have too many plants but don't throw them on the compost. Pop them in a pot and bring them down to any club night. We will be very grateful and promise to find them all a good home. Our charity for this year is of course, the Arthritis Foundation.

If you like to surf the net, check out the AOIFA website: www.aoifa.com

Jo O'Connell
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Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

Due to the dreaded Foot and Mouth crises, the Club has postponed all walking activities until further notice.

As soon as possible it is hoped to organise a number of introductory walks for new potential members. These walks are designed to give those interested an opportunity to take part and evaluate for themselves, before they commit themselves to investing in equipment necessary for more difficult hikes in the mountains and in taking out club membership. Introductory walks will take place in the parks of Fingal and Dublin, along East Coast areas between Skerries and Greystones, followed by an introductory easy hike in the Wicklow mountains. Distances involved will be 8 to 10 kms (5 to 6 miles), with an ascent building up to 500m. (1560 ft.). New members will have to complete introductory hikes before attempting more difficult ones. Those interested in continuing with the hikes will have to decide on taking out Club membership after three

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Glenroyal Hillwalking Club (contin.)

walks. Details of membership is available from one of the following telephone numbers:- 01-6285367, 01-6290294, 086-2703348.

In the past month the Club completed a number of hikes in the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. Our last outing was a weekend of hiking in the Glendalough area, staying overnight in the An Oige Youth Hostel. On Saturday evening a 7 mile night hike was completed by club members and visitors from An oige and on Sunday a 12 mile hard hike was carried out.

Mountain Safety Note:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

It is hoped to provide regular information on the club activities through this media.

Maynooth Swimming Club

At the time of writing we are just at the end of our second term which ran from the 20th Jan 2001 to the 10th March 2001. This year there will be no swim on St. Patrick's Day. The third and last term will be from the 24th March 2001 to the end of June 2001. This term will be for 13 weeks. The Senior and Junior galas, family swim will all take place in June (dates to follow). No buses will run for family swim. This year we are making a special plea for new committee members. The majority of the present committee have been together for 7 to 8 years. The swimming club is run on a voluntary basis by just a handful of parents. Every week over a 100 children are accommodated. Buses are organised, instructors of which we have 4, medals for galas, children's party after galas, St. Patrick's Day Parade, children supervised on the buses and in the changing rooms. We need some new volunteers for the club to continue. Anybody who is interested, please call the number below or inform the bus supervisor on either buses, any Saturday from now on. Members who have not yet paid their fees for this term must do so immediately as we need the money to clear our debts before the end of this term and have our books balanced for the new committee.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish all our members a very happy Easter.

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Members of Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association meet Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m. in the ICA hall at the harbour. The National President of the ICA is Ms. Breda Ragget of Co. Kilkenny. In her recent message to members she suggested that guilds take stock of their role in the Ireland of today. To learn more about the ICA, read Aileen Heverin's book *The History of the ICA*. Aileen is Connacht vice-president of the ICA. Thank you to all members of guilds who were our guests at the Craft Day in December. But the ICA is not all about handicrafts. For music lovers there is an outing to the National Concert Hall in March. Read the story of the NCH in this issue. Sr. Alphonsus gave a talk on Carton and the ladies of Carton. Teresa Brennan was the winner in Mary O'Gorman's very well-received flora and fauna quiz at the February meeting. Draw winners were Mary McNamara, Margaret Houlihan and Irene Matthews. Members participated in the Bird's Eye table quiz on Friday 16th February 2001. Rosemary and Viva were guests at the senior citizens' party. For members tripping the light fantastic the venue was the federation dinner dance in the Ambassador Hotel. Badminton resumed in the parish hall - good practice for the set dancing competition for the Patsy Lalor Cup. Still on a musical note - Co. Kildare Federation Spring meeting took place at Narraghmore (famous for its Pipe Band) on 27th February.

Laraghbryan Cemetery Development Association

Laraghbryan Cemetery Development Association held its Annual General Meeting on the 5th December, 2000. The following committee was elected:

Chairperson:	Breda Holmes
Vice Chairperson:	Larry O'Brien
Secretary:	Helen Johnson
Treasurer:	Breda Ward

Committee Members:

Ann Nugent, Mary Kenny, Nora Coyne, Michael Kelly, Pat McDonald, Dominic Nyland.

John Sauls who has been a committee member for the last three years is taking a break this year due to other commitments. We would like to thank him for all his help and support.

The maintenance of the Cemetery is the major part of our work. This could not be achieved without the financial support from Kildare County Council and you the parishioners. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

The Committee would like to thank the following people for their support during the last year: Councillors Senan Griffin and John McGinley; Maynooth Office of Kildare County Council; Westside Skips; O'Hagan's Refuse; Willie Kiernan; Parish Office and Fr. John Sinnott.

If you have advice or queries please do not hesitate to contact any of the above members.

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8 oz cooked chicken
8 oz cooked boiled ham
1 oz butter
2 oz mushrooms, sliced
1 oz flour
1/4 pint water
1/2 chicken stock cube
1/4 pint milk
2 tablespoons cooked peas

For the pastry you will need:

8 oz plain flour
1/4 level teaspoon sea salt
4 oz butter
a little milk

Oven Setting:

220c, 425f, Gas mark 7
190c, 375, Gas mark 5

Method:

1. Cut the chicken and ham in chunks of about 3/4 to 1 inch. Melt the butter in a pan, add the mushrooms and cook gently for 2 mins. Stir in the flour and cook for one more min. Slowly blend in the water, crumbled stock cube and milk, stirring until smooth. Bring the sauce to boiling point and stir until it thickens. Turn into a dish. Add the peas, ham and chicken, leave it to cool.
2. Make the short crust pastry and divide into two. Roll each piece into 9 or 10 inch circle, place one of these onto a 9 or 10 inch plate and spread the meat mixture in the centre. Moisten the edge of the pastry with water, place the second circle of pastry on top of the first and press the edges together to seal. Trim the edges and press with a fork.
3. Brush the pie with milk and then make two slits in the top, then place it in a very hot oven for 25 minutes, then in a moderately hot oven for 15 minutes.

Salmon with cheese sauce

Serves 4

You will need:

5 oz Butter
1 1/2 lb fresh spinach
nutmeg to taste
4 salmon steaks
2 tbsp olive oil
1 1/2 oz plain flour
1 pt milk
1 1/2 oz cheddar cheese

1. Melt the 5 oz butter in a pan, add spinach and cook over a gentle heat, turning often, add the sea salt and freshly ground black pepper also the nutmeg.
Fry the salmon steaks on both sides in the oil for 4-5 mins.

2. Melt the rest of the butter in a pan and add the flour, cook for 1 min, then gradually add the milk, bring it to the boil, also stir until the sauce thickens. Stir in the season and cheese.

3. Get 4 dishes, divide the spinach in each dish, add on top the salmon steak, then add over the salmon steak the cheese sauce, brown it under the grill.

Vegetable Lasagne

Serves 4

Cooking Time: 30-40 minutes

You will need:

1 tbsp olive oil
1 small onion, skinned and chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 small green pepper, cored, seeded and chopped
1 garlic clove, chopped
12 oz mushrooms, chopped
14 oz can tomatoes
2 tbsp tomato puree
1 tsp, chopped fresh basil or 1/2 tsp dried
1 tsp, chopped fresh oregano or 1/2 tsp dried
freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 onion sliced
8 oz courgettes, trimmed and thinly sliced
6 oz lasagne
1 oz margarine
1 oz plain wholemeal flour
4 oz mozzarella cheese, grated
4 oz grated parmesan cheese

Method:

1. Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the onion, carrot, green pepper and garlic. Gently fry for 5 mins, add the tomatoes and their juice, tomato puree, herbs and seasoning, bring to the boil then gently simmer for 20 mins until the sauce has thickened.
2. Bring the milk to the boil in a saucepan add the onion, remove from the heat, cool the strain.
3. Cook the courgettes for about 3 mins in some boiling water, drain well.
4. Cook the lasagne sheets in boiling water for 3-4 mins or until just tender, drain and set aside.
5. Melt the margarine in a pan, stir in the flour and cook for 2 mins, remove from the heat and stir in the strained milk, return to the heat and stir until the sauce is thick and smooth. Pour half the tomato sauce into the base of an ovenproof dish, top with half the courgettes, then spoon over one third of the white sauce, sprinkle with some mozzarella cheese and half the lasagne cheese.

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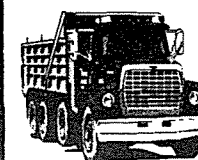
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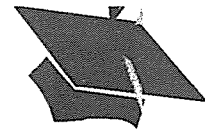
Maynooth Win Club of the Year!

Scor Sinsear is a talent competition run by the G.A.A. for adults. There are eight events and one competes against different G.A.A. clubs within Kildare. On February 28th Maynooth took part in the Kildare finals which took place at Allenwood. We were represented in five of the eight events. Eileen Larkin sang well but unfortunately, this was the strongest competition of the night and she didn't win. Our question time team led by John Nevin came in a gallant 2nd place behind a team from Allenwood who have won All Ireland on numerous occasions. Fiona Touhy represented us in the recitation/storytelling competition and was unlucky not to get through. Our musicians led by Johnathan Meade played two toe-tapping, hand clapping tunes and had the audience behind them throughout their competition. They were worthy winners of the competition and got a great cheer when the results were announced. Our set-dancing team also had a victorious night and also became county champions for Kildare. Not only did we create history for Maynooth G.A.A. Club by having county Set-Dancing Champions and county Musicians Champions, but we also won **Club of the Year for 2001!** This has **NEVER** been done before and with only our second year in the competition this was a fantastic achievement. Our musicians and dancers now go forward to represent Kildare in the Leinster Semi-final which will take place in Ballymore Co. Westmeath. May we wish them the best of luck and maybe KILDARE might get to another ALL IRELAND!

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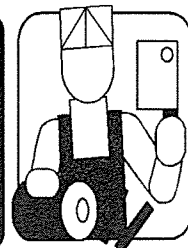
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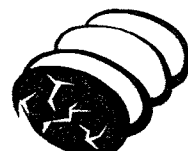
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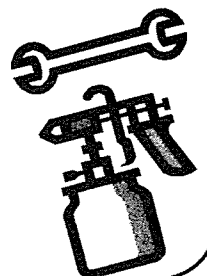
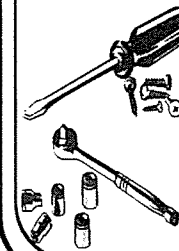
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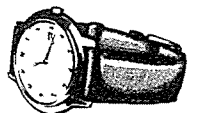
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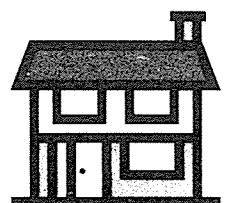
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Party Political

Maynooth Labour Party News

Top of Main Street/Carton Lime Walk Avenue

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"Now that the Department of the Environment has approved the allocation of £100,000 towards the rejuvenation of Carton Avenue Lime Walk and given that Kildare County Council has funding of £198,000 (per Area Meeting Minutes of 10 April 2000, the Council had committed £130,000 of its own money and £68,000 of TESCO Development Funding) for Main Street Improvement Works at the Lime Walk Entrance/ Doctors Lane Entrance, that Kildare County Council now appoint a Project Manager to oversee the early completion of this project."

Greenfield Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That repairs be carried out to the roadway at the entrance to the Greenfield Shopping Centre/Maynooth Park before it deteriorates any further."

New Railway Station at INTEL

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That Iarnrod Eireann be asked to speed up the construction of the proposed new railway Station at INTEL and furthermore that they be asked to provide a supervised Park and Ride facility at the station in order to alleviate traffic congestion at Maynooth Station."

Silken Vale Road

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip area Committee:

"Given that Planning Permission has issued to North City Builders under 00/1917, that we now request the Developers to give us a timetable for the final surface dressing of Silken Vale Road and the handing over of Silken Vale Estate to Kildare County Council."

New Footpath and Traffic Route Public Lighting for Celbridge Road, Maynooth

The Council Engineers have agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposal to bring forward the laying of this new footpath and public lighting in order to facilitate the new Gael Scoil pupils and the residents of Laurence Avenue, Rockfield and Celbridge Road. The footpath will be on the Laurence Avenue side of the road and unfortunately this will mean that the fence will have to be moved back some two feet. However, this was going to happen anyway. It just means that it has been brought forward by a year or two. The proposal is with the County Manager for approval and it is expected that there will be no problems as the issue is a safety matter.

Kingsbry Grant of £2,000

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have secured a £2,000 grant from the Council to enable Kingsbry Residents' Association to landscape the area adjacent to Meadowbrook and to provide tree planting as required.

Planning Permission Sought for 195 Dwellings next to Kingsbry:

Planning permission has been sought for 195 dwellings and a Motor Sales Showrooms in Dunne's Field south of Kingsbry. Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have objected to the three storey blocks and in particular those fronting the Distributor Road that would overlook residents in Kingsbry who live nearest to the site. They have also stated that any decision should await the Consultant's Report on surface water drainage for the area.

Old Greenfield Back Lane

Cllr. John McGinley requested the Council to fill the potholes and to remove the rubbish dumped at the square. This emergency action will not prevent the proper resurfacing of the roadway from going ahead this year as Deputy Emmet Stagg has already got agreement from the County Manager that funding will be made available for this and the other agreed Environmental Improvement Works for the area.

Meadowbrook Link Road

The Council has finally got legal title to the land over which the link road is to be built. So hopefully there will be no more delays and that the contract for construction can be awarded as soon as possible. When it is completed there should be significant easing of traffic on Main Street.

Party Political

Bond Bridge

Despite the fact that Kildare County Council agreed to the findings of the Conservation Architects Report on the design of the New Bond, DUCHAS have still not made any comment, even though they have the report for the past two months. Deputy Emmet Stagg has asked Minister Sile de Valera to push DUCHAS for a decision, which should be easy seeing that it was DUCHAS who asked for the Conservation Architects Report in the first place.

Traffic Lights at the Roost:

Hopefully the suffering of the public will now be at an end. The Consultants Report on the synchronising of traffic lights from The Roost to the Motorway has been with the Council engineers since early March. All they have to do now is to get a contractor to install the new traffic lights and to paint the pedestrian crossings and the yellow box at this very busy junction.

Debris removed from Meadowbrook Stream

The Council have recently been cleaning debris from in front of the Gates along the Meadowbrook Stream culverts. However, they have left the debris removed from the stream on the banks. Deputy Stagg has requested the Council to complete the job properly by removing the debris as it is taken out of the stream.

Pub at Newtown Shopping Centre

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have made a submission to An Bord Pleanála in support of residents in the Beaufield/Meadowbrook area seeking to overturn Kildare County Council's decision to grant Planning Permission for the pub.

Chorus Service Fee

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in contact with the Office of the Director of Telecommunications Regulation concerning the attempt by Chorus to impose a monthly service charge of £2.50 on customers for maintenance. The Director's Office has informed Deputy Stagg that the Director wrote to Chorus indicating that the monthly charge was not authorised by her Office. Chorus have responded in writing and the Director is considering a further response. Deputy Stagg has called on the Regulator to resist Chorus's attempts to impose the charge and to impose sanctions against the Company if they persisted in levying customers. Possible sanctions would include the revoking, suspending or amending Chorus's existing licences.

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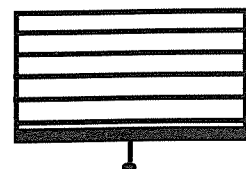
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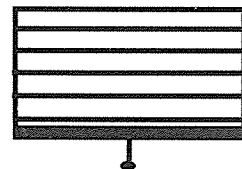
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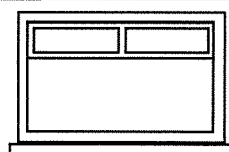
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Party Political

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann

HELLO again to all who read Maynooth Fianna Fail news. It has been 2 months since the last Newsletter and as discussed then, we have re-grouped and re-organised ourselves for the year ahead. Already we have had quite a few meetings, including our A.G.M., details below. The following headlines give an overall view of whats been happening since January.

Minister Charlie McCreedy gives £100,000 to Re-development of Carton Avenue.

On 2nd March, Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreedy T.D. at a Fianna Fail fundraising event hosted by the Maynooth Cumann announced he had approved a Grant of £100,000.00 towards the re-development of Carton Avenue. The Grant will be in the form of a once-off allocation from the Local Government fund. The Cumann are delighted with the allocation from the Minister as the progressing of this issue was very early identified by the Cumann as a major objective of ours. The Cumann organised a meeting with the Minister and members of Maynooth Action Strategy in June 2000, during one of the Ministers visits to Maynooth and presented him on that occasion at Carton Avenue with the Plan they had commissioned by J. M. McConville and Associates. In the intervening period of about 8-9 months the main problem was finding a suitable method of distributing the funding. So finally it has been agreed that the payment will be made to Kildare County Council who will act as a conduit for the fund, and arrangements will be made for the money to be paid out as appropriate.

The Cumann would sincerely like to thank Maynooth Action Strategy for the help and drive they brought to ensuring the successful outcome of this issue. As detailed by Paul Croghan of MAS in the Liffey Champion last week, the funding will be used to improve landscaping. A tree surgeon will carry out repairs to the lime trees, some of which have been there since the 1760s. Pathways will be improved and widened and it is hoped seating will be provided with the planting of wildflowers. It is expected that a plan will be announced shortly to ensure that the Avenue will be correctly maintained once the improvement works are carried out. Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann will do all we can to ensure we play our full part in that regard. In summary, we would also like to pay tribute to Maynooth Tidy Towns and Mr. Bob Reilly for their efforts in previous years to maintain the Avenue as best as could be. But finally thanks must also be given by the Cumann to Minister McCreedy for paying attention to this issue and identifying its clear merits and actually ensuring that the issue was dealt with quickly and successfully. Cllr. Paul Kelly also played a significant role in successfully liaising with Kildare County Council on this issue, ensuring it got proper and prompt attention.

Many generations of Maynooth citizens will have the opportunity to appreciate the historical, aesthetical, amenity and heritage value of Carton Avenue as a result of MAS and the Minister.

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Cumann was held on 15th February in the Glenroyal Hotel. We had a large attendance which was very encouraging to see and a very successful meeting followed. The old Committee were thanked for the work given during the past year and a review of our past years activities took place, followed by the election of a new Officer Board as follows:-

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Webmaster	-	Ruairi Newman

Again anyone interested in joining the Cumann or attending a Meeting are very welcome to contact any of the above Committee members. Our next scheduled Meeting will be on 30th April 2001 in the Glenroyal Hotel at which Mary Hanafin T.D. will address the attendance.

Ruairi Newman our newly appointed Webmaster will be updating our website and contact can be made with the Cumann via the Website at:- www.fiannafail.ie/maynooth or e-mail us at maynoothfiannafail@eircom.net.

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Maynooth Fianna Fail News cont'd

Minister McCreevy's and Cllr. Paul Kelly's Walkabout in Moyglare Village 24th February 2001.

On Saturday 24th February the Cumann had our most recent walkabout with Minister McCreevy T.D. and Cllr. Paul Kelly during which visits were made to residents in Moyglare Village and to Maynooth G.A.A. Club and to the new Tesco store which opened at the end of last year.

The weather was dry, sunny and helped make the exercise very enjoyable for all, and we would like to thank all the residents of Moyglare Village for the good humour and welcome they displayed during our visits.

Maynooth G.A.A.

The Minister was given a great welcome by the Maynooth G.A.A. representatives during his visit. Mr. Fergus Devereaux made a very professional and detailed presentation to the Minister with regard to the existing amenities, resources and activities of the Club, tracing its history from 1898 when the Club was founded, right up to date, charting the building of the existing Clubhouse in 1990, the Indoor handball alley in 1996 etc.

Mr. Devereaux then went on to give a detailed account of the usage of the 1 main pitch and 3/4 sized juvenile pitch that currently exist, they being shared between 22 Club teams, 2 schools namely the Boys' National and Post Primary Schools and indeed sometimes being used by NUI Maynooth also. He briefed the Minister with regard to the future plans and aspirations of the G.A.A. in Maynooth, particularly in relation to the 12 acres that have been set aside in the Maynooth Development Plan which it is hoped will come onstream in the next 18 months or so.

These future plans include the development of new pitches, provision of floodlighting, fencing off of the existing pitch which is a requirement to host Championship games, the provision of an all-weather pitch (particularly of use during the winter for players), the building of a hurling wall to aid development of hurling skills among young players and finally the building of new dressing rooms, a gym and handball viewing area.

The Chairman of the G.A.A. Club went through a detailed listing of the funding required for this development, estimated to cost somewhere in the region of £1 million, including contributions via bar profits, club lottery, golf classic, race night, sponsorship/grants and long term loan.

The Minister and Cllr. Paul Kelly asked the Chairman some questions with regard to the funding requirements and made some suggestions which the

Chairman thanked them for. Further communication will take place between the G.A.A., Minister McCreevy and Cllr. Paul Kelly shortly. The Minister and Councillor thanked the G.A.A. for their hospitality and presentation.

Maynooth Chamber of Commerce

Prior to the Minister's meeting with the Maynooth G.A.A. Club the Minister also met with a representative delegation from the Maynooth Chamber of Commerce. The chief issues for discussion were the extremely congested traffic problem which is present in Maynooth during certain peak periods each day, and the serious problem of parking in Maynooth that has escalated during the past number of years. The Chamber during their presentation of the town's problems in relation to these 2 principle issues recommended a number of ways to help tackle the problems, chief of which were: a) completion of the Ringroad for Maynooth, b) Introduction of Disc-parking on and around the Main Street, c) creation of more parking spaces off the Main Street, and d) the completion of the Rathcoffey-Meadowbrook road.

Other related topics touched on were the recent appointment of a 3rd Traffic Warden in Kildare - therefore one such Warden would in future be exclusively covering Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge being present in each town for a period each day. Cllr. Paul Kelly indicated that he would be taking these matters up with the Council immediately and would keep the Chamber advised.

Maynooth Speech Therapists

The 3rd group to meet Minister McCreevy on the 24th February were a representative group seeking the provision of Speech Therapy facilities in Maynooth. The Chairwoman of the group was Mary O'Boy, and this is a subject we will be returning to in greater detail in another issue of the Newsletter.

Fianna Fail Ard Fheis 2001

The Fianna Fail Ard Fheis for 2001 is scheduled to take place in Dublin on 6th and 7th April. This will be the 75th Ard Fheis and as such has great significance to the Party membership. At the time of writing it appears doubtful if it will actually go ahead as planned due to the massive risk throughout the country of the foot and mouth virus spreading.

As we must all be well aware now FNM poses a very significant if not devastating danger to the continued economic development of Ireland, since despite all the I.T. developments etc that has occurred in Ireland in the last decade or so, Ireland remains very dependent on the continued survival of our Agriculture and the many spin-off industries that come from it.

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Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D. and Cllr. Paul Kelly meeting with Maynooth Chamber of Commerce on 24/02/01



Minister McCreevy meeting Mr. Paddy Travers and Mr. Frank Boylan at Breakfast in Glenroyal Hotel on 02/03/01



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Maynooth Fianna Fail News cont'd

Should the virus become present in the Republic it would immediately result in our export markets being closed and since Ireland has not got the population to consume our own produce devastating consequences would follow. We could ask that as has been the case so far, we all should remain extremely vigilant and follow the Dept. of Agriculture guidelines in relation to not travelling to the U.K. or N. Ireland unless absolutely necessary, maintenance of disinfectant mats at public offices and entrances to farms etc. It is a small inconvenience to pay in return for preventing the spread of the virus. This is particularly so when one sees the massive scale of the problem in the U.K. where at time of writing there are more than 160 confirmed cases.

Breakfast with Minister McCreevy, T.D.

Our annual fundraising breakfast with the Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. as guest speaker, took place in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Friday morning 2nd March 2001. We had a great response to the event last year and this year we had an even bigger attendance.

As with last years event, representatives of some Community or Residents Associations were invited to attend and it proved to be a very enjoyable event, particularly so since the Minister was able to announce the availability of £100,000 immediately for the re-development of Carton Avenue, an issue pursued jointly by MAS and the Cumann over the past year.

After breakfast the Minister addressed the attendance on a wide-range of topics particularly the provision of housing, the changes in income tax which he has introduced over his recent Budgets and his Special Savings Incentive Scheme very recently announced. After the Minister's speech he invited the audience to partake in a question and answer session which proved very informative.

Finally, Cllr. Paul Kelly rounded off the event with an excellent and very entertaining speech centred on the recently published Maynooth Development Plan and the potential present in the Town with regard to model planning for future generations.

I intend to devote more time to Cllr. Paul Kelly's speech in the next issue of the Newsletter along with a number of outstanding issues too many to reach on in this issue.

Again thank you all for your attention to reading this article and anyone wishing to join the Cumann, discuss a particular issue, or meet the Minister or Cllr. Paul Kelly on their next visits should please contact us through the Website already listed in this article or by phoning myself Brid Feely at 6286647 or Gearoid Lohan on 6289187.

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Letter to our Readers:

This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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PRAYER TO VIRGIN MARY (Never known to fail)

(This Prayer Must Be Published)

O'Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel fruitful vine splendour of Heaven Blessed Mother of the Son of God.

Immaculate Virgin assists me in this necessity.

O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are my Mother O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of heart to succumb me in my necessity.

There are none that can withstand Your Power

O'Show here you are my Mother,

O'Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have Recourse to thee (3 Times)

Holy Mary I place this case in your Hands (3 Times)

Sweet Mother I place this case in your Hands (3 Times)

O Thank you for your mercy to me and mine Amen.

This prayer must be said for 3 days, after that the request will be granted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing David and Linda McCourt a very happy 17th birthday on March 31st, love from Ma.

Wishing Conor Saults a very happy 8th birthday on March 31st, from Mammy, Daddy, Grandad, Aunts and Uncles.

Wishing Sharon Brady a very happy 9th birthday on March 31st, from the Brady Bunch, Maynooth Park.

Hoping that Billy Hendrix and Liam (Smoker) Farrelly had happy birthdays on the same day over Patrick's weekend.

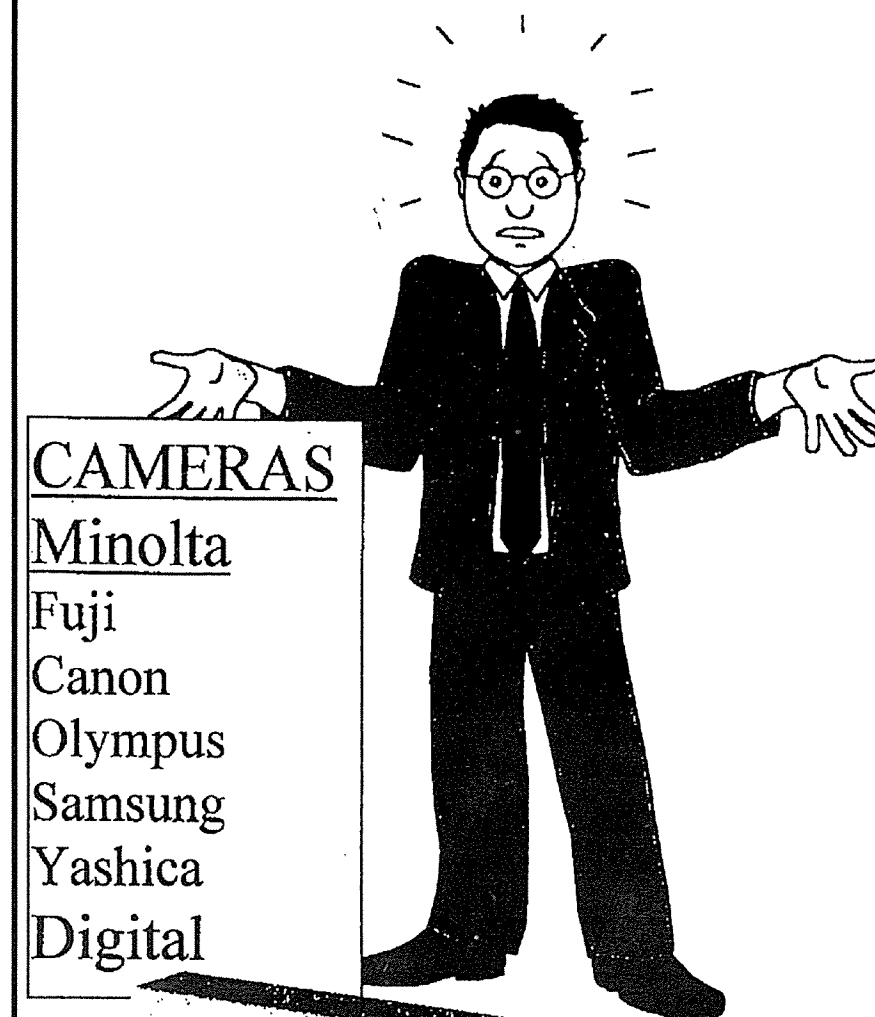
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Sleep of Peace

The river's calm, my mind at ease
On my face a summer breeze.
Oh! sleep of beauty take me now
Rock me gently in thy bough.

Take me where the angels sing
With harps of love and silent song
Let me bathe in warm fresh springs
Cloth me softly with daffodils.

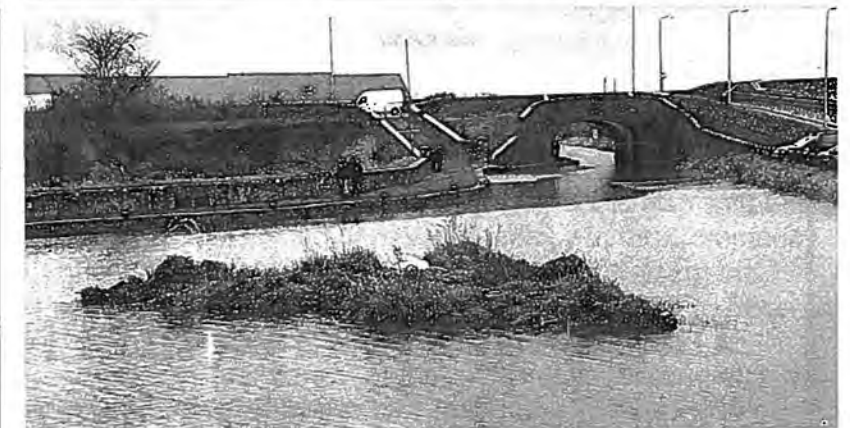
Let me lie in Autumn leaves
Of wines and rust and faded greens
Cover me with sheet of snow
To keep me cool where e'er I go.

Let me bed on velvet grass
Float me gently among the mass
Of tiny ripples in the sea
Oh! sleep of peace let me be.



Cecilia Murray

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EDITORIAL

It is with great regret that the Editorial Board, the Executive and Maynooth Community Council accept the resignation of Peter Connell as editor of the *Maynooth Newsletter*. He has been involved in the production of this publication since he became a councillor and has edited the magazine for longer than most of us care to remember!

We would like to pay tribute to Peter's extraordinary dedication to his voluntary position as editor in particular. He brought professionalism and commitment to the *Newsletter*, spending hours beyond the call of duty in dealing with the various problems that arose. His enthusiasm and loyalty to the *Newsletter* was unfailing particularly over the past two years as the Council and the *Newsletter* faced a difficult period. Under his unfailing leadership the content and quality of the magazine continued to improve from year to year.

Peter helped on a voluntary basis also with the installation of new technology in the Community Council offices, spending hours helping the various supervisors and the FÁS staff to become familiar with the new programmes and computers. Apart from his editorial position he wrote articles continuously – frequently droll and amusing as could be seen in his infamous predictions for the New Year issues.

Peter has served the Community Council in other areas also. Apart from being a councillor he has been Vice-chairperson, he was instrumental in the setting up of Maynooth Action Strategy (MAS) and the new Maynooth website. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Peter for his exceptional commitment to the *Newsletter* and to the staff that have produced the magazine over the years. His is a rare intelligence with a gentle mix of humour and wit. We appreciate that he has other areas of interest to pursue but he will be greatly and sadly missed. We wish you luck in the future Peter, in whatever you intend to do to fill the empty hours that were taken up with Newsletter work!
Gurbh mile mile maith agat agus go n-éirí an t-ádh leat sa todhchaí.

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The April meeting took place on the 9th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Annual General Meeting

Our A.G.M. will be held on the 14th May in the Glenroyal Hotel. All constitutional amendments, changes etc. to be with the secretary two weeks before the A.G.M.

This will be an important meeting and a good attendance is expected.

Now that Maynooth Community Council is a Limited Company, it is proposed that sub committees should prepare separate account reports. Also after being set up and working for some time they then would become affiliated groups. Maynooth Tidy Towns and Community Games would be good examples. It is also proposed that the Board of Directors be re-elected every three years. That the Directors meeting be held in conjunction with a working executive, that the P.D.O. and editor of the Newsletter should be members of the executive. Also that the supervisor can voluntarily attend meetings.

Office

A grant of £5,000 is sanctioned by Kildare County Council. The Community Council are most grateful for this timely grant, and Kildare County Council were formally thanked.

Willie and Christina Sauls were both thanked for their hard work in the office. It was felt that Willie had done a great job getting the accounts in good order. Padraic O'Murchu also thanked all concerned in the office.

Paul Croghan also thanked John Doogan, Chairperson, for his dedication to the office. With up-dated technology, Internet also in the office, also E-mail, newsletter@ireland.com. These facilities are now in place, it is hoped that all groups in the town will make good use of them.

Maynooth Railway Station

Paul Croghan expressed concern that Iarnrod Eireann plan to discontinue service to Maynooth of the Sligo mainline train at 6.30 p.m.

He also stated that the 1.25 p.m. service would be the last train servicing Maynooth going West. He felt it would be a big loss to the town, with students and visitors travelling to and from Maynooth



Intel Ireland Re Emission Volumes

Some time ago a letter was received from Mr. John Colgan, Leixlip, about his concerns regarding emissions into the environment. It was agreed to have an enquiry carried out on our behalf. This has now been done. Hugh Gallagher carried out this project.

A full report is now available and can be viewed in the office. A visit to Intel Ireland has also taken place by Community Councillors. The concerns of Mr. Colgan can now be addressed.

24 Hour Policing Turned Down

Community Councillor Mary Fitzgerald said she was very disappointed to see that a request for 24 hour policing in Maynooth has been turned down. Letters of concern are to be sent to Mr. John O'Donoghue, Minister for Justice, and to the relevant superintendent.

The canal area is getting so bad people can't walk down around it in peace. Very young people gather to drink along the canal. It was felt that the drinking by-laws are not being implemented.

Padraic O'Murchu said he felt it was mainly a social problem rather than a local one. It is hard for the Gardai to control it all.

Tidy Towns

Richard Farrell was looking for support from the Community Council in getting something done about the dreadful state of the bus turning points. He said it is five months since the crew gave up the Sunday morning clean ups and the turning points are getting worse.

Parson Street Lights

It was brought up again about the delay in putting up the traffic lights at Parson Street, also the new street signage since the funding is in place.

Loss of Volunteers

It is now becoming very serious the loss of volunteers from social and sporting bodies.

It has long been recognised that without the help of these people most local events would not take place. People don't seem to have the time or inclination to get involved.

There are many reasons for this, overwork, insurance problems and abuse of young children, but these are the very reasons why people should get involved. Children need to be active. It will be their loss if people don't continue to give time to their community.

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Healthy Tips for a Better Diet:

Cut down on fats, but don't go on a fat free diet, your body does need a certain amount of natural poly and mono-unsaturated fats to work. Try to stock up on things like vegetable oils, seeds and oily fish, your body also needs some amount of saturated fats like butter and cream to work properly. Use olive oil to cook in and low fat spread. Try not to deep fry your favourite foods; instead grill, stir-fry or stew your food.

Ditch that extra cup of coffee or tea and have a glass of water instead. It will keep your kidneys working well, also it will detox your body and give you a great complexion. Drink at least a litre of water per day.

Don't wait until you are absolutely starving; you will just eat everything in sight. Always eat a good breakfast, you don't have to eat a full fried breakfast, just a few slices of toast with spread or some cereal will give your body enough fuel at least until lunchtime.

Don't shop for food when you are hungry; you will be tempted to fill your trolley with junk food.

If you like roasted vegetables, try to use olive oil and cut your vegetables into bigger chunks, they will absorb less oil than thinner, trimmed veg.

Season your food with herbs rather than salt.

Keep your diet as varied as possible. The wider the range of foods you eat the more nutrients you are taking in.

Each day try to include the following in your diet:

One serving of protein (ie.cheese, eggs, meat or fish)

At least, if possible, five to six servings of fruit and vegetables.

At least one serving of carbohydrate like a large jacket potato, at least three to four slices of wholemeal bread, or a cupful of cooked rice.

If you want to eat chips, eat oven chips instead of fried.

Try home-made thin crust pizza instead of the thick take-away variety.



How to get the best from your Veg. and Fruit.

Carrots:

Nutrients:

Beta carotene which boosts the immune system. Can help prevent cancer and wrinkles.

DO:

Eat them well-cooked with a knob of butter. It ups the absorption of fat-soluble beta carotene to about 60 or 70 per cent.

Don't:

Snack on raw whole carrots, you'll only absorb 3 per cent of the beta carotene.

Red peppers: Nutrients:

Lots of vitamin C and varying amounts of beta carotene which maintain a healthy immune system and can help against cancer.

Do:

Go for red over green as they contain 14 times more beta carotene, which develops as the pepper ripen.

Don't:

Eat canned peppers. Canning destroys much vitamin C and some beta carotene.

Onions:

Nutrients:

Heart-healthy sulphur compounds which help blood flow.

Do:

Fry in a little oil. This adds fat but cooks them down a lot so it's much easier to eat beneficial amounts.

Don't:

Eat them pickled. Eating lots of pickled foods may increase your risk of stomach cancer.

More tips next month.

Dorin's Recipes

SNACKS

French Cheese Toast

8 large slices wholemeal bread
3 oz Edam or Cheddar cheese, grated
2 eggs
2 tbsp. milk

Method:

Cut all the bread into the desired shapes and sandwich them together with the grated cheese. Beat the eggs with the milk. Dip each sandwich in the mixture. Place in a preheated non-stick frying pan. Cook over medium heat for 2-3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Serve immediately.

Chicken filled pittas

10 oz cold cooked chicken meat, skinned and chopped
4 oz white cabbage, finely shredded
6 oz carrots, scrubbed and coarsely grated
2 oz sultanas
2 oz walnut halves, coarsely chopped
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
4 wholemeal pittas
Cucumber slices and parsley sprigs, to garnish
Dressing:

3 tbsp. mayonnaise
2 tbsp. tomato puree
1 tsp. horseradish sauce

Method:

Mix together the chicken, cabbage, carrots, sultanas walnuts and seasoning. Cut a thin slice from one of the long edges of each pitta bread and open. Stuff with the chicken mixture. To make the dressing, mix together the mayonnaise, tomato puree and horseradish sauce. Spoon the dressing over the stuffing. Garnish with cucumber slices and serve.

Banana and Pear Shakes

2 bananas, peeled
15 oz can pears in unsweetened juice
6 tbsp. vanilla ice cream
1/2 pint milk
ground cinnamon, to decorate

Method:

Place the fruit, can juice and ice cream in a blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Gradually pour in the milk and continue blending until smooth and thick. Pour into 4 glasses, decorate with cinnamon and serve.



Cheesy fish fingers

If you like you can use half white fish and half canned tuna fish, well drained.

12 oz cod fillets
1 bay leaf
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
8 oz potatoes, peeled and coarsely chopped
1 oz margarine
1 egg, separated
2 oz cheddar cheese, finely grated
Wholemeal flour for coating
2 oz fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs

Method:

Put the fish into a shallow saucepan with the bay leaf, seasoning and just enough water to half cover. Cover and poach for 8 minutes, until the fish flakes easily. Drain and discard the skin, then flake. Meanwhile, cook the potatoes in lightly salted boiling water until just tender. Drain thoroughly and mash with the margarine, egg yolk and extra seasoning, if desired. Mix the potato with the fish and cheese. Using lightly floured hands, shape the mixture into 8-12 fingers. Dust with flour, dip into the egg white and coat evenly with wholemeal breadcrumbs. Chill for 30 minutes. Place on a grill pan rack and grill for 4-5 minutes. Carefully turn over and grill for a further 4-5 minutes.

Gingerbread People

2 oz margarine
3 oz light brown sugar
2 tbsp. clear honey
4 oz plain wholemeal flour
3 oz plain flour
2 tbsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. bread soda
1 egg, beaten
20 currants
thinly pared orange rind, cut into thin slivers

Method:

Lightly grease 2 baking sheets and set aside. Melt the margarine, sugar and honey in a saucepan over a low heat, stirring constantly until the sugar dissolves. Put the flours, ground ginger and bread soda into a bowl and make a well in the centre. Pour in the melted mixture and mix. Add enough egg to form a soft dough, and allow to cool slightly. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thickness. Stamp out with gingerbread men and women cutters. Gather the dough scraps together, roll out and stamp out 1 or 2 more figures. Using a lightly floured fish slice, carefully transfer the gingerbread people to the baking sheets. Press an currants for eyes and orange rind slivers for mouths. Bake at 190c (375f) mark 5, for 8-10 minutes, then carefully transfer to a wire rack. Leave to cool.





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If you have worked for the same employer for a number of years, your interview skills are liable to be a little rusty. It is a good idea to list all the questions you expect to be asked, (including those you hope won't be brought up) and then get a good friend to rehearse you in your answers. In addition to questions about your previous job, be prepared for some or all of the following: what you have done since leaving employment; why, if you are now seeking a job, you retired earlier than you might have done; whether your health is good - this may take the form of a polite enquiry as to whether you would not find the hours or travelling too much of a strain; why you are particularly interested in working for them as an employer; and given the job requirements, what you think you have of special value to offer. You may also be asked what you know about the organisation. If the answer is likely to be 'very little', it could pay you to do a bit of research - such as obtaining a copy of the annual report. obvious mistakes to avoid are claiming skills/ knowledge that you do not possess; giving the impression that you have a series of stock answers to problems; criticising your former employer; or, by contrast, drawing comparisons which could be interpreted as being faintly disparaging of the organisation where you are attending for interview. Possibly the most difficult subject of all to come up may be the question, how much money you expect. Do not sniff at part-time work if the opportunity is available. Firstly, it is a way back into the market and many part-time or temporary assignments develop into full-time jobs in due course. This is especially true in small firms, which may of necessity be cautious about recruitment while the business is in the early development stage.

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Apart from these benefits, the fact of being retired makes very little difference. You can ride an elephant in India, take a caravan around Ireland, sail on the Shannon, go bird-watching in Wexford, combine a holiday with a special interest such as painting or music, enrol for summer school, exchange homes with someone in another country or sign on for a working holiday, such as voluntary conservation activity or home-sitting, for which you get paid. The choice is literally enormous. You can go to any travel agent and collect further ideas by the dozen, for holidays which, one way or another, offer some special attraction or specifically cater for those aged 50 and above.

Some of the options verge on the exotic, with prices to match; others are extremely reasonable in cost. There are suggestions which are only suitable for the extremely fit and active; at the other extreme, there are a number of inclusions which would only be of interest to individuals in need of special care. Some of the choices may strike you as mad, risky, hum-drum, too demanding - or simply not your style. But retirement is a time for experimentation, and trying something entirely different is half the fun.

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CHALLENGE:

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If you are suffering from health problems, or feel worried about any aspect of your health, ask your doctor for advice. If you feel any discomfort or pain during physical activity, stop at once! If the symptoms persist or come back later, see your doctor. Find a neighbour, a friend or a family member to complete the challenge with. Better still, why not get a group going. You can have good fun organising various events to take part in.

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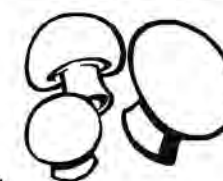
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Mayday

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This time of the year is associated with the Maypole that is still remembered by the older Maynooth population. May is now the month of the May altar and of flowers. The festival has again been overtaken by Christianity and thus lives on in another guise.

Temair (Tara)

We have many sacred sites in Ireland but probably none as famous or as well known as Tara. From time immemorial the title of king of Tara indicated the most important and powerful of the Irish kings. Although they did not live there and it has long been the deserted site it is now, the magic of the title *ri* *Temro* did not lose its power until the eleventh century when Brian Boru burst upon the scene and changed the political map of Ireland forever.

There is a mystical atmosphere even in Tara's present state of desolation. But under its mounds and grassy ridges lies an archaeological feast still waiting to be investigated. Legend has it that Cormac mac Airt, the renowned wise king of Tara, was present in Tara's hall during a court judgement of his predecessor Lugaid mac Con. Lugaid was presented with a case by two women - one woman's sheep had eaten the other's woad crop and she was seeking compensation. Lugaid judged that the sheep should be given as payment and immediately the wall begins to fall. The young Cormac rights the judgment by saying that the wool should be given instead - both the woad and the wool would grow again. The wall stopped falling but it was henceforth called *Claenfherta* the crooked wall.

It is said that Temair is named from a woman called Tea who was married to Eremon a king of the Gael. She was buried beyond the wall of the enclosure and the place was then named Teamair from Tea (her name) and *mur* (wall). The desolation of the site is lamented in another poem:

Perished is every law concerning high fortune,
Crumbled to the clay is every ordinance;
Temair, though she be desolate today,
Once on a time was the habitation of heroes.

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FOOT AND MOUTH (A Personal View)

I cannot pretend to know too much about the current foot and mouth crisis from a veterinary standpoint but having watched my neighbours and friends grapple with the problem for the past number of weeks it would be impossible not to be fully aware of the intense worry and stress it has been causing. I do not come from a farming background as such, but my late grandfather always kept a small number of animals as was the custom at the time. Then as now big and small farmers existed in harmony. Today most of my neighbours in the farming community have mixed herds, painstakingly built up from generation to generation of animals. 75% of which when it reaches our table would be organic, something much in demand today. Only a few remember the outbreak in the late 60's as we were all quite young at the time. But as a younger farmer commented to me "It's really a bit like germ warfare, you can't see it, smell it, touch it, feel it, but you are aware it could be there." Up until now it has remained within the confines of the Cooley area of County Louth and we have all witnessed the horrifying spectacle of very distressed elderly farmers who in the space of 24 hours have lost everything they have. It can only be imagined how it feels to see everything you have worked for gone in one fell swoop. Of course it is not only the farming community which has been badly affected by foot and mouth. Horse-racing has virtually come to a standstill and many young jockeys are left without an income. It is still unclear how much if any social welfare will be paid to affected people. The cost of feeding and stabling will have added a further burden to an already expensive profession. Tourism has also been badly hit, millions of pounds have been lost. Rural life has taken a bad knock which will not be soon forgotten.

The question being asked are is Britain doing enough to eradicate foot and mouth and can this country be really safe until this has been done. Minister Walsh has said we are nearly over the line and hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have safely crossed it. It will take a long time for recovery to take place. Especially in Louth the scars and the trauma will continue for a long time to come. It is unlikely this crisis will be forgotten in a short time. The sometimes forgotten people in all this who have played a very major part in keeping the disease to only one case are the Army, Gardai and Vets from around the country, some of whom are in England to help are to be complemented on all they have done. Urban and rural Ireland have come together to fight a common enemy and please god we will win. In the meantime I will stand and watch this year's batch of new born lambs in the field next door as I have done for the past 35 years and look forward to seeing the lights at night in the shed during lambing again next year.

Annette Foran

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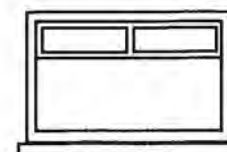
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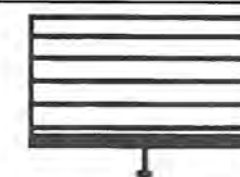
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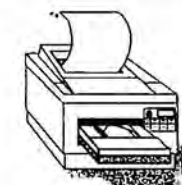
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Maynooth Community Games held the Art & Modeling competition in the Boys National School on Friday 6th April.

Results as follows:
Art competition

	East	West
Girls U8 1st	Katie Curran	Chloe Devereux
2nd	Sarah Curran	Eimear Wall
3rd		Meadbh Donaldson
Girls U10 1st		Christin Donaldson
2nd		Aisling Wall
3rd		Niamh Donaldson
Runner up		Aisling O'Leary
Runner up		Emma Carroll
Girls U12 1st	S. Kearney	Elaine Houlihan
2nd		Samantha Ward
Boys U8	East	West
1st	O. Cullinane	Jack Hogan
2nd		Donal Connellan
3rd		James Durcan
Boys U10 1st	Sean Stoll	
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3rd		
Boys U12 1st		Barry Connellan
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Boys U16 1st		Sean McNamara
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This month Maynooth Kilcock No Name! Club has been very busy. On April 6th Eddie Keher a founder of the No Name! regarding discos, Public Relations and general No Name! Club news.

On April 27th the No Name! Club National Cabaret competition will take place. Maynooth Kilcock No Name! club hosts and hostess should contact the Executive for more information regarding this event.

On April 28th the National Youth Awards are been held. This year's host club is Tullow, County Carlow and the event will be held in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow. Once again Maynooth Kilcock No Name! Club hosts & hostesses should contact their Executive for further information regarding this. All the above events are for host & hostess and adult leaders in Maynooth Kilcock No Name! club.

On the 5th May, our next disco is been held in the usual venue. On the 26th May there will be a special disco for 1st and 2nd Year students, please contact your school rep for information and tickets for this event, (all schools in the area have reps and can be contacted at lunch time for more details). The Maynooth Kilcock No Name club is always looking for hosts, hostess and adult leaders for Discos and other No Name organized events....

April 6th	Eddie Keher visits Maynooth
April 27th	National Cabaret Competition
May 5th	Disco
May 26th	Disco for 1st & 2nd Year Students

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Strike Gold!!!

Community Games Set-Dancing Winners

Two Teams from Maynooth representing Maynooth East, and Maynooth West travelled to Allen, Co. Kildare to take part in the County Final of the Community Games Set-dancing competition. Both teams returned with medals. Maynooth West received bronze medals for 3rd place and Maynooth East were lucky enough to achieve the **GOLD** for 1st place. This means that Maynooth East will now represent **KILDARE** in the Set-dancing competition, at the Community Games Finals in Mosney on the weekend of the 19th - 21st of May. Congratulations girls. All the team members are from the Rita Doyle School of Dancing.



**Maynooth West Team
Bronze Medal Winners**

Back Row:
Laura Corcoran, Laura Daly, Jessica McGrath.

Middle Row:
Aisling Dunne, Maartje Oomkens, Anna Piggott.

Front Row:
Helen Downes, Aisling Farrell, Katherine Oliver, Michelle Kearney.

Fódhla Céilí Band Come To Maynooth

On Thursday May 31st we are delighted to welcome the famous Fódhla Céilí Band to Maynooth. They are coming to play at the Glenroyal Hotel for a fund-raising Céilí and set-dancing night. This is their first time to play in Maynooth so we wish them well. The Céilí starts at 9pm until 1am and tickets are £5. Watch out for posters around the town.

The Céilí is one of the many fund-raising activities which the girls and parents from Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhaill are organising. Seventeen girls from Rita Doyle's Dancing School have been specially picked to represent Ireland at the European nations Children's Festival of Folk Art and Culture which this year will take place in the region of the High Tatra Mountains in Slovakia from 22nd June to 2nd July 2001. They will be part of the Irish National Folk Company Junior Team.

At the moment the team are busy raising funds to assist with their travel expenses. This is the first time Ireland has been represented at this festival so it is a great honour to have 17 girls from Maynooth taking part.

We will welcome all contributions from friends and sponsors. Watch out for the girls in the locality, in the next few weeks dancing to raise some funds. Don't forget to come and see the Fódhla Céilí Band on Thursday May 31st from 9pm - 1am and join us for a few Céilí and Set-dances.

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Maynooth East Team Gold Medal Winners

Back Row:
Sharon Lyons, Laura Bennett,
Deirdre Mulcahy.

Middle Row:
Róisín Hoban, Eimear Flynn,
Kaen Bracken.

Front Row:
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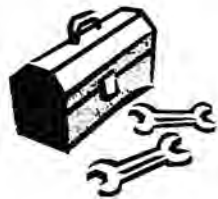
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Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

The Foot and Mouth rises continues to curtail our activities. However, we did complete a number of introductory walks. Our first walk took in Malahide Demesne and the coastal path and beaches of Malahide and Portmarnock. The weather was nice and there was a lot to see. Our second outing brought us to the North Bull Island and Dollymount strand. A video presentation by staff of the interpretative centre was very interesting. A 12km walk on the island followed. Although the weather was wet and windy, nonetheless the walk was interesting. It is not every day you can walk amongst thousands of Canadian geese dining on the salt marshes of Dublin. Our next outing on Sunday 22th April brings us to the coastal path from Bray to Greystones and Kilcoole. On 13th May we will have an easy hike either in the mountains (Foot and Mouth permitting) or Malahide Demesne and coastal hike through Malahide village to Portmarnock Point and return to Malahide Castle. On May 27th we plan to walk Howth peninsula taking in the coastal paths, the high points of the area and a birdseye view of the Rhododendron garden at Howth Castle.

The meeting point for hikes is the Glenroyal Leisure Club, Maynooth, departing at 10 a.m. sharp for easy hikes unless otherwise stated. When the present restrictions are lifted it is hoped to conduct easy and introductory moderate hikes in the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. Those new to the club will have to progress from the easier hikes to the more difficult ones. Easy hikes take place on forest tracks and off track with distances of up to 15kms (9 miles), with an ascent of up to 300 m. (1,000 ft) during the course of the hike taking up to 4 hours walking with extra time for lunch, breaks and admiring the scenery.

Introductory moderate hikes take place generally off track on the open mountainside with distances of up to 20 kms (12.5 miles), with an ascent of up to 600 m. (2,000 ft) during the course of the hike taking up to 5 hours walking with extra time for lunch, breaks and admiring the scenery.

It should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, and overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year.

Mountain Safety Note:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and

involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers 6285367, 6290294, 086-270348 or

E-mail:- glenroyalhillwalking@hotmail.com



Maynooth I.C. A. Notes

The April meeting took place at the Harbour ICA hall on Thursday 5th April 2001. Personnel changes are underway now with the advent of new officers who begin a three-year term of office. Our sincere thanks to outgoing officers: President Rosemary Hanley, Secretary Viva Kearns and Treasurer Marese Killian. They performed their functions with the courtesy and affability which are characteristics of the ICA. The altruism and the generosity of the people of Maynooth area are well-known. Almost £2000 was collected by the ICA, assisted by Post-Primary students, for the Irish Cancer Society on Daffodil Day. This money will go towards the salaries of the dedicated nurses who bring very welcome support to persons with cancer-care at home. They enable the person to remain in familiar surroundings. Helen Doyle, just returned from a four-hour week-end walk for Multiple Sclerosis in New Quay County Clare, was appreciative of the many donors towards the £1115 she presented to the MS society. The group will walk in Connemara in July. Matt Browne the area fundraiser from the Rehab Foundation was our guest-speaker.

Congratulations to Elaine Houlihan and Rebecca Donnelly, pupils in Scoil Muire, for coming second and third respectively in their group in the Ready Brek essay competition in County Kildare. A display of glass painting from the Monday night workshops in March was on display at the meeting. Familiarisation with computers will be provided by Intel. The Annual General Meeting of the County Kildare Federation takes place at Castledermot on 30th May. Kildare Week at An Grianan in June has some vacancies.

Winners at the meeting were Maeve Moloney, Mary Deane, Mairead Scanlon, Imelda Delaney, Teresa Corcoran and Bernie King.

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The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club(cont)

Alcohol abuse is not a recent phenomenon, but the extent of teenage drinking now causes some concern. It is probably best viewed, as part of the wider problem of alcohol abuse generally in society, and it is something with which youth must learn to cope. To do so they need our help and guidance. Young people aspire to adulthood and tend to follow behavior patterns, which they perceive, go to make up adulthood. Society's own behavior and attitudes influence them greatly. If adults abuse drink, or make it appear over attractive, popular or necessary for enjoyment, there are grave dangers that young people will do the same. Young people in turn greatly influence other young people and their behavior as a result is sometimes unhealthy. However, individually and collectively, by their behavior and attitudes were to demonstrate a lifestyle wherein alcohol was shown to be less important for socializing, enjoyment, popularity or fun, our young people would be greatly influenced to grow up with dignity, self esteem and at ease with themselves and others. The young people will also then unconsciously pass on these same values to their peers. The No Name! Club movement recognizes the great potential, which both adult example and an enlightened peer group has to influence others. It tries to target and combine the two in a positive and practical way. The No Name! Club respects the individuals right to drink or not to drink. It demonstrates a lifestyle wherein alcohol is unnecessary and helps to organize, influence and support the very many young people who agree.

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| Class 1 | "The Field"
1 st – Janet McCann
2 nd – Mary Strickland
3 rd – |
| Class 2 | "Wind in the Willows"
1 st – Tara McKiernan
2 nd – Mary Strickland
3 rd – Pat Dalton |
| Class 3 | "Beauty and the Beast"
1 st – Pat Dalton
2 nd – Noeleen O'Brien
3 rd – Moira Baxter |
| Class 4 | "Midsummer's Night Dream"
1 st – Maureen Fagan
2 nd – Felicity Satchwell
3 rd – Mary Cleary |
| Class 5 | "Theatre World"
1 st – Felicity Satchwell
2 nd – Pat Dalton
3 rd – Joan Gibson |
| Class 6 | Story Time"
1 st – Joan Gibson
2 nd – Felicity Satchwell
3 rd – Moira Baxter |
| Class 7 | "Thumbelina"
1 st – Felicity Satchwell
2 nd – Imelda Desmond
3 rd – Mary Cleary |
| Class 8 | An Easter Bonnet
1 st – No Entries
2 nd –
3 rd – |
| Class 9 | One Stem of Flowering Prunus
1 st – Sarah Angel
2 nd – Aileen Howard
3 rd – |
| Class 10 | One Daffodil or Narcissus
1 st – Betty Farrell
2 nd – Joan Gibson
3 rd – Aileen Howard |
| Class 11 | One Stem of Flowering Ribes
1 st – Pam Acton
2 nd – Mary McInerney
3 rd – Moira Baxter |

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Maureen Fagan with her
Prizewinning display "Midsummers Night Dream"



Tara McKiernan with her winning entry
"Wind in the Willows"



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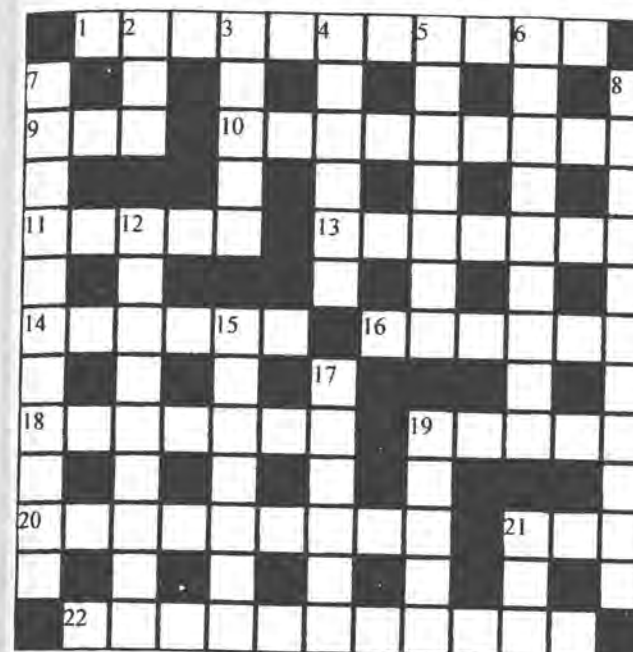
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Crossword No: 157



Entries before: 20th May 2001

Name _____

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Across:

1. Oddness (11)
9. Comrade (3)
10. Make worse (9)
11. Automaton (5)
13. Knives and forks (7)
14. Swagger (6)
16. Undercoat (6)
18. Sudden resolve (7)
19. Principle (5)
20. Quivering (9)
21. Fuss (3)
22. Deteriorates (11)

Down:

2. Sick (3)
3. Concede (5)
4. Bequest (6)
5. Atomic pile (7)
6. Shopkeeper (9)
7. Suitable (11)
8. Loss of water (11)
12. Swear (9)
15. Refinement (7)
17. Take away (6)
19. Opera heroine (5)
21. Wonder (3)

Doodle Box

Solution to Crossword No. 155

Across: 4 Persist; 8 Unload; 9 Apparel; 10 Thread; 11 Outset; 12 Consider; 18 Spacious; 20 Throng; 21 Cleave; 22 Overdid; 23 Public; 24 Drowsed.

Down: 1 Justice; 2 Glaring; 3 Safari; 5 Euphoria; 6 Shanty; 7 Seemed; 13 Disguise; 14 Notable; 15 Essence; 16 Shiver; 17 Borrow; 19 Colour.

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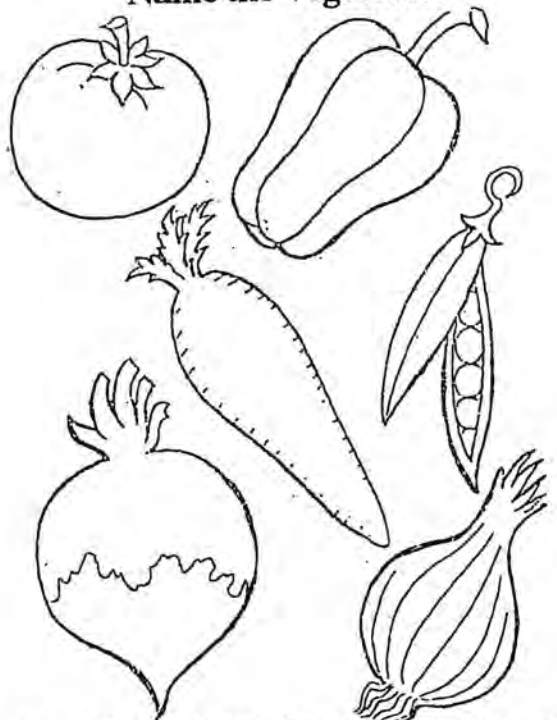


Where is this man from?




Ans.: China

Name the Vegetables



Ans.: Tomato, pepper, pea, onion, carrot, turnip



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Party Political

Maynooth Labour News

Rathcoffey Road Being Re-aligned

Following intensive representations from Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley, strongly supported by the Residents' Associations in Parsons Hall and Castle Dawson, Kildare County Council have now agreed to sanction expenditure of £300,000 on the re-alignment of the Rathcoffey/Newtown Road between the Motorway Bridge and Cluain Aoibhinn. The work will involve the provision of a 7.3m carriageway with 1.5m footpaths and 1.5m cycle paths on both sides. It is hoped that the works will begin in May.

Bond Bridge

Work on the new bridge has been held up for the past nine months by DUCHAS, the Heritage Service. They objected to it going ahead after Planning Permission (Part X) had been given. Even though they were not obliged to do so, Kildare County Council, at DUCHAS request, employed a Conservation Architect to evaluate the feasibility of DUCHAS proposals which effectively called for the building of the new bridge in the exact same location as the old bridge and without demolishing the old bridge. Anyone with common sense would realise that this is impossible. Kildare County Council accepted the Conservation Architects recommendation on the proposal of Cllr. John McGinley on 1st December 2000. DUCHAS turned down the recommendation in a four line reply on 12th March and proposed a completely unworkable alternative. The County Manager and County Engineer now propose to proceed with the work as agreed with the Conservation Architect and the Design Engineers of the new bridge, HGL O'Connor. They have also sought legal advice to confirm that they can proceed as proposed. It is expected that the legal advice will be available before the end of April. Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley fully support this approach and hopefully it will lead to the contract for the construction of the bridge being awarded without any further hold ups.

Prevention of Flooding in Maynooth

Following the flooding last November two investigations were carried out to see what was needed to prevent a recurrence. The Consultants Report on the Lyreen River has been completed and the funding to implement its recommendations has been sought from the National Roads Authority. The main recommendation is for the re-opening of the third arch of the bridge at Kavanaghs Mill.

Consultants HGL O'Connor were asked to examine the size of the culverts on the Motorway, the Meadowbrook Stream and the Joan Slade River. They were also asked to examine the courses and culverts on the Rathcoffey Road. In addition they were asked to build a hydraulic model to simulate the drainage system to verify calculations and to ensure that any rezonings from agriculture to housing don't result in further flooding. This report will be completed in early May and funding will also be sought from the National Roads Authority to implement its recommendations.

Ballygoran Cross, Celbridge Road

Following Cllr. John McGinley's motion on the need for improving the sight lines at Ballygoran Cross, the Council have allocated £90,000 for this purposes.

Air Quality in Maynooth

The Leixlip Area Committee of the Council has agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's motion "That the air quality in Maynooth be monitored so that a decision can be made on whether or not a ban on bituminous coal is warranted." The Health Board will now proceed with the installation of an air quality monitoring station in a suitable location in the town.

Maynooth Draft Development Plan

The Leixlip Area Committee of the Council met on 11th April to consider the 58 submissions received following the public display of the Draft Maynooth Development Plan. The 8th May has been set aside for those who requested oral hearings and on the 16th May the four Area Councillors will hopefully agree on an Amended Draft Plan which will go to the Full Council Meeting on the 28th May for approval. This will then go on its final public display.

Law Enforcement in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley requested that the Garda Authorities attend a Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council as a result of complaints from members of the public concerning the lack of law enforcement in Maynooth, particularly where underage drinking and illegal parking is concerned. Supt. Tom Neville and Sgt. Michael Desmond attended the meeting on 12th April and a full and frank discussion took place. Cllr. McGinley thanked them for attending and he stated that such meetings should take place more regularly so that views can be exchanged in the interests of the public.

Party Political

(Labour News contd.)

Planning Permission (Ref 01/520) Sought for Multi-Storey Car Park in Maynooth.

Glenkerrin Properties Ltd. have applied for Planning Permission for the construction of a multi-storey car park on the existing Council car park at the back of Caulfields. Cllr. John McGinley would welcome the views of the people of Maynooth on this proposal. Please contact him at 6285293. John has listed the planning application for consideration at the next Leixlip Committee Meeting on the 4th May.

Estates Taken in Charge by the Council

The Council agreed at its meeting on the 9th April to take Woodlands, Parklands and Lyreen Park in charge. One of the benefits of the Taking in Charge will be that residents will be able to avail of a Natural Gas supply should they so wish.

Cllr. John McGinley Gets £5,000 for Maynooth Community Council

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley, Kildare County Council has agreed to award Maynooth Community Council a grant of £5,000 from its Community Grants Fund. The Community Council found itself in some financial difficulty because they had to move premises as a result of cutbacks by FÁS. They also needed to fund the replacement of outdated computers. The Community Council has been the back bone of the Maynooth community for the past 17 years and in that period they have never sought any subvention from the County Council. This generous grant is a recognition of the great work of the Community Council and it will set it on a sound footing for the future.

New Slip Road off the M4 for Maynooth Ready Soon

The long awaited new slip road off the M4 for Maynooth will be ready soon. The construction of the new slip road and 100ft diameter roundabout at Barretts was a condition of the planning permission granted for the Science and Technology Business Park south of the motorway. The new roundabout will make life much easier and safer for motorists exiting the M4 at peak time in the evenings.

F.F. Zero Tolerance Minister rejects 24 Hour Garda Station for Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg is disappointed over the Minister for Justice's refusal to support the upgrading of Maynooth Garda Station to a District headquarters which would have seen the station manned on a 24 hour basis.

In making the case for upgrading Maynooth Garda Station, Deputy Stagg pointed out that there were only 3 existing 24 hour garda stations in the County and these were all located close to each other at Naas, Newbridge and Kildare Town. This meant that the towns of Maynooth and Celbridge with a population of 25,000 were left with no 24 hours cover except for patrol cars which are under constant pressure in dealing with crime in the area particularly at night. Leixlip, which is in the Dublin Metropolitan Area South, also has to rely on patrol car cover for its population of 16,000.

The Minister in responding stated the usual, that Garda Management are satisfied with current policing arrangements. Deputy Stagg pointed out that this was what we would expect the Garda Management to say. However on the ground the matter is entirely different with Garda Resources stretched to the limits. The upgrading of Maynooth Station to Garda District status would have given focus to the policing requirements of North Kildare and ensured that additional resources were transferred to the area. However it seems from the Ministers response that North Kildare must continue to wait for the policing service it requires.

Deputy Stagg will continue to press the Minister on the policing requirements of Maynooth and the North Kildare Area.

Maynooth Post Primary School Extension

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by Co. Kildare Vocational Education Committee that the outline sketch scheme for the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School has now been submitted by the V.E.C. to the Department of Education's Planning and Building Unit. Deputy Stagg will press the Minister for Education for early approval to proceed to the detailed planning of the extension.

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Party Political

(Labour News contd.)

Phase 2 of Maynooth Castle Restoration Abandoned

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to Minister de Valera's abandonment of Phase 2 of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle.

In a Dail response to Deputy Stagg, the Minister admitted that when first proposed the restoration of the Castle was to be completed as a single project but that financial constraints obliged her to take a phased view of the project. Given the finances available to the State at present this is complete nonsense. Phase 1 of the Restoration works involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities. These works will be completed in the summer and the Castle will be open to the public in the second half of 2001.

However Phase 2 of the project which involves the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium have now been put on the long finger permanently.

The decision not to proceed with further works is a disgrace given the historical importance of Maynooth Castle. Deputy Stagg has contacted the Maynooth Castle Committee with a view to mounting pressure on the Minister to complete the restoration rather than the present half baked proposal. The Castle Committee have advised Deputy Stagg that they are at present considering the matter.



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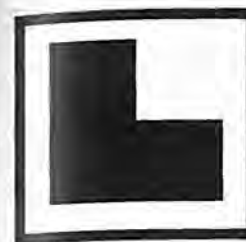
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(This Prayer Must Be Published)

O'Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel fruitful vine
splendour of Heaven Blessed Mother of the Son of
God.

Immaculate Virgin assists me in this necessity.

O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are
my Mother O Holy Mary Mother of God,
Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you
from the bottom of heart to succour me in my
necessity.

There are none that can withstand Your Power

O'Show here you are my Mother,

O'Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have
Recourse to thee (3 Times)

Holy Mary I place this case in your Hands (3 Times)

Sweet Mother I place this case in your Hands (3
Times)

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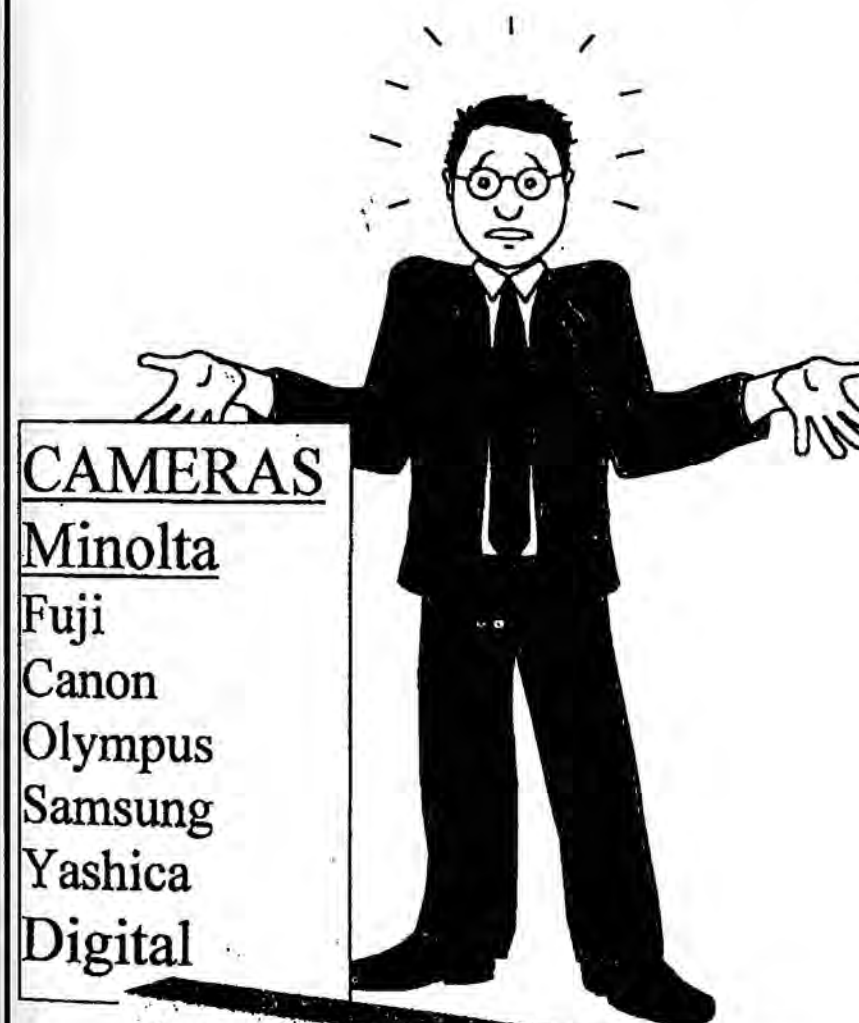
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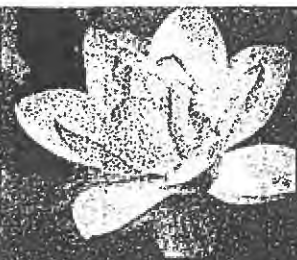
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Days: Monday - Friday
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Class no.: 8 max.

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The case of Bond Bridge

The case of Bond Bridge is symbolic of the dilemmas faced by the expansion of such towns in the greater Dublin area over the past 20 years. Should old features suffer and be demolished to make way for a safer, wider, characterless bridge? Conservation or safety? Or can we have both?

The Rathcoffey Road has become one of the busiest in Maynooth between pedestrians, large lorries and hundreds upon hundreds of cars travelling this tiny lane every day. The danger to pedestrians is without question a priority on this road.

Kildare County Council had found a way a year ago to finance the building of a new bridge but recently Dúchas has objected to this development. This delay is deplored by those involved in the campaign to replace the bridge. But there are those who agree with this intervention. This is a quandary faced by many more communities due to the unprecedented growth in the population of the town and the university. The debate for the overall planning of our town and others like it is a topic for another day.

Elsewhere in this issue there are photographs of what the bridge looks like at present.

We would like to hear your views on the issue. Should the new bridge go ahead? Is there a case for the conservation of the old historic feature? Is there another alternative solution?

The Newsletter would like to hear your ideas, views or solutions.



Maynooth Boys' National School Summer Fair 16th June 2 - 5

p.m.

Enjoy a family fun day out at the 3rd Annual Summer Fair being held to raise funds for the school.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The A.G.M. of the Community Council took place on Monday 14th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson's Report

John Doogan said it had been a tough year for the Community Council re the office, what with losing one scheme and having to move premises, it meant a reduction in the number of office staff, and big expense incurred in setting up the new office. A lot of hard work had to be done to get our finances in the black again. He paid tribute to Treasurer, Willie Saults, for turning the tables around. A lot of work went into recovering overdue payments. A grant of £5,000 was received from Kildare County Council and Cllr. John McGinley was thanked for his involvement in that. He said a new supervisor was employed during the year. Christina Saults had proved a great asset to the running of the office. He also thanked all the office staff.

He also stated that it looked unlikely that the Community Festival would take place this year. It would be impossible to organise this year's festival because of lack of support. He also felt that some events last year were very badly supported.

He congratulated the organisers of last year's Festival. He thanked everybody for their support during the year.

Secretary's Report

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain also cited the hard year it had been for the Community Council and the office.

She cited all the work done by the sub-committees, Festival, Tidy Towns, Summer Projects, Community Games, Editorial Board. She paid tribute to John Doogan, Willie Saults, Paul Croghan, for the unknown work that they had put into the office.

She congratulated Peter Connell, Paul Croghan for setting up the website. It was also noted that Peter Connell has stepped down as the editor of the Newsletter. Peter was praised for his years of dedicated work on the Newsletter. Peter's retirement has left the Editorial Board in need of a new editor it was stressed.

Murieann also stated the Editorial Board were in urgent need of new people.

She also stated that it would be an ideal opportunity for a young person who had an interest in journalism. There is also a need for people with a creative flair for writing to contribute.

A Waste Management Committee had been set up during the year. Muireann said Hugh Gallagher and herself had been involved on this, but with lack of interest, it had not progressed further. She also expressed regret that the Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall situation had not been sorted by now.

Treasurer's Report

Willie Saults gave a very detailed financial report. He said we were holding our own. The £5,000 grant from Kildare County Council was a great boost, but quite a lot of money had to be raised every year. He thanked the A.I.B. Bank for all their help and understanding when the situation was not the best.

Willie stated that he was confident that the financial situation would remain good. He thanked all who have helped him during the year.

Maynooth Community Council Limited.

Because of the legal entity it has become necessary to make some Constitutional changes.

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Item 5 (c)

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Item 7 (a)

Add

After two years sub-committees engaged in independent fund raising will become affiliated committees of the Council.

Bond Bridge

Concern was raised about the delay on the work for the new bridge.

It was stated that planning permission had been granted for the completion of the bridge.

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Duchas the National Heritage Group have objected to the project, also the local History Group, they are in favour of retaining the facade or having the bridge moved to another location.

Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that there had been three months for which to object and Duchas or any other group failed to do so inside the time span allowed.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that Kildare County Council are looking into the legality of the objection and expected a result soon.

John Doogan felt that after all the work and marches that took place to get Bond Bridge improved, it is a disgrace and it is still a huge danger to all.

It was also stated that Bond Bridge Action Group was never disbanded.

It is hoped that there will be a fair and proper outcome to this problem.

Glenroyal Hotel Expansion

A discussion took place on the new expansion planned for the Hotel.

Concern was raised about the multi-storey car park. It will be built on the public car park and it was felt that it would look unsightly as it is estimated to be 30 feet high. The new car park would be for Hotel guests.

It was also felt that the new complex would be close to Leinster Park and the canal. It is also planned for an eighty room expansion.

However it was also pointed out by John Doogan that the Glenroyal is a big employer in the town. He felt that planners should talk to the people of the town before such a big plan was put in place.

Intel Ireland

There is an Open Day in Intel on 10th June.

Election of Officers

Chairperson	John Doogan
Vice-Chairperson	Hugh Gallagher
Secretary	Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Treasurer	Willie Sauls
Public Relations Officer	Marie Gleeson

Carton Estate Fire

Cllr. Senan Griffin commented on the swift action of Maynooth Fire brigade in attending to a fire in Carton Estate, they averted what could have been a very serious incident

Marie Gleeson
P.R.O.

Next meeting 11th June 2001

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Presentation Convent Primary School take part in Cór na nOg

59 girls from Presentation Convent Primary School, Maynooth formed part of the ESB National Children's Choir 2001 (Cór na nOg).

The Choir was founded by Sean Creamer, in 1985 and it is sponsored by the ESB. Its aim is to foster a love of choral singing among primary school children and it has enjoyed tremendous success over the years. It operates on alternate years and has to date given approximately 66,000 5th and 6th Class children a wonderful musical experience.

The idea behind the Choir is that children in 5th and 6th classes nation-wide will learn a common repertoire covering a wide variety of music sung in unison and harmony and perform it at a number of concerts. Schools are then organised into groups of 300 pupils in local areas where each section of the repertoire will be rehearsed during four practice sessions. Finally, during the period March to May these groups perform at a local concert.

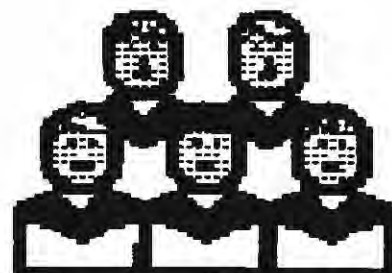
The hard work of rehearsing a very diverse program of 20 songs that included works by Bach, Handel, Purcell, Vaughan-Williams, Irish traditional tunes, Abba's "Thank You For The Music" and a Beatles medley, began last September with rehearsals after school every week, conducted by teachers Bernie Harkness and Gráinne Lohan.

Four group rehearsals were held between October and April and the Maynooth girls travelled to Holy Child G.N.S., Larkhill, Dublin for their final rehearsal on 4th May.

The culmination of eight months of hard work was the superb concert in the National Basketball Arena, Tallaght on 16th May when the 59 Maynooth girls and the other boys and girls from 9 other schools in the group were accompanied by the national Children's Choir orchestra, conducted by Sean Creamer, Soprano, Niamh Murray was the compere for the evening.

Congratulations and thanks to Ms Harkness and Ms Lohan for their enthusiasm, time, hard work, commitment and musical expertise and to the girls who were a great credit to their school and their parents.

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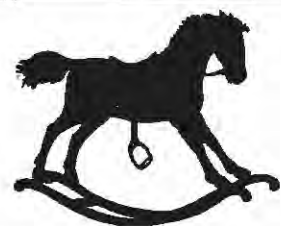
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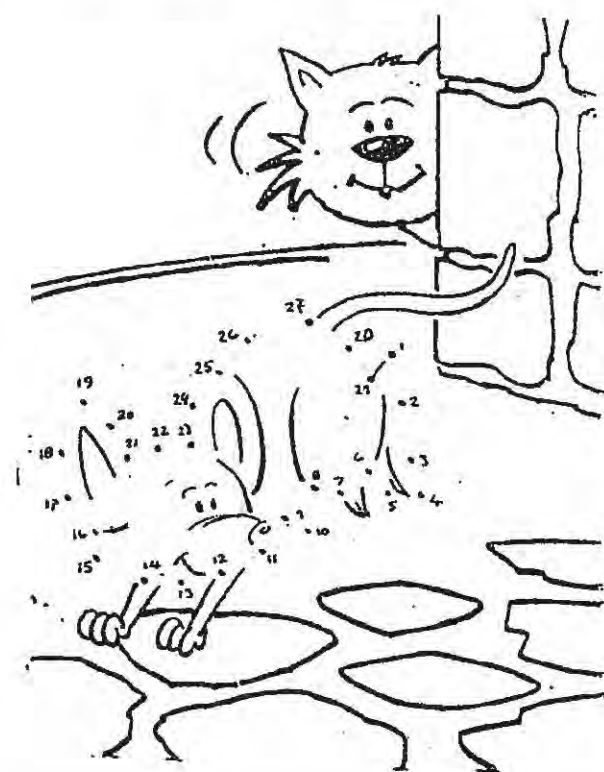
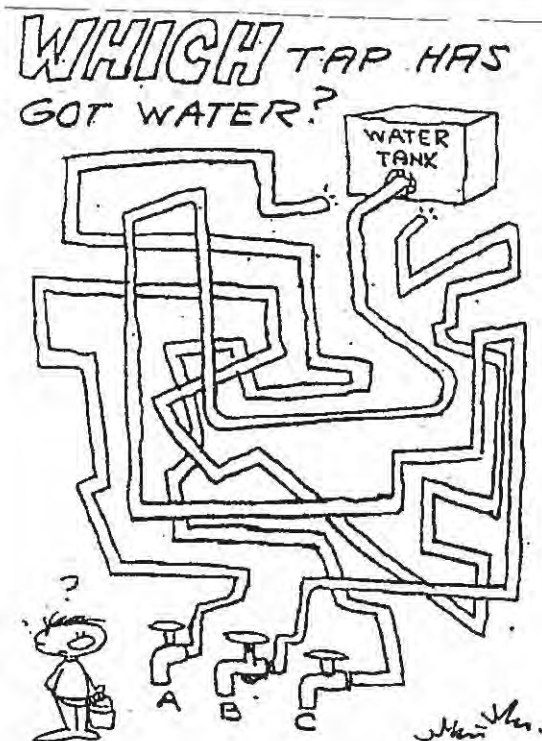
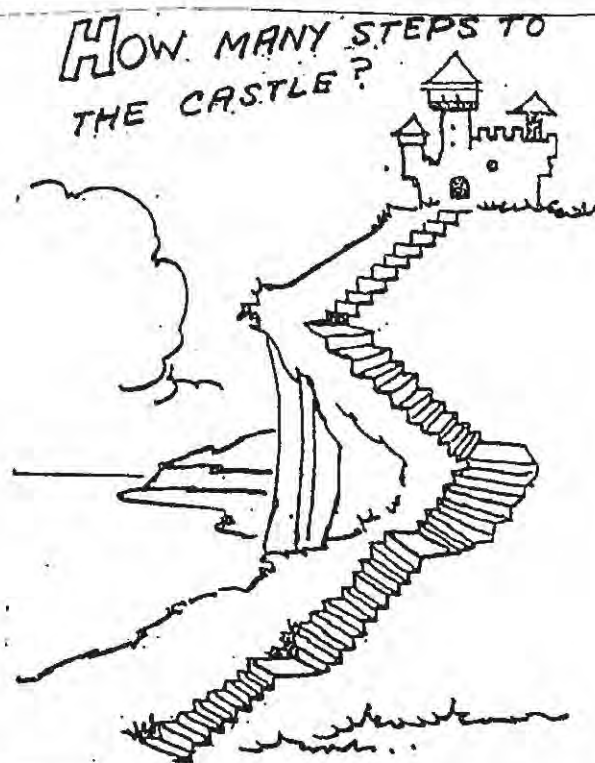
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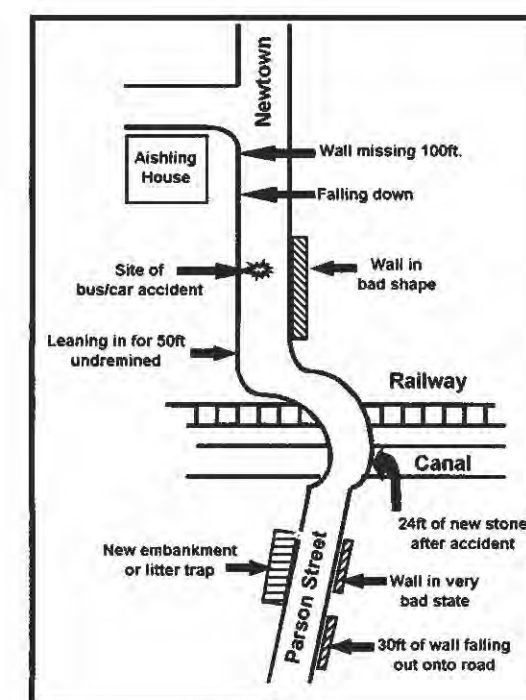
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Another great danger is the surface on the bridges. It is almost impossible to walk on. The bridges are 24 feet wide and people must walk on the left going out of Town and on the right approaching town. The Council in their ingenuity throw a few shovels of tarmac on it a couple of times a year that lasts until the next shower or the next big truck comes along so the pedestrian must walk 3 feet out leaving 21 feet for vehicles of which there are many, between a lot of construction works using big trucks, the farming community using big machinery, Farringtons of Rathcoffey and Bus Eireann's early morning service which a few months ago was in collision with a car on its way to Cluain Aoibhinn. Had the bus been on its way back with its passengers and collided with something bigger who knows what would have been the result.

Moving further towards Newtown the wall is again in a bad state, it is undermined and leaning towards the

waste area dangerously. Children play in this area. There is about 50 feet of this. After this the wall is a disgrace where the bits of wall are, they are missing capping stones and the continuation of the wall is completely gone for 100 feet as far as Aisling House. So would the people who want to preserve this eyesore, and obviously know nothing about it, please go and walk over the bridge and find out what a danger it is to the users.



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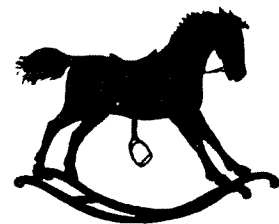
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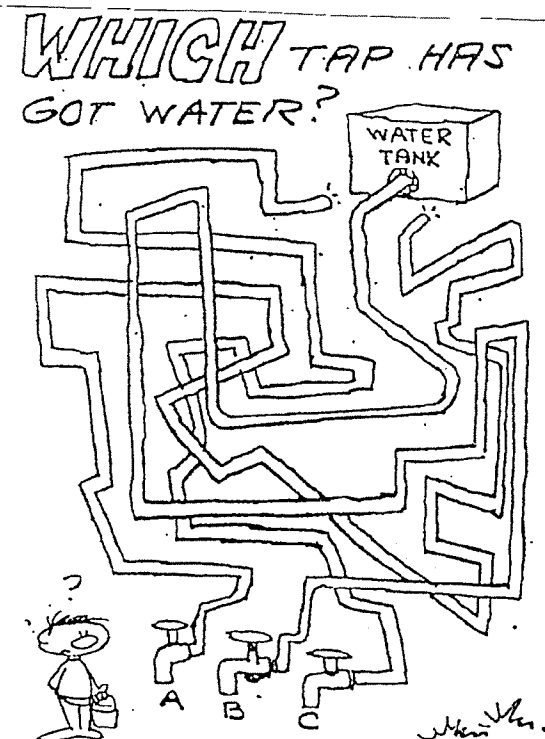
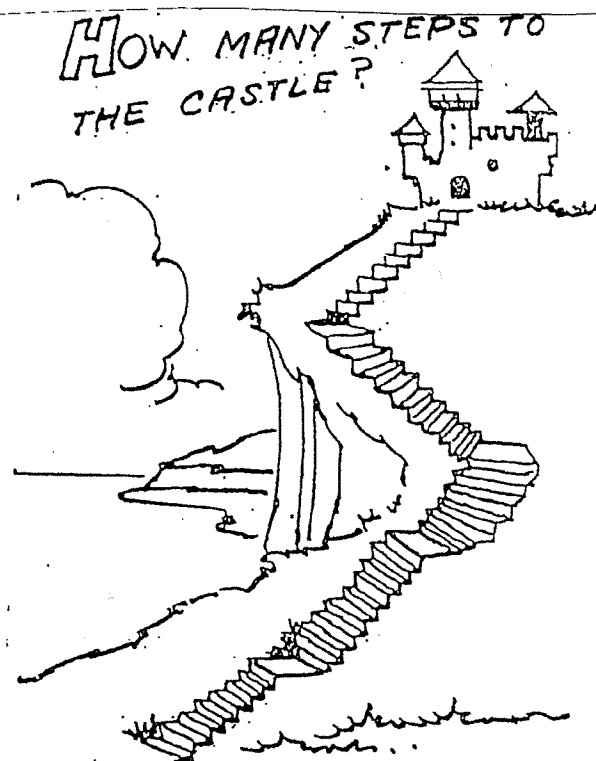
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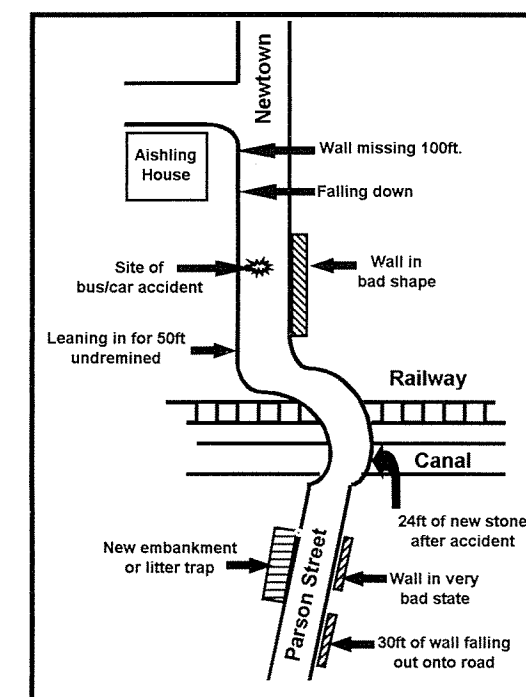
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Another great danger is the surface on the bridges. It is almost impossible to walk on. The bridges are 24 feet wide and people must walk on the left going out of Town and on the right approaching town. The Council in their ingenuity throw a few shovels of tarmac on it a couple of times a year that lasts until the next shower or the next big truck comes along so the pedestrian must walk 3 feet out leaving 21 feet for vehicles of which there are many, between a lot of construction works using big trucks, the farming community using big machinery, Farringtons of Rathcoffey and Bus Eireann's early morning service which a few months ago was in collision with a car on its way to Cluain Aoibhinn. Had the bus been on its way back with its passengers and collided with something bigger who knows what would have been the result.

Moving further towards Newtown the wall is again in a bad state, it is undermined and leaning towards the

waste area dangerously. Children play in this area. There is about 50 feet of this. After this the wall is a disgrace where the bits of wall are, they are missing capping stones and the continuation of the wall is completely gone for 100 feet as far as Aishling House. So would the people who want to preserve this eyesore, and obviously know nothing about it, please go and walk over the bridge and find out what a danger it is to the users.



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NO to the Nice Treaty in North Kildare

On June 7th the electorate will be faced with a referendum which has been supported by the establishment political parties and big business. No expense or spin-doctoring has been spared to bamboozle enough of the electorate into passing this Treaty which is demanded by the Big States and reduces the rights and safeguards of Smaller States like Ireland.

WHAT'S IT REALLY ALL ABOUT?

Nice has been promoted as a treaty to enlarge the EU. It is not. It actually proposes to 'deepen' not widen the EU. It divides the Union into first-class and second-class members and alters the balance of power in favour of the Big States to enable them to make important changes in economic, foreign and military policy. This will destroy the principle that it is a partnership of equals. The intention is that a few larger states will dominate and from Nice on the powerful few will determine all our futures.

'NICE-MANDERING'

Nice trebles the votes of the Big States in making EU laws, but only doubles those of Smaller States. This shift occurs in January 2005, if ratified.

WON'T NICE HELP THE EAST EUROPEANS?

The 12 Applicant countries will have to negotiate individual Accession Treaties just as Ireland did in 1973. Unlike Ireland they will have to swallow 20,000 EU laws without discussion. They must abolish their currencies, even though Britain, Denmark and Sweden are not doing so. It will create new Iron Curtains between some applicant countries and others. Eventually-successful applicants will become third-class members.

MILITARISING EUROPE

With Nice the EU takes over the military structures of the Western European Union (WEU), a sub-group of NATO, and assumes direct military functions itself. A political and Security Committee will take over political control of EU military operations, without involving national parliaments or even the Euro-Parliament.


NO PROTECTION FOR NEUTRAL IRELAND

In negotiating Nice the Irish Government did not obtain a special Protocol to preserve our independence in foreign and security policy. Denmark did!

OUR LAST EU REFERENDUM?

IF Nice is passed we will no longer be able to say NO to any future developments in the EU.

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The Excommunication of Silken Thomas.

A brilliant book on the history of Norman Kilcloon from 1171 to 1700 was written by Gerard Rice for the millennium. The book must have taken a great deal of research and it is a history of Kilcloon, Moyglare and Maynooth; well worth having for anyone interested in local history.

I just picked one paragraph showing the English used at the time. A rebellion started in 1535 which was instigated by "Sir Walter Delahydes W.F." The Delahydes were sheriffs of Meath and were related to the Fitzgeralds. They occupied Moyglare Manor. After the murder of John Allen, the Archbishop of Dublin, the following prose was used in the excommunication of Silken Thomas.

'The said Thomas accompanied with John Fitzgerald, Edward Rorkes and Dyversse other Evyll disposed persons, most shamfullie tyrannysly and cruellie murdered and put to death the said archbishop; for which abhominable, detestable and dampnable acte, according to the prescriptes and ordinances of holy church, we publishe and declare Thomas Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, Olyver Fitzgerald, James Delahyde, Edward Rorkes, John Telyng, Nicholas Wafer and all other, which gave commandment, counsaile, favour, helps, ayde, assistance, comforte or consentid to the same, or after thaete commytted, ded ratifie, accept, approve, or willfullie defende it, or socor, or receyve any such saide personnes to be excommunicate, accurseol (sic) and anathemagate. And to all the extent all cristen people may the rath take knowledge thereof, and avoide and esehue daunger of the same we invoke and call in vengeance aquaint the said Thomas and every one of the personnes aforesaid, the celestiall place of Heven, with all the multitude of angels, that they be accursed before them and in their sight, as spirittes condempned; on the devil to stand and be in all their doings, on ther right hand, and all their acts should be synfull, and not acceptable before God'

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Liffey Valley Orchestra welcomes new members

Says Maynooth member Deirdre Glynn

After a busy summer the orchestra will return to its regular rehearsals, which take place normally twice monthly on a Saturday afternoon. Auditions will take place in June for new members who wish to join and you are welcome to join this 76-piece orchestra.

Auditions will take place on Saturday June 16th in the Salesian College Maynooth Rd, Celbridge from 2 o'clock.

Application forms are available from the Adm/Secretary Deirdre Glynn "Cillin" Mariaville, Dunboyne Rd. Maynooth. Tel: 6285807 or Tommy Morris @ tmorris@eircom.net or 6246082.

You must have an application form in advance. In order to arrange times etc.

Celebrating ten years

To a packed house the Liffey Valley Orchestra honoured it's founder and Musical Director *Claire Condon* in the Setanta House Hotel with all 370 seats filled and standing room only. Claire founded the Orchestra in 1991 and this year celebrates its tenth birthday with two tours. One is it's regular visit to the International "Fiddlers Green Festival" in Rostrevor as performing guests this coming July for one week. The second, is a weeklong visit to Paris to perform in Notre Dame Cathedral and EuroDisney. Starting the 11th August.

The 76-playing members with a full symphony sound range from 7 years to adult.

The players come from Maynooth Leixlip and Celbridge including its youngest player Hugh Clarke, 7 years old of Lyreen Park.

In December past, we performed two selections on the RTE TV programme *Open House* Christmas special.

The orchestra recorded its first ever CD last year with 19 musical classics.

Rockford resident Sarah Darlington, soprano with the RTE Philharmonic Choir, accompanied us with a selection from popular musicals.

Along with charitable appearances the orchestra has also performed for two Presidents of Ireland, numerous national venues including the NCH. and is very proud of it's North Kildare heritage.

Tommy Morris (Committee member) describes the Orchestra as "very youthful and modern in its outlook to classical music". We also have a very nice casual uniform, which fits in with our philosophy of "giving every member an opportunity to reach their own potential by encouragement and confidence building". There is a very nice atmosphere and the social aspect is a vital part of the rehearsals - "many new friendships

have struck up" says Tommy. If you can play we want to hear from you so contact Deirdre Glynn.



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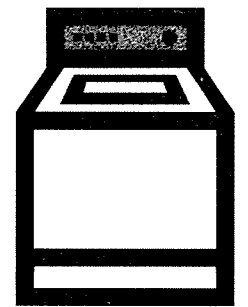
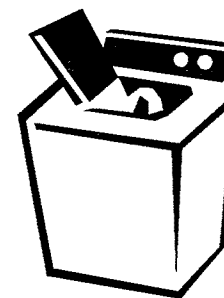
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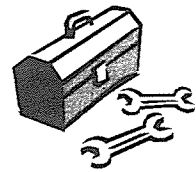
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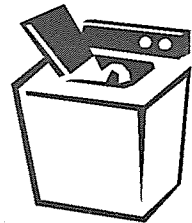
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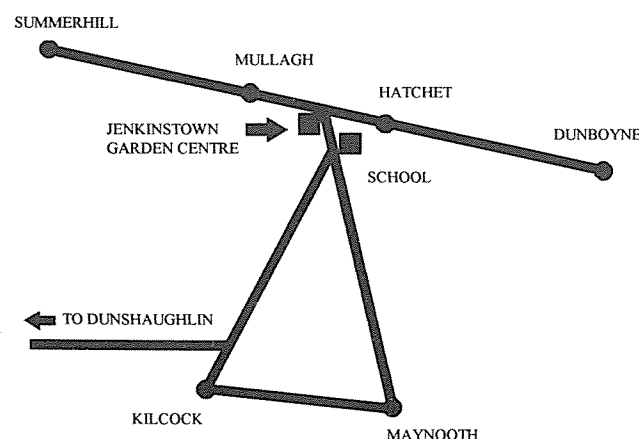
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Voluntary Work

There are probably many different kinds, of voluntary work that need to be done as there are organisations that need your help. The range of tasks and the variety of groups are both enormous. Perhaps this is one reason why some people simply steer clear of the whole area, fearing that the commitment may get out of control and that they may find themselves involved to a greater extent than they wish. Through this may be true in a few cases there are probably thousands more who, starting in a small way, find themselves caught up in the enthusiasm for their cause and immensely rewarded by the contribution they feel able to make and by the new friends that it has brought them.

Very broadly, voluntary help falls into main categories: clerical/administrative, fund-raising, committee work, and direct work with the public. *Clerical:* Any active group is likely to need basic administrative help, from typing and stuffing envelopes to answering the telephone and organising committees. This may involve a day or so a week or simply occasional assistance at peak times. *Fundraising:* Every voluntary organisation needs more money and their ingenuity in raising seems boundless. Jumble sales, coffee mornings and flag days are probably still the most common, but sponsored events of all kinds need a lot of organisation (you don't actually have to participate in the free - fall parachute drop) and negotiations for contributions from local or national business may test anyone's diplomatic skill. *Committee work:* This can cover anything from very occasional help to virtually full-time commitment as branch treasurer or secretary. People with business skills or financial or legal background are likely to be especially valuable in this area.

Direct work: Driving delivering 'meals on wheels' helping the handicapped, visiting the elderly, working in a charity shop, helping with a playgroup, giving the mother of a disabled or sick child a chance to get out of the house for an hour or so ...the list is endless and the value of the work incalculable.

It will be clear from the above that while certain skills and experience - financial, legal, nursing social work - have particular value in some circumstances, there are a multitude of interesting and useful jobs for those without special training or with relatively ordinary abilities like driving or typing. Similarly, the time commitment can be varied to suit both helper and organisation. It is far better to give just one morning a month and be reliable than to promise more time than you can spare and end up always being late or having to cancel at the last minute. Equally, as with a paid job, before you start you should be absolutely clear about all the terms and conditions.

Choosing the right voluntary work:

- What sort of work is involved?
- Who will be working with you?
- What is expected?
- When will you be needed?

If you straighten all this out in the beginning there will be less chance of any misunderstandings and you will find that voluntary work is not only very rewarding in its own right but allows you to make a real contribution to the community.



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Dublin Zoo

First opened to the public in 1830 Dublin Zoo has consistently been the most popular attraction in Ireland. Dublin Zoo is constantly changing, so there is always something new to see. The latest phase of redevelopment culminates in the opening of the African Plains at Dublin Zoo in summer 2000.

This thirty acre development provides spacious new areas for African species - some of whom are already resident in the Zoo and some who are new comers.

Dublin Zoo in conjunction with the worldwide Zoo network is committed to the conservation of endangered species, informing our visitors, educating school children and the study of captive animals. The majority of the animals at the Zoo have been born and bred in Zoos and are part of global breeding programmes to ensure their continued survival. By visiting Dublin Zoo, taking out a yearly membership or buying a gift in one of our shops you are contributing directly to the continued care and welfare of the animals.

Facilities at the Zoo

The Gate Gift Shop with something for everyone. Creative Instincts for those who like their arts and crafts and Out Of Africa for a memento of your safari tour.

Visit the restaurants with cafes and kiosks situated around the Zoo you won't be hungry for long.

Meet the keeper, watch the animals being fed and get the chance to ask the keeper a question.

Let our trains and anti - Poaching Patrol take the strain on a tour of the ground.

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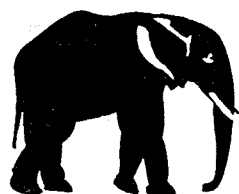
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Admission rates are as follows: Children under 3 free, Adults £7.00, Children under sixteen £4.20, Unwaged 5.20, OAPs £4.20 Family ticket from £20.50. Prices take effect with the opening of African Plains.

There is always plenty to do at the Zoo, be sure to plan for at least half a day. Among the 'must sees' are World of Cats, City Farm and Pets Corner, Fringes of the Arctic, and Wold of Primates and African Plains.



Keeping Fit this Summer

Exercise plays an important part in keeping you healthy. It tones up muscles, improves the circulation, reduces flab, helps ward off illnesses such as heart disease and, above all, can be a great deal of fun. The experts' motto is little and often. For those not accustomed to exercise, it is essential to build up gradually.

If you are planning to run a marathon, to win the local tennis competition, start playing your son at squash or recapturing your sporting feats of your youth, do check with doctor before jumping into your track suit. In addition to some of the more exotic choices, swimming has long recognized as one of the best forms of exercise. Some swear that there is nothing to beat a good brisk walk. Gardening is also recommended. With the explosion of sports clubs, leisure centres and adult keep-fit classes, opportunities have never been better for athletes of all ability levels - and at the very plus end of the market, there are Health Clubs. Similar facilities are provided by commercial organisations up and down the country, often combined with sauna, sunbeds and various beauty treatments. However, at a fraction of the price, many local authority leisure centres have a marvelous range of sports, as well as training classes in everything from defence to badminton. Maynooth needs a swimming pool. Equally, emphasis on more leisurely keep-fit is also on the increase, welcome innovation is the growing number of opportunities for older people well as the disabled.

Physical benefits:

Your body was designed to be active, and will age more rapidly than normal unless you continue to use it - by moving it.

Unless you do, your body will not wear out as it is meant to - it will simply rust away! Being active in later life as a crucial factor in:

- Keeping your heart in good condition
- Maintaining good circulation
- Improving your breathing
- Keeping your joints lubricated - and preventing stiffness.
- Strengthening your muscles
- Burning off fat and, thereby, controlling your weight
- Slowing down mineral loss from your bones.

Surviving longer, however, isn't much fun if you don't feel well, if your blood pressure continues to rise, if your back is painful, if your joints are stiffening up - or if you're bored, depressed or lonely. It's worth taking steps to ensure that the quality of those extra years is good.

Kiwi Drink

Makes 2 x 200ml drinks

This drink is full of vitamin C, Calcium and Iron.

You will need:

- 7 oz Kiwi fruit
- 7 oz dessert apples
- 7 oz seedless white grapes



Method:

Place all the ingredients in a juicer and drink immediately.

Tropical Fruit Juice

Makes 2 x 200ml drinks

This drink is full of vitamin A, Vitamin B3, Vitamin C and potassium.

You will need:

- 14 oz mangoes
- 4 oz bananas
- 1/2 pint milk or soya milk
- 1 oz almonds, roasted and crushed

Method:

Blend all the ingredients together and drink straight away.

Chicken Mayonnaise

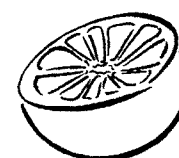
You will need:

- 1 lb cold, cooked chicken
- 1 bunch spring onions
- 1/2 pint mayonnaise
- 1 lettuce
- 8 tomato quarters
- dash paprika
- parsley



Method:

Cut the chicken into neat pieces. Chop the onions finely and mix well with the chicken and half the mayonnaise. Wash and dry the lettuce. Arrange leaves on a serving dish. Pile the chicken on top of the lettuce and coat with the remaining mayonnaise leaving a border of lettuce showing. Arrange the tomato quarters around the base of the mayonnaise. Sprinkle the top with paprika. Serve very cold. Garnish with parsley.



Egg and Avocado Spread

You will need:

- 1 large egg
- 1 medium ripe avocado
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped Brazil nuts or walnuts
- 3 spring onions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon freshly chopped parsley



Method:

Put the egg, at room temperature, into a small saucepan, cover with cold water and bring to boiling point, then lower the heat and simmer, allowing 10 minutes for a large to medium egg, 8 minutes for a small egg. As soon as the egg is cooked, drop into cold water, cracking the shell to avoid a dark ring round the yolk. Shell the boiled egg, chop roughly. Half the avocado, discard the stone, scoop out the flesh and mash it smoothly with the fresh lemon juice. Add the avocado with the egg, nut, spring onions and parsley. Season to taste with freshly ground black pepper and sea salt. Use the mixture to fill 4-5 sandwiches, or you can serve the spread on toast topped with sprigs of parsley or water cress, or slices of tomato as a starter.

Pork stir-fry with mustard soy sauce

Serves 6

You will need:

- 14 oz lean, thinly sliced pork
- 1 tbsp pure vegetable oil
- 6 oz white cabbage, thinly sliced
- 6 oz broccoli florets (and or green beans)
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 red or green pepper, finely sliced
- 1/2 medium cucumber, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped



Sauce

- 2 tbsp grainy mustard
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 tbsp finely chopped chives or spring onion

Method:

Mix the sauce ingredients in a small jar, shake well and leave to one side. Cut the pork into bite pieces, heat the oil in a wok or large pan and stir-fry the meat for 7-8 minutes. Add the vegetables and continue to stir-fry, adding a little water if the mixture is too dry. When the vegetables are cooked through, pour in the prepared sauce and stir to coat evenly. Serve with boiled noodles or boiled rice.



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DON'T:
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SALAD GREENS: NUTRIENTS:
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DO:
Allways choose the greenest lettuce and leaves (for ex ample cos over iceberg) as the darker colour the higher the vitamin C, beta carotene, folic acid and iron.
DON'T:
Prepare too far in advance or pre-packed bags.

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Go for any cooked form-soup, puree or ketchup-they contain most lycopene. Pro cessing breaks down tomato cell walls, letting lycopene out.
DON'T:
Fry them. Grilling is better as they soften and let out the lycopene, without the fat calories.

Planning Permissions

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01/520	Glenkerrin Properties Ltd.	Glenroyal Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	29/03/01	development comprising of alterations and extension to existing Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Centre to include: an additional 78 bedrooms; 2 no. conference/function rooms; associated kitchen staff and administration/storage facilities etc.	Straffan Road Maynooth
01/530	Kathleen O'Leary	18 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	02/04/01	new entrance porch and bay window to front of dwelling, side extension, single storey extension to rear and dormer roof to new rooms in attic space	18 Kingsbry Maynooth
01/552	Sherwood Homes Ltd.	c/o P.D. Lane Associates 1 Church Road Greystones Co. Wicklow	P	05/04/01	15 no. 2 bedroomed apartments and ancillary works on site nos. 19 to 26 include	Meadowbrook Lawns Maynooth
01/621	National University of Ireland Maynooth	N.U.I. Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/04/01	61 student apartments on a site adjoining the existing student apartments	N.U.I. Maynooth Maynooth
01/532	Castle Cabs	Castle Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/04/01	retention of change of use from a shop to cab company	Castle Street Maynooth
01/537	William Mooney	2 Oaklawn West Leixlip Co. Kildare	P	02/04/01	2 storey apartment at side of	51 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/548	David & Jennifer Keegan	c/o Brian Rochford 25 Dunsoghly Drive Finglas Dublin 11	P	04/04/01	construction of an extension to the rear and the addition of three 'velux' windows to the front	17 Leinster Cottages Maynooth
01/317	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	Gresham House Marine Road Dun Laoghaire	P	05/03/01	retention of a temporary car park (60 spaces) for 2 years including surface wearing course, lighting, fencing and associated works on lands adjacent to the existing service yard	Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/564	Laraville Properties Ltd	c/o Manahan & Assoc. Chartered Town Planners 38 Dawson Street Dublin 2	P	06/04/01	retention and completion of internal alterations (to include re-location of toilets, alteration to stairwells and fire exits) at ground and first floor to previously approved public lounge at 'The Roost', together with retention and completion etc.	Main Street & Leinster Street Maynooth Co. Kildare

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01/566	Laraville Properties Ltd.	c/o Manahan & Assoc. Chartered Town Planners 38 Dawson Street Dublin 2	P	06/04/01	change of use of one approved two storey apartment at first and second floor into two apartments, to retain and complete two three bedroom apartments at second floor level, and to build two extra apartments, together with ancillary open space etc.	Main Street & Leinster Street Maynooth
01/390	John Byrne	Maynooth Bookshop The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/03/01	change of use from residential to ground floor bookshop and first floor offices	68 Main Street Maynooth
01/397	Martin Murphy	552 O'Neills Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/03/01	two storey extension to side and rear of existing dwelling	552 O'Neills Park Maynooth
01/402	Hugh & Geraldine Cash	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/03/01	a)alterations to shop premises on ground floor including new shop front and change of use from residential to ancillary shop uses: b)alterations to first floor including change of use from residential to office use	Main Street Maynooth
01/430	Denton Howard	18 Parklands Lawn Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/03/01	alterations and extension to existing dwelling house by the formation of a second storey structure over existing converted garage	18 Parklands Lawn Maynooth

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Applicantion Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/437	Don & Angela McNeill	25 Moyglare Village Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare.	P	21/03/01	first floor extension to the side	25 Moyglare Village Maynooth
01/464	Mary Sheehan	c/o Paul Flanagan Design 27 Kilamanagh Road Walkinstown Dublin 12	P	22/03/01	garage conversion to playroom, two number first floor bedrooms and toilet to side and internal alterations	20 Rockfield Square Maynooth
01/503	Ciaran & Cynthia Gallagher	92 Rockfield Close Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/03/01	2 storey extension to the side	92 Rockfield Close Maynooth
01/579	North City Builders	Miurace Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/04/01	change of house type on approved site number 23	23 Pebble Hill Dunboyne Road Maynooth



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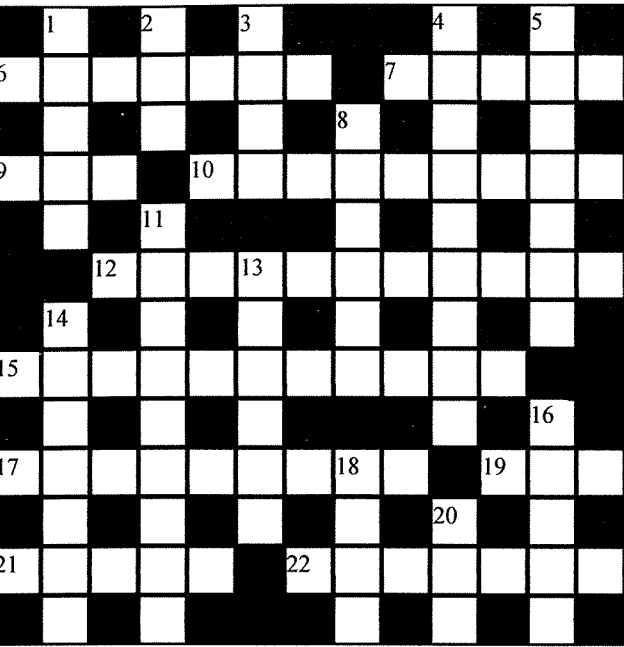
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LATE OPENING HOURS

Crossword No: 158



Entries before: 18th June 2001

Name _____

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Phone: _____

Across:

- 6. Exhibit (7)
- 7. Monarch (5)
- 9. Jolt (3)
- 10. Allusion (9)
- 12. Grumbling (11)
- 15. Impoliteness (11)
- 17. Cheek (9)
- 19. Cunning (3)
- 21. Grind one's teeth (5)
- 22. Limp (7)

Down:

- 1. Essential (5)
- 2. Choose (3)
- 3. Decline (4)
- 4. Tranquility (9)
- 5. Abrogate (7)
- 8. Go (6)
- 11. Crowd (9)
- 13. Hesitated (6)
- 14. Precious stone (7)
- 16. Braid (5)
- 18. Pick (4)
- 20. Perform (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 157

Across: 1 Singularity; 9 Pal; 10 Aggravate; 11 Robot; 13 Cutlery; 14 Prance; 16 Primer; 18 Impulse; 19 Tenet; 20 Tremulous; 21 Ado; 22 Degenerates.

Down: 2 Ill; 3 Grant; 3 Safari; 4 Legacy; 5 Reactor; 6 Tradesman; 7 Appropriate; 8 Dehydration; 12 Blaspheme; 15 Culture; 17 Remove; 19 Tosca; 21 Awe.

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GLENROYAL HILLWALKING CLUB.

1. The foot and mouth crisis is at long last over and we are off to the hills and dales of Wicklow and further afield later in the year.

2. Since our last notice we had a very pleasant trek from Bray via the coastal path to Greystones and Kilcoole. Believe it or not we met a Maynooth / Kilcock / Celbridge group under the leadership of Martin Byrne trekking from Greystones to Bray. It is a small world.

3. On Sunday 13th May we had a more difficult Hike in the mountains around Glendalough to introduce new members and to exercise the more experienced members. On this trip we met a group from Kilcock. On May 27th we plan to walk Howth peninsula taking in the coastal paths, the high points of the area and a birdseye view of the Rhododendron garden at Howth Castle. This will involve a bit of effort to get over the high ground in the centre of the peninsula. Weather permitting we may get a quick boat visit to Irelands Eye.

4. The meeting point for hikes is the Glenroyal Leisure Club, Maynooth, departing at 9 a.m. sharp for hikes unless otherwise stated.

5. In June we will conduct a number of more difficult hikes in the Dublin / Wicklow mountains. Unfortunately for insurance reasons these have to be limited to members of the Glenroyal Hillwalking Club and Mountaineering Council of Ireland (MCI) members. Remember if you have not already been out with us you can still attend a number of the easy hikes and if you like, take out Club membership and attend the more difficult hikes and weekend trips. We will also complete a number of weekend hikes during the year (Probably the Mourne, Kerry and the Comeragh Mountains). Further details on this later.

6. Annual Club membership is £23 per adult member. Family membership rates available on request. Membership includes affiliated membership to MCI and personal insurance to cover hillwalking activities.

7. It should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, and overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year. There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds.

8. Mountain Safety Note:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on **medication** or with a **medical complaint** should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

9. Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers 6285367, 6290294, 086-2703348 or

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Maynooth Irish Countrywomens' Association - Annual General Meeting

Twenty-six members attended the Annual General Meeting in the Harbour Hall on Thursday 3rd May 2001 at 8 p.m. The outgoing officers - President Rosemary Hanley, Treasurer Marese Killian and Secretary Viva Kerins were complimented. Trophies were presented to Rosemary Hanley, Imelda Delaney and Viva Kerins. President-elect Mary McNamara was introduced to the members. The ICA is fortunate in its choice of president as Maynooth Guild is on the threshold of its Golden Jubilee year. Prizewinners were Betty Farrell, Mary Flynn and Margaret Houlihan. What can we do with the beautifully executed Millennium Quilt? it is worthy of a secure public display area. The Irish Cancer Society and Rehab are the charities selected by the guild for the coming year. Betty Farrell thanks all who supported the Alzheimer's coffee morning in May. A meeting of the Saffron Initiative on womens' health was in the hall on 23rd May. Thank you to the Intel personnel who hosted members on a recent *introduction to e-mail*. There are vacancies on Kildare Week at the ICA Adult College at Termonfechin, County Louth. You do not have to be a member of the ICA to attend the College which is beautifully situated beside a golf course and miles of unspoiled sandy beach.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Easter party was held in Maynooth Post Primary on the 22nd April 2001. Fr. John Sinnott C.C. celebrated Mass and the folk group performed the music for us. Afterwards we assembled with our guests from Celbridge in the main hall for afternoon tea. This year there were 29 entries for the Easter Bonnet competition which were all of a very high standard. The time and effort put into the designs by entrants was outstanding and is a credit to everybody involved. Our judge Mary Doyle found the task of selecting a winner challenging but this she did with the following outcome.

- 1st Breda Brown
- 2nd Betty Farrell
- 3rd Lizzie Higgins

The Women's Mini Marathon will take place on the 4th of June this summer and we are delighted that Garda Derbhla Mescal has chosen to run for the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee. We all wish her the best of luck on the day. Anybody wishing to sponsor Derbhla can do so

through the committee or at Maynooth Garda Station. Our summer outing will take place on the 8th of July 2001. This years summer outing will be to Belvedere House, Gardens and Park situated outside Mullingar. The magnificent early 18th century stately home of Robert Rochfort Earl of Belvedere, stands in 160 acres of parklands on the shores of Lough Ennel. Features include, a restored 2 acre walled garden, and a knot garden.

Some of Maynooth Senior Citizens took up the offer from Intel to attend a course on an introduction to computes. The trip to Intel was very informative and created much interest among those who attended so much so that they are looking forward to gaining more computer literacy in the future. Many thanks to the Management and Staff of Intel for the time and effort they gave. Intel presented Certificates of Accomplishment to those who attended which were much appreciated by the recipients.

Future events for your diary are:

8th July Summer Outing to Belvedere House and Gardens

12th August Kerdiffstown

Our morning club for senior citizens which is held in the I.C.A. hall is always ready to welcome new friends so come along on a Tuesday or Thursday morning at 10.30 a.m.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Betty Kelly of Ladychapel and also to the family of Brigid Harkin of Dunboyne Road. May they rest in peace.

Marie Breen.



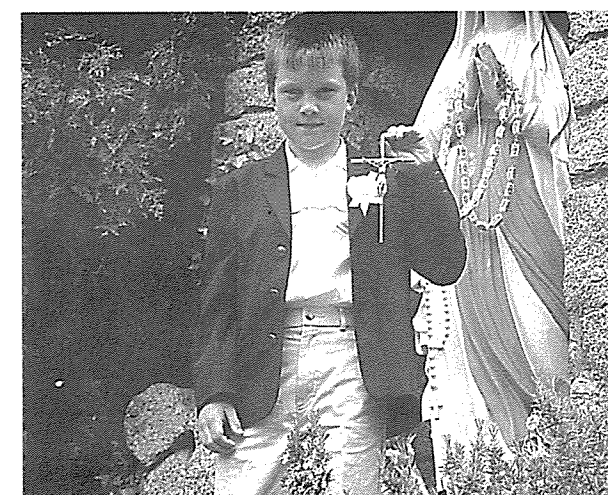
Maynooth Senior Citizens Parade their Easter Bonnets



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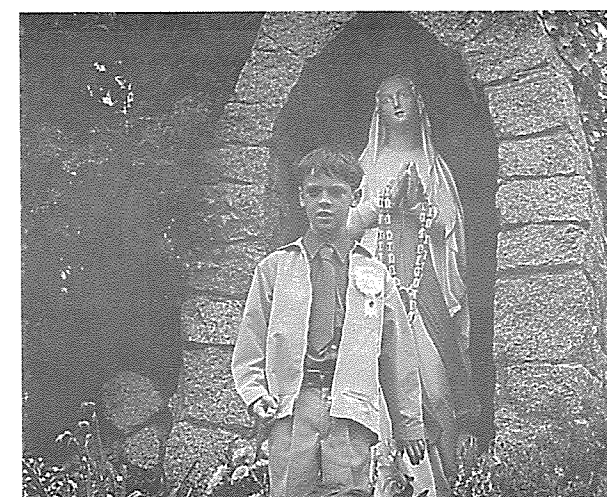
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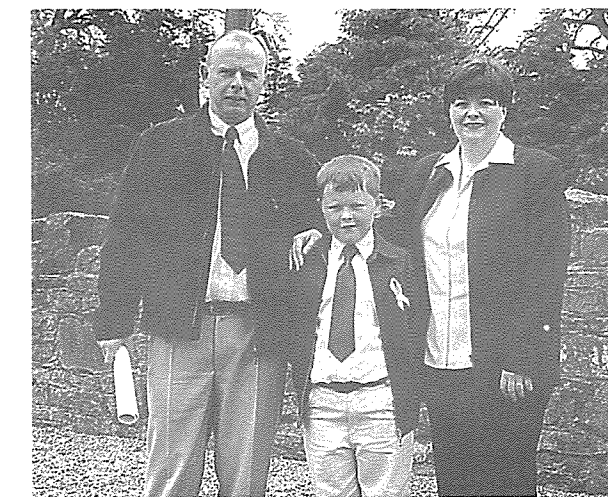
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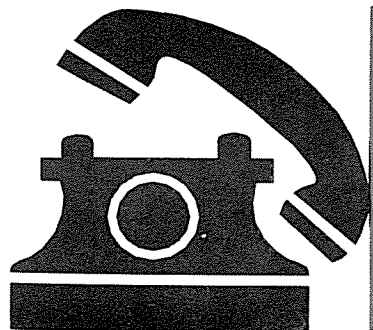
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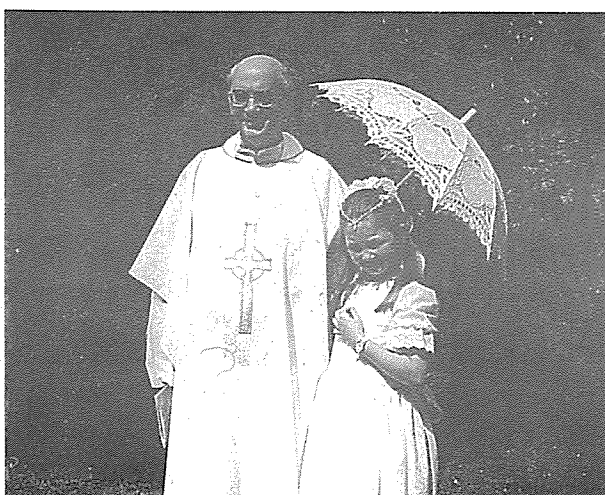
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Spring Clean 2001

The annual National Spring Clean, Ireland's An Taisce led clean-up campaign which was planned for the month of April was postponed due to the threat presented by Foot and Mouth in Ireland. It will now take place from 1st to 30th June 2001. Maynooth Tidy Towns would encourage every group and organisation to arrange for a clean-up in your local area.

The Care of our environment is the key objective of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee. However, a small voluntary committee can only achieve this objective with the full support of the whole community in the town. Maynooth Tidy Towns can help to arrange your evening or weekend event to clean up the town. We will provide some equipment (pickers and wheel bins) on loan and if your group is looking for guidance on where to clean-up, Maynooth Tidy Towns will identify an area for your group.

Remember, at this time of the year extra effort is needed to keep the town clean for visitors and to give residents a good feeling about living in Maynooth. Participation is encouraged in the National Spring Clean by the Dept. of Environment and Local Government and the Local Authorities. Please advise Maynooth Tidy Towns of when your group intend to undertake a clean-up as we will be awarding local groups for their efforts as part of our annual prize giving meeting in September.

Bus Turning Point on the Straffan Road

At the time of going to press this eyesore was looking particularly ugly. Despite our efforts at lobbying Kildare County Council for over a year, this key town centre location looks like an area you would see in a ghost town instead of a large urban centre with excess of then thousand population. It is an indication of the level of interest in the care of our environment? or is there another explanation why nothing has happened in over a year to remove this eyesore.

Bottle Banks in Town Centre Car Park will be covered by security cameras.

Maynooth Tidy Towns is pleased to learn that security cameras will cover the bottle banks in the town centre car park. One major benefit will be the opportunity to identify people who dump boxes of bottles instead of waiting to fill the appropriate banks. In order to inform people notices will be erected in due course. Maynooth Tidy Towns would welcome the provision of wheel bins so that people would be able to dispose of litter at the bottle banks. We would ask everyone to try and keep these areas clean particularly during the Summer for judging of the National Tidy Towns Competition which will take place sometime between June and August.




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Maynooth Tidy Towns becomes affiliated to Maynooth Community Council

As a result of the change in structure by Maynooth Community Council, the relationship that Maynooth Tidy Towns enjoyed with the council had to be changed. Maynooth Community Council is now a limited Company and as Maynooth Tidy Towns is a self-financing organisation it was essential for both groups to redefine our relationship. Going Forward as an organisation affiliated to Maynooth Community Council, we look forward to continued good working relationships and support from the Council.

Volunteers Needed

Maynooth Tidy Towns always welcomes new volunteers. We can be contacted by writing to us c/o Maynooth Community Council or post a message on the bulletin board on maynooth-ireland.com. What is in it for you - Good fun, more friends and the satisfaction of being involved in a progressive voluntary group and we need you.

Paul Croghan
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Maynooth Tidy Towns



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MAYNOOTH DANCERS TRAVEL TO SLOVAKIA

On the 22nd of June seventeen dancers from Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhail are travelling to Slovakia to represent Ireland at a European Nations Folk Dance Festival. They will be joined by members of the Whelan School of dancing in Rathfarnham. The two schools of dancing will form the Junior Irish Folk Dance Team.

The group will fly from Dublin to Prague and take a connecting flight to Koisce, and then a bus journey to Poprad where the girls will be staying with families for the 10 days. Poprad is situated north of Slovakia in the Tatra mountains. It is a beautiful scenic town. The girls will travel around Slovakia and perform at various locations. They will also take a day trip to Poland.

This is the first time a group from Ireland has travelled to Slovakia to take part in the festival. It is also the first time that Rita Doyle (dancing teacher) has brought a group away with her. She herself has danced at many folk festivals abroad, representing Ireland in France, Germany, Cyprus, Sweden and England. Having seen the fun and enjoyment these trips brought to her, she has decided to instil her love of dancing, into her pupils. As they say, "Travel broadens the mind" and I hope that the seventeen girls will remember this trip forever. This is a great chance for them not only to travel but also to be able to show our now world famous culture and Irish Dance abroad. This trip would not have happened without the sponsorship and donations from many local business, shops and local people. May we thank everyone who has made this trip possible for us.

We hope to give you a full account of our travels in the next issue of Maynooth newsletter!!!



Maynooth Dancers win all in Kildare Fleadh

On Saturday, 19th of May, 22 dancers from Maynooth travelled to Clane to take part in the Kildare Fleadh. We had a great day, taking home many medals and trophies. Our youngest dancer, Emma Collins, is five years old and the eldest is thirteen.

The highlight of the day was when eight musicians arrived in to play for the set-dancing competition. The average age of these musicians was sixty! It was great to see young and old performing together - our Irish culture is alive and well and thriving.

Well done girls, who are all members of Rita Doyles School of Dancing.

Rita Doyle T.C.R.G

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Maynooth Community Games Athletics competition was held in the G.A.A. Club on Sunday 29th April. Weather conditions were good on the day and it contributed to what was an enjoyable day for all.

RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS

	EAST	WEST
Girls U8 60m	1. Sarah Greely 2. Louise Doran 3. Shauna Murray	1. Laura Doogan 2. Eimear Synnott
Girls U8 80m	1. Sarah Greely 2. Louise Doran 3. Shauna Murray	1. Laura Doogan 2. Eimear Synnott
Girls U10 100m	1. Grainne Hoban 2. Michelle Dolan 3. Ailbhe Lenihan	1. Rebecca Hogarty
Girls U10 200m	1. Grainne Hoban 2. Michelle Dolan 3. Ailbhe Lenihan	1. Rebecca Hogarty
Girls U12 100m	1. Grace Kennedy 2. Aisling Rogers 3. Therese Doran	1. Sarah Hogarty 2. Aisling Farrell 3. Elaine Houlihan
Girls U12 600m	1. Aisling Rogers 2. Therese Doran 3. Michelle Doran	1. SallyAnn O'Reilly 2. Elaine Houlihan 3. Samantha Ward
Boys U8 60m	1. Tim Finnegan 2. Harry Coyne 3. Mark Bennett	1. James Durcan 2. Jack Hogan 3. Cian Forde
Boys U8 80m	1. Tim Finnegan 2. Harry Coyne 3. Mark Bennett	1. James Durcan 2. Jack Hogan 3. Cian Forde
Boys U10 100m		1. Niall Byrne 2. Ronan McCann
Boys U10 200m		1. Niall Byrne 2. Ronan McCann
Boys U12 100m		1. Eoghan Synnott
Boys U12 600m		1. Eoghan Synnott
Boys U13 Walking Race	1. Ben Finnegan	1. Eoghan Synnott 2. Naoise O'Cearúil 3. Eoin Cooney
Boys U14 100m		1. Naoise O'Cearúil
Boys U14 800m		1. Naoise O'Cearúil
Boys U16 1500m		1. Edmund Cooney 2. Patrick Ward 3. Seán McNamara
Boys U14 Shotputt		1. Naoise O'Cearúil

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(Maynooth Community Games contd.)

Upcoming County Dates are as follows:

Swimming	2nd June	in Athy
Gymnastics	3rd June	in Athy
Art	16th June	in The Mill, Celbridge.
Athletics	23rd & 24th June	in Newbridge
Pitch and Putt	17th June	in Kilcullen

Good luck to the Maynooth East Set Dancing Team who will be representing Kildare in Mosney on 19th May.

Patricia McAuliffe
Secretary

On the 29th April Marie Gleeson was presented with a gift as a thank you for all the hard work she has put into the Maynooth Community Games over the past many years.

The Maynooth Community Games have a new committee working hard for all the children. Any competitions that haven't taken place yet, keep looking out for the dates of these.



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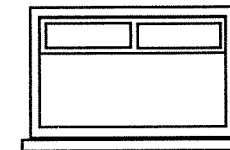
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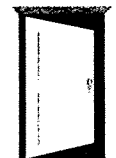
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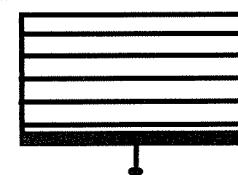
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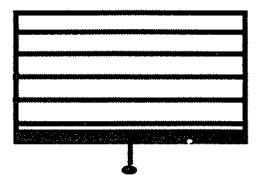
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES GYMNASTICS

Maynooth Community Games held the Gymnastics competition on Monday 21st May in the Parish Hall.

Results as follows

	East	West
Boys U 6	1st. Lorcan Halton 2nd Jack French 3rd	1st. 2nd 3rd
Boys U8	1st. Patrick Murray 2nd Michael Boyle 3rd Adam Dignam	1st. Daire MacMaghnuis 2nd Conor Gunning
Boys U10	1st. Colm Reelo 2nd Brian Murray 3rd	1st. Ciaran Kearney 2nd Padhraic MacMaghnuis
Boys U12	1st. 2nd 3rd	1st. Eoin Cooney 2nd 3rd
Girls U6	1st. Natale Stanly-McKenna 2nd 3rd	1st. Niamh Murray 2nd Aoife O'Sullivan 3rd
Girls U8	1st. Emily Milner 2nd 3rd	1st. Ciara O'Sullivan 2nd Niamh Kearney 3rd Ruth O'Hurley
Girls U10	1st 2nd 3rd	1st. Sinead Murray 2nd 3rd
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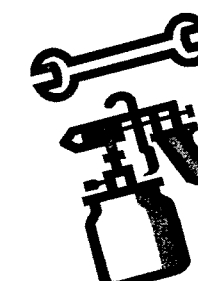
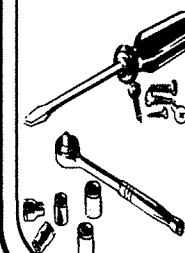
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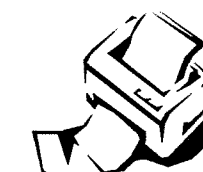
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Maynooth Fianna Fail News

This month we will try and keep our article a little shorter since the article we submitted for last month's edition is also included in this issue, as the article was mislaid before going to print. The main event to report on in this update was the Public Meeting held on 30th April 2001 in the Glenroyal Hotel which was addressed by Mary Hanafin T.D. who is Minister of State with special responsibility for children. Her Ministry encompasses 3 Government Departments - Health and Children, Justice and Education and Science. Her role is to co-ordinate all elements of government policy relating to children.

The main theme of her address was the establishment of a National Childrens Strategy - this encompasses the identification of over 180 specific targets to be achieved over a 10 year period. The success of this National Childrens Strategy over a 10 year timeframe is based on every element of society playing a full part and following the leads given by Government.

The National Children's Strategy was drawn up to reflect the needs of children now and in the future. To establish what those needs are, the Government used a series of fact gathering modes, which involved the use of websites and submissions from various groups such as the I.S.P.C.C. along with individuals.

The main aim of adults as reflected in the results of these surveys was to help children become good adults.

However the results of the surveys amongst children established that they wanted the government and adults to help us enjoy our childhood. It was interesting to note that 10 times more children responded to the survey than adults. The main aim of the national Childrens Strategy which was then written and drawn up was to help and facilitate children to be listened to and treated as individuals in their own right. As a direct result Minister Hanafin has established a Dail Na nOg which will meet every year - beginning this autumn - whereby children from all over the country under 18 years of age will be brought together. This will facilitate the exchange of views and ideas among young people, which will be listened to by the Taoiseach and Government Ministers, and where appropriate, incorporated into Government Policy.

This lead by the Government will then be followed through in other levels e.g. among County Councils when Development Plans are being prepared. Children will be consulted with regard to their views on play and recreational facilities. To aid this, the Minister is currently preparing a National Play and Recreational Policy to try and overcome problems such as insurance cover for these playgrounds etc.

Another aim of the National Childrens Strategy is to initiate more research into children so we can understand more. As a result the Government are setting up a "longitudinal survey" of children whereby a study follows the development and progression of a selected number of children every 7 years.

Another important feature of the National Childrens Strategy is to put in place supports and services for children who need special support.

This includes issues such as adoption, homelessness and foster care. Foster families are an important part of child support and to reflect this the government have announced an increase in allowance to those families from £75 per week to £200 per week, a very significant increase and well warranted.

In addition Mary Hanafin has negotiated an increase on scale of up to 42% for residential childcare workers, who often deal with children who have emotional and psychological disturbances.

A new Inspectorate has also been established to ensure proper, correct and the highest standards possible are adhered to in those services.

Minister Hanafin is also in the process of establishing an “Ombudsman for Children” which is used in many other countries around the world to help protect the upholding of childrens rights.

The Minister also acknowledged the role of Voluntary organisations in helping support and progress the aims of the national Childrens Strategy. Groups such as Maynooth/Kilcock No Name Club, Maynooth Community Games and other local organised groups such as Swimming clubs, Scouts etc have a vital role to play.

Other plans envisaged down the road includes the provision of access to pre-school for all children, again an option in many countries abroad.

This element of the Government policy with regard to children was welcomed by Evelyn McGrath provided of pre-school facilities at Stepping Stones, Newtown, Maynooth. Minister Hanafin explained that she is currently looking forward to the establishment of an integrated approach to the early school, pre-school and after-school care area. A survey of National Schools is being carried out to see what additional capacity exists to provide pre-school and after-school services in a convenient location for the parents and children within their existing environment.

In response to questions from the floor, wherein difficulties are being experienced with planning permissions and grant distributions, the Minister explained that County Childcare Committees are being set up all around the country to co-ordinate the planning and grant issues.

Cllr. Paul Kelly noted the difficulties and concerns being expressed by those attending and vowed to raise those concerns at Council level. He outlined the attention to childcare facilities included in the Maynooth Development Plan, wherein developers of large residential areas must include plans for community childcare facilities. Cllr. Kelly recognised that provision of childcare facilities was of paramount importance in the era of massive economic development and progression which has characterised Ireland in the last 8 years or so, a factor which has led to massive

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employment opportunities and the rise of opportunities for full employment by both parents within the family unit.

Fianna Fail Cumann Presents £500 to Maynooth Community Games.

At the same Address given by Minister Mary Hanafin in the Glenroyal Hotel, the Minister on behalf of the local Cumann presented a cheque for £500 to Maynooth Community Games - an organisation which has provided facilities and opportunities to the young sporting people of Maynooth for so many many years. On the recommendations of Aidan Sinnott and Michael Caden, two of our members, the Cumann decided to make this donation from the proceeds of this years Breakfast with Minister McCreevy which was held in March. Every year the Cumann intends to make such a donation to different organisations within the local community who provide a valued community service. Elaine Fleming, Chairperson of the Maynooth Community Games and Madeline Stynes Treasurer were amongst members of the Group who accepted the donation. The community owe the organisers of such local Groups a debt of gratitude for all their hard work on behalf of our young people. Finally, Gearoid Lohan, Chairperson of the Maynooth Cumann thanked everyone for attending and gave notice of the following up-coming events which some might like to take note of:-

1 Saturday 9th June - Walkabout with Minister McGreevy T.D. and Cllr. Paul Kelly in the Maynooth area.

2 Tuesday 19th June - Public Meeting to be addressed by Minister of State, Mr. Eamon O'Cuiv T.D.

3 Friday 6th July - An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern T.D. will be visiting the Maynooth area. Organised events will be advertised in the Press and locally.

Finally, thank you for reading this article this month and should anyone wish to contact the Cumann for any reason please telephone Gearoid Lohan at 01 - 6289187 or myself Brid Feely at 01-6286647 or 087-2052649.

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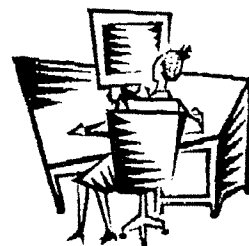
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Maynooth Fianna Fáil members including Councillor Paul Kelly presents a cheque for £500 to members of Maynooth Community Games



Minister Mary Hanafin presents a cheque to Elaine Fleming, chairperson, Maynooth Community Games, attended by Madeline Stynes & Gearóid Lohan.

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann have a busy schedule lined up for the next month or so, heading into the summer period. I hope to cover the majority of the events taking place though unfortunately some will have already taken place before you get to read this article.

Maynooth Cumann calls on 24 hour full-time Garda Station

As was widely reported in the local Press, the Cumann, most recently in November last, have called for the Maynooth Garda Station to be made a full-time station. Minister McCreevy, having received our representations on this issue has written to the Minister for Justice, Mr. John O'Donoghue T.D. in this regard. Following this correspondence the Justice Minister studied the proposal and only last week issued his recommendation not to establish such a proposal at this moment in time. However given that Maynooth now has a permanent population of over 10,000 with a further 5,000 student population attending College, plus the easy access to Maynooth via rail and motorway, the Cumann feel that a full-time Station is now warranted in order to keep Maynooth to the minimum crime level possible as it continues to expand rapidly as envisaged in the Development Plan for the town. We will continue to press for the establishment of such a Station and with this in mind, we have organised a meeting between the Cumann executive and Chief Superintendent Sean Feely of the Carlow/Kildare Division to strengthen our case.

This meeting is provisionally planned for April 25th and we hope to report on our progress in the next issue of the Newsletter. In the interim it is appreciated that in 1998 the Minister for Justice Mr. O'Donoghue did significantly increase the manpower strength of the Maynooth Station by introducing an extra Sergeant and 5 Gardai, plus a civilian clerical assistant in the Station. Currently the Garda strength in Maynooth is 2 Sergeants and 12 Gardai, to include one Detective Garda. Maynooth and Celbridge work together so that both areas have a 24 hour service. The Fianna Fail Cumann note the recent decision of the local Labour T.D. to now support our call along with Maynooth Community Council for the opening of a 24 hour Station.

Walkabout with Minister Charlie McCreevy and Cllr. Paul Kelly - 28th April 2001

Our next in a series of Walkabouts will be held on the above date. Plans are prone to changes but at the moment we hope to visit the residents and neighbourhoods of the Carton Court and Maynooth Park areas. This gives the residents of the areas a

chance to have a chat with the Minister and the local Fianna Fail Councillor in a personal and straightforward manner. In turn it provides the Minister and Cllr. Kelly with the opportunity to have one-on-one dialogue and exchanges with the constituents of the area directly and not through third parties etc. The Cumann have found previous walkabouts to be of great value and indeed to be very enjoyable also, since the feedback has been very useful and positive. Through these Walkabouts the Minister and Cllr. Kelly have been able to assist many constituents with problems or queries they have perhaps in relation to issues in the local area or personal issues.

On the 28th April, we also hope to plan meetings between Minister McCreevy and Cllr. Paul Kelly and a number of local representative groups as has occurred in the past. Among those we hope to meet on the 28th is a representative group from the Maynooth Football Soccer Club. Perhaps we can write on this in a little more detail for the next issue of the Newsletter.

Public Meeting on 30th April - Address by Mary Hanafin T.D. and Minister of State

On Monday 30th April the Cumann will host a Public Meeting to be addressed by Minister of State, Mary Hanafin T.D. in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30 p.m. Again since this event will have concluded before publication of the Newsletter we will have a detailed account of the Meeting in the next issue. Mary Hanafin is an excellent speaker, and certainly one of the younger and more dynamic members of the Dail and certainly a T.D. who I am sure will make a significant mark on Irish politics in the next decade. Mary was educated in Maynooth College and dare I say, could very well be the 1st female Taoiseach of the Country in the future. I have no doubt her Address will be well worth listening to and we look forward to her visit and welcome her back.

Maynooth Fianna Fail to Donate £500 to Maynooth Community Games

The Cumann Executive recently decided to donate £500 fundraising to the very deserving Maynooth Community Games. At time of writing we hope to have either Minister McCreevy or Mary Hanafin T.D. present the cheque on behalf of the Cumann to the Community Games representatives on either the 28th or 30th April. Further reports will be carried in the next issue - without doubt a very worthy cause.

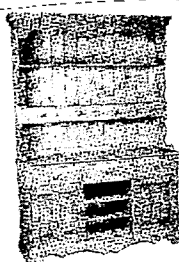
Fianna Fail Ard Fheis 2001

As we all know by now, this years Ard Fheis which will be the 75th, was due to be held on 6th and 7th April but was postponed due to the Foot and Mouth crisis.



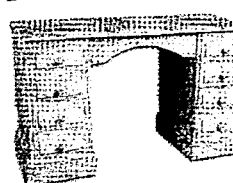
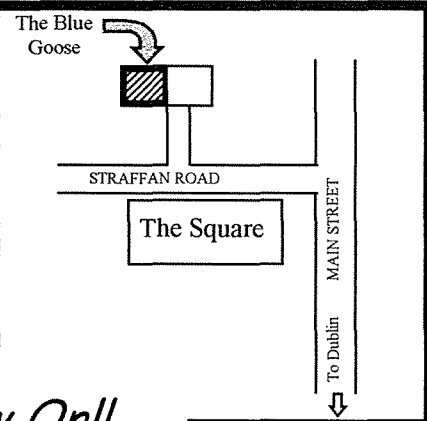
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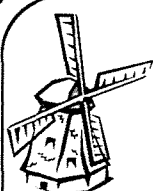
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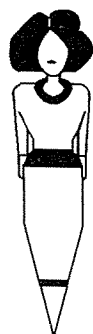


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We can now confirm that the Ard Fheis has been re-scheduled for October 2001, so anyone interested in attending has plenty of time to notify any of the Cumann members, some of whom can be contacted at the numbers at the end of this article. Once again this year the Cumann will have plenty of representation at the Ard Fheis.

It should also be noted that May 16th 2001 marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Party in La Scala Theatre, O'Connell Street, Dublin in 1926.

UPGRADE OF NEWTOWN ROAD- CASTLEDAWSON AREA

The Cumann dare delighted to welcome the recent decision of Kildare county Council to proceed with the upgrade of the road between the motorway bridge and the entrance to Newtown Court. This is an issue the Cumann and Cllr Paul Kelly have made representations on behalf of residents in the past year. The works involved will include realignment of the road, provision of footpaths and cycle lanes to include the areas in front of both Castledawson and Parsons Hall. The total expenditure will be in the region of £300,000 to be paid from development levies. This is an issue on which the Cumann have had meetings with local residents representatives and are very happy with the news as made known to us by Cllr Paul Kelly.

CLLR PAUL KELLY F.F. - £600,000.00 GRANT FOR NON-NATIONAL ROADS.

Cllr Paul Kelly has welcomed the £600,000.00 grant made to Kildare County Council under the Non-National roads scheme which will make roads in Maynooth and Leixlip safer for pedestrians and motorists. Much of the money will be spent on improving footpaths in outlying areas of Maynooth and Leixlip and in providing other much needed safety measures such as lighting, improved sight lines at junctions and road restoration. The improvement to the Celbridge Road from the Gaelscoil outwards in Maynooth must also be very welcome as this had deteriorated significantly over the past year or so.

LEIXLIP SEWERAGE TREATMENT

Cllr Paul Kelly has also welcomed the recent approval by the Minister for the Environment Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D. for the Preliminary Report submitted by Kildare County Council which proposes the following:-

the expansion of the above Plant under which the capacity will be increased to 132000 population equivalent and - the significant improvements to the collection systems in Maynooth, Kilcock, Leixlip and Celbridge.

MAYNOOTH RESIDENTIAL ESTATES TAKEN IN CHARGE

The local Fianna Fail Councillor Paul Kelly informed the Cumann that Kildare County Council have now taken in charge the following Maynooth residential Estates :-

Woodlands, Parklands and Lyreen Park.

FOOT AND MOUTH CRISIS

At time of writing a 2nd outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease has just been confirmed in Co. Tyrone - a fresh outbreak of the disease - some 40 miles from Meigh where the first case was found. This is without doubt an extremely worrying and dangerous development as it appears to point to a fresh spread of the disease probably from England. This of course signals either movement of animals or humans as being the source of the outbreak. It takes little imagination to ponder something similar and catastrophic still arising here in the Republic. Therefore everybody must remain vigilant to the extreme to ensure no such spread occurs into the Republic. We must sincerely thank everybody for continuing to follow the instructions as laid down by the Department of Agriculture and particular thanks and gratitude is due to all those officials of the State, Veterinary personnel, Army and Garda personnel currently employed in a magnificent and patriotic campaign which benefits all sections of Irish society.

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Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley's Motion on a Swimming Pool for North Kildare Agreed.

Cllr. John McGinley took the opportunity at the County Council Meeting on the 30th May to move his motion: "That this Council takes the necessary steps to locate a swimming pool complex in Maynooth, to serve the people of North Kildare."

The opportunity arose when the Council was debating a Consultants recommendation to construct two new Swimming Pool Complexes in Naas and Athy.

In agreeing to an expenditure of over £9m for the two new complexes in Naas and Athy, Cllr. McGinley stated that a balance had to be struck in the county and that the wheels should now be put in motion for a similar complex in North Kildare and in his view Maynooth was the ideal location. He stated that Maynooth is central to a population of over 60,000 people from Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Clane and Kilcock. So the viability and need for a swimming pool complex is not in question.

Cllr. McGinley stated that the country is awash with money and we are now one of the wealthiest countries in the EU, but we don't have the same quality of life as the rest of the EU. If the Government abandoned the Bertie Dome and instead allocated the money evenly to each county, that would mean £40m for each county. Just imagine how that would improve our recreation, sporting and amenity facilities in each county. Halving the £40m and putting the remaining £500m towards improvements in the Health Services would be making even better use of the money.

Unfortunately, during the debate the other Maynooth Councillor, Senan Griffin F.G., stated that Maynooth did not need a swimming pool and Cllr. Paul Kelly F.F. also stated that reference to Maynooth should be removed from the motion. In order to get the motion passed and to get progress on a swimming pool for North Kildare, Cllr. McGinley amended his motion as follows:

"That this Council takes the necessary steps to locate a swimming pool complex to serve the people of North Kildare."

The Motion was unanimously agreed and the County Manager stated that they would act on it immediately.

The Naas and Athy Complexes will include: 25 x 10.5m pool, 7 x 10.5m learner pool, sauna, steam and spa, combined wet and dry village changing, gymnasium, associated ancillary facilities and the cost for each is £4,561,257.

The Government will fund 80% of the cost from the Dept. of Tourism, Sport and Recreation and the remainder will be financed through a Council loan.

Traffic Calming on Parklands Main Road to Proceed:

Cllr. John McGinley allocated all of his £15,000 funding for the much needed traffic calming on

Parklands Main Road. As there were no objections to the proposal for three chicanes the work will go ahead and it is hoped to have it completed within the next month according to the Senior Council Engineer.

Bus Turning Circles on Straffan Road, Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has advised the Council Engineers that it is vital that these "islands" be removed before the Tidy Towns judging takes place. It seems incredible that such a simple task can take so long to complete. The Council carry out the big activities, such as building motorways, very well, but when it comes to the smaller tasks, such as cleaning the footpaths/emptying litter bins they are appalling.

Multi-Storey Car Park at the Back of Caulfields, Maynooth:

Glenkerrin Properties have applied for Planning Permission for the construction of a three storey car park on the existing public car park at the back of Caulfields. They have also applied for an additional 78 bedrooms, which will result in a four storey building, and leisure centre extension. The new building will come much closer to the houses in Leinster Park and the Royal canal.

Cllr. John McGinley listed this File for discussion at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 4th May, however, the Planning Official in attendance had very little information on how this planning application has come about. Cllr. McGinley asked for a full report before the next meeting i.e.

- Copies of notes of pre- planning meetings to be made available
- Consultants report on parking in Maynooth i.e. who parks here/ where are they from/ why do they park here/ where are they going to/ how long do they park for/will they pay for parking?
- Will it be supervised 24 hours per day?
- Who will own it?
- Will there be a charge for its use.

Without this information it would be very foolish to proceed with a multi- storey car park in this location, especially as Iarnrod Eireann are going ahead with a new Railway Station opposite INTEL and **this will have a Multi-Storey Car Park to accommodate 2000 cars.**

Access to Grangewilliam Grave Yard:

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "that the Council approach the owners of Grangewilliam Stud with a view to the provision of a dedicated (fenced) route to the Grangewilliam Grave Yard for pedestrians visiting the graves of their deceased relatives" was agreed at May's Area Meeting of the Council.

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The Puddle is Gone:

Readers and contributors to the Maynooth Web Site will be familiar with the saga of the Puddle at the bridge at Maynooths Geraldine Castle. The puddle forced pedestrians on to the roadway and therefore caused a serious safety hazard. Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley, with significant assistance from the Web Site Bulletin Board, the Council has finally resolved the problem. One more small item corrected but there are many more outstanding and these will be pursued with vigour by Cllr. McGinley.

New Footpath and Public Lighting for Celbridge Road, Maynooth:

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have agreed to the construction of a new footpath on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, from the end of the Gael Scoil to the path linking Laurence Avenue to the Celbridge Road. Cllr. McGinley asked that the work be carried out now rather than in two years time as planned, as the opening of the new Gael Scoil called for improved safety on the roadway. The many pedestrians on this road will also benefit. The work will begin on the 8th May and as the footpath is 1.8m wide the fence on Laurence Avenue will have to be moved in towards the green.

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley are also pleased to announce that the much needed resurfacing of the Celbridge Road will be carried out as soon as the footpath is completed, which is expected to be the 21st May.

Reinstatement of Green Area at Railpark:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the County Engineer to reinstate the Green Area at Railpark Estate fronting onto the Celbridge Road. The area in question has been dug up by various contractors and its present state is unacceptable.

Decision on Newtown Pub put back to 31st July:

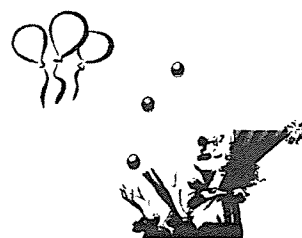
An Bord Pleanála have advised Deputy Emmet Stagg that they will not be in a position to determine the Appeal lodged against Kildare County Council's decision to grant Planning Permission for a Public House at Newtown Shopping Centre until July 31st.

Chorus Service – Lyreen Park:

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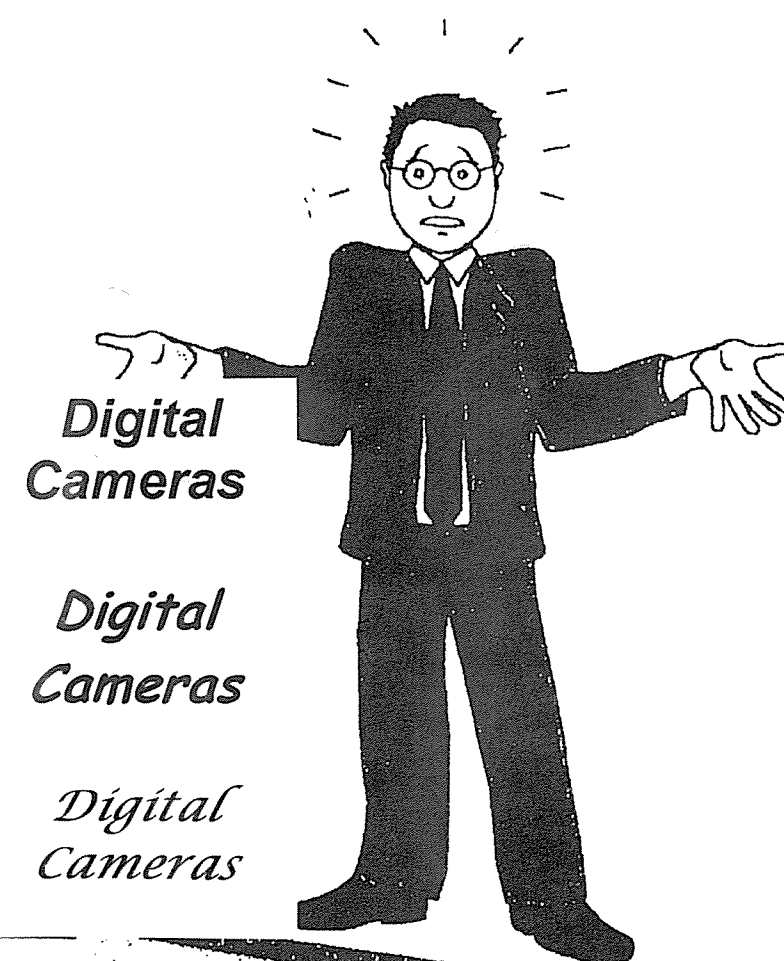
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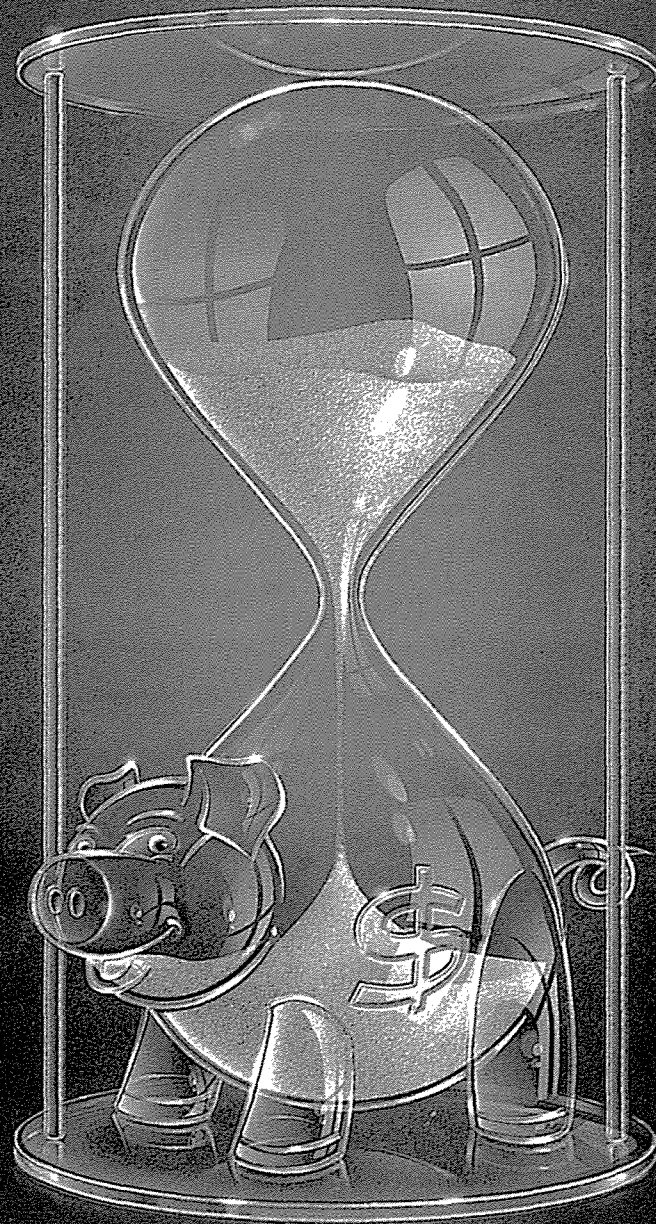
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EDITORIAL

NO TO NICE SAYS NORTH KILDARE

Along with the majority of constituencies in Ireland North Kildare shocked the Government by voting no to the Treaty of Nice. The Taoiseach and ministers floundered and tried to explain the decision by saying that the people were not clear as to the content of the treaty. They blamed the no campaign for its simplistic slogans.

The vote has sparked off the type of debate on European involvement that should probably have taken place before the referendum and indeed on other occasions when constitutional amendments were made to accommodate new legislation. There was no canvassing worth mentioning by any political party in the North Kildare area. Although on the surface the political parties appeared united they were some chinks evident even before the referendum with Fergus Finlay and John Rogers advocating that people vote no. Afterwards, Eamon Ó Cuív openly admitted that he voted no and even the attorney general has now welcomed the debate. Minister McCreevy also welcomed the vote - perhaps smarting from Europe's reprimand to Ireland for his economic policy. Mary Banotti MEP who has long criticised the lack of information and debate on European policy also welcomed the debate.

While the Government appeared not to understand why the people voted no; every chat show on radio was inundated with thinking, intelligent voters explaining in detail their own personal reasons for refusing to proceed with the widening of the EU. Elsewhere in this issue the National Platform have explained their position.

The possibility that the Irish people are selfishly refusing others the prosperity that we have gained from EU membership cannot be discounted. Nor can it be denied that there may a sinister element of racism in the inferred refusal to allow the suggested 12 countries into the 'club'. This has been denied by the government and politicians.

Whatever the cause it appears that we will be faced with another referendum sooner rather than later - perhaps with a general election to ensure a larger

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The June meeting took place on the 11th June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Co-options

Dave Collins from Rockfield was co-opted onto the Council.

Again we would appeal to all Residents Associations and all other groups in the town to send representatives to the Council.

Meeting with Intel and John Colgan

Regarding a letter to Maynooth Community Council re emissions from Intel a meeting has been set for the next Council meeting with Intel representatives and Mr. Colgan. Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Vice-chair, in preparation for the meeting undertook to do a full investigation into emissions for the Council.

Maynooth Community Festival

Festival to go ahead this year.

It was decided to go ahead with the festival this year. The festival will take place from 25th - 29th July. All groups that normally take part in the festival are invited to do so again this year.

All interested parties please get in touch with the office or e-mail Maynooth Community Council at: mcc@maynooth-ireland.com or Maynooth Newsletter at: newsletter@maynooth-ireland.com

Waste Management Committee

With the trend towards recycling it is very important that a Waste Management Committee should be set up in Maynooth. Interested persons please contact the office.

Tidy Towns Committee

Richard Farrell stated that they have the Fás scheme back. This will make a huge improvement in the work they undertake.

Tidy Towns and the Royal Canal schemes will amalgamate. They have also received S.I.P.T.U. approval. Tidy Towns has had problems with S.I.P.T.U. in the past but this has now been sorted out. Richard congratulated all concerned with the improvements of Carton Avenue, but he also felt that Tidy Towns should have received some recognition for work done during the year. He also praised Bob O'Reilly for his dedication to Tidy Towns.

Bond Bridge

Bond Bridge was well debated again.

Padraig O'Murchú felt that the Local Heritage Group were wrongly represented at the A.G.M. He said they were always aware of the dangers that the bridge presented. He also said that back in 1999 that he proposed the introduction of lights on the bridge and other safety measures.

John McGinley stated that Kildare councillors have heritage at heart but what Duchas propose was just not possible.

It is not possible to retain the bridge or to incorporate the stone in the new bridge because of the cut of the stone. It was also stated that all councillors did their best to retain the stone.

Again it was felt that the Duchas objection was well outside of the time span. Padraig O'Murchú said that Duchas were the experts on restoration and he said he would be guided by them.

Tom McMullon said that Bond Bridge was always a danger. 24 years ago it was felt that the bridge should be realigned and improved, so why wait until now to object to the improvements at Bond Bridge.

Padraig O'Murchú said he always looked for compromise on all effort to improve the bridge.

It was also stated why was planning permission given for all the houses that were built on the Newtown Road with such a dangerous bridge in place.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain felt that planning should never be given where it will effect our heritage.

However work on the new bridge is set to go ahead.

Bus Turning Points

The bus turning point on the Straffan Road is to be improved. The cycle path and pedestrian path will continue along the turning point and grass verges will be reshaped.

Carton Avenue

Bollard had to be removed to allow machinery in to cut the grass on the avenue. Senan Griffin praised the colossal work being done on Carton House. He felt that there would be access to Carton House and grounds.

Special Olympics

Ronan Barry drew attention to the Special Olympics taking place in Ireland in 2003. He said the success of the games depended on all local committees getting involved. He was looking for people to put themselves forward to help. He also said that in the Maynooth area we have a champion in Mark Smith. 30,000 people will be needed to organise the event, to provide accommodation and sporting facilities. So if you are interested get in touch with the office.

Marie Gleeson,
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Next meeting will be held on the 9th July.

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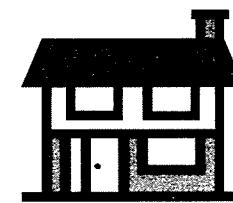
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The Boyne River (*An Bhóinn*)

The river Boyne features frequently in early Irish literature and is considered to be the foremost of sacred rivers. Along with many geographical features it had a mythological significance and is named after a goddess. Bordered by the passage graves of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth the Boyne valley encapsulates the prehistoric and mythological landscape of early literature and history. Meath's further association with the high kingship of Tara through its ruling family furthered the fame of the area.

The *Dinnsheanchas* (Lore of famous places) describes the origin of the name – from the death of a woman by the name of Bóann. One story tells of her marriage to the hero Nechtain son of Labrad who possessed a magic well. No one could look at it without losing their sight and their life. One day Bóann walked along by the well, three waves burst from the well and drowned her. She tried to run to the sea to escape and the water followed her so that the river is then called the Bóann. Her little dog called Dabilla followed her and was also killed.

In the saga *The Wooing of Étaín* Bóann is said to be the wife of the god Elcmar and they are said to have lived at *Brú na Bóinne* (the hostel of Bóann now known as Newgrange after the modern townland on which it stands). But she was also loved by another god the Dagda (the good god) also known as Eochaid Ollathair (Eochaid the great father – possibly the ancestor god of the Tuatha Dé Danann). The Dagda waited until her husband was away for a day and they slept together. She became pregnant and in typical mythological fashion time is conjured out of joint so that nine months passes as one day. She gives birth to the young god Oengus (meaning 'single strength') who was to become a famous god also called In Mac Óc (the young man). He is remembered particularly for his aid to Diarmaid and Gráinne when they were running away from the wrath of Fionn mac Cumhaill.

Oengus is also famous in mythology for the taking of Brú na Bóinne. He grows up not knowing who his father is and when he discovers that the Dagda is he, Oengus demands that he receive an inheritance. But the Dagda coaches him to trick Elcmar, Bóann's husband, and Oengus takes Brú na Bóinne from him. Oengus is said to live there in his mother's dwelling to the present day. Whether he enjoys the company of hundreds of thousands in his hostel is something we will never know! The name of the Bóann, living on as it does in the river and the hostel means the fair cow – a tribute to the importance of cattle to our ancestors just as they are today.

Early Ireland c. 400 - 500

If we were to wake up 1,600 years ago what sort of Ireland would we find? How would it differ from the Ireland of today?

Well, firstly the language in which I am writing this

article would not exist and I would not be able to either read or write – at least not in the form to which we have become familiar. The language of the country was archaic Irish that predated Old Irish, Middle Irish and what we now know as Modern Irish. This language survives primarily on the Ogam stones that are scattered throughout the country but that proliferate in the south. They are associated with early Christian, Latin learning and the familiar alphabet was the first attempt to give a symbolic context to the language. It bears a closer resemblance to Latin or Greek than it does to Modern Irish.

The countryside would be mainly covered by trees with settlements spread throughout. These groupings of people were called a *tuath*, approximately 4,000 people living under the rule of one petty king. It is thought that there were 150 of these *tuath* in the country each with its own king. With this number of kings no wonder everyone in Ireland claims royal descent – most of us are probably right! The word *tuath* may be translated as tribe although this is somewhat misleading as it implies that they were all related to one another, which they were not. The ties of kin are described by the term *fine* (kin) and relationships to the fourth degree (fourth cousins) were recognised if necessary. These would apply in inheritance or in compensation payments if the immediate family died out.

The climate was a good deal harsher than today by all accounts – the annals and sagas mention falls of snow up to four or five foot high. During Medb's ill-fated *Táin* expedition the snow is said to reach the belts of the men. Hardly favourable conditions for a cattle raid! No wonder it was an unmitigated disaster. But there are also mentions of scorching summers. Illnesses were rampant with plagues often wiping out entire communities.

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Slavery was common – as we all know Patrick arrived in Ireland in a trading slave ship. The Irish continued to trade in slaves well into the twelfth century and Dublin became the slave capital of the country in that century. Slavery made it far easier to run the economy that was rich in merchants, traders and general craftsmen and indeed women.

This was a highly stratified community with the provincial kings at the top and then the more minor below followed by a myriad of classified noblemen and women who gave cattle to clients in return for loyalty, military service and a percentage of their income. Following them again were large farmers, small farmers and farm labourers and slaves. The most revered in this society were the poets, learned men and women, blacksmiths, leeches and seamstresses. There were also many craftsmen including chariot builders, masons, comb makers, musicians and entertainers of all kinds – even a professional farter who entertained at feasts!

Women do not appear prominently within the professions with the exception of the oldest professions – prostitutes and abortionists existed even then. But there are fleeting references to embroidresses, seamstresses, female leeches, druidesses and even the odd female poet. But they are by far the exceptions to the patriarchal society. **(To be continued)**

NEW SERIES MURDER OF THE MONTH

On July 13th 1955 Ruth Ellis became the last woman to be hanged in Britain. She spent a short and eventful life. She was the manageress of a nightclub in London and her track record with men was not the best before she met David Blakely who was a 24-year-old racing driver. Ruth was 28 and thought that she could handle herself but she met her match in Blakely.

She had a relationship at 17 with a French-Canadian serviceman. She became pregnant by him and when he found out he disappeared leaving her with a baby boy. When she could not make ends meet she resorted to modelling nude for photographers.

When she found out that her second husband, a dentist, was an alcoholic she divorced him. They had a daughter together. It was after this that she met the above-mentioned Blakely. They had an extraordinarily emotional relationship with rows and screaming matches. They were both openly unfaithful to one another but apparently she had become emotionally dependant upon him and when he stood her up on Good Friday April 8th 1955 she finally cracked.

She was convinced, rightly, that she had been stood

up for another woman. She tried to get an answer at his flat but he refused to answer and she could hear a woman laughing inside. She smashed all the windows in his van that was parked outside the door. Then she went home and promptly got drunk.

But the following day things went from bad to worse – when she began ringing his flat someone would pick up but not answer. This went on for two days until she returned to the flat and happened to see Blakely's car parked outside a nearby pub. She decided to wait until he came out.

Some time later he emerged and walked towards his car. Ruth walked towards him and took a gun from her bag. Blakely tried to run for it but she began shooting. She hit him and he fell to the ground. Then she emptied the gun into his body.

She admitted during the trial that she had fully intended to kill him for two-timing her and refusing to speak to her or take her calls. Although the judge recognised her jealousy he also maintained that it was not an excuse for murder.

She was sentenced to death and despite the widespread efforts of women throughout Britain to have this reprieved they failed. Women recognised themselves in Ruth and realised that many of them could perhaps commit the same act of jealous revenge. She was sent to the gallows and her name has entered history as the last woman hanged.

Footnote: Interesting enough the last woman to be publicly hanged in Britain has not remained in the public consciousness in the same way. This dubious honour goes to a woman by the name of Frances Kidder who was found guilty of the murder by drowning of her stepdaughter in 1867. She denied drowning the child whom she had abused during her two-year marriage to the girl's father. There is some doubt as to whether she committed the crime at all. That year it was declared that hangings would now take place within the confines of the prison in private. More than 2,000 people watched her hang.



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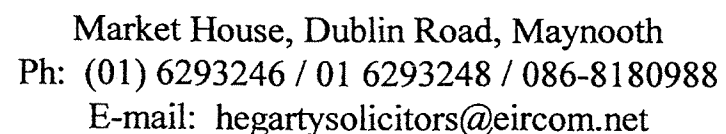
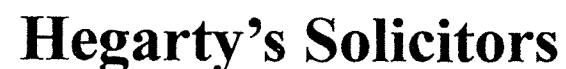
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Bond Bridge

Since our last issue we have found out a few things that were not in the media. Kildare County Council made a point of blaming Duchas for the delay on the bridge, Not true. Kildare County Council did not even apply for permission to reconstruct the bridge until very recently and all the stipulations required by Duchas were that two stones, (the ones with Bond Bridge and year) were to be incorporated into the new bridge.

Would Kildare County Council please not continue to try and pull the wool over the eyes of the people of Maynooth as they have been doing for the last 25 or 30 years.

Since Cluain Aoibhinn was built they have been levying all the construction companies to pay for the infrastructure which includes Bond Bridge. Thousands of houses have been built in the Newtown area since. Nothing has been spent on that bridge except a few shovels of tarmac in the potholes.

The next questions to be asked seeing that the politicians now all use the word accountability.

What should be made public is:

- 1 How much money was collected from the developers in Newtown.
- 2 Where is the money now.
- 3 Was it(as is suspected by most people in Maynooth) spent in other parts of the County, mostly in South Kildare.
- 4 Are they waiting for more developers money to complete the ring road from Blacklion to Newtown and wait another 30 years for anything to happen.
- 5 Is it in safe keeping to be used for the development of the Maynooth area.
- 6 Do they know that Maynooth is gridlocked at least six times a day due to their cockup in planning the square and the town.
- 7 When are they going to move their asses, quit stalling, quit making excuses and get on with the job they are supposed to be doing.

On a lighter note:

Since the last article we came across an article on Irish Wildlife.

The following is taken from a book called Irish Wildlife written by John Kelly. it covers the human species such as "Dub Ignoramus" "Boyo Redneckus" Grocerus Skinflintus" "Clericus parishus" and others. The ones that caught my eye regarding last month's article on Bond Bridge (Pucks) is as follows.

Politico Polysyllabus

What It's Called

Although you may not know its name, it certainly knows yours, and appears to be deeply concerned for

your welfare and that of your family - although it sometimes inquires "how's your husband" when he's been dead almost a year.

Where It's Found

This species is in virtual hibernation most of its life and only appears to come into action when a local or general election draws near. You'll find it knocking on your door when you're in the middle of watching 'Coronation Street', cramming boring literature through your letter-box and preventing you from entering the local supermarket during one of its tediously condescending hand-shaking 'walkabouts'. Also found staring down from lampposts or driving about in cars plastered with photos of itself while a blaring loudspeaker noisily spews out incomprehensible crackles.

What It Wears

This depends on the party it represents, of course. Fianna Fail hopefuls, in the great tradition of its party members, were crumpled 'Gombeens' label suits with a *faoinne nua* on the lapel and vomit stains down the front (a souvenir of the last post-Ard Fheis celebrations). Fine Gael types wear Colgate smiles, Louis Copeland suits and, if female, elaborate perms, bright 'n' bouncy 'Gemma Hussey' bows and a strong stench of Opium perfume. Workers Party and Labour grafters were desert boots, beards, brown corduroy jeans, a duffel coat emblazoned with CND or hammer-and-sickle motifs.

About Itself

Firmly believes it's got a mission to help society by becoming a politician but, in fact, there's little else the species is actually capable of doing. Either began its career through an hereditary route (its father was a party man, for instance, so it learned to bullshit from an early age) or through such avenues as being a radical greasy-haired, condom-toting members of the Students' Union during the trendy Sixties.

What It Says

Wildlife observers are perpetually mystified at how *Politico Polysyllabus* manages to babble without appearing to pause for breath, and yet appears to say nothing whatsoever. It has a limited range of banal phrases it arranges into endless permutations, e.g.: "like so many people you're probably at home today because you're unemployed...oh you've a day off? Well then you're probably deeply concerned with the awful crime we're experiencing on our streets and at the crippling level of taxations and you're no doubt despairing of the future, but if you give me your vote next week blah blah sun moon and stars blah blah...".Fianna Fail candidates often flash the green card for good measure, while WP types offer punters nothing less than Utopia.

Features

(Politico Polysyllabus contd.)

Excreting Habits

The only species on earth that - incredibly - defecates through its mouth. It does this by forming elaborate sentences packed with cliches whose meaningful content is, effectively, a load of bull, e.g.: "far be it for me to, eh, point the finger, and in all honesty I would not, eh, be so, eh, precipitous as to point any particular digit, eh, but, eh, to make things perfectly clear, eh, that is to make clear my own views on this, eh, this situation, I am clearly not at this, eh, point in time, eh, in any position to, eh...".

Sexual Activities

In a record-breaking act of prodigious sexual acrobatics, *Politico Polysyllabus* is planning to screw the entire country.

Its Hopes

Hopes to be elected on the first count and to be eligible for a huge salary, private Mercedes, overlong holidays, the opportunity to sleep on the job in the back-benches or to enjoy an endless variety of ministerial perks. Hopes for the country? That the State lasts long enough to pay its pension.

TAISCE TYPICALUS

What It's Called

Its name often has classical or Victorian allusions: Felicity, Timothy, Jonathon, Iris, Daphne, Helene, Gerald, Charles, James, etc. Its surname is likely to be hyphenated, or, in some cases, an Irish name consisting almost entirely of constants (O'Muirheartaigh, Ni Choisdealbha, etc), and is appended to letters it writes to the Irish Times about the "wholesale" destruction of our heritage. woods, and historic buildings, and the ghastly architecture of Dublin city.

Where's It's Found

The species can be spotted at meetings of its local An Taisce committee, where they adopt plummy accents and discuss controversial planning permission-controversial, not so much because of ethical or socio-economic reasons as for the fact that a "ghastly" working class estate will block its panoramic view of Dublin Bay.

Where it Lives

The species is never found on a housing estate (except for the time it lost its way in Tallaght on the way back from weekend in Wicklow). Its home is likely to be a converted millhouse, church, Martello Tower, Georgian townhouse or mews which swallows up virtually every penny of its income and still looks in need or repair. The house is furnished with antiques (preferably inherited), paintings, plants, a solid fuel

cooker, stripped pine kitchen with quarry tile floor, and so on. Would prefer to freeze to death than exchange crumbling Georgian window frames for sensible double-glazing.

What It Says

Taisce Typicalus dislikes using modern idioms when antiquated ones will do. Uses words like "frightful" "ghastly" "delightful" "superb" "tawdry" "authentic" "original" "pastiche", etc. Destruction of historical buildings is alternatively described as "wholesale" or "wanton."

About Its Family

Taisce Typicalus is very often single, its family consisting of foul smelling dogs and cats, exotic houseplants and silent roomfuls of antiques. If it does get married, its always to another member of the species, whereupon they have a couple of children attending a non-denominational, co-educational school and spending their summers with the scouts or girl-guides.

Where It Works

As it needs a very large disposable income. *Taisce Typicalus* has a professional job; architect, lecturer, doctor, photographer, journalist, antique dealer, etc. Rarely found working as a bus driver,sewage engineer, or road-sweeper.

Leisure Activities

Enjoys browsing around obscure antique shops on the Quays,Francis Street or the Liberties. where it frequently picks up "delightful" Edwardian objects which have no function whatsoever (e.g. bedpans, bezique tables, sewing boxes). Attends book fairs where it buys handsome-looking tomes which it will possibly fondle but never read. Its crowded social calendar is crammed into a small diary which it consults from time to time like an oracle.

What It Eats

Insists on calling meals "brunch" "luncheon" and "supper (pronounced "suppah"). Food is usually something terribly simple- such as a marvellous *bouef provencaill*, the recipe for which it picked up from its "delightful" patron while on holiday in Normandy last summer. "Tea" is also an institution, and consists of Earl Grey, Tea Time Express cakes and the latest gossip about who's desecrating what.

What It Reads

An Taisce's regular newsletter, Heritage, is obligatory reading. Also the Irish Times every morning looking at the property pages, the latest planning permissions and articles by Frank McDonald

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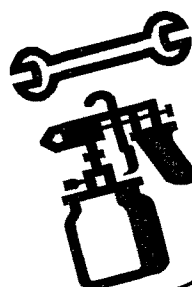
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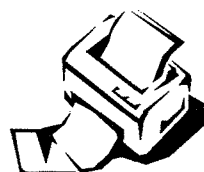
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Features

Information Night for Parents

A very informative talk for parents of fifth class girls was held in the presentation Convent girls School, Maynooth recently. The speaker was Ms. Breda Clery from the Eastern Health Board, a nurse who has been involved in education since 1992.

The purpose of the get together was to outline the program that Ms. Clery would be covering with the girls at a later date, with a follow-up session in sixth class.

The aims of the program are:

- 1 To understand the function of the body
- 2 Physical/psychological development
- 3 To have respect for the body
- 4 To assist the parent/child communication.

As children become teenagers they are beginning to think for themselves and search for their own identity. Inquiries such as where they are going, who they are going with should be explained to them as motivated by love and concern for their well being. It is very important to talk to children so that communication will continue into their teenage years.

The approach is to present the notion of the body as a number of systems, - a holistic approach, and how, for example, damage may be caused to the systems of the body by smoking, alcohol and drugs.

Other topics covered are hygiene, respect for one's own body and for others, peer pressure.

Ms. Clery went on to say that there are tremendous pressures on children today from many sources ranging from peer pressure to the media, magazines, videos, song lyrics and television.

Parents should be sure to put their views to their children if they do not agree with those expressed on for example, in TV chat shows or magazine articles.

Children need:

- to talk
- to be listened to,
- a loving and secure home
- to be given clear guidelines
- to do things together with their parents
- prayer

"A Parent"



Maynooth Ladies Raise £1,150 for Lukes

Martina Perry and her daughter Jessica from Old Greenfields completed the womens mini marathon and in doing so collected £1,150 for the Friends of St. Lukes.

St. Lukes Hospital in Highfield Road, Rathgar, specialise in cancer care and cancer research. Martina sadly lost both her father and her sister to the dreaded disease. Very few people have not somewhere in their families been affected by the disease so it was a very noble deed.

Martina would like to thank all her sponsors who helped to raise the money and helped her in every way and maybe have more people help in the fundraising for this very badly funded cause.

As for the race itself, they recorded very good times. They were just outside the medals but ran Sonia fairly close.

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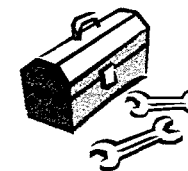
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/747	Hugh McBride	105 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/05/01	sought to erect a kitchen/dining area extension at side	105 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/755	Brian Nevin	10 Parsons Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/05/01	sought to erect a single storey dwelling with sewerage treatment unit and associated works	Oblisk Lane Barrogstown Maynooth
01/757	Enda McDermott	An Cnoc Ballymagillan Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/05/01	sought for ground work and first floor extensions to the rear of existing shop/office	Travers House Dublin Road Maynooth
01/777	Thomas Hoare & Co. Ltd.	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/05/01	sought to (a) demolish existing bungalow, (b) erect 4 terraced two storey town houses and all associated site developments including dnew site entrance and car parking	Parson Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/780	Stephen Noone	Clockstown Summerhill Co. Meath	P	04/05/01	Sought to demolish existing extension and build new house to rear adjoining new extension to existing house with both front doors to side including alterations and new bay window to existing house	341 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/876	President - St. Patricks College	St. Patricks College Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/05/01	sought for change of use from residential institutional to office use for the second floor level, Long Corridor, which is a protected structure, with the installation of a new passenger lift and stairwell	St. Patricks College Maynooth Co. Kildare.

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/886	Michael Garvey	28 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/05/01	sought for the demolition of existing single storey 'granny flat' and replacement with 2 no. extension to the side of dwelling at	28 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/910	Jimmy Walker	48 Cluain Aoibhinn Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/05/01	sought to construct 2 storey side granny flat to existing 2 storey house	48 Cluain Aoibhinn Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/969	James McMahon	43 Laurence's Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/05/01	sought for two storey extension at rear and single storey porch extension at front	43 Laurence's Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare

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The Angler's Return

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A raindrop drips
a cuckoo sounds.
Green backdrop unfolds
cerise rhododendron
holds the stage.

Below in the kitchen
smell of bacon and egg
cooking on the Aga.

It is time to go
leaving shyness behind,
donning the mask
willing playing a part.

It was still in the bluebell wood at Toombeola
peace was all around.

Water lapped waving mop topped reeds.
A scene washed blue and green
crafted by the Master

Eleven painted by the river
red yellow and blue.
eleven stools, eleven brushes poised
over eleven easels.

Hazy mountains purple and blue
sky streaked yellow and grey
changing ever changing.

Curious lambs and ewes, hungry midges hovering
around eleven heads bent low.

Later at the Castle by the lake,
the ghost of the Maharajah
looks down at a happy group with china cups in hand.



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Why do you interfere
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Please leave me alone
Leave me be in my Heavenly zone
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SUMMER BARBECUES

Safety tips

1. Make sure the barbecue is sited on a firm surface and is stable and level before lighting the fire. Once the barbecue is lit, do not move it.
2. Keep the barbecue sheltered from the wind, and keep it well away from trees and shrubs.
3. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for your barbecue, as there are some barbecues that can use only one type of fuel.
4. Don't try to hasten the fire - some fuels may take quiet a time to build up heat. Never pour flammable liquid on to the barbecue.
5. Keep children and pets away from the fire and make sure the cooking is always supervised by adults.
6. Keep perishable foods cold until you're ready to cook - especially in hot weather. If you take them outdoors, place them in a cool bag until needed.
7. Make sure meats such as burgers, sausages and poultry are thoroughly cooked - there should be no trace of pink in the juices. Pierce a thick part of the flesh as a test: the juices should run clear.
8. Poultry can always be pre-cooked in the oven or microwave, before being finished off on the barbecue. but never allow the meat to cool down before transferring it to the barbecue, poultry should never be re-heated once it has cooled.
9. Light the fire with a long match or taper, and leave it to burn for about 15 minutes.
10. Wash your hands after handling raw meat and before touching other foods. Don't use the same utensils for raw ingredients and cooked food.
11. In case the fire should get out of control, have a bucket of sand and a water spray on hand to douse the flames.
12. Keep a first-aid kit handy. If someone burns themselves, hold the burn under cold running water.
13. Trim excess fat from meat and don't use too much oil in marinades. Fat can cause dangerous flare-ups if too much is allowed to drip on to the fuel.
14. Use long-handled barbecue tools, such as forks, tongs and brushes, for turning food: keep some oven gloves to hand, preferably the extra long type, to protect your hands.

MARINATING

Marinades are used to add flavour and to moisten or tenderize foods, particularly meat. Marinades can be either savoury or sweet and are as varied as you want to make them: spicy, fruity or fragrant. Certain classic combinations always work well with certain foods. Usually, it is best to choose oily marinades for dry foods, such as lean meat or white fish, and wine or vinegar-based, marinades for rich foods with a higher fat contents. Most marinades don't contain salt, which can draw out the juices from the meat. It's better to add salt just before, or after, cooking.

Place the food for marinating in a wide, non-metallic dish or bowl, preferably a dish that is large enough to allow the food to lie in a single layer.

Mix together the ingredients for the marinade according to the recipe. The marinade can usually be prepared in advance and stored in a jar with a screw-top lid until needed.

Pour the marinade over the food and turn the food to coat it evenly.

Cover the dish or bowl with clear film and chill in the fridge for anything from 30 minutes up to several hours or overnight, depending on the recipe. Turn the food over occasionally and spoon the marinade over it to ensure it is well coated.

Remove the food with a slotted spoon, or lift it out with tongs, and drain off and reserve the marinade. If necessary, allow the food to come to room temperature before cooking.

Use the marinade for basting or brushing the food during cooking.

Basic barbecue marinade:
This can be used for meat or fish.

You will need:
1 garlic clove, crushed
3 tbsp sunflower or olive oil
3 tbsp dry sherry
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp dark soy sauce
freshly ground black pepper



Red wine marinade
This is good with red meat and game

You will need:
1/4 pint dry red wine
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp red wine vinegar
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2 dried bay leaves, crumbled
Freshly ground black pepper.



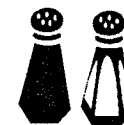
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MARINATING (con't..)

The amount of marinade you will need depends on the amount of food. As a rough guide, about 1/4 pint is enough for about 1 1/4 lb of food.

Summer herb marinade

You will need:
large handful of fresh herb sprigs, e.g. Chervil, thyme, parsley, sage, chives, rosemary, oregano
6 tbsp olive oil
3 tbsp tarragon vinegar
1 garlic clove, crushed
2 spring onions, chopped
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.
Serves 4



Method:
Discard any coarse stalks or damaged leaves from the herbs, then chop them very finely. Add the chopped herbs to the remaining marinade ingredients in a large bowl. Stir to mix thoroughly. Place the meat or fish in a bowl and pour over the marinade. Cover and leave to marinate in a cool place for 4-6 hours. Drain the meat or fish when you are ready to cook it on the barbecue. Use the marinade to baste the meat occasionally while cooking.

Barbecue Sauce

You will need:
2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
14 oz can tomatoes
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp white wine vinegar
3 tbsp honey
1 tsp mustard powder
1/2 tsp chilli seasoning or mild chilli powder
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
serves 4

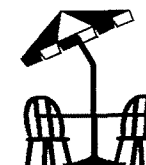


Method:
Heat the vegetable oil in a large saucepan and fry the onions and garlic until soft and golden. Stir in the remaining ingredients and simmer, uncovered, for about 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally. remove the saucepan from the heat and allow to cool slightly. Pour into a food processor or blender and process until smooth. Press through a sieve if you prefer. Adjust the seasoning to taste.

BARBECUE FOODS

Skewered lamb with red onion salsa

You will need:
8 oz lean lamb, cubed
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground paprika
1 tbsp olive oil
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



For the salsa

You will need:
1 red onion, very thinly sliced
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
1 tbsp red wine vinegar
3-4 fresh basil or mint leaves, roughly torn
Small mint leaves, to garnish

Serves 4

Method:

Place the lamb in a large bowl with the cumin, paprika and olive oil and season with plenty of sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Toss well. Cover the bowl with clear film and leave in a cool place for several hours, or in the fridge overnight, so that the lamb fully absorbs the spicy flavours.
Spear the lamb cubes on four small skewers. If using wooden skewers, soak them first in cold water for at least 30 minutes to prevent them burning when placed on the barbecue.
To make the salsa, put the sliced onion, tomato, red wine vinegar and torn fresh basil or mint leaves in a small bowl and stir together until thoroughly blended. Season to taste with sea salt and garnish with mint.
Cook the skewered lamb on a hot barbecue, or under a hot grill, for about 5-10 minutes, turning the skewers frequently, until the lamb is well browned but still slightly pink in the centre. Serve hot, with the salsa.

Salmon with spicy pesto

You will need:
4 salmon steaks, about 8 oz each
2 tbsp sunflower oil
Finely grated rind and juice of 1 lime
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Features

Potato wedges with garlic and rosemary

You will need:

- 1 1/2 lb medium potatoes
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 4 tbsp chopped fresh rosemary
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Serves 4



Method:

Cut each potato into four wedges and par-boil in boiling salted water for 5 minutes. Drain well. Toss the potatoes in the olive oil with the garlic, rosemary and black pepper. Arrange on a grill rack. Cook the potatoes on a hot barbecue for about 15 minutes, turning occasionally, until the wedges are crisp and golden brown.

Apple coleslaw

You will need:

- 1 lb white cabbage
- 1 medium onion
- 2 apples, peeled and cored
- 5 fl oz mayonnaise
- 1 tsp of celery salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- Serve 4



Method:

Remove the outer leaves from the white cabbage and, using a heavy knife, cut into 2 inch wedges. Remove and discard the stem sections. Feed the cabbage wedges and the onion through the slicing blade of a food processor. Change to a grating blade and grate the apples and carrots. Combine the salad ingredients in a large mixing bowl.

Spiced prawns with vegetables

You will need:

- 20 cooked king prawns, peeled
- 1 medium courgette, thickly sliced
- 1 medium onion, cut into 8 chunks
- 8 cherry tomatoes
- 8 baby corn cobs
- Mixed salad leaves, to serve



For the marinade

- 2 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 2 fresh green chillies, seeded if wished
- 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- Serves 4

Method:

To marinade, blend the coriander, sea salt, chillies, lemon juice and oil together in a food processor or

blender. Empty the contents from the processor and transfer to a bowl. Add the peeled prawns to the mixture in the bowl and stir to make sure that all the prawns are well coated. Cover the bowl with clear film and set aside in a cool place, to marinade for about 30 minutes. Arrange the vegetables and prawns alternately on four long skewers. Cook on a medium barbecue for 5 minutes, turning frequently, until cooked and browned. Serve immediately, on a bed of mixed salad leaves.

Barbecued scallops with lime butter

Serves 4

You will need:

- 1 head fennel
- 2 limes
- 12 large scallops, cleaned
- 1 egg yolk
- 6 tbsp melted butter
- Olive oil for brushing
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



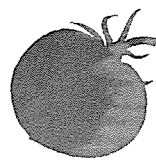
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Trim any feathery leaves from the fennel and reserve them. Slice the rest lengthways into thin wedges. Cut one lime into wedges. Finely grate the rind and squeeze the juice of the other lime and toss half the juice and rind on to the scallops. Season well with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Place the egg yolk and remaining lime rind and juice in a small bowl and whisk until pale and smooth. Gradually whisk in the melted butter and continue whisking until thick and smooth. Finely chop the reserved fennel leaves and stir them in, with seasoning to taste. Brush the fennel wedges with olive oil and cook them on a hot barbecue for 3-4 minutes, turning once. Add the scallops and cook for a further 3-4 minutes, turning once. Serve with the lime and fennel butter and the lime wedges.

Chunky cherry tomato salsa

You will need:

- 1 ridge cucumber
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1 1/4 cherry tomatoes
- Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
- 3 tbsp chilli oil
- 1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh dill
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Serves 4



Method:

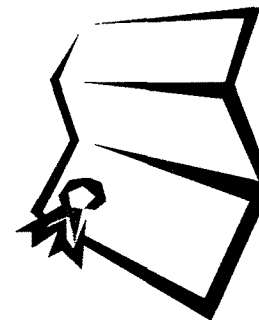
Trim the ends off the cucumber and cut it into 1 inch lengths, then cut each piece lengthways into thin slices. Place in a colander and sprinkle with sea salt. Leave for 5 minutes. Rinse the cucumber slices under cold water and dry with kitchen paper.

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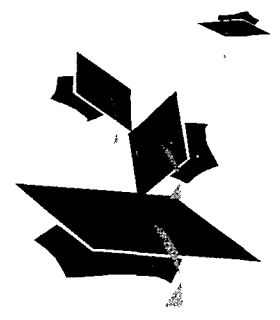
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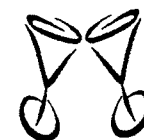
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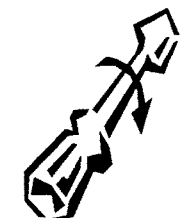
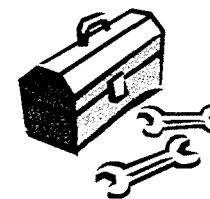
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Chunky cherry tomato salsa (con't)

Quarter the cherry tomatoes and place in a bowl with the cucumber. Whisk together the lemon rind and juice, chilli oil, chilli flakes, dill and garlic. Season, then pour over the tomato and cucumber and toss well. Marinade for 2 hours before serving.

Drinks

Mint cup

You will need:
A handful fresh mint leaves
1 tbsp sugar
Crushed ice
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
6 fl oz grapefruit juice
1 pint chilled tonic water
Mint sprigs and lemon slice, to decorate
Serves 4-6



Method:

Crush the mint leaves with the sugar and put into a jug. Fill the jug to the top with crushed ice. Add the lemon juice, grapefruit juice and tonic water. Stir gently to combine the ingredients and decorate with the mint sprigs and sliced of lemon.

Strawberry and mint champagne

You will need:
1 1/4 lb strawberries
6-8 fresh mint leaves
1 bottle of champagne or sparkling white wine
Fresh mint sprigs, to taste
Serves 4-6



Method:

Puree the strawberries and fresh mint leaves in a food processor or blender. Strain through a fine sieve into a large bowl. Half fill a glass with the mixture and top up with champagne or sparkling wine. Decorate with a sprig of fresh mint.

Melon, ginger and borage cup

You will need:
1/2 large honeydew melon
1 1/4 pints ginger beer
Powdered ginger, to taste if liked
Borage sprigs with flowers, to decorate
Serves 6-8



Method:

Discard the seeds from the half melon and scoop the flesh into a food processor or blender. Blend the melon to a puree. Pour the puree into a large jug and top up with ginger beer.

Add powdered ginger, to taste. Pour into glasses and decorate with borage.

Herbal punch

You will need:
3/4 pint honey
7 pints of water
3/4 pint freshly squeezed lemon juice
3 tbsp fresh rosemary leaves, plus extra to decorate
3 1/2 lb sliced strawberries
3/4 pint freshly squeezed lime juice
3 pints sparkling mineral water
Ice cubes
Serves 30 plus



Method:

Combine the honey, 1 3/4 pints water, one eighth of the lemon juice and the fresh rosemary leaves in a saucepan. Bring to the boil, stirring, until the honey is dissolved. Remove from the heat and allow to stand for about 5 minutes. Strain into a large punch bowl and leave aside to cool. Press the strawberries through a fine sieve into the punch bowl, add the rest of the water and lemon juice, and the lime juice and sparkling mineral water. Stir gently to combine the ingredients. Add the ice cubes just 5 minutes before serving, and float the rosemary leaves on the surface.

Parsley butter

You will need:
4 oz softened butter
2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped
1/2 tsp fresh lemon juice
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
serves 4

Method:

Beat the butter until creamy, then beat in the parsley, lemon juice and season lightly. Form the butter into a roll, wrap in clear film or foil and chill. Cut off slices as required.

Variations

Lemon or lime butter

Add 1 tbsp finely grated lemon or lime rind and 1 tbsp juice to the butter.

Herb butter

Replace the parsley with 2 tbsp chopped mint, chives or tarragon.

These butters will keep in the fridge for several days, and will also freeze, wrapped in clear film or foil to avoid any loss of flavour.



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BARBECUE FOODS (con't)

For the pesto
You will need:
6 mild fresh red chillies
2 garlic cloves
2 tbsp sunflower or pumpkin seeds
Juice and finely grated rind of 1 lime
5 tbsp olive oil
Serves 5



Method:
Insert a very sharp knife close to the top of the bone. Working closely to the bone, cut your way to the end of the steak to release one side. Repeat with the other side. Pull out any extra visible bones with a pair of tweezers. Sprinkle with salt on the work surface and take hold of the end of the salmon piece, skin side down. Insert the knife between the skin side and the flesh and working away from you, remove the skin, keeping the knife as close to it as possible. Repeat for each piece of fish. Curl each piece of fish into a round, with the thinner end wrapped around the fatter end. Secure the shape tightly with a length of string. Rub the sunflower oil into the boneless fish rounds. Put the salmon into a large bowl or dish and add the lime juice and rind and the salt and pepper. Allow the salmon to marinate in the fridge for up to 2 hours.
For the pesto, de-seed the chillies and place with the garlic cloves, sunflower or pumpkin seeds, lime juice, rind and seasoning in a food processor. Process until well mixed. Pour the olive oil gradually over the moving blades until the sauce has thickened and emulsified. Drain the salmon from its marinade. Cook the fish steaks on a medium barbecue for 5 minutes each side and serve with the spicy pesto.

Peppered steaks in beer and garlic

You will need:
4 beef sirloin or rump steaks, about 6 oz each
2 garlic cloves, crushed
4 fl oz brown ale or stout
2 tbsp dark muscovado sugar
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp corn oil
1 tbsp crushed black peppercorns
Serves 4

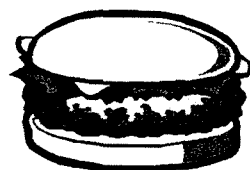


Method:
Place the steaks in a dish and add the garlic, ale or stout, sugar, Worcestershire sauce and oil. Turn to coat evenly, then leave for 2-3 hours or overnight. Remove the steaks from the dish and reserve the marinade. Sprinkle the peppercorns over the steaks and press them into the surface. Cook the steaks on a hot barbecue, basting them occasionally with the reserved marinade during cooking. (Take care when basting, as the alcohol will tend to flare up: spoon or brush on just a small amount at a time.)

Turn the steaks once during cooking, and cook for about 3-6 minutes on each side, depending on how rare you like them.

Stilton Burgers

You will need:
1 lb minced beef
1 onion, chopped
1 celery stick, chopped
1 tsp dried mixed herbs
1 tsp prepared mustard
2 oz crumbled Stilton cheese
4 burger buns
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Serves 4



Method:
Mix the minced beef with the chopped onion, celery, mixed herbs and mustard. Season well with salt and pepper, and bring together with your hands to form a firm mixture. Divide the mixture into eight equal portions. Shape four portions into rounds and flatten each one slightly. Place a little of the crumbled cheese in the centre of each round. Shape and flatten the remaining four portions and place on top. Use your hands to mould the rounds together, encasing the crumbled cheese, and shaping them into four burgers. Cook on a medium barbecue for about 10 minutes or until cooked through, turning once. Split the burger buns and place a burger inside each. Serve with salad and mustard pickle.

Lamb steaks marinated in mint and sherry

You will need:
6 large lamb steaks or 12 smaller chops

For the marinade:
2 tbsp chopped fresh mint leaves
1 tbsp black peppercorns
1 medium onion, chopped
4 fl oz or 1/2 cup sherry
4 tbsp olive oil
2 garlic cloves
Serves 6



Method:
Blend the mint leaves and peppercorns in a food processor until finely chopped. Add the onion and process again until smooth. Add the rest of the marinade ingredients and process until completely mixed. The marinade should be a thick consistency. Add the marinade to the steaks or chops and cover with clear film. Leave in the fridge to marinate overnight. Cook the steaks on a medium barbecue for 10-15 minutes, basting occasionally with the marinade.

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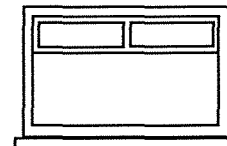


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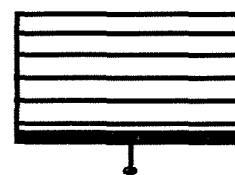
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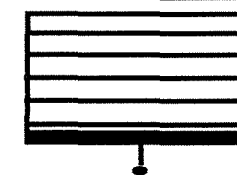
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Stoyte House, Maynooth College

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Our picture shows Mr Stoyte's country house, better known in recent years as Maynooth College. In this house, which stands fronting the town entrance to the College, there took shape the establishment which was founded and financed in penal days by the British Government for the education of Catholic youth. With such a background there was, of course, a catch in the project, though not the kind of catch you'd expect. There wasn't the least intention to proselytize. Indeed the project had the enthusiastic support of the Catholic bishops, the said bishops preponderating on the Board of Trustees and having chief say in appointing professors. Incidentally, the trustees decided to appoint a professor of the Irish language but the record shows that the bishops, always very particular men, didn't do themselves an injury in their rush to fill this particular appointment. No the catch about Maynooth was that it was designed to prevent our youth going to the Continent to be educated and coming back with dangerously democratic ideas. In the 1790s the French Revolution was making itself felt everywhere in Europe. Many men in many streets were being fascinated by the heretical doctrine of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. You couldn't let even a good Irish Protestant like Wolfe Tone, not mention the eldest surviving son of Dr. Emmet the State Physician, over to France without having them come back rabid republicans and very shaky Christians. What then were the chances of penalised Catholics preserving their innocence? Not all of them had had the basically sound character of the Kerry smuggler's nephew, Daniel O'Connell. So the British Government invested £8,000 in founding a college to be run by Catholics for Catholics. There was a bit of window dressing in the appointment of trustees so as not to alarm the Protestant community. The Chancellor who, as the son of a renegade Catholic, was bigotedly anti-Catholic, and the three chief judges were the only Protestants on a board of twenty one, and they soon stopped attending meetings. The situation in effect was that £8,000 handed over to the bishops to finance them in the job of preserving British to finance them

in the job of preserving their British interests in Ireland. Few investments by the British Government (outside of India) paid off better. It was generally assumed that the new college would be sited somewhere in Dublin or in the nearer suburbs. When the trustees advertised for a site, many offers poured in not only from Catholics, but from Protestants, all of them fired by ambition to help a worthy cause and to do business with people who had £8,000 in ready money to spend. Some optimists offered property situated as far out as Dalkey, but the realists with city property to offer felt they were on the short list. Somewhat to their surprise they found they weren't. The bishops very wisely took the view that there's nothing like the bright lights for taking a country lad's mind off religion. They said the college must be kept well away from the city.

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It so happened that the Duke of Leinster's steward had just built himself a country house at Maynooth. But he seems to have quickly lost interest in it or found it was too expensive to run, or noticed that the duke was uneasy with an employee who had the handling of ducal cash living in such splendour. The steward, Mr. Stoyte, offered the trustees his house and lands at Maynooth. The duke backed the offer up with an offer of more land at less than market rate, and the deal was done. Mr. Stoyte did very well for himself. He got more than £4,000 for his property. Now you may wonder why a staunch Protestant like the Duke of Leinster should be so anxious to get the Romans to start a college on his land, and not far from his own ducal hall-door at Carton into the bargain. Those who assumed it was a mixture of good nature and public spirit in a patriot overlook the advantages. First, it was an excellent and inexpensive stroke of public relations by a canny politician. For about £50 a year [His loss on the rent] he got himself into the good books of the Catholic majority who were at long last on the up and up in Ireland. Second, by facilitating a Government scheme he wasn't doing himself any harm at Dublin Castle. His generous gesture might even help the Castle to forget that he had backed the wrong side in a political crisis caused by King George the Third's apparent insanity. Then there was a family reason. His younger brother Lord Edward Fitzgerald had visited France, had renounced his title and was calling everyone Citizen - in fact he had gone completely mad. So for the duke to do any little thing to help get a college going which was designed to prevent this kind of thing, must have been a great personal consolation. Besides, he was getting £72 a year for his 58 acres [which wasn't much out of 70,000 acres], and there'd be no bother collecting the rent. He'd never have the bishops coming along like the small farmer tenants, begging for a reduction because the praties were bad this season or the oats had got laid in the heavy rain and th'oul sheep had th'fluke. So of April 20, 1796, the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Camden, came down from Dublin to lay a foundation stone for projected new college buildings at Maynooth. The Duke of Leinster and all the nobles were there, and three students stood forth to recite Odes to Lord Camden: one in Greek, one in Latin and one in English. The English one ended -

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Assumes her harp, her notes renews,

And greets HIM in her new retreat.

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Congratulations to Fr. Paddy Monaghan, formally of Old Greenfield, Maynooth on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on the 12th June 1976. Congratulations are also extended to Fr. Paddy on his graduation from Berkley College, California, USA on 11th May 2001 with a Masters Degree in Theology.



L/R: Niall Fagan, Carmel Lettis (deceased) Brede Farrell
Ronnie Cassidy, Fr. Paddy Monaghan, Fr. Paddy Kavanagh, Rosa
Edwards (deceased) & Pakie Brady (deceased)
[Photo taken outside Maynooth Church, June 12th 1976]



L/R: Eric Hays (Scotland) John Little (U.S.A.)
and Brede Farrell
[Photo taken at reception in Oberstown Hse.]



L/R: Marie Murray, Fr. Paddy Monaghan and Ronnie Cassidy
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L/R: Brendan Edwards (deceased) Ronnie Cassidy, Niall
Fagan, Carmel Lettis (deceased) and Gerry McTernan.
[Photo taken at the reception in Oberstown Hse.]

Party Political

Maynooth Labour News

Maynooth Draft Development Plan 2000

The Draft Plan was drawn up by your four Area Councillors following newspaper ads requesting the public for submissions. In line with the County Development Plan, 150 acres was rezoned from Agriculture to Residential. Deputy Emmet Stagg and Councillor John McGinley wanted much less to be rezoned but unfortunately the full Council decided otherwise and we are now stuck with the 150 acres. The Draft Plan then went on public display for three months so that people would have an opportunity to make their views known. In all there were 58 written submissions and 32 of these asked to be permitted to make oral submissions.

The Area Committee considered the written submissions on 11th April and heard the oral submissions on the 8th/9th May. Landowners sought over 400 acres to be rezoned from Agriculture to Residential and for 260 acres to be rezoned from Agriculture to Light Industry/Office Park. In other words landowners are looking for all of the land around Maynooth to be rezoned.

Your four Councillors will make their decision on an Amended Draft Plan before the end of June. This will then go before the full Council at the end of June or at a Special Meeting in July, for Approval. The Amended Draft Plan will then go on Public Display for a minimum of one month and because of the August holiday period Cllr. McGinley will be demanding that the display period be extended to the end of September in order to give the public adequate time to consider the Plan.

Allocation of Discretionary Grant Funding:

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated his £24,240 Discretionary Grant Funding as follows:

- 1 £3,500 for a stud farm type fence at Rockfield/ Celbridge Road boundary.
 - 2 £600 for safety walls at Rockfield Lodge/Rockfield Avenue pedestrian walk.
 - 3 £4,000 for Cluain Aoibhinn footpaths
 - 4 £2,000 for Carton Court footpaths
 - 5 £7,000 for footpaths and roads in Avondale Estate, Leixlip.
 - 6 £5,140 for new footpath from No. 1 Laurence Avenue to No. 1 Maynooth Park.
 - 7 £2,000 for wall at the bottom of Greenfield Drive.
- In addition Cllr. McGinley has allocated £12,500 for traffic calming at two locations:

- 1 Provision of gateways at two points on Pound Lane and Back lane, Maynooth.
- 2 Chicanes on Kilmacredock/Barrogstown Road.

Parklands Traffic Calming:

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the Council have now got a contractor who will carry out this work along with five other traffic calming projects and that he intends to have the work completed before the end of August. In line with the residents wishes Cllr. McGinley has asked that the chicane build outs have a grass rather than a brick finish.

Bus Turning Circles on Straffan Road, Maynooth:

Having raised the issue at every Area Meeting for the past year Cllr. McGinley is pleased to report that the Council have finally agreed to take action. Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Area Meeting on 11th June that the Council propose the following:

- Remove the soil and pave inside the turning circle.
- Drop the kerb where people walk on the circle at present and mark out a pedestrian/cycle path.
- Cut the circle at the location where the buses drive up on at present.

George Willoughby the Council's Senior Executive Engineer is meeting the contractor next week with a view to getting the work completed within a few weeks.

Top of Main Street/Carton Avenue Lime Walk:

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to appoint a programme manager to oversee this £300,000 project was agreed at the Area Meeting of the Council. The Council's new Director of Development, Willie Carroll, has been given the job of co-ordinating the work inside and outside the Avenue Gate and it is hoped that the one contractor can be appointed for all of the work. The closure of Doctor's Lane to vehicular traffic coming from the Leixlip end will also take place at this time.

Traffic Lights and Pedestrian Crossings at the Roost:

This is another one of those issues that goes on for ever. The traffic and pedestrian signals were to be put in place over two years ago. It is a nightmare for both pedestrians and motorists. Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Area Meeting on 11th June that it was hoped to have the consultants report on these and traffic control from there to the motorway bridge for the next meeting on the 20th July. One wonders if another DUCHAS type body is acting behind the scene to stop the lights from going in place.

Party Political

(Labour Party Notes contd.)

Meadowbrook Flooding Preliminary Report:

The HGL O'Connor Report into Meadowbrook Flooding will be ready by the 15th June, however, the County Engineer gave a verbal report at the Area Meeting on 11th June. The main points are as follows:

- The biggest contributor to the flood by far was the rural part of the Meadowbrook Stream i.e. the part south of the M4. This arises because there is a faster run off of water in the urban.
- It is recommended that rezoning of land in this area only takes place if the following three conditions are met:
 - 1 The Rathcoffey Road culverts are completely substandard and need to be upgraded.
 - 2 The culverts at Bond bridge needs be upgraded.
 - 3 There needs to be attenuation of surface water run off in any new housing scheme in this area e.g. man made ponds.
- The screens on the culverts on the Meadowbrook Stream need to be redesigned so that they don't collect rubbish i.e. be self cleansing.
- The M4 Culvert needs no attention

COUNCIL TO ADVISE DUCHAS - GOING AHEAD WITH BOND BRIDGE PROJECT

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have been advised by Kildare Co. Council that following receipt of Legal Advice in connection with the planning and regulatory procedures in relation to the Bond Bridge Realignment project, the Council are now writing to Duchas advising them of their intention to proceed with the project.

The Council will advise Duchas that their objections to the project were received outside of the statutory period and in such circumstances cannot be considered and that the Council intend to proceed with the project. If Duchas do not respond within two weeks the Council will presume that they accede to the Council's proposal.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley in welcoming the Council's move forward have called on Duchas to end their spurious objections to the Council's proposals and have called on them to accept the Council's conservation proposals for the old bridge which involves the taking down of the old bridge and its storage for rebuilding elsewhere. It's time Duchas faced facts on this issue.

DESTRUCTION OF MATURE HEDGEROW AT ROCKFIELD ESTATE, MAYNOOTH.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has strongly criticised Developer Pat Mooney over his action in the destruction of mature hedgerows which border Rockfield Estate,

Maynooth and his own property on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg was contacted by residents of Rockfield Park in connection with the matter and visited the estate on Friday morning 18th May. Having viewed the destruction Deputy Stagg contacted both Kildare County Council and Duchas. He advised Kildare County Council that Mr. Mooney was in breach of Planning Condition 26 of 1128/91 which required the retention of existing hedgerows around the site boundaries of Rockfield Estate in full and where gaps existed they were to be infilled with planting of native species. The hedgerow forms a natural boundary with agricultural lands owned by Mr. Mooney and he had no right whatsoever to interfere with them. Deputy Stagg was advised that Kildare County Council would inspect the damage caused with a view to corrective action.

Deputy Stagg contacted the Wildlife Section of Duchas concerning the illegal destruction of hedgerows during the nesting season. The Duchas Ranger, Mr. Terry Doherty, visited Mr. Mooney and advised him to cease the destruction of the hedgerows and advised that if he continued he would be liable to prosecution.

Mr. Mooney's actions are unacceptable and Deputy Stagg will continue to pursue both Kildare County Council and Duchas to take strong action against Mr. Mooney.

EXTENSION TO MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that he has approved the Outline Sketch Scheme in respect of the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

The extension required will bring the permanent building capacity of the school to 850 pupils from its present level of 630. At present in excess of 100 pupils are being taught in prefabs and this has placed a strain on pupils and staff alike.

The process for the extension has a number of further hurdles to overcome, the next being the Developed Sketch Scheme, and given that the extension was sought by County Kildare VEC in August 1999 Deputy Stagg will continue to apply pressure on the Minister to fasttrack the project.

REINSTATEMENT OF GREEN AREA AT RAILPARK

The Council have responded to Deputy Stagg's request for the reinstatement of the green area at Railpark Estate, Maynooth which fronts onto the Celbridge Road.

The Council have advised Deputy Stagg that following the laying of services to the Gaelscoil and the resurfacing of the Celbridge Road, the green area will be restored.

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(Maynooth Labour Party Notes contd.)

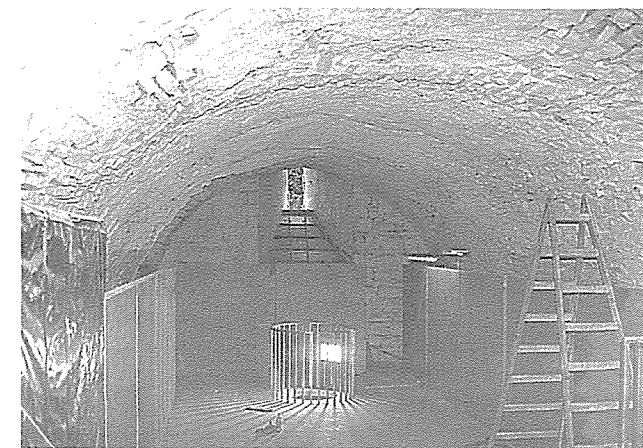
MAYNOOTH SOCCER CLUB - £100,000 ALLOCATION

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the allocation of £100,000 to Maynooth Town Soccer Club under the Sports Capital Programme.

The allocation will assist the Club in the 1st Phase Development of its playing fields at Newtown beyond the Motorway Bridge.



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FINE GAEL NOTES

Carton Avenue

Agreement with the owners of Carton Estate, to cut and maintain grass & trees along Carton Avenue, to the same standard at that of the new golf course, has been reached by Cllr. Senan Griffin. Maintenance of the Avenue has posed a serious problem for the past number of years, and therefore the willingness of the Mallaghan family to take on this task is to be greatly welcomed. One issue still to be resolved, however, is access to the Avenue from the Blacklion Road entrance, which will require the approval of the County Engineer.

Royal Canal

Kildare County Council has been requested by Cllr Senan Griffin to apply to the Department of the Environment, for the 100% grant which is available, in order to provide for a fresh water upstand and sludge disposal unit at the Harbour, Maynooth. This facility will be of use to boat owners who use the Royal Canal. At a recent meeting between Waterways Ireland and Kildare County Council, Cllr. Griffin availed of the opportunity to question them on their stance on Bond Bridge, and to the amazement of all present they adopted the same stance as Dúchas. Cllr. Griffin advised them that they should change their attitude and allow the new bridge to be constructed. Legal opinion obtained by the Kildare County Council, states that the Council are within their rights to proceed with the construction of the bridge. Dúchas, said Cllr Griffin should now avail of the agreement, allow the bridge to be taken down, stored, and in the event of a suitable location for a bridge along the Royal Canal, the stone from Bond Bridge can be utilised. Waterways Ireland have been requested by Cllr Senan Griffin to improve access along the toe path of the canal particularly from Jackson's Bridge to Kilcock.

Swimming pool for Maynooth

The last issue of the newsletter carried an article on the proposal for a pool at Maynooth. (Labour party notes) These notes on the meeting were so outrageous and inaccurate that Cllr. McGinley should be ashamed of himself---it is time for him to start telling the truth. The facts are that Cllr McGinley sought to move Motion (17) and in doing so, he himself amended the motion (he was the first speaker) in order that North Kildare was substituted for Maynooth. Cllr. Griffin was the fifth speaker to the amended motion, supported it and demanded that Kildare County Council, give the north of the county a fair share of the facilities under their authority.

It is also true that various councillors over the past few years have sought to have finance made available for the construction of a pool in the north of the county. It is high time that Cllr. McGinley started to tell the truth about these meetings and stop misrepresenting the views of others in order to show himself in good light.

Maynooth Development Plan

Engineering reports on the Lyreen and Meadowbrook rivers are due to come before the area councillors at their next meeting. It is expected that the cost of the Lyreen will be in the region of two million pounds and that the cost of work for the culverts on the Meadowbrook will be substantial. The findings of these two reports will have a bearing on the final outcome of the considerations of the area committee. The plan is expected to be ready to go on display at the end of July with the area committee having completed their work by the end of June.

Moyglare Road

The Senior Executive Engineer of Kildare County Council has assured Cllr Senan Griffin that the traffic calming measures overdue on the Moyglare Road will be put in place before students return to school this year.

Ballygoran Cross to Pikes Bridge

A proposal from Cllr Senan Griffin to the Traffic Technical Committee "that a speed restriction of 40 mph" be put in place along the Pikes Bridge road has been accepted. This restriction will be in place for the duration of the construction of the new link road connecting Celbridge and Intel to the motorway. The Traffic Committee is of the opinion that when the link road is completed the volume of traffic using the Pikes Bridge road will reduce significantly.

Moneycooley Road

Cllr Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to carry out a survey of the Moneycooley Road following the current thrust boring for the supply of a Gas main to the new Business Park at the motorway intersection. The road, in its present state is extremely dangerous and repairs should be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Recycle-reduce and energy recovery

At a recent Fine Gael meeting in Maynooth, Cllr Senan Griffin urged people who avail of the various bottle, clothes and can banks to refrain from depositing their plastic bags and other cardboard boxes in the vicinity of the recycling units. Recently Maynooth Fire Brigade was called to "put out

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a fire" at the public car park, he said where some inconsiderate person/persons set fire to the rubbish left behind. Cllr Senan Griffin said it does not make sense to bring bottles, cans etc to the recycle units and leave rubbish scattered around the units. ***"It is very wrong he stated and should be discontinued."***

Cllr Griffin appealed to people to stop and think about this issue and he told the meeting that there is no such place as "throwing it away". Actions such as these, affect everyone in the community, the evidence can be seen in any ditch within a mile radius of Maynooth. We can all play an active part in eliminating this headache from our town.

North Kildare rejects the Nice Treaty

On June 7th the people of North Kildare gave a clear verdict on the Nice Treaty by casting a narrow, but stunning, majority NO vote of 50.68%. This was a citizens' victory whereby people refused to be bullied into voting for a flawed treaty by the 'great and the good' of Irish society. The combined might of the political, business, media and church establishment was no match for the common sense of the electorate; the longer the referendum campaign went on the less they liked of what Nice had to offer, especially voters who previously supported EU referenda. The low-level campaigns by the local political organisations (posters only) indicated grass root's distaste for the Treaty and the potential for a NO win was realised with many principled members and supporters of all parties joining in the gathering momentum to reject Nice.

Reactions from establishment figures to the electorate's verdict have ranged from the amusing to the outrageous: Des O'Malley, ex PD leader, blamed both the Mc Kenna Judgement (which prohibits the Government from spending millions of taxpayers' money of a Yes-only campaign) and the Referendum Commission (which gave Yes and No sides of the argument to assist voters to make an informed and balanced choice). Ruairi Quinn's reported reaction that "the Taoiseach should hang his head in shame" can but prompt the suggestion that the Labour leadership (with the honourable and effective exceptions of John Rogers and Fergus Finlay) should feel less than proud of its role in abandoning opposition to deeper EU integration and Irish neutrality.

What is to be done?

The National Platform believes the Government should:

- Accept and respect the decision of the electorate.
- Inform our EU partners of the Irish people's refusal to ratify Nice, that the Treaty is dead and that the process must now cease.
- Reject any attempt by EU bosses to attach Declarations and Statements to Nice with a view to presenting a 'Nice 2' with new spins for another referendum within 18 months.
- Begin a thorough going process of national and local dialogue with the Irish people, including the various No to Nice campaign groups, to formulate a consensus on Ireland's relations with the EU, the United Nations and on Ireland's role in working to share the world's wealth, thereby helping to ensure peace and progress on a global scale.
- Press for the speedy accession of the Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia and Malta into the EU (subject to their peoples' wishes), as provided under the Treaty of Amsterdam.

Finally, I wish to thank and congratulate the small group of people which distributed PANA/Irish CND leaflets in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge - we can proudly say that we played our part in helping to achieve an historic victory for Irish and European democracy.

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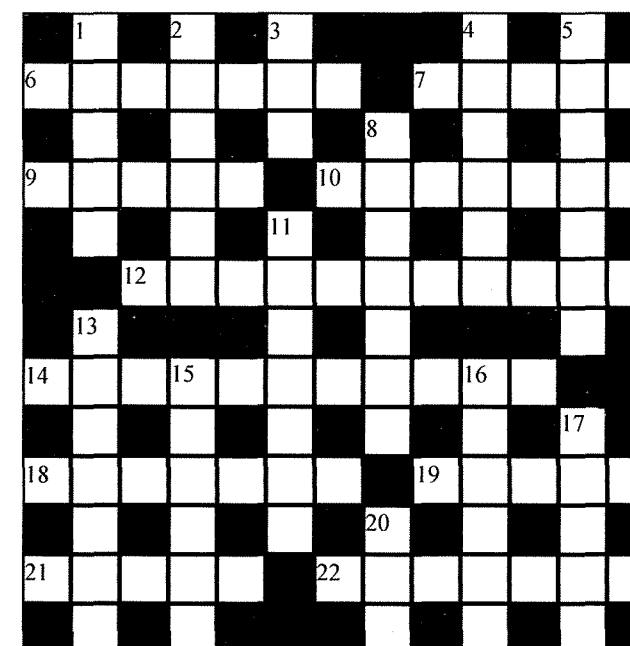
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Across:

- 6. Advantage (7)
- 7. Comely (5)
- 9. Cape (5)
- 10. Coherence (7)
- 12. Gloomy (11)
- 14. Scenic (11)
- 18. Undress (7)
- 19. Vault (5)
- 21. Stance (5)
- 22. Exalted (7)

Down:

- 1. Response (5)
- 2. Feast (6)
- 3. Attach (3)
- 4. Strain (6)
- 5. Vanity (7)
- 8. Quick look (7)
- 11. Attribute (7)
- 13. Communication (7)
- 15. Beat (6)
- 16. Disorderly (6)
- 17. Foam (5)
- 20. Embrace (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 158

Across: 6 Display; 7 Ruler; 9 Jar; 10 Reference; 12 Complaining; 15 Discourtesy; 17 Impudence; 19 Sly; 21 Gnash; 22 Flaccid.

Down: 1 Vital; 2 Opt; 3 Wane; 4 Quietness; 5 Rescind; 8 Depart; 11 Concourse; 13 Paused; 14 Diamond; 16 Plait; 18 Call; 20 Act.

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Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News

This months article will be somewhat shorter than usual due partly to holidays and partly to it being a particularly busy month. I will start with a quick rundown on the events which will be coming up in the next 4 - 5 weeks, some of which once again will be over before this issue of the newsletter is out on the stands. However for those events we will have a report on what happened in the next issue, while other events we will be able to give you advanced notice of here.

Saturday 9th June - Walkabout with Minister Charlie McCreevy T.D. and Cllr. Paul Kelly.

On this Saturday, the Minister and local Councillor will be continuing their normal routine walkabouts in the Maynooth area. This time we hope to reach on Carton Court, Leinster Cottages and possibly Greenfield though this is liable to change according to time constraints. The Minister will also be visiting the Golf development taking place in Carton Estate and meeting with Mr. Conor Mallaghan along with Cumann members.

Tuesday 19th June - Public Meeting addressed by Minister of State Mr. Eamon O Cuiv T.D.

This meeting will be addressed by Mr. Eamon O Cuiv T.D. for Galway West organised by Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann, in the Glenroyal Hotel at 9 p.m. It will mark the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of Fianna Fail - founded by his grandfather Eamon De Valera. Minister O Cuiv will give a brief overview of the history of the Party from its foundation to the present day, examining its role, values and contributions over the expanse of this timeframe. As with all previous Public Meetings which the Cumann have organised, all are very welcome to attend on the night.

Friday 6th July - visit by An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern to Kildare North Constituency.

The visit by An Taoiseach Mr. Bertie Ahern to the Kildare North Constituency will take place all day on Friday 6th July. It is a great honour and pleasure for the Maynooth Cumann to host part of this visit when An Taoiseach will spend some time with the residents of Maynooth in the Glenroyal Hotel sometime later that evening. At time of writing the itinerary is not yet complete but please keep an eye on the local press leading up to that date when we will publicise the

timescale and list of events. We do expect the Taoiseach to turn the sod on the Business Park currently being constructed on the Straffan Road, near the exit from the Motorway. Later we also expect that the Taoiseach will present Certificates of achievement to long serving and loyal supporters and workers for Fianna Fail in the immediate area.

Wednesday 11th July 2001 Minister of State Ms. Sile De Valera T.D.

On the above date Minister of State Ms. Sile De Valera will be launching "The Book of Maynooth" in the Glenroyal Hotel. The Cumann expect to host a small reception for the Minister to meet with local members sometime around 6 p.m or 6.30 p.m

The Comhairle Dail Cheanntair of Fianna Fail to organise 75th Anniversary Conference in the Kildare North Area.

The above Conference will be organised sometime around September or October this years. Events to be decided yet, may centre around Speeches, Barbecue, Workshops etc. Again all will be advertised in the local Press as the time approaches.

Fianna Fail Ard Fheis 2001

The original Ard Fheis was organised for April but of course was cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. This annual event has now been organised for October 12th and 13th and again the Maynooth Cumann will be well represented at all the events centring around this greatly looked forward to event.

Swimming Pool - North Kildare

Local Fianna Fail Councillor Paul Kelly recently addressed the Maynooth Cumann Meeting on the issue of the sought-after Swimming Pool for the North Kildare area. Cllr. Kelly is of the view that the provision of such a Swimming Pool is long overdue and feels that either Maynooth or Leixlip would be the areas for such a pool to be situated to best advantage for all residents of the North Kildare area. Leixlip has the largest population in the area while Maynooth has the largest youth and student population. Cllr. Kelly told the Cumann that work will be undertaken to upgrade facilities at other public swimming pools in the county and the County Manager has given a commitment to look at the feasibility of locating a pool in the North of the County.

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(Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News contd.)

Capital Assistance Scheme Grants for Maynooth

The Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal Mr. Bobby Molloy T.D. has recently written to Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy notifying him of the allocation of the following grants under the Capital Assistance Scheme to the local Maynooth bodies.

Saint John of God Trust (Ireland)	
50 Silkenvale	
Maynooth	£212,000.00 made available
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92 Castledawson,	
Maynooth	£212,000.00 made available

Sports Grants for County Kildare

The Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy has written to the Cumann detailing the allocations for the County under the Sports Capital Programme 2001 amounting in total to £3,035,000.00

These Grants cover a number of organisations throughout the County of Kildare but the following are those which directly relate to the areas in North Kildare and which may be of interest directly to our readers.

Kilcock Hurling and Football Club	£200,000.00
Barnhall Rugby Club, Leixlip	£100,000.00
North Kildare Club	£60,000.00
Celbridge Community Centre	£40,000.00
Clane GAA Club	£100,000.00
St. Marys GAA Club, Leixlip	£200,000.00
Rathcoffey GAA	£200,000.00
Maynooth Town AFC	£100,000.00
St. Wolstans Community School	£250,000.00

Minister McCreevy stated that the allocation of these grants are a clear signal of the Government's commitment to sport on a nation wide level. This years allocation is the largest single allocation for sporting and community facilities ever. They are designed to increase participation in sports and recreational activities. Minister McCreevy praised the level of commitment to sport which is shown throughout the country by people who give their own time voluntarily and this should be acknowledged and rewarded, therefore the Government's contribution must reflect their acknowledgement of the vital role played by voluntary workers in developing local communities. In areas such as Kildare, which are growing at such a rapid pace, this is particularly important and hence the substantial nature of the grants.

Once again should anyone wish to contact the Cumann please phone Gearoid Lohan Chairman at 01-6289187 or myself Brid Feely at 01-6286647.

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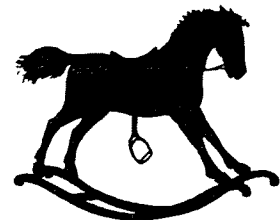
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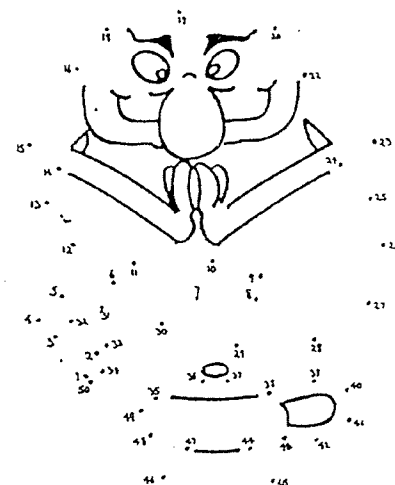
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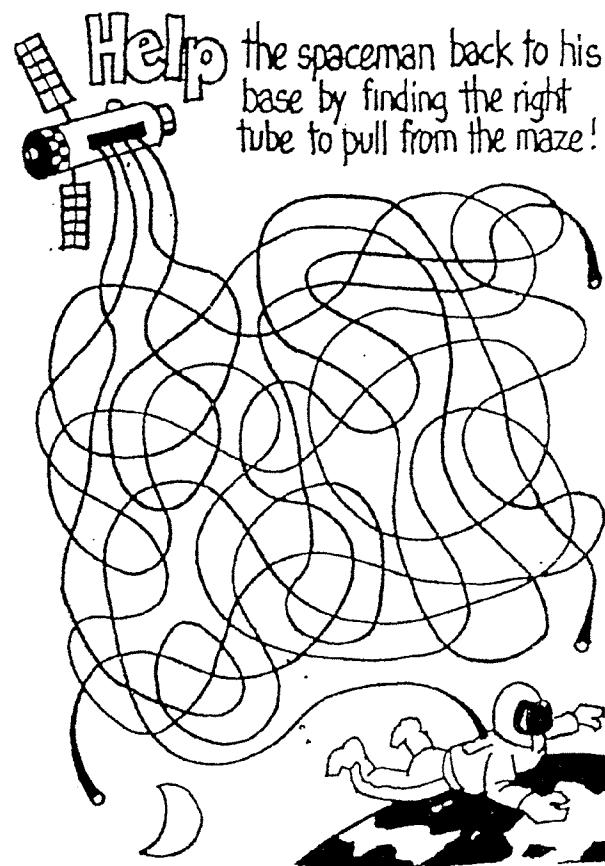
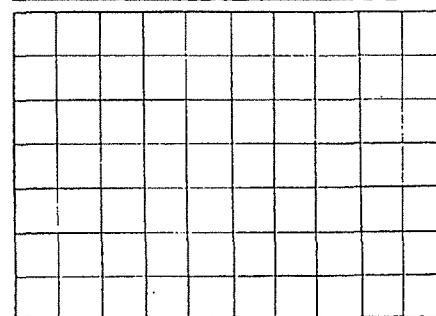


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Parklands Residents Association

During April this year a new committee was elected at our A.G.M. in Straffan Lodge. The first priority on the agenda was to "Spring Clean" the estate. On May 26th it began. With skips galore dolled in the various locations, with shovels and spades, sprays and trimmers a concerted attack was made on weeds, litter and overgrown areas. Teamwork, determination and hard work by a number of residents during Saturday and Sunday showed considerable success.

Flower beds were revived by weeding, mulching and a final application of bark.

The children in the estate were rewarded with sweets, crisps and soft drinks and prizes were also given to some enthusiastic adults.

It is the committee's resolve to have regular clean-up days, to maintain a clean and tidy Parklands and promote a community atmosphere. Like all organisations we need more people to participate in keeping our estate a place in which we are proud to live.

A family day of fun is planned for June 30th.

A Parklands resident, Sue da Nymph has written the following verse to describe the hard work and fun we had on our clean-up day.

Community Clean Up Day

Well, I scutched and I skimmed and I skivvied
I lopped and I skipped and I dumped
I weeded and I kneaded and I pleaded
I bled and then I fed and exhausted, I collapsed
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Graduating from the Presentation Convent
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Front: Marcho Umpkins, Eimer Flynn, Laura Judge, Helen Downes, Shonagh Crosbie, Karen Bracken, Sharon Lyons & Deirdre Mulcahy



Graduating from the Presentation Convent
L/R Shonagh Crosbie, Deirdre Mulcahy, Eimer Flynn, Karen Bracken, Helen Downes & Sharon Lyons



Sports Day in the Presentation Convent
L/R Becky Gisbey, Aine O'Neill, Fatima Diallo, Melissa Ridge & Emma Dalton



Sports Day in the Presentation Convent
Shauna Barrett

Maynooth Summer Project Programme 2001

WEEK 1

Day/Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue
Monday 9th July	11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Fort Lucan £6.00
Tuesday 10th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Quiz £1.00
Wednesday 11th July	11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling in Coolock & visit to St. Annes Park £6.00
Thursday 12th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Bingo
Friday 13th July	11.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Film Liffey Valley £5.00

WEEK 2

Day/Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue
Monday 16th July	11.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling in Tallaght £6.00
Tuesday 17th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Quiz £1.00
Wednesday 18th July	11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Kidzone £6.00
Thursday 20th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Bingo £1.00
Friday 20th July	9.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Clara Lara £12 includes cost of Gold Band

Registration for all activities will take place on
Tuesday 3rd July - 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. - ICA Hall

All children must be 7 before 1st July 2001
If you are available to help during the project please give your name on Registration Day
Fees £3.00 per child or £6.00 per family
All other information available on Registration Day
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Town Football Club Notes

As another successful season draws to a close the executive of Maynooth Town F.C. would like to thank all the sponsors, managers, parents and players for their efforts throughout the year. A special mention to Eddie Power and Sean Fagan who's under 13 team lifted their league title. Also well done to Mick Dempsey's senior Saturday team who were also crowned league champions and were unlucky losers in their League Cup Final. In what was at times a frustrating season through bad weather and the foot & mouth scare players from 6 years of age through to senior level represented Maynooth with distinction in their various leagues.

The highlight of the season off the park was the coming on stream of the new facilities on the Rathcoffey Rd. It's far from Wembley but with the support of the parents and the wider community and the recent grant allocation of £100,000 from the Sports Capital Programme we are in a strong position for the future. The club would like to thank Charlie Mc Creavy TD for his assistance in obtaining this most welcome grant aid. The funds will be used to install drainage and an all weather pitch on the Rathcoffey Road site. The hard work now begins to raise the matching funding of some £30,000 locally to proceed with the project. All support would be most welcome.

In the meantime we hope our managers, parents and players enjoy a well-earned summer break and we look forward to further success both on and off the park in the coming season.



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27-May-01	2,10,20,24	£3,000	NOREEN DOOGAN	SIMONE LEAVY	MICHAEL FORDE

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

Our outing to Kilcock Golf Club was held on Friday 25th May. Out of a field of 41 players Terry Moore came out on top to secure his second overall in as many as three outings. Well done to Terry and all prize winners on the day.

The Society would like to thank Barretts of Maynooth for their generous sponsorship towards this outing.

Overall Winner:	Terry Moore	38 pts.
2nd	Don O'Sullivan	45 pts. (N.Q.)
3rd	Dave Donnelly	39 pts. (N.Q.)
4th	Mick Flynn	37 pts (Back 6)
5th	Sam Feeney	37 pts.
6th	Tom Flatley	36 pts.
7th	Liam Farrelly	34 pts.

Front 9	Willie Moore	19 pts.
Back 9	Owen Byrne	17 pts.

Nearest The Pin Don O'Sullivan

Visitors	Gerry Donnelly	35 pts.
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Twos Club	Terry Moore - Gerry Donnelly
	Emmet Savage - Liam Farrelly
	Gerry McTernan - Dave Donnelly

Shay Moore Memorial Outing

Our annual Shay Moore Memorial Outing was held on Saturday 9th June to Athlone Golf Club. This outing was well attended with a total of 36 players. The course as ever was in excellent condition but also proved very testing. Tom O'Haire triumphed on the day beating Barry Desmond on the back 9 with a total of 33 pts. The Society would like to thank the Moore family for their very kind sponsorship towards this outing. Congrats to Tom and all prize winners on the day.

1st Overall	Tom O'Haire	33 pts. (Back 9)
2nd	Barry Desmond	33 pts.
3rd	Sean O'Connell	31 pts. (Back 9)
4th	Tom Flately	31 pts.
5th	Terry Moore	30 pts. (Back 9)
6th	Mick Flynn	30 pts. (Back 6)
7th	Emmet Savage	30 pts.

Front 9	Gerry Reilly	17 pts.
Back 9	Owen Byrne	19 pts.

Visitors	Andrew Tuite	39 pts.
	Andrew Fay	36 pts.

Nearest The Pin	Terry Moore
Twos Club	Joe Moore - Sean O'Connell

Our next outing will be held on Friday 6th July to Woodlands Golf Club

Our Captain's (Mick Flynn) will be held on Sunday 22nd July to Kileen Golf Club. Soft spikes are required for this outing.

John Saults
P.R.O.

Laraghbryan Golf Classic

On Friday 1st June, the Laraghbryan Cemetery Association held its first Golf Classic at Kilcock Golf Club. it was very well attended with 25 teams playing on the day. We would like to thank Kilcock for putting the course at our disposal for the day and, also to the catering staff who provided the golfers with a terrific meal afterwards.

We would like to thank everyone who played on the day and especially the businesses and individuals who sponsored teams, tee boxes and holes on the day. Without that much needed sponsorship it would be very difficult to run what turned out to be a very successful day. Thanks are also due to the very hard working committee who went out to get this sponsorship. We must also say a special word of thanks to House Pride who sponsored the overall prizes for the day.

The presentation of prizes was held that night in Maynooth GAA Club where everyone had a great night. The following are the prize winners:

1st (92 pts.)	B. Desmond, L. Farrelly, S. Feeney.
2nd (90 pts.)	M. Hegarty, S. Groarke, T. O'Connor
3rd (80 pts.)	B. Carty, J. Kilsenan, M. Griffin
Front Nine	

(33 pts.) D. Heffernan, F. McGuinness, P. Nevin.

Back Nine

(49 pts.) B. Cleary, A. Davidson, L. McCarthy

Nearest the Pin: P. Maleady

Longest Drive: E. O'Muircheartaigh

We hope that everyone enjoyed both the day and night and, hopefully we will see all of you again next year.

The Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee.



L/R: Sam Feeney, Liam Farrelly
and Barry Desmond

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

We are now back in full swing after the Foot and Mouth restrictions. Our membership gradually increasing, with a number of experienced walkers joining our group. We have members from Westmeath, Kildare and Dublin. We are now gearing ourselves up to conducting walks at different levels to meet all needs. Occasionally we are in a position to complete two grades of walk on the same day. During the summer we hope to complete a number of evening hikes mid-week some of which may be easy and aimed at newcomers. Keep an eye out in next months issue.

On May 27th we completed an easy hike on Howth peninsula taking in the coastal paths, the high points of the area and a birdseye view of the Rhododendron Garden at Howth Castle. On June 10th we completed both an Easy and Moderate hike in the mountains east of the Blessington Lakes finishing up for liquid refreshments at the village of Ballyknockan.

Members of the group have just returned from a week in the Austrian Alps in the Tirol region. Next month other members of the group are visiting the French Alps and Mount Blanc with our hillwalking friends from the Commeraghs.

On Wednesday 4th July we plan to travel to Clonsilla on the train and walk along the canal to Maynooth a distance of 13 Kms, 8 miles. The meeting point for this hike is the Railway Station, Maynooth at 7 p.m. We would expect to be back in Maynooth by 9.30 p.m. There is always the possibility of picking up a 66 bus at Louisa Bridge, Leixlip.

For the rest of June we will be conducting a number of more difficult hikes in the Wicklow mountains. Unfortunately we have to limit these to more experienced members.

An easy hike is planned for July 15th in the Glendalough/Laragh area. This hike will be on the open mountainside, taking 3 to 4 hours. See paragraph 8.

Club membership details available on request.

Again it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, and overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year. There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. Those not properly equipped for

the nature of the hike will not be permitted to attend.

Mountain Safety Note:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact members 6285367, 6290294, 086-2703348 or E-mail: glenroyalhillwalking@hotmail.com
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns join forces with Royal Canal Amenity Group on FAS Community Employment Project

The Maynooth Environmental Group is the title being adopted by the two groups who are jointly promoting a new Community Employment Project in the town. Both the Royal Canal Amenity Group and Maynooth Tidy Towns have previously promoted individual projects. The Royal Canal has a current project up and running and Maynooth Tidy Towns will be joining this project. Mr. Tom Flatley will continue as Supervisor on the new combined project. The merger was welcomed by FAS Community Services who are keen to combine projects where possible in an area. Both groups are happy that as voluntary groups that they will work well together. The two groups will continue to operate separately in all other endeavours.

Tidy Towns welcome Carton Avenue maintenance plan

Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes the recent announcement by Cllr. Senan Griffin that Carton Demesne will maintain Carton Avenue. Maynooth Tidy Towns had been in contact with Conor Mallaghan from Carton Demesne to clarify some details. Mr. Robert O'Reilly, Chairman, Maynooth Tidy Towns attended a meeting with the head groundsman of Carton Demesne on site to appraise him of the difficulties.

For almost a decade Maynooth Tidy Towns has maintained this area with both a community employment scheme and in the last three years on a totally voluntary basis. Special thanks must go to our Chairman Robert O'Reilly who gave up to six hours a week keeping the grass cut so that the people of the town and visitors could enjoy the use of this amenity area. We are delighted with the support from Carton Demesne and full credit to all involved.

Maynooth Tidy Towns seek local partnerships

In keeping with recent years we look forward to the active support of local groups, residents associations and commercial interests in presenting the town in the best possible condition for the National Tidy Towns Competition judges. The judging can take place anytime from the end of May to the end of August. Everybody is welcome to get involved in the efforts as we try to bring the Maynooth score up sixteen points to the magical 200 marks.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Collection a success

Our annual collection took place on the weekend of

8/10th June 2001. We are very pleased with the support that we received from the public and please accept our appreciation. However, for anybody that missed the collection, please feel free to donate at any time of the year as we depend fully on voluntary donations.

Special Thanks to the following people who collected for us Robert O'Reilly, Margaret Howe, Dorin Goyvaerts, Bernadette Duffy, Mary Fitzgerald, Patricia Sweeney, John Sweeney, Des Matthews, Mary Farrell, Richard Farrell and Noelle Croghan.

Maynooth – A splash of colour

On the June Bank Holiday weekend the plans to erect hanging baskets around Maynooth began in earnest. Prior to that the community affairs department in Intel (Ireland) Ltd had produced completed hanging baskets under instruction for display in Maynooth. Maura Baxter from the Maynooth Flower and Garden Club tenderly cared for the displays for over a month and indeed was sad to be parting with them. Maura got the opportunity to determine the good homes that her foster plants could go to. John Dolan and myself set about hanging the hooks which were generously donated by Joe Buckley from Ua Buachalla's. The last link in this chain is the people in the town centre that will keep these beautiful floral displays watered during the Summer. Thanks to Intel for the initiative and to everybody else involved in bringing this project to a success completion.

Paul Croghan
Secretary
Maynooth Tidy Towns

P.S. Please note that Recycling Facilities have returned to Tesco Ireland, in Maynooth.

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Maynooth Planning Alliance

There are three huge challenges facing the Ireland of the Celtic tiger over the next decade or so. Firstly there is the increasing need to preserve environmental quality on which so much of our present prosperity is based. Secondly there is the obvious need to provide a transport infrastructure which enables people and commerce to be moved around the island efficiently. Thirdly we must as a nation address seriously the urgent task of reducing the presently horrible regional imbalance in wealth and employment in Ireland which threatens to undermine any efforts to resolve the other two problems. It is only by successfully tackling all of these that the benefits of economic growth can be realised. It is only by successfully resolving these major problems that the quality of life for the ordinary citizen in Ireland is not sacrificed on the altar of wealth creation for a few. All of these objectives however depend on an enlightened and radical approach to planning. Yet it is the planning process which has been most tarnished in recent years by the adverse publicity of the various tribunals and political interference in planning which has most identified with the stench of corruption which has permeated public life over the past few years.

For the future, only if everyone pulls together can the situation be turned around. The time for catering for vested interest groups to the detriment of the community as a whole must be left behind. The necessary changes firstly require a bottom-up approach to planning which recognises the needs of the community.

How far along this road does the Draft Maynooth Development Plan take us? Are our local councillors prepared to engage in meaningful partnership with the community of Maynooth? At first sight the omens are not good. At County Council level, regional planning guidelines emanated from the Department of the Environment have been ignored and it could be argued that developer and special interest groups appear to have been dominant over community concerns such as traffic and schools.

But let us give our councillors the benefit of any doubt. Maybe we are too judgmental? A simple question will resolve the matter. Are our local councillors sensitive to community concerns? If yes they will surely give a positive answer to the following proposed amendment to the Draft Maynooth Plan. Let us call it the Community Planning Commitment.

The Community Planning Commitment

"Conscious of the serious traffic consequences of new residential developments, it shall be the policy of the Council to consider planning applications in any of the new residential areas proposed in the Plan as premature pending completion of the proposed ring road for that area."

This can produce two answers. A 'yes' will be greeted with delight by most residents of Maynooth. If received, *Maynooth Planning Alliance* will publicly congratulate our councillors in the next Newsletter and throw its support behind them in implementing the plan. If on the other hand you hear silence or equivocation, you can draw your own conclusions about how much commitment exists to tackle the local problems, far less the national problems mentioned in the first sentence.

Maynooth Local History Exhibition for Maynooth Community Library

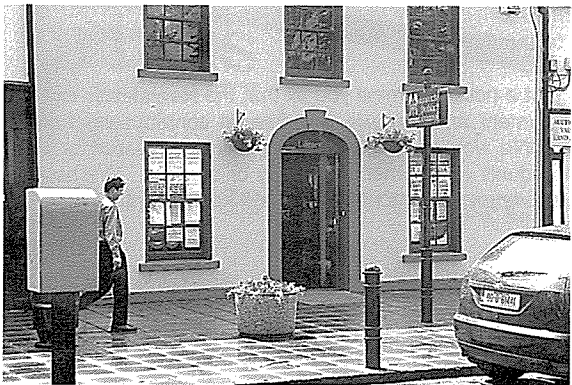
Maynooth Community Library, with the co-operation of **Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum**, is preparing an exhibition relating to the history of Maynooth. It is planned to open the exhibition on a small scale later this summer and to add to it as more materials become available.

The Library extends an invitation to anyone who has relevant **photographs** or other materials (i.e. **letters or documents**), which they would like to contribute to the exhibition. These can be donated, or loaned for copies to be made and the originals returned. The Library guarantees that great care will be taken of all contributions.

Please bring your photographs/letters/documents to the Library desk. There you will be issued with a receipt noting the nature of the donation or loan and the conditions on which you are making it.

If you have any queries about this subject, please do not hesitate to contact the staff at **Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth** either in person or at **6285530**, or e-mail us at **maynoothlib@eircom.net**.

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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

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O St. Martha, I resort to thee and to thy petition and faith. I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays. Comfort me in all my difficulties. Through the great favour thou didst enjoy when our Saviour lodged in thy house, I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favour I asked (say what you need). Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for in all our necessities. I ask thee, St. Martha, to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast at thy feet. Say one Our Father, three Hail Marys and light a candle every Tuesday and make this prayer known with the intention of spreading the novena to St. Martha. Thanks, St. Martha and Sister Marcoline R.I.P. Paul.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Karen Tracey, 7 Beaufield Green, Maynooth, who took part in the Kildare Fleadh Cheoil held in Clane on May 20th and won three gold medals, winning the U.12 Tin Whistle, Flute and Flute Slow Airs Competitions. She and her uncle, Kevin Tracey, came in second place in the duets O/18 competition. Karen will represent Kildare in the Leinster Fleadh which will be held in Kilcormac, Co. Offaly on the weekend of July 14th/15th.

Well done Karen, your family and friends wish you the best of luck in the Leinsters.

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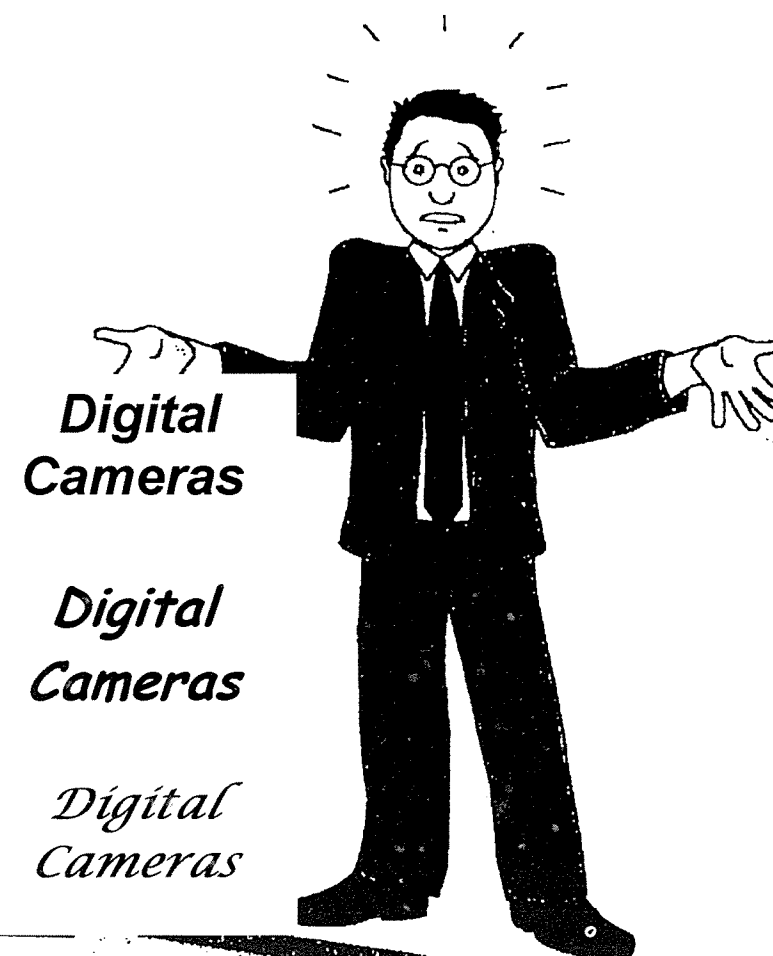
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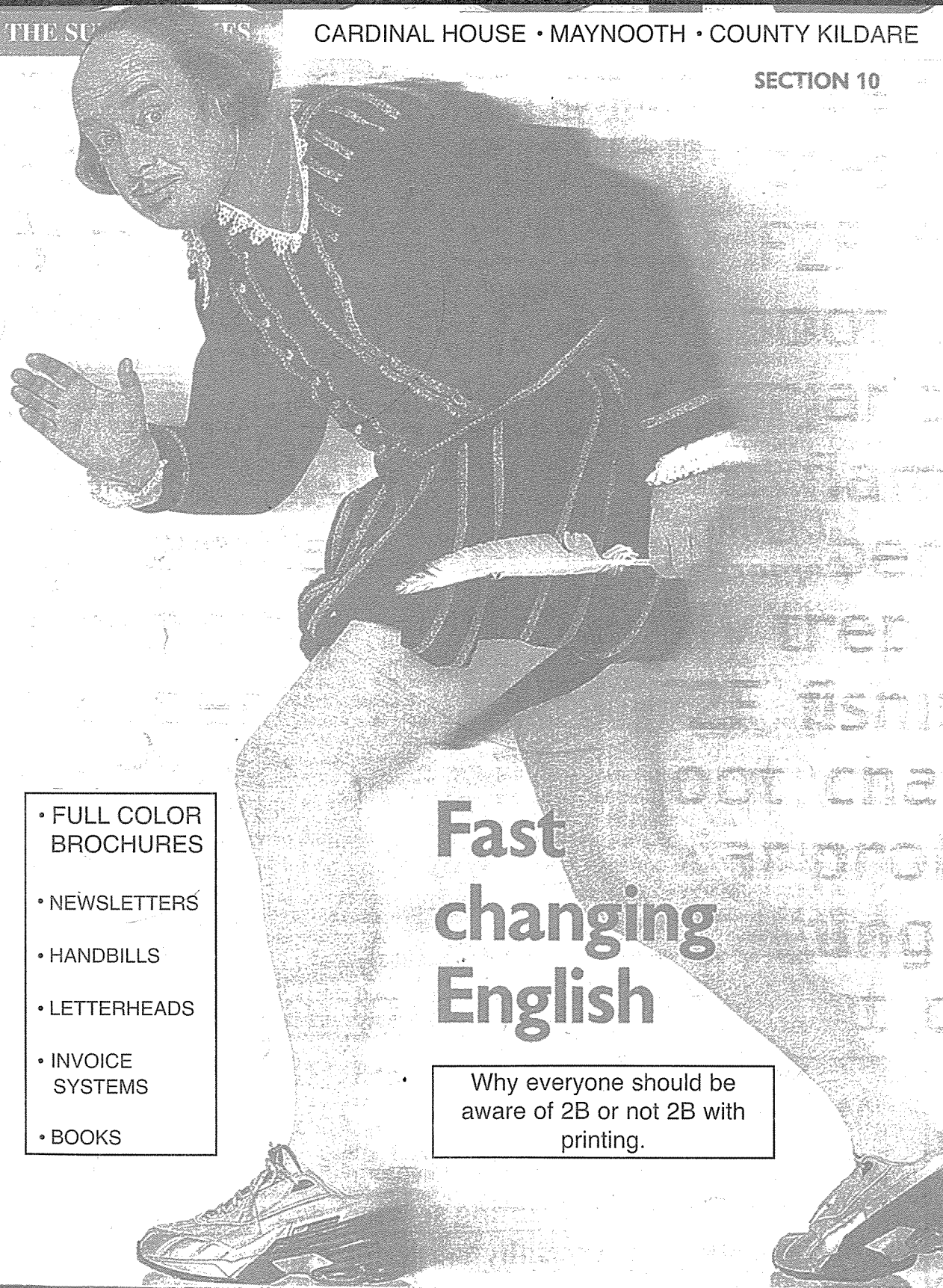
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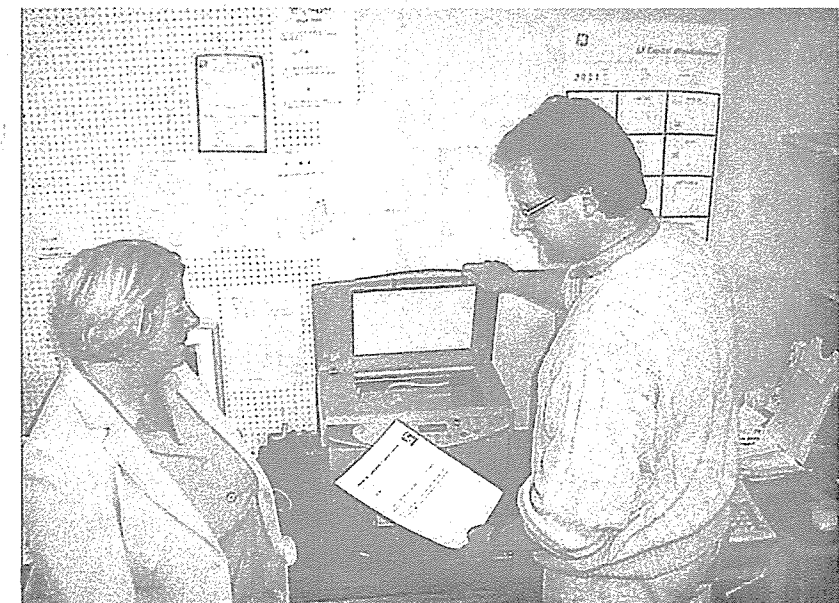
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Editorial

Maynooth had a great loss this August with the sad passing of Gearóid McTernan. Gerry was a member of the new Community Council and a great contributor to the Newsletter. We would like to extend our sympathy to his large extended family and his many, many friends in the town. He was a font of storytelling about his life in Maynooth and before his arrival here told with wonderful wit. He never forgot the various anniversaries in his family's life and celebrated them by his messages through the pages of this publication. He was generous with his knowledge and his photographs when asked to contribute to any articles on Old Maynooth. He was involved in so many of the town's activities and societies and always had a friendly word for all. It seemed strangely fitting that his mass was held in the College considering the many, many walks he took inside its walls. He will be sadly and greatly missed.

The Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Leaving Certificate students on their excellent results. The Post-Primary must be very proud of Fergus Denman who achieved what appears to be the impossible – 900 points. We congratulate him in particular and hope to have a feature on him in next month's issue. Good luck to all the students, young and old, who begin the new school year this month.

The issue of what young people do in their spare time has again become an issue with the problem of underage drinking with the accompanying litter and anti-social behaviour. This is not just a problem for Maynooth; it appears to be endemic in all Irish towns. But there are activities for youngsters in the evening with the various clubs and societies, including a drama group and classes.

But there is a serious need for a youth centre for the growing number of teenagers who may not be interested in sport or drama etc. There is no community centre in the town despite the growing young population. No provision is made by the authorities for such an amenity, despite the desperate requirements for such facilities as these dormitory towns grow and grow around the greater Dublin area. It is to be hoped that the obstacles in this local area to the development of such amenities will be removed and that the Celtic Tiger economy has not deflated before the available resources are utilised. The Community Council will address the problem of underage drinking at its September meeting and perhaps some further progress will be achieved in this area.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The last Community Council meeting took place on the 15th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Intel Emissions Debate:

This meeting was to facilitate a debate between Intel Ireland, Mr. John Colgan, Leixlip and Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Community Council.

However Intel declined to attend the meeting on the understanding that the time being allocated would not be enough for such a debate. Intel extended an invitation to hold the meeting down at their Leixlip base.

Mr. Colgan and Mr. Gallagher both delivered their submissions and as both reports were quite lengthy and technical they can both be viewed in the Community Council Office.

Mr. Colgan pointed out the high levels of cancer in the Leixlip area. He also noted that there is to be further expansion at Intel.

Mr. Gallagher noted that there were high levels of metal in the environment. He also stated that some acids, minerals, were well below the allowed levels.

However it was stated that Maynooth is to get two monitoring stations, this should be of some comfort to us all.

Bond Bridge:

At long last Bond Bridge is out for tender.

Summer Project:

Claire O'Rourke commented that the project had been a great success. It started on the 9th July for two weeks. 102 children enjoyed a great day to Fort Lucan as well as many other attractions.

Tidy Towns:

Richard Farrell complimented Kildare County Council on their quick action on upgrading the bus turning point on the Straffan Road.

It was felt that the 7 day cleaning in Maynooth is not satisfactory. Mary Fitzgerald felt that the litter machine would be better doing more work in the Town than around the estates. Tom McMullon said that areas should be allocated every week. However it was generally felt that the street cleaning was good.

Maynooth Development Plan:

The Maynooth Development Plan was up for discussion by Kildare County Council but as new proposals to combat the flooding problem were not

ready no decision was taken. Also that there would be a strong move for more rezoning for more housing stated John McGinley.

John also proposed that there should be a new school on the Rathcoffey Road or Straffan Road. This would involve closing the Girls School and making the Boys National School a Co-Ed.

Claire O'Rourke stated that the Principal, Peter Mullan was doing a great job with the school. She also felt that children should be mixed all the time.

Paul Croghan inquired regarding funding, would the school be fully funded.

Community Centre for Maynooth:

Maynooth Community Council is fully behind all efforts to gain a centre for Maynooth. Kildare County Council propose to build a swimming pool and complex in North Kildare. Maynooth would be ideally situated for such a centre. Tom McMullon stated that there is a lot of land available - re Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field land. There would have to be co-operation between local groups in Maynooth to get it supported. Paul Croghan wondered who was going to be involved in the centre. It was felt that it would have to involve all interested groups in the town.

Underage Drinking Problem:

Mary Fitzgerald stated that the harbour is a no go area after 7 o'clock in the evening.

It was felt that with 14 Gardai in the town something should be able to be done about the underage drinking, the law is there and it should be enforced.

Gerry McCann, Moyglare Village suggested that a forum should be formed consisting of chairpersons of Residents Associations. The forum could then highlight the problem in estates and build up a good relation with the Gardai.

It was generally felt that something definitely will have to be done about youth drinking.

Marie Gleeson, P.R.O.

The next meeting will be held on the 10th September in the Glenroyal Hotel

MAYNOOTH WALKERS

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The story of the buildings and the principle historical events of St. Patrick's College Maynooth

Assemble: The entrance gates, Old Campus gates.

Date: Sunday 2 September 2001

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Guide: Mary Cullen, historian

A guided tour of the streets, laneways, buildings, and residences of Maynooth's 18th century inheritance and a short section of the nearby Royal Canal, constructed in the 1790s.

Assemble: Entrance to Carton Avenue, Main Street

Date: Sunday 9 September 2001

Time: 2:15 p.m.

Guide: Rita Edwards, historian

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At the funeral services in the College Chapel on 10th and 11th August, fulsome recognition was given by Fathers Stenson and Sinnott of Gearóid's role as husband, father, grandfather, Christian, railway worker, gardener and community activist. Complementing these qualities was Gearóid's commitment to Irish Republican ideals. Born on Easter Monday 1916, he was influenced in his native Leitrim by the then leading Republican, John Joe McGirl. Gearóid became an active member of Sinn Féin in Maynooth during the mid-1900s and often recalled with pride the occasion when he was chosen to deliver an annual Easter 1916 commemorative oration at the Republican graves in Celbridge cemetery. He counted among his friends many of the Maynooth men who fought in the 1916 Easter Rising and supported efforts in the town to mark their contribution. During the recent Troubles in the North he did not support the activities of the IRA but never wavered from his principles and continued to proudly wear his tricolour badge in his lapel.

In the 1990s he was an active member of the Winchester Three Support Group; Maynooth Miscarriages of Justice Group; Maynooth Peace, Reconciliation and Justice Group; and the local contributions to mark the 75th anniversary of the 1916 Rising and the bi-centenary of the 1798 rebellion. More recently he supported the Local History and Civic Forum and contributed many nuggets of knowledge to the booklet *Exploring Maynooth - Five Self-Guide Historical Walks*.

A quite-spoken man, Gearóid's style was not to push his views, but rather to support and encourage those with whom he chose to work.

Sincerest condolences to his six sons, their wives and families.

Gearóid, may the good earth of Laraghbryan rest lightly upon your breast.

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M.Q.



Gearóid and friends by the 1916 plaque in Pound Park, 1996

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July fundraising events

The Community Council would like to thank those who were involved in our fundraising events this July, namely the Barperson of the Year and the Table Quiz.

There was also the auxiliary poetry reading night held in the Library. This concentrated primarily on those writers who had their work published in the Book of Maynooth that was launched earlier in July.

Congratulations to the winner of the Barperson of the Year, Pauline O'Neill from Caulfields, second was Noel Browne of Dowdstown and third was Olan Allen. We would like to thank all the pubs that took part: Caulfields, the Roost, the Glenroyal and Dowdstown. We would also like to thank Caulfields for their donation to the Council of £200 for which we are very grateful.

Congratulations also to the winners of the Table Quiz; John and Mary McGinley and Gerry and Olly Durack. Well done! It was agreed that it was a very well set quiz with many tables doing well. There were very few enquiries or arguments on the night. It was great to see Norah McDermott as the MC again and we would like to extend our thanks to her and all others who helped on the night, in particular Freda Kelleher.

We would like to thank our sponsors who donated prizes for the raffle on the night also:

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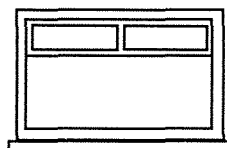
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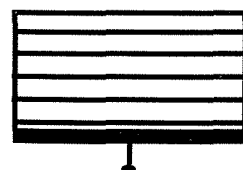
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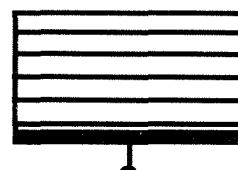
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Moyglare Village Residents Association

Campaign to be taken in charge in 2001

Moyglare Village Residents Association is to start a vigorous campaign to have the estate taken in charge in 2001. This development was built by Crewhill Properties Ltd a Company that was part of the Shannon Homes Group. Building commenced in 1988 and due to the poor housing market during that period the last house was completed in 1993, when the developer left the site. Since then, the residents association has pursued both Kildare County Council and the developer to have the estate taken in charge.

A major stumbling block for a number of years was the completion of a boundary with the Moyglare Road. The developer refused to make any contribution to the cost of a boundary wall and the issue was finally solved last year when alone, Cllr. John McGinley provided a share of his discretionary fund to pay for the stud fence boundary that is now in place.

Residents annoyed at not being linked to gas network

Moyglare Village Residents are annoyed that their estate is still not linked to the natural gas network in Maynooth. The Residents Association is to seek the support of all relevant parties to have this matter pursued with Bord Gais and Kildare County Council.

Moyglare Village/ Moyglare Abbey Residents Associations to co-operate

Moyglare Abbey has recently formed a new Residents Association for their area. Up to now the Moyglare Village Residents Association provided information to residents of Moyglare Abbey as well as residents of the Moyglare Road. Residents of the Moyglare Road can continue to be members of the Moyglare Village Residents Association.

Moyglare Village Residents Association has sought a meeting with the new association executive so that the two associations can work together on matters of mutual interest. These will more than likely include issues such as traffic dangers on the Moyglare Road and the future development of the area, as the Maynooth Development Plan 2001, includes proposals for the major re-development of this area.

Paul Croghan
Hon. Secretary
Moyglare Village Residents Association

Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Tidy Towns Result 2001 – How did Maynooth do this year?

The National Tidy Towns Competition 2001 results will be available around 10th September, the day when everyone involved in Tidy Towns finds out whether or not the marks for their town has improved or not. The score that Maynooth has achieved has been steadily improving over the last five years. In our five-year plan 1998- 2002, Maynooth Tidy Towns set a target of increasing our overall mark from 162 marks (in 1997) to 200 marks (in 2002). 184 marks were achieved last year, so we could be on target to reach the 200-mark figure by 2002.

However, in comparison with other North Kildare towns, we are not as successful. Leixlip achieved 192 marks in 2000 and with the incredible floral displays put in place this year, it would be unthinkable that Leixlip would not achieve a major increase in marks. Celbridge achieved 204 marks last year and should at least maintain that mark this year.

In Maynooth, the committee started the year in a confident mood, but we are now bracing ourselves for a possible reduction in marks this year. There are two main reasons for this pessimism. Firstly, the delay in the replacement of the bus turning points meant that we may have been judged before this work was undertaken. Secondly, the failure of Kildare County Council to put in place their much-publicised Parks Department programme.

This meant that areas such as O'Neill Park and the Straffan Road were left unattended this year. Even in late August the £250,000 fund allocated by Councillors to maintain open spaces countywide had not been spent. Due to a shortage of volunteers, Maynooth Tidy Towns were unable to maintain these areas, also with a Parks Department fund; this work is now the responsibility of Kildare County Council. Because of these setbacks as well as a shortage of volunteers, we would not be surprised if our marks decreased. Let's hope that we will be wrong!

Best Shop front Competition 2001

This competition has been judged for 2001 at this stage and we are pleased to note that a number of businesses have made an extra effort this year. Results will be announced at our annual awards ceremony.

Best Estate Competition 2001

The preliminary judging for this competition has already taken place and the judges will be back to the residential areas within the next week to finalise the scores. A number of estates have made major improvements, so that the prizes for the most improved estates will be had earned this year. Maynooth Tidy Towns are delighted with the efforts being made by

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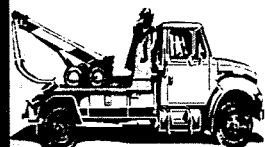
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Maynooth Tidy Towns (cont'd)

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The judging structure for this competition was standardised last year where a maximum of ten marks per category are allocated under five headings: Litter control, Green space maintenance, Weeds on road verges, Trees (number and quality), General condition of residential gardens and houses. Additional five marks can be obtained for features such as flowerbeds, shrubs etc.

Residents Associations officers who contact us will be given their score. Remember, that the purpose of this competition is to motivate communities to work together to enhance their local environment, winning is only a bonus.

Pound Park Plan

As some readers will be aware we are now working on Pound Park, where with our colleagues in the Maynooth Environmental Group, we have a Community Employment Project who are undertaking landscaping work, to improve the amenity value of this area. This project will take over two years to complete, when we would then intend to pass the area over to Kildare County Council for the ongoing maintenance work.

Paul Croghan
Secretary
Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

As we look forward to another year of activity, allow me to fill you in on what's been happening over the Summer months.

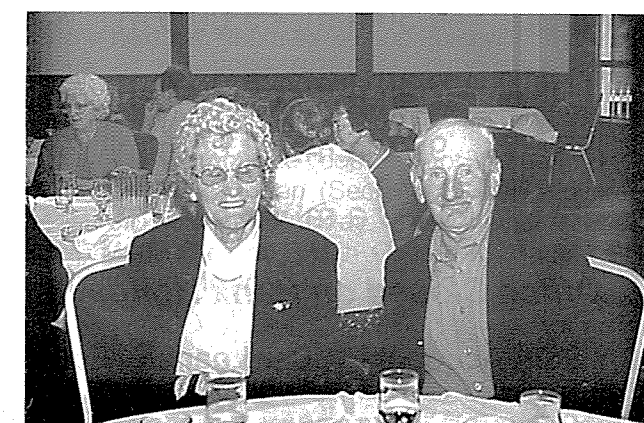
On July 8th we took off to Belvedere House where we spent a most enjoyable afternoon. This place is well worth a visit with its magnificent house and history, the splendour of its superb garden, its extensive grounds by tram and the homely atmosphere of its restaurant. Many thanks to their staff for all their kindness. We ended the day with a most welcome meal at Springfield Hotel, served as always with efficiency and attention to detail. A special word of thanks to Pat and Fergal Barton, without whose coaches none of this would happen, and to their kind and courteous drivers, Victor and Mick.

On Wednesday July 11th our people attended Leixlip 'Garden Party' and a wonderful time was had by all. Thank you 'Golden Years Club'.

On August 12th to 18th Kerdiffstown House played host to our holiday makers and they, as usual, had a splendid time.

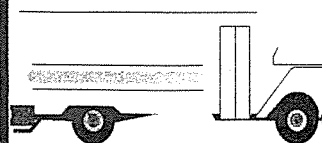


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Mary Brilly and Jim Meehan relaxing after the Summer Outing

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Maynooth plays the Waiting Game

Maynooth's Special Olympic Host -town committee now plays the long waiting game to the 01-11-01. This is the day when the Host Towns for the 2003 Special Olympics will be announced Nationally.

Since the Public meeting held on Tuesday 10th of July in the Genroyal hotel the committee has been busy to ensure that the application form was filled out with all question answered with the fullest of detail. The fully completed application form was then handed into the Headquarters of the 2003 Special Olympic on the 31-07-01.

As it stands Maynooth is one of 180 town looking for Host -Town status which would mean that we would Host a specific Olympics team for four days (16th-20th June 2003) before the Olympic Event. It also means that the Olympic torch would come through our town. This will be the 11th Special Olympics and the first to be held outside the U.S.A.

If successful another public meeting would be held to inform everyone of the team which we will host as well as ensuring that the committee and sub-committees will officially start to go about making this one of the most memorable events in the History of our Town. To ensure that this is the case, all schools, along with every organisation and club will be invited to participate in every aspect of what is centrally the community event of the millennium. At the heart of this community event we will also be asking the people of the town to host two Olympian athletics in their home over that four-day period. This aspect of hosting is central to 'Share the Feeling' ethos of the 2003 Special Olympic World Games. Already the response has been generous.

The committee would like to thank everybody who has been contacted for their time and interest with the application process. Already we would like to thank National University of Ireland, Maynooth who have already guaranteed the sponsorship of all sporting facilities within the university campus. We also look forward to working with all in our community over the next two-years as we hopefully will be chosen as one of the 2003 SPECIAL OLYMPIC HOST-TOWNS.

The committee consists of Ronan Barry (chairman), Elaine Bean (Secretary) Sean Mulipeter (Treasurer), Carmel Buckley, Paul Davis, Richard Farrell, Marie Glesson, Hugh Gallagher, Marie Kelly, Ann Kelly, and Melanie Oliver.

Ronan Barry



Back L-R: Sarah Burke and Mary Doyle
Front: P.J. & Chris Daly and Eileen Kennedy



Garda Derbhla Mescal presents a cheque to Josephine Moore

Many thanks to all who raised money during the year on our behalf. The Roost from whom we received £801, proceeds of auction and raffle. Garda Derbhla Mescal who ran the women's mini marathon and raised £567, and Michael McGovern, Cam Dunne, Anthony Edwards and Eamon Gorey who raised £2120 in Brady's. How?, you well may ask. What started life as a joke turned into a serious fund raiser. On Thursday night, June 28th, Richard Mulligan performed an operation only equalled by an 'Aussie' sheep shearing contest. Just in case you missed the show, the above mentioned guys were 'de-bearded', all in the name of charity. Well done to all concerned. This is community spirit at its best.

Our club will reopen on Tuesday September 4th and we look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and perhaps some not so familiar. In the meantime, enjoy the break!

Josephine Moore
Chairperson

Club, Organisations and Societies

Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

Holidays are coming to a finish and now we are all getting back to work, school and whatever. It is time to get back into our routines. Don't forget to look after the well-being of the body. It is time to consider what activities you might like to renew or take up to restore your fitness? Perhaps hillwalking might be one such activity worth considering.

The hillwalking year runs from November 1st to October 31st. Now is an opportunity to get a sample of hillwalking experience. For those expressing an interest easy hikes are planned for September 9th and October 28th. Those interested together with new members must complete a number of easy hikes, and have the necessary equipment before progressing onto the more difficult hikes on the open mountainside. Regular attendance of our activities are sure to develop an interest and ensure a reasonable level of fitness. People will only be able to attend activities that met their level of fitness.

Tow members of the group have just returned from two weeks in the French Alps and Mont Blanc area with our hillwalking friends from the Commeraghs. One of these members took up hillwalking three years ago when the group started first and has just completed 11 days of walking in the French Alps, having tackled the peaks surrounding Mont Blanc including trekking through the snow in the month of July.

On Wednesday 4th July we completed an evening easy walk along the canal from Clonsilla to Maynooth. There was a good attendance of old hillwalking acquaintances and some new faces. The 8th August had us completing another evening walk around the picturesque Bull Island where in bygone days before the island grew was fought the Battle of Clontarf. I will let you guess the year. A bit before my time?? Unfortunately there were thunderstorms before the hike commenced which may have put some people off. Nonetheless, we completed the walk with a few dedicated members and did not let a bit of rain put us off. The beach was very quite and we had no learning motorists to contend with. A short stop at the Spa on the way home ended off a very pleasant evening.

Our next easy hike will be on Sunday September 9th departing from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 0845 am and driving to Bray to meet the 1015 bus for Newcastle, Co. Wicklow. We will walk the coastal path back to Bray, passing along the countryside of the famous Glenroe with the more adventurous tackling in Bray Head (if we have a spare leader with the group). The easy hike for October 28th will depart at 9 a.m. This will be on the open mountainside around the scenic area of Laragh and Ballyknockan at the rear of Blessington.

The Club will be attending An Oige hikes to the Cooley peninsula and Glendalough over the next two weeks. These are geared for the more experienced walkers. A number of more difficult hikes are planned for

September in the Blackstairs and October with a weekend of walking in the Commeraghs, but these will be restricted to Club members. The dates of these activities will be advised later.

Club membership details available on request. Again, it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, and overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year. There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. Please note that itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand with one of the contacts numbers below.

Mountain Safety Notes:

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Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers 6285367, 6290294, 086-2703348 or

E-mail:- glenroyalhillwalking@hotmail.com

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BACKSTAGE BEGINS NEW TERM

This September, Backstage Academy of Performing Arts open a second workshop in Maynooth to cope with the increased numbers of young people waiting to join. The new workshop will run on Saturday afternoons at Maynooth Boys National School and it is open to young people in the 8-18 age range.

During the three hour session each week from 2 pm-5 pm, students will rotate subjects every 55 mins. These subjects include drama, mime, dance, singing, acting for tv/film and production

Th open day allows young people to come along and see what is on offer before joining . Entry to the open day is free of charge and parents are welcome along meet the staff. The company does not hold auditions for places as it's work is to teach all those who are interested rather than choosing the best only those who attend the open day may apply to join.

The academy is run by Backstage T.I.E., Ireland's largest professional theatre-in-education and performinforming arts training company.

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Community "Cenacolo"

The Community Cenacolo is a Christian association that welcomes lost, unsatisfied, deluded, and desperate young people who want to find themselves again, to find joy in life, and to find meaning for their lives. It was founded in July 1983 from the insight of a woman, Sister Elvira Petrozzi, who wanted to give her life to God through helping drug addicts and lost youth. The Community today has 27 fraternities spread throughout Italy and the world (France, Croatia, Bosnia, Ireland, Herzegovina, Brazil, Austria, Dominican Republic, the USA, and Mexico) and accommodates about 600 young men and women. Its desire is to be a light in the darkness, a sign of hope; the proof that death doesn't have the last word. The youth are given the proposal to live a style of life that is simple, familial; that rediscovers the gifts of work, of friendship, and of faith in the Word of God.

We see every day smiles returning to faces that have lost all hope. Ours is not a therapeutic Community, but a school of life. The problem of drugs has its roots in the family, because only the family has the possibility to prevent this.

Often the thing that is common to many of our youth is the lack of a good teaching family; a family that transmitted or searched for dialogue, tenderness, or friendship. These are the things a son really needs. The families that reject God are defeated from the start, because they believe that they can substitute superfluous things for essential values. Thus, instead of love, they cultivate ambiguity, and the need to have everything right away. Often, when they discover that they have a child that is a drug addict, the parents are the last to admit it. Many justify and protect their boy only because of the judgement of the next door neighbours, of friends, or relatives. Thus they continue to believe that he will be a different type of drug addict.

The family has to rediscover unity without throwing guilt back in the faces of each other. Then they need to look again for a place or a person to whom they can go for a help. When the parents decide to place their son in our Community, we ask them to follow our rules to prepare him for this important decision.

For the first three meetings, the parents have to come alone, because we believe that the parents will be the persons who can help their sons in a more concrete way. In the beginning, they can help us; but their trust and obedience is needed towards the Community.

That they be aware of the problem from the beginning, in order to have a happy ending; they must make life difficult for their son. They can't give him money; he can't leave the house, or use the telephone. If the son doesn't accept these sacrifices, the parents have to force him out of the house. Only in this way he will encounter the true reality of the street. Loneliness, marginalization, fear, cold, and hunger - only like this can the drug addict decide to change his life. To allow the drug addict who doesn't want to change, to remain

in the house, is like helping him to kill himself. After the entrance into the Community by the son, this behaviour of the parents must continue. If the son decides to leave the Community, the family must close the door on him. They also have to make sure that he doesn't find other comfortable arrangements from friends or relatives. If the son is welcomed back in the house, he can't return into our Community. Only if he returns here because he doesn't have anywhere to go, we will welcome him again with the certainty that the family believes in the Community; in fact when the parents don't trust, the children are the first to seize upon and exploit this weakness.

We don't ask for money from the parents but we are happy when the family is involved in the activity and the development of the Community. We offer the possibility to the parents to make a parallel walk with that of the son, having weekly meetings with other parents and some Community members. We ask for trust and a sincere conversion based on the truth, looking to put prayer in the first place in our lives.

The aim of the Community is to renew the family; to help the families meet Jesus Christ, Saviour and Redeemer. Drugs can be a cross that kills or a cross that saves. We love life, and we believe with all of our heart, that the smile of a young man who is "alive" has more value than all the gold in the world.

Don't think that a drug addict who enters into the community feels the need to pray right away. In the beginning he prays because, in a strong way, the Community proposes the healing of our hearts through prayer by putting ourselves on our knees all day. If for a good Christian or a normal boy it would be difficult to accept, imagine for a drug addict!

But a young man who enters in Community is not in a "normal" situation, and many times it is not his personal choice. Almost all of us were forced to enter because we didn't have a home anymore. Many of us had problems with the law. In short, we were in a desperate situation. We arrived at the point that no one wanted to hear of us, and despaired of our having any future direction or hope. We despised life, but the Community became the only beam of light. In this situation it is easier to say yes to prayer; even if we didn't believe and didn't understand. Ours is not a therapeutic Community. Our only therapy is called "Christotherapy".

With the light of prayer, we discover that the problems are not outside of us. The main problem is not the drug or dependence on everything, but the lack of knowledge of life. The drug is only a consequence of a mistaken life, without Christian values. The evils we battle every day are called: selfishness, indifference, hate and arrogance. The simple life of Community helps us to put all our problems to the test. First, however we learn to be better people, because if you are good you are happy.

Our day begins at six o'clock in the morning, and the first important appointment is in the chapel, where we recite first 5 decades of rosary. One young man takes



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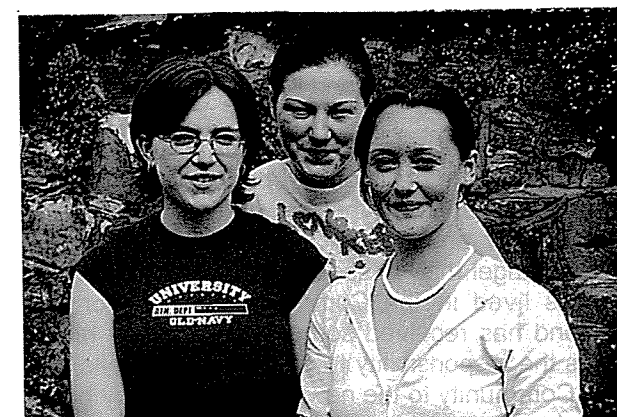
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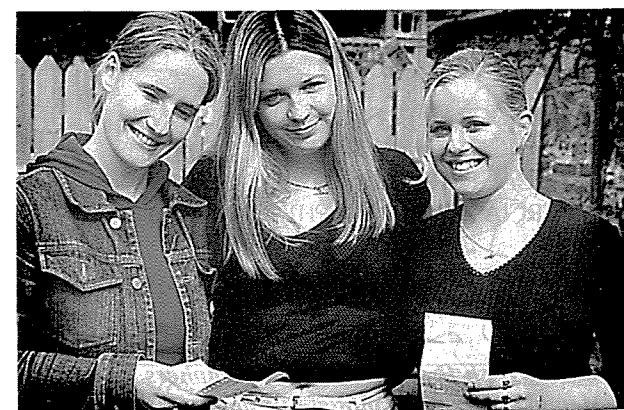
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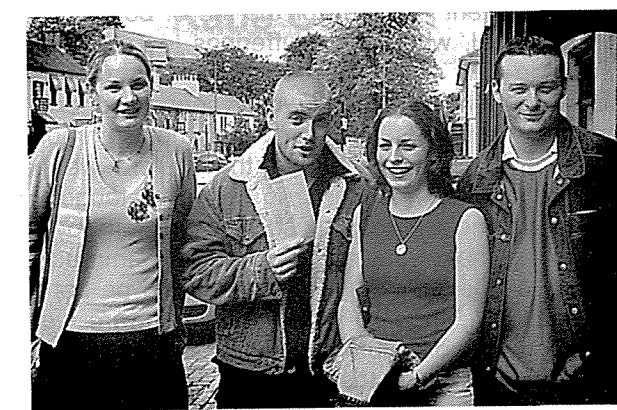
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Features

(Community "Cenacolo" contd.)

a turn to read and comment on the Scripture of the day. After this all freely share about their own lives, speaking about their problems, or their difficulties in overcoming the fear to speak freely, and to make themselves know in the light of the truth. The sharing is also an important moment where we can ask pardon for our negative reactions, freeing us of compromises that could influence the day and asking help for our problems.

After breakfast, the work day begins. Everyone is occupied with the responsibility of his own work. There are no external persons or specialists who come to work in the Community. We do everything ourselves; bread, cleaning the house, masonry work, the garden, woodworking, etc. The main labour is what we build inside us, and for this it is not important what we do, but how we do it. The work is a means to know ourselves, to use our talents together, and we never work alone for this motive.

At noon we eat lunch, and ending a one-thirty we have free time, in which we dialogue, stay together, and often, each man washes his own clothes. In the afternoon, while working, we pray the second part of the rosary. In general, the work activity ceases at 6 o'clock, and then there is an afternoon snack. After washing up and changing clothes, we go in the chapel to recite the third part of the rosary. Then we share our lives, taking our cue from the Gospel of the day. At eight p.m., we gather to eat dinner, having once again a free moment for dialogue and to stay together. After this we go to bed, and at 10 o'clock turn out the lights.

In our fraternity, there is no pharmacy or substitute treatments on the basis of psychopharmacy. Also the crisis of abstinence for the new man is not cured with medicines, or any type. Our "medicine" is called a guardian angel that, in specific terms, is a young man who has lived in the Community already for some time, and has received some healing within himself. He has the responsibility to pass on to the style of life of the Community to the new arrival; to live by his side twenty-four hours a day; to work for the new man who in the beginning is without will; to suffer and cry with him who struggles against the calls of evil and drugs. It is an important moment for the life of both; for the guardian angel, who in the sufferings learns to love; and for the new man, who perhaps for the first time finds a true friend - someone who is concerned for him without any interests. In this way, the Community teachers the essentials of life that before we had always refused to learn and no one ever taught us. For us it was normal to confuse pleasure with joy. In our life we have always pursued the immediate pleasure; we never thought that joy could be born in sufferings. We thought they meant we were weak, fragile, and inferior. But now we are learning that behind every suffering there is a joy. Only those who have suffered know how to understand, to love, or to help another who is not doing well. Our walk in


Community lasts around three or four years - there doesn't exist any definite period.

Sister Elvira says that we can proclaim ourselves ready when we will have chosen prayer for all our lives. Life in Community is in reality very simple, but also very rich. One lives the life of prayer in a concrete way, based on a friendship free from any interests. material things influence us little, and we learn that the person comes before fleeting material goods, money, or career. We face our weaknesses, asking help from Jesus who is manifested also in the brothers next to us. We learn to love and to live life in the grand school of the Cenacolo.


At the end of their walk in Community, for most of the youth a desire to form a family has been created. For a more profound experience of love and a contribution of ourselves, the Community offers to the youth the chance to spend a period of time in our houses in South America-Brazil, Mexico or the Dominican Republic. These three fraternities were opened to welcome the "Children of the Street". This situation is a big problem in Latin America. Through daily contact with the children, our men have the possibility to grow in important virtues like patience, love freely given, and understanding. These are fundamental values needed to become (later on) a good father and spouse of his own family. To choose to put one's own life at the disposal of the weak and wounded is an act of courage and of real Faith, to which the goodness of God responds with Joy and Peace.

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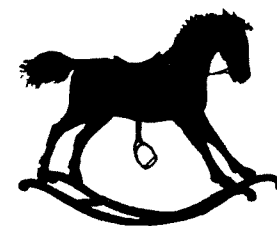
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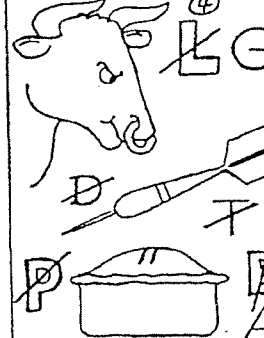
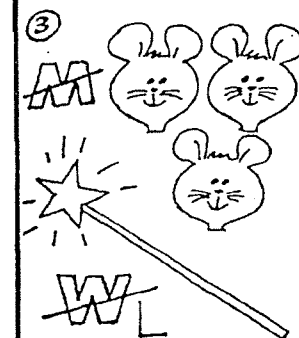
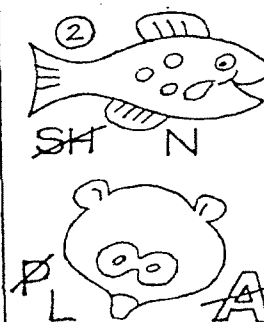
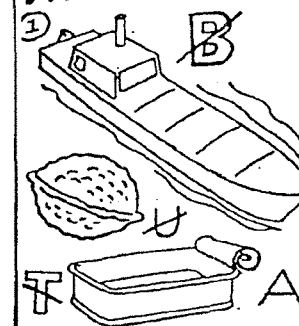
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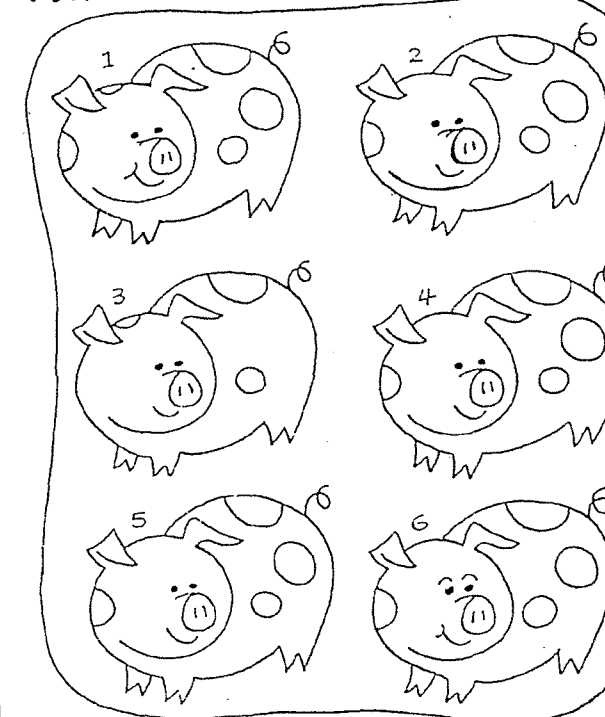


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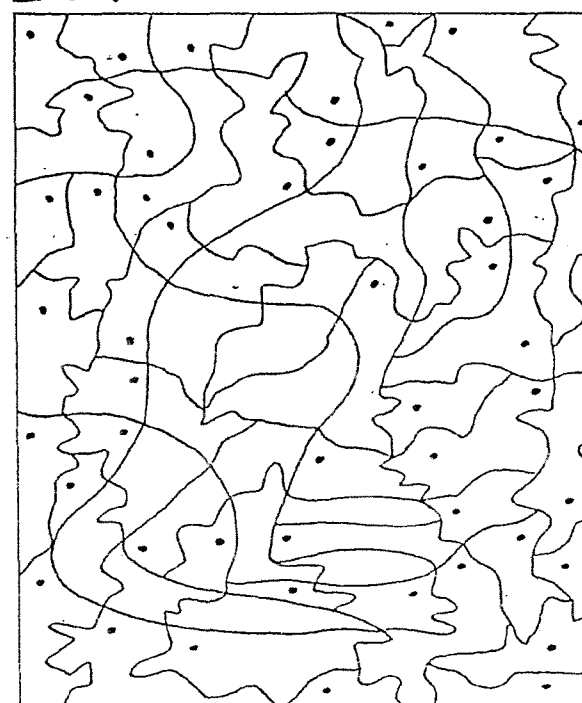
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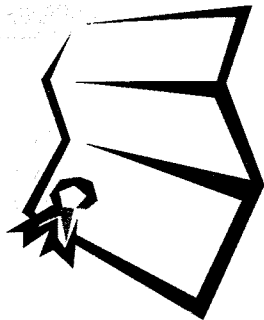
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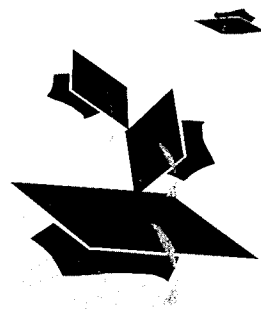
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Maynooth Golf Society

Our outing to Woodlands Golf Club took place on Friday 6th July. Yet again we had a good turnout with 34 players competing for the honours. Owen Byrne triumphed on the day with a score of 36 pts beating Dominic Nyland on the back 9, closely followed by Sam Feeney in 3rd place. Our thanks to the Glenroyal Hotel for sponsorship towards this outing. The following are the list of winners:

Overall Winner	Owen Byrne	36pts(Back 9)
2nd	Dominic Nyland	36pts
3rd	Sam Feeney	35pts
4th	Norman Kavanagh	34pts
5th	Mick Hegarty	31pts
6th	Gerry McTernan	30pts
7th	Pa Conway	29pts

Front 9	Tom O'Haire	15pts(Back 6)
Back 9	Sean Nyland	18pts

Twos Club Owen Byrne

Nearest The Pin Gearoid Harrington

Visitors Martin Doyle 30pts

Captain's Day

Our Captain's (Mick Flynn) prize took place at Killeen Golf Club on Sunday 22nd July. We had our biggest turnout of the year so far with 43 players competing. Willie Moore came out on top bringing in a fantastic score of 40 points.

Congratulations to Mick for a most enjoyable and successful day. Finally we would like to thank our many sponsors on the day.

The following are the list of winners:

1st Overall	Willie Moore	40pts
2nd	Matt Carroll	35pts
3rd	Noel Brady	34pts(Back 6)
4th	Norman Kavanagh	34pts
5th	Gerry Kelly	33pts
6th	Liam Farrelly	32pts
7th	Terry Moore	31pts
8th	Dominic Nyland	30pts(Back 9)
9th	Sean Nlyand	30pts
10th	Barry Desmond	28pts

Front 9	Don Sullivan	18pts
Back 9	Mick Flynn	19pts

Visitors 1st	Jason Coscadden	36pts
2nd	Jonathan Flynn	33pts

Twos Club Norman Kavanagh - Tom O'Haire

Nearest The Pin Michael Flynn (Jnr)

Longest Drive Liam Farrelly

Par 3's Tom O'Haire

Par 5's Sean Moore

Past Captains Willie Moore

The Society would like to extend its deepest sympathy to Gerard, Raymond and all the McTernan family on the sad loss of their father Gearoid. May he rest in peace.



Our Captain, Mick Flynn, (right) presenting Willie Moore (overall winner) with his prize.



Society Members on the First Tee on Captain's Day

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Citizens Information Centre

Question

It was announced in the 2001 Budget that entitlement to a medical card would be extended to those aged 70 or over. Has it happened yet?

Answer

Yes. From the 1st July 2001 the Department of health and Children has extended entitlement to the medical card to all people aged 70 or over without the need to undergo a means test. Entitlement to medical care services will only apply to the medical cardholder. It will not apply to his/her spouse or dependent children. They will be subject to the medical card income guidelines which will continue to apply to people under 70 years of age. To obtain the medical card you must send in an application form that has been signed by your doctor. If your spouse is also aged 70 or over he/she will have to apply separately. Application forms are available from your local health board. If you have an occupational pension and your employer has been deducting the 2% PRSI Health Contribution from it, you should inform your employer that you are now a medical card holder and that you are no longer liable for the contribution.

Question

I believe the income limits for third level grants have increased. Can you give the details?

Answer

The Higher Education Grants Scheme provides means tested grants to eligible students who are pursuing approved courses. The grant is paid by your local authority. For the academic year 2001/2002 the application must have been with the local authority by Friday 27th July 2001. The income limits for 2001/2002 are as follows:

Number of Dependent Children	Full maintenance and full fees	Part maintenance (50%) and full fees	Full fees only	Part fees only (50%)
Less than 4	£21,513	£22,791	£25,667	£27,158
4 - 7	£23,643	£24,921	£27,797	£29,288
8 or more	£25,667	£27,158	£29,927	£31,418

The above limits can be increased by a further £2,420 where there are 2 children attending full time third level education, £4,840 for 3 such children and so on, increasing by £2,420 for each additional child. The maintenance grant rates are as follows:

	Non Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Full maintenance	£1,882	£753
Part maintenance(50%)	£940	£376

All grant-holding students will be awarded an additional grant of up to £312 for the charge for student services, registration etc. on courses where free fees apply. This grant will be paid directly to the college/institution by the local authority. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 6285477

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Maynooth Irish Countrywomens' Association

(Citizens Information Centre contd.)

The final meeting of the guild for 2000/2001 was held in the Harbour Hall on Thursday 7th June 2001 at 8 p.m. New members are welcome to attend the next meeting of the guild on Thursday 7th September 2001. If you are new to Maynooth or if you now have time to take up new hobbies and make new friends we hope to meet you then. We wish all the members a healthy, enjoyable and peaceful holiday. We were represented at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Countrywomen's Association at the Newpark Hotel in Kilkenny city at the end of June. The incoming president of County Kildare Federation is Ms. Kelly of Two Mile House guild. Maynooth guild are the craft promoters for the Federation for the coming year. Entries for the Muriel Gahan Rosebowl competition for Italian Quilting and for the Inter-Federation Cup for watercolours close in September. A tour of Scotland is planned for May 2002. The vice-president Mary O'Gorman was in the chair at the guild meeting. Helen Doyle acquainted us with the C.F. Shaw trust fund. Viva Kerins, Bernie King and Madeline Stynes were winners at badminton. Badminton mornings will resume in September. The guild members meet for a walk thrice weekly during the Summer. Betty Farrell and the Alzheimer's Society appreciate the magnificent sum of £670 donated to the Alzheimer's Society from her Tea Day in May. Sympathy was expressed with the families of the late Rev. David Boylan and Jackie Bergin (Kill guild). If you are interested in a career in horticulture or greenkeeping there are vacancies, funded by the ESF, on the residential two-year National Council for Vocational Awards certified course at the ICA Horticultural College at Termonfechin, County Louth. The college is beautifully situated beside a golf course and miles of unspoiled sandy beach. The proliferation of golf courses throughout the country means excellent employment prospects for graduates.



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Question

I have been called for jury service. I am working and I believe jury service can last for several weeks. Will I be paid when I am unable to work?

Answer

You will be paid but not by the court. If you are called for jury service you must attend unless you are excused. The Juries Act 1976 requires an employee to be given time off to attend the court. Some groups such as doctors, nurses and members of religious orders are entitled to be excused from jury service as of right. If you are ill or for any other good reason you do not wish to serve, you can apply to the County Registrar to be excused. When you are attending for jury service you will not be paid by the court, nor will you be paid expenses. Should you actually serve on a jury your lunch may be provided. However, you are entitled to be paid by your employer as you are considered to be in employment and you should not lose any other employment entitlements such as annual leave. If your employer requests proof that you did attend court you can obtain a certificate of attendance from the jury office.

Question

I have a disability and I am interested in doing a vocational training course with FÁS. Will I keep my Disability Allowance while attending the course?

Answer

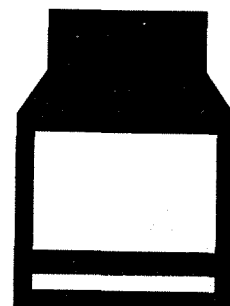
Up to July 2001 you would have retained your Disability Allowance while on the training course. However, from the 2nd July 2001 FÁS are introducing new arrangements for people with disabilities in vocational training. If you are getting Disability Allowance or Blind Person's Pension it will be suspended while you are on the course, but you will keep your secondary benefits such as medical card, travel pass etc. You will be paid a FÁS training allowance of £85.50 or an amount equal to your social welfare payment, whichever is the greater. You will also receive a training bonus of £25.00 per week. If you are unable to complete the course or do not have a job at the end of the course, your entitlement to your social welfare payment will be restored. However, those in receipt of Disability Benefit or Invalidity Pension will retain their social welfare payment as well as their secondary benefits while on a training course. They will also receive the standard FÁS training allowance of £85.50, but they will not be paid the £25.00 training bonus. People with disabilities who are not receiving a social welfare disability payment will be paid both the FÁS training allowance and the training bonus.

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Maynooth Town F.C.

As we approach the start of a new season most teams are already back in training. A lack of match fitness in the past has cost many teams early points and ultimately their chance of a league title. The club has entered 14 teams this season. Two men's senior, six schoolboy/girl 11-a-side and six schoolboy/girl 7-a-side teams. This will ensure we can cater for all age groups from as young as 7 year old through to senior level. As in the past the schoolboy section of the club will only survive and thrive if we get the regular support of the parents. It is unfair to expect the same few adults to pack large numbers of children into their cars to travel to games week after week. It is also unfair on the youngsters who have in the past arrived to play away matches cramped and generally not feeling the best. We would ask this year that all parents make an effort to take their turn in supplying transport. It is actually an enjoyable experience to watch the games and the lads will welcome the support.

Maynooth Town F.C.
Under 8's Festival of Football
June 30th - July 1st

This specially organised tournament brought together Maynooth Town's youngest squads to celebrate the recent Lotto grant to the club. The spectacle served up a feast of fine football and plenty of goals over the two days. Saturday morning saw the proceedings kick off with a 5:2 victory for Man Utd over Liverpool. Hughie Faherty put in a fine eye catching display here to score a hat trick for the winners. He was well supported by both Ciaran Kearney and Ronan Kirwin. Best for the opposition were Conor Glyn and Neil Flynn who battled hard to gain the upper hand for their side.

The other semi-final saw Arsenal dispose of Aston Villa 8:1. Despite what looked a wide margin this was a more keenly fought contest than would seem. Striker Andy Foxe showed great predatory skills to score a hat trick. The solid and assured defending of Garvan Dowling was a major contributor for the victors. Villa tried manfully to stem the tide and were best served by John Comerford, Barry O' Reagan and Lee Cairns.

Events got under way on Sunday with the 3rd/4th place play-off. This was an exciting encounter between Liverpool and Aston Villa. Liverpool emerged the winners by 5:1. Conor Glynn who displayed a cool head and deadly accuracy in finishing scored the goal of the match. Neil Flynn, Owen Cullinane and Colm Faherty were other to shine for the victors.

Next up was a challenge match between the mothers of the youngsters. Each one of the ladies should be applauded for a very entertaining game with some fine goals, lots of commitment and plenty of skill. (Some future managers in the making?) Well done to all the ladies who took part.

The final itself between Arsenal and Man Utd was a fine example of open attacking football. Brimful of energy, confidence and skill both sides strived for dominance. The difference between the sides was Andy Foxe as he grabbed a hat trick to see off the opposition. Six goals in two games was a fine return by this cunning young striker.

Well done to everyone who competed and the parents, families and friends who supported the tournament in such large numbers. Thanks to Rita Flynn who sponsored the medals and Caulfields Lounge who donated the minerals and crisps for the teams. On behalf of the club and all concerned a very special word of thanks to Tommy Daly who co-ordinated the two days of fun.

Maynooth Town F.C. Weekly Lotto Results

Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x £25 Weekly Winners		
24-Jun-01	5,15,27,28	£3,200	MARTY BYRNE	CHA'	DAVID DUARTE
1-Jul-01	7,10,14,28	£3,250	TRISH FITZPATRICK	F. NOLAN	P. SLATER
8-Jul-01	1,5,11,19	£3,300	MILES BERRY	GEORGE GALLAGHER	MICK Mc GOVERN
15-Jul-01	18,20,22,26	£3,350	DON FOLEY	NOREEN DOOGAN	LYNDA CONWAY
22-Jul-01	12,15,20,21	£3,400	NUALA FARRELLY	MAGS GANNON	DON FOLEY
29-Jul-01	5,7,9,27	£3,450	EDDIE HALLIGAN	LOUISE SAULTS	TONY Mc TIERNAN
5-Aug-01	4,5,15,18	£3,500	M. O' DONNELL	M. DURCAN	B. KENNY

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Boys School Parents Association

We would like to welcome back all the teachers and boys, especially the junior infants and other boys who are starting in the school for the first time this year. We hope that your time in the school will be a happy one.

We are the Parents Association and we meet once a month to try to raise funds and help out where necessary. Our A.G.M. will be coming up soon and all parents are welcome. A note will be sent with the boys as to when it will be on.

Claire O'Rourke
P.R.O.

Alzheimer's National Tea-day 2001

I wish to thank all who gave donations, to all who called and so generously subscribed in various ways. To my loyal helpers and to the I.C.A. for use of the hall my sincere thanks. Total amount collected was €650.00

Betty Farrell.

Legion of Mary

The Legion meets every Thursday night at 8 p.m. in St. Catherine's New Campus. The main work of the Legion members is house visitation; Nursing home visitation and selling Catholic newspapers and religious goods after Sunday Masses. Junior members (7-14) meet on Monday nights at 7.15 p.m. at the same venue.

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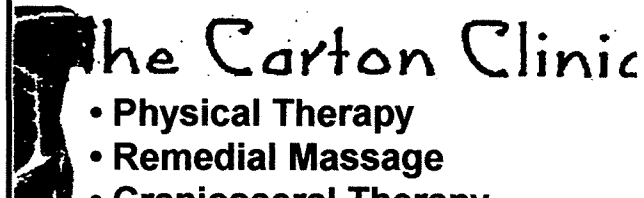
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Placenames

Sláine (Slane/Slaney)

As we have seen with the Boyne etc. people's names were commonly used for placenames. The famous Hill of Slane, the site of modern day concerts was also named for a prehistoric king *Sláine*. It is said that he was king of the mythical *Fir Bolg* and acted as their judge. He is credited with the clearance of the woods around the hill of Slane. He died some time later at *Duma Sláine* (the mound of Sláine) and therefore the hill of Slane was named for him. The *Dinnshenchas* (History of famous Places) has a verse to him:

Here died Sláine, lord of troops,
Over him the mighty mound is reared,
So the name of Sláine was given to the hill
Where he met his death in that chief residence.

Secondly there is the river Slaney that was also named during the period of the mythical *Fir Bolg*. It is reputed to have appeared due to a flooding of the land, a frequent explanation of rivers and lakes. A band of the *Fir Bolg* arrived to Ireland led by *Sláine* and landed at *Inber Sláine* (the rivermouth of Sláine) hence the name. But a further related incident led to the naming of *Loch Garman* (the lake of Garman, Wexford). The *Fir Bolg* held a feast in Tara at Hallowe'en (*Samain*) as was the custom of the time. These feasts are said to have lasted for seven days, *Samain* itself, three days before and three days after. It was understood that no theft, manslaughter, no fighting took place during this period. Anyone committing such a crime would be put to death immediately. A champion named Garman, while drunk, stole the queen's diadem and escaped from Tara to *Inber Sláine*. The king, Cathair, followed him with his household and overtook him at the mouth of the river. Just as they caught him a spring burst from the ground, drowned Garman and became a green and broad lough. Thus the naming of *Loch Garman* situated next to *Sláine*.

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Early Ireland – children

In the early Irish period, children were mainly the concern of the father, his kin and to a lesser extent, the family of the mother. We have less information on girls than boys. Until the age of 14 no child, male or female, was considered independent. They had no independent legal rights or legal responsibility. Their parents or fosterparents, particularly the father and his family were responsible for their actions. The child's agreement was legally valid only if he is exchanging articles of equal value with another child for example. Children between 12 and 17 are still dependent and they are termed by the law as 'thief of restitution'. This means that are required to restore any article stolen or its equivalent and there was no further penalty.

At 16/17 they are considered marriagable. In the case of girls this probably depended on the onset of the menstrual cycle and their ability to have children themselves. There is no such concept as teenagers here – they are married much earlier than we would expect today.

The Church may have effected the position of children within early Irish society. Every independent individual had an honour-price, and that of a child from baptism to 7 was equal to that of a cleric. There were heavy penalties for injuries to children regardless of class. The child's price then was half that of the father or guardian and this remained the case as long as they were dependent. If the father's honour-price fell for any reason this did not effect the status of the child.

Sometimes a mother only was responsible for her child; this depended on the status of the father of the child she bore. If the father was a slave, they were not considered responsible citizens, or a satirist, or a man expelled by his family. If the father were a dependent son or an unlaicized priest he was not responsible but if he was laicized then he was. If a man were a *cú glas* (alien) – an individual who came from another country – he cannot be responsible because his family is not around to support him. If the woman is a prostitute (*báitsech*) she alone is responsible for her children.

The father alone is responsible when he impregnates another man's wife, the mother is a servant (*banamus/cumal*), if he takes a woman by stealth or rape, if she is an outcast of the family, if she is a female satirist or if the mother dies. Sometimes a lawful wife can lose responsibility for the rearing of the children. If she becomes ill or insane, blind, deaf, maimed in one hand or leprous she is exempt from looking after the child. (Leprosy was relatively common in Ireland and they worried about the child becoming infected.)

In the case of an unweaned child and a dead mother the father must find a wet nurse immediately. But there was a legal procedure described by the law as 'distrainment to enforce the removal of a child from the dead breast of its mother'. This wording suggests that they recognized a very special relationship between mother and child.

There were some odd arrangements for children who may have been conceived and born outside normal

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Early Ireland (cont'd)

marriage relationships. When the child is by another man rather than the husband the law says 'every cuckold has a right to his son, until he be purchased from him'. Therefore the husband is seen as the father, but the biological father can buy the baby if he so wishes. As we have seen above, a rapist and his family are entirely responsible for the upkeep of a child born of such a crime.

The relationship between parents and children may not be the same as our concept today either. A dutiful son may repudiate the bad contracts of the father, and vica versa. A father must answer for the son's liabilities if the latter has no assets. A son must support his mother in old age but the obligations to a father are more grave, one of the seven fugitives beyond protection by human or divinity is a man who evades filial duty to his father and a woman who evades filial duty to her mother.

A son must support his mother in old age – particularly important in a society where divorce was so common and women could be left without a husband. Sons are entitled to a part of the honour-price for mothers and the liability by a mother falls 2/3 on her sons. The maternal kin may interfere if a father neglects his son. If a child were born of a slave it was relegated to a lower class (*fuidir*). It also says that it is not possible for a child with a slave-mother to become a lord because 'his vices are as serious as those of his mother'. Another case is that of the son of a female satirist, it is said that 'it is not endurable that a sharp-tongued wordy person should have lordship'. (Continued next month – the most common childhood upbringing fosterage)

Murder of the Month – September Murderer identified by an elephant!

On Saturday September 19th 1903 a woman called Fannie Porter was found in a pool of blood in a small hotel room in Louisville, Kentucky. She was naked and her head had been partially removed from her body.

Although she was only 25 she had been married twice. Her first husband died and she had married for the second time only 8 months before but had already left her second husband, Frank Porter who was a fireman. Coming from a comfortable background where she was used to parties, dancing and the theatre she had become quickly bored because her new husband worked at night. She did not want to spend her life sitting at home waiting for him. Her friends wondered why she had married below her in the first place and were not surprised when she left him. Fannie hoped that he would come to his senses and beg her to return but he didn't and she began drinking to show him that

she could have a good time without him. This didn't work either; and as a former teetotaller she did not handle alcohol well and soon she gained a reputation as being easy and was seen often in and out of drinking houses and hotels. Eventually her friends slipped away from her. Men found her attractive and she had no trouble finding them but her wanderings came to an end abruptly on that Saturday evening. She had been seen entering the hotel that day with a man at 4 p.m. They ordered room service twice and she left instructions that she was to be called at 10 p.m. saying that it was important. The waiter said that he heard a man but did not actually see him. When the hotel-owner knocked on the door at 10 p.m. as she had requested, there was no answer. He assumed that she had left already. Later that night he was letting a guest into another room and decided to use his passkey to get into Fannie's room. There he met the grisly sight described above.

The police launched a search for her killer and found that she had been to the circus earlier that day with a man described as about 30, well dressed, attractive with a moustache. They were seen by one of Fannie's friends, both she and the animal trainer said that the man had given a chew of tobacco to one of the elephants, Susie, and that it made the elephant very angry indeed.

One of the suspects was a man with whom she had been seen dancing some nights before. They had trouble having him identified and then the circus trainer made the strange suggestion that they bring the man to Susie the elephant! They did and she stood motionless as he stroked her trunk. The trainer maintained that he could not be the killer because Susie would have tried to attack him.

The police of course interviewed her husband Frank Porter to see if he could give them any information on former boyfriends. He told them of a man called Will van Dalsen. Her friends confirmed that she knew him well and that this Will had wanted to marry her himself. As it happened he also fitted the description of the man at the circus and at the hotel, except that he did not have a moustache. They found out at a later date that he had shaved a moustache off recently. By now the circus had moved from Louisville.

While talking to more of Fannie's friends they established that Will had been somewhat obsessed with Fannie and had tried to stop her marrying Frank. He found her drinking in one of her haunts after the break up of her marriage. After a couple of drinks, as usual, he brought her to a hotel room and afterwards threatened to tell her husband. He wanted her to marry him or at least to live with him. The police felt that they had enough to arrest him and immediately another of Fannie's friends came forward to accuse him of further crimes. She had been afraid of him but once he was arrested she felt more secure. She said that he had killed a man some years ago and indeed there was one unsolved murder in Louisville. This was James Clark who had been shot four years before.

The police brought Will van Dalsen to the animal

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Murder of the Month (cont'd)

trainer in Lexington. He thought it might be the man with Fannie but he could not be sure. However he suggested that they bring him to Susie the elephant to see if she remembered him. She was asleep but when Will spoke she woke up. Standing up she attacked him straight away and only for the fact that she was tethered she would have injured him. The police led Will away while Susie tried to escape her chains to attack him. She hadn't forgotten what he had done to her! He was convicted and hanged on January 19th 1906 after two years of appeals.

It appears that no one ever found out why she had wanted to be called at 10 p.m. the night she was killed.



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Dorin's Recipes

Chicken with mustard and tarragon

You will need:
2 chicken breast fillets
Olive oil for frying
2 shallots, finely chopped
2 fl oz dry white wine
9 fl oz chicken stock
4 fl oz cream
1 oz wholegrain mustard
Chopped fresh tarragon
To serve 4 oz pasta shapes such as penne
Olive oil or butter finely chopped parsley



Method:

Heat up a tablespoon of olive oil in a small frying pan and brwn the chicken breasts on both sides. Transfer to a covered dish and cook for 5 to 10 minutes longer until the chicken is cooked through. Keep warm. Meanwhile add the shallots to the frying pan and fry until soft and golden. Add the wine, and boil down to concentrate the flavour. Stir in the chicken stock and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes until syrupy. Add the cream and cook gently for 5 minutes more before stirring in the mustard. Chop the tarragon and stir in the sauce. Check the seasoning. Toss the freshly cooked penne pasta with a little olive oil or butter and some chopped fresh parsley. Divide between two plates, top with the chicken breasts and pour the sauce over the chicken. Serve with vegetables of your choice. (for a smoother sauce you may like to strain it before adding the cream.

Tasty burgers

Serves 4
You will need:
1 tbsp olive oil
1 red onion, peeled and finely chopped
1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed
1 tsp cumin seeds
2 tbsp mango chutney or any other
1 lb lean minced beef
1 large egg, beaten
2 oz fresh breadcrumbs
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
(instead of cumin, you can try 1 tbsp horseradish sauce)



Method:

Heat the oil in a small pan and add the onion, garlic and cumin. Fry for 2-3 minutes over a low heat until softened, but not browned. Remove from the heat. Place this mixture in a bowl with the mango chutney, mince beef, beaten egg and breadcrumbs. Season to taste. With clean hands, combine the ingredients, then divide into four and shape each piece into a burger. Grill for 3-4 minutes per side. Serve hot, either in burger bun or with chips, salad and relish.

Cod with dill cream sauce

Serves 4



You will need:
2 1/4 lb new potatoes, peeled or scrubbed, cut into chunks
3 oz butter
4 tbsp single cream or full-fat milk
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 red onion, finely chopped
3tbsp olive oil
4 x 5 fresh cod fillets
1/2 pt cream
2 tbsp chopped fresh salad leaves.

Method:

Boil the new potatoes for about 15 minutes. Drain and mash with butter, single cream or milk and seasoning. Meanwhile, fry the onion in oil in a large frying pan for 2 minutes. Add the fish and cook for 3-5 minutes on each side, until it begins to flake. Remove the fish from the pan and keep warm. Add the cream to the pan, bring to the boil then simmer for about 3 minutes, or until reduced thickened. Stir in the dill and check the seasoning. Divide the potatoes between four serving plates. Top with the fish and pour over a little dill cream sauce. Quickly shallow-fry a few salad or spinach leaves in oil and scatter on top.

Hot sweetcorn toasties

With chicken, pork or tuna
Serves 4

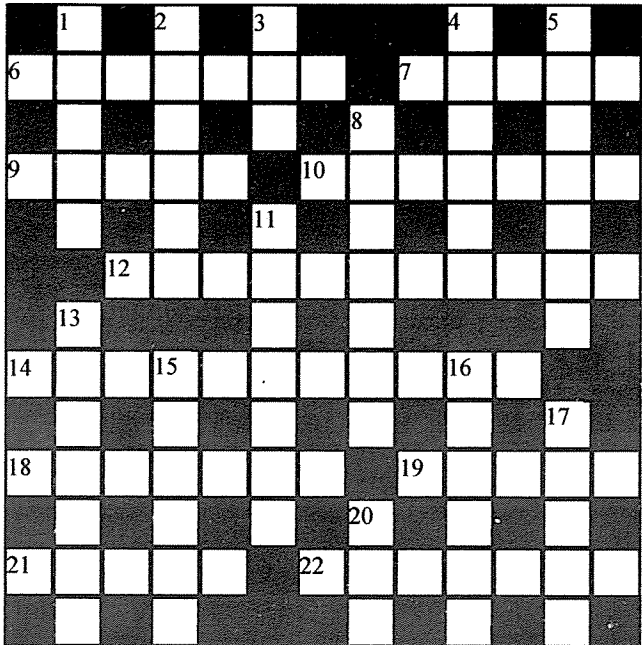
You will need:
1/2 oz butter
1 small onion, chopped
1 tbsp plain flour
4-5 fl oz milk
2 large fresh sweetcorns
Dash Worcestershire sauce
Dash Tabasco sauce
1 egg yolk
6 slices bread
2 slices cooked chicken, cut into small dice
6 slices cheese
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method:

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the onion and cook slowly for a few minutes. Add the flour and mix well, then stir in the milk and bring back to the boil, stirring, to make thick sauce. Simmer for 1 minute but do not allow to burn. Cut off the sweetcorn from the husk by cutting the corn in half then shaving down the sides with a sharp knife. Add the corn to the sauce along with the Worcestershire and Tabasco sauces, season well and cook for a further minute. Remove from the heat and cool for 10 minutes.

Crossword No: 159



Entries before: 10th Sept. 2001

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Across:

- 6. Advantage (7)
- 7. Comely (5)
- 9. Cape (5)
- 10. Coherence (7)
- 12. Gloomy (11)
- 14. Scenic (11)
- 18. Undress (7)
- 19. Vault (5)
- 21. Stance (5)
- 22. Exalted (7)

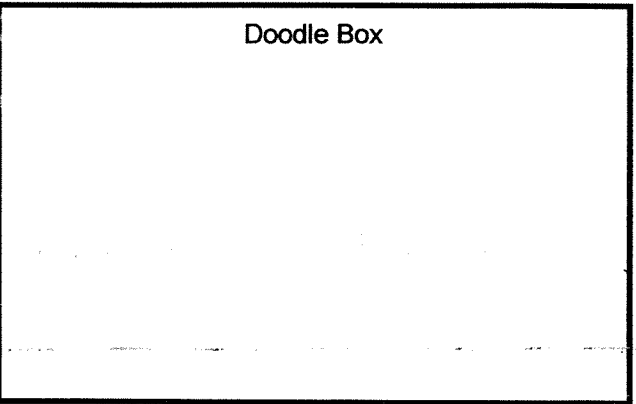
Down:

- 1. Response (5)
- 2. Feast (6)
- 3. Attach (3)
- 4. Strain (6)
- 5. Vanity (7)
- 8. Quick look (7)
- 11. Attribute (7)
- 13. Communication (7)
- 15. Beat (6)
- 16. Disorderly (6)
- 17. Foam (5)
- 20. Embrace (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 158

Across: 6 Display; 7 Ruler; 9 Jar; 10 Reference; 12 Complaining; 15 Discourtesy; 17 Impudence; 19 Sly; 21 Gnash; 22 Flaccid.

Down: 1 Vital; 2 Opt; 3 Wane; 4 Quietness; 5 Rescind; 8 Depart; 11 Concourse; 13 Paused; 14 Diamond; 16 Plait; 18 Call; 20 Act.



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Add the egg yolk and beat well and allow to cool completely. Cover well with cling film, then chill. Pre-heat the grill and toast the bread on one side. Add the chicken to the cooled sauce, then spread over the uncooked side of the bread. Top with a slice of cheese and put back under the grill until bubbling and browned. Cut into triangles serves.

There is no need to cook the sweetcorn before adding to the sauce if its very fresh and sweet. You can use tinned sweetcorn instead, but make sure you drain it well before use. Toasties are ideal for a light lunch or supper, with a glass of wine.

Broccoli stuffed potato



You will need:

1 teaspoon dairy spread
1 tablespoon chopped onion
2 oz cooked, chopped fresh or frozen broccoli, pureed
1 fl oz chicken stock
5 oz baked potato, cut in half lengthways
1 oz Cheddar cheese, grated
Pinch of sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and paprika

Method:

Heat the spread in a small non-stick frying pan until hot. Add onion and cook briefly, about 1 minute. Add the broccoli and stock and stir. Remove from the heat and set aside. Preheat the oven to 400f, 200c, Gas mark 6, scoop out the potato halves into a small bowl, reserving the shells. Add the broccoli mixture, cheese and seasoning to the bowl and mash until thoroughly blended. Divide the mixture into the reserved shells and bake for 20 minutes until lightly browned. Serve with a small green salad.
Serves 1

Mint and avocado mayonnaise

You will need:

2 ripe avocados, halved, stone, and peeled
4 tablespoons fresh lime juice
4 tablespoons olive oil
4 tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Mash the avocado flesh smoothly with the lime juice and beat in the olive oil gradually. Stir in the mint and season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve at once with a green salad or potato salad. Fresh basil can be used instead of the mint to use with a tomato salad.



Smoked trout and rice salad

4 main course servings

You will need:

7 oz long grain rice
Juice of 1/2 fresh lemon
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
3 inner sticks of celery, sliced
5 oz green peas, cooked and drained
2 smoked trout, about 8 oz each
8 cherry or baby plum tomatoes, halved
Lettuce leaves



Vinagrette dressing:

3 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
5 fl. oz vegetable oil or olive oil
2 teaspoons wholegrain mustard

Method:

Put the rice to cook in boiling salted water with the lemon juice. Cook until just tender 10 to 12 minutes. Drain well. Meanwhile prepare the vinaigrette by whisking the vinegar, mustard, and oil together. Season to taste with the salt and pepper. Pour most of the vinaigrette over the rice and leave to cool. Skin and flake the trout. Add to the cooled rice with the peas and tomatoes and the remaining of the dressing. Toss lightly together. Line a salad bowl or individual plates with the lettuce leaves, top with the rice salad and garnish with sprigs of parsley or watercress and lemon wedges if desired.

Individual kiwi cheesecakes

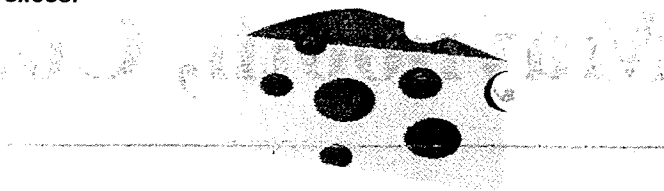
Serves 6

You will need:

7 oz reduced-fat digestive biscuits, crushed
2 oz low-fat spread, melted
1x 200g tub half-fat soft cheese
4 oz reduced-fat creme fraiche
Juice and finely grated rind of 1 lime
6 kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced

Method:

Mix the biscuits crumbs and low-fat spread until well combined. Press into the bases of 6 individual loose bottomed flan tins and chill until needed. Meanwhile mix the soft cheese, creme fraiche and lime juice and rind until well combined. Spread the cheese mixture over the biscuit bases and chill again until the cheese mixture is firm. When ready to serve, top with the kiwi slices.



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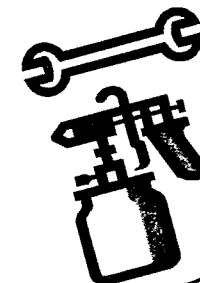
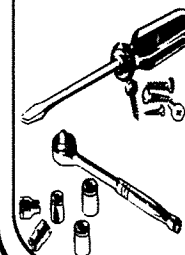
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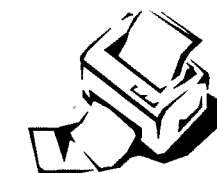
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Features

Maynooth Dancers in Slovakia

On Friday June 22 teen dancers from Scoil Rince Dhubhail embarked on a wonderful trip to Slovakia. They represented Ireland as part of the Junior Dance Team of the Irish National Folk Company which is a non-profit making Government approved Arts and Cultural Organisation.

The team travelled to the High Tatra mountains and stayed in Poprad which is in North Slovakia. The first festival they visited was in Kezmarok, called the "Festival of Dolls" where each folk group exchanged dolls with each other. Ailbhe Flynn aged 10 from Maynooth who was our youngest dancer represented Ireland at this presentation. The girls were photographed throughout the festival and they appeared on television in Slovakia

The girls stayed with families of the Poprad dance group during their stay. This was a great cultural experience for them as these people lived a totally different life than our own. They got to try out different food, and learn a little Slovakian. The Slovaks eat a lot of rice and vegetable and fruit.

As part of our trip we spend a day in the High Tatra mountains in Strbske Pleso. Here the girls travelled the peak of the 2093 metre Soliska mountains in ski lifts. We saw where World Ski Championships take place, We performed that evening in one of the Hotels renowned for its health and relaxation.

We also took a trip to the Demanovska Caves which are one of the finest caves in Europe. The girls thoroughly enjoyed this trip. We also travelled to Zakopane in Poland which is very near to where our present Pope comes from.

The girls performed at many other places entertaining the Lord Mayor and many other dignitaries. The highlight of the trip for me was when I travelled down the river by raft to the Festival Zamagurske. This was a wonderful experience as each group travelled together on the specially made rafts and sang and played music along the way

I don't think the girls from Maynooth will ever forget this trip. Without the donations and help from all the shops and business in Maynooth, who were so kind with their sponsorship this trip would not have gone so well I would like to personally thank everyone who helped in any way.

Here to the next trip

Rita Doyle T.C.R.G

Dancers Memories of Slovakia

When I found out I was going to be dancing in Slovakia I was so excited. What followed were hours & days of practise. When the day of our departure arrived we were dying to get on the plane and get there. We finally arrived at about midnight, and were assigned to our families mine was really nice and friendly. After that we were extremely busy dancing. We only had one day free. Some days we went on trips. The highlight of the trip for me was the day we went into the mountains. We went up in a cable car. We got to the top and the view was spectacular. Overall it was the most fun I have ever had and it was brilliant to see a different way of life and culture

Anne Mc Nevin

On the 22th of June 2001, I travelled to Slovakia with 24 other dancers. We stayed in a town called Poprad. We went on a day trip to Zakopane in Poland. We travelled to many different towns to dance and to see other groups perform. We also danced in a hotel in the High Tatra Mountains. We made lots of new friends and were sad to leave. The trip was exciting and fun and we all had a great time

Karen Bracken

I had a great time in Slovakia. I would like to thank Rita, Angeline, Frank, Brian and Pat and especially our host families. Slovakia is a beautiful country with nice people. Maybe one day I will return.

Jessica Mc Grath

My Favourite part of our dancing trip to Poprad Slovakia was going up in the cable car to the Tatra Mountains. I also enjoyed singing solo on stage. It was a great experience. The food was very different there. The people were very nice to us even though most of them couldn't speak English.

Aisling Dunne



Dancers' Group Photo in Slovakia

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/1282	Eugene Sheehan	28 Leinster Cottages (Double Lane) Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/07/01	Renovation and extension of cottage with enlarged attic bedroom and driveway to side	28 Leinster Cottages Double Lane Maynooth
01/1305	Paddy Doyle	Moyglare Nursing Home Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/07/01	sought for retention of a two storey extension containing 2 bedrooms and office at rear, a single storey office to front & a single storey extension to an existing bedroom	Moyglare Nursing Home Moyglare Road Maynooth
01/1314	Maureen Downes	Arronbeg B & B Moyglare Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/07/01	2 directional signs, (1) at junction of main Street and Leinster Street (2) opposite the Catholic Parish Church	Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1304	Henry Graham	Killgraigne Dunboyne Co. Meath	P	17/07/01	To convert part-completed bungalow to two storey residence	284 Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1319	William Boyd	517 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/07/01	Retention of extension to existing dwelling house and all associated works	517 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1358	Alex Stenson	c/o Brady Shipman Martin 40 Upper Grand Canal St Dublin 4	P	20/07/01	For redecoration and refurbishment works to the interior of a protected structure, consequential on general repairs and protective work to the fabric improvements to safety and comfort conditions and liturgical requirements, including new lighting	St. Marys Catholic Church Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1361	D & N Taverns Ltd	47 Sundrive Road Kimmage Dublin 12	P	23/07/01	sought for renovations to shop front & reconstruction and extension of two storey licensed premises	Caulfields Bar Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1367	Paula Ferrari	11 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/07/01	sought for change of use of rear dining room of residential house to montessori pre-school	11 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1450	Siobhan Kellet	23 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/08/01	sought for single storey kitchen and dining room extension to rear and for two storey bedroom extension over existing bedroom and utility room to side/front of house	23 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1451	Ian Mullaly	14 Rockfield Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/08/01	sought for single storey kitchen extension to rear and for two storey bedroom extension over existing playroom and utility room to side/front of house	14 Rockfield Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1483	Laraville Properties Ltd.	Palmerstown House Palmerstown Dublin 20	P	03/08/01	sought for change of use of 1 app. 2 storey apartment at first & second floor into apartments, to retain & complete 2 two bedroom apartments at second floor level & to build one extra 2 bedroom apartment together with ancillary open space etc.	The Roost Public House Main Street/Leinster Street Maynooth

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Dancers Memories of Slovakia (cont'd)

Slovakia was great. I like staying with a Slovakian Family. We went to visit the mountains, and we also visited Poland. We of course did a lot of dancing and enjoyed ourselves.

Maortye

A trip to Slovakia
On the 22th of June, flew to Slovakian with 24 other girls. We were part of the Irish National Folk dance junior team . I have great memories of the trip. My best memory was when we went up the High Tatra Mountains on ski lifts. From the ski lifts you could see some ski slopes. There was no snow at this time of year on the mountains. It was a very special trip for me and the people in Slovakia were all very nice to us all
Róisín Hoban

On the 22nd of June, Seventeen Girls from Maynooth and eight girls from St Enda's in Rath-farnem travelled to Poprad in Slovakia. We stayed with host families in well kept flats. they had a very different way of life and culture. We travelled around the area dancing and sight-seeing. It was a great experience and we had a great time and made loads of friends
Eimear Flynn

My favourite memory of Slovakia was in Kosice Airport. We were saying goodbye to all Slovakian girls we had met there. They were all really nice and they gave all of us gingerbread hearts, but then all the Slovakian girls and Nina, started crying. I started crying but only a little bit. When we were getting on the plane we saw all the Slovakian girls on the tarmac waving white tissues and jumping up and down, the airport had let them go out there. When we were all on the plane we all got whatever we could find what was white and waved them in front of the window and kept them there till we were up in the air
Aisling O Connor Aged 12

Trip to Slovakia
I went on a trip to Slovakian with 25 other girls 17 from Maynooth and 8 From Ballinteer in Dublin. We stayed in a city called Poprad. I found that there culture was different to Ireland. We went to visit Poland. We danced in Popread. We all had a great time
Sharon Lyons

We had a lot of fun in Slovakian . The food wasn't very nice but tried most of it. We enjoyed the bus journeys the best because we laughed, joked, sang and mixed with Slovakian chidren. We danced nearly every day and most of our performances went well. Over all I enjoyed our ten-day trip to Slovakian
Helen Downes

On the 22th of June 25 dancers travelled to Slovakia. We have a brilliant time we got to travel to Poland and go up the mountains in the cable cars. We also made lots of new friends. We had a great time in Slovakia but we were glad to be home
Karen C



Ailbhe with Doll from Popraa



Traditional Sovakian Costume

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National Photographic Archive

The National Photographic Archive houses the photographic collections of the National Library of Ireland. The photographic collections-previously located in the Library's Kildare Street premises-were moved to the new Archive building in the late 1998/early 1999.

The Archive building incorporates a substantial storage area, which is controlled by an air plant system, together with darkrooms, and a conservation area. The provision of a Reading Room, an Exhibition area and a small retail space combine to enhance access to the collections in the care of the National Photographic Archive.

The collections in the Archive comprise approximately 300,000 photographs, the vast majority of which are Irish. While most of the collections are historical there are some contemporary collections. Subject matter ranges from topographical views to studio portraits, and from political events to early tourist photographs.

The Archive maintains an active collecting policy, often by way of generous donations from various sources.

In addition to the large collections of negatives in the Archive, there are substantial numbers of loose prints and various smaller collections which include particularly good coverage of events during 1916, the War of Independence and the Civil War, as well as other political and social events in Irish history.

Services

For general information on photographs, visitors to the Archive should consult Reading Room staff. Staff will also take telephone queries, although we ask that more complex requests be made by letter, fax or e-mail.

Reading Room

Readers are requested to obtain a Readers Ticket on admission. These tickets may be obtained by personal application at the National Photographic Archive. An appointment may be necessary to view certain unsorted or fragile material.

In order to improve our collections, photographs onto the Library OPAC system. The Keogh collection has been catalogued in this way, as has a section of the Poole collection, together with the Eason, Valentine and Wiltshire collections. Selected catalogue entries will be accompanied by images on screen for ease of assess. Initially, assess to these images will be available only on the OPAS in both Library locations. However, it is planned that by late 1999 access to the images will also be available through the Internet.

The greater part of the Lawrence collection can be consulted on microfilm in the Reading Room.

Also available for consultation in the Reading Room are current indexes and, in the case of certain smaller collections, copy prints of images. A number of general reference sources on photography are available for consultation.

Where surrogate images are available—for example digitised images, microfilm copies or copy prints—original photographs will not be produced in the Reading Room.

Reprographic Services

The National Photographic Archive offers a range of reprographic services including photographic prints (of various sizes, black & white and colour) slides and transparencies. Details of these services and the scale of fees are set out in a separate leaflet.

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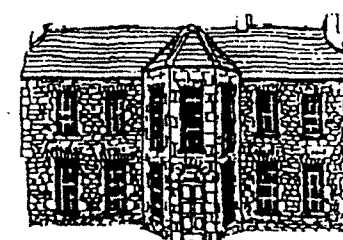
There is a small shop in the exhibition area at which the general range of National Library of Ireland publications is on sale as well as postcards from our photographic collections, and some popular prints.

COLLECTIONS

Ongoing indexing, copying and cataloguing projects ensure that the photographs in our care are becoming increasingly accessible to the public. However, it should be noted that there are a number of collections which cannot be made available to researchers at the present

There follows a listing of some of the better known collections in the Archive, together with information regarding the available catalogues indexes and/or surrogate copies. It should be noted that unless otherwise stated indexes and catalogues are available in the National Library's main Reading Room and in the Reading Room of the National Photographic Archive

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Large Collections

These collections comprise the material produced by the postcard and portrait studios that were in operation in many town cities of Ireland at the turn of the century. The glass plate negatives were often acquired following the closure of these establishments, although a few remained in business until relatively recently.

Lawrence Collections: The Lawrence Collections consists of 40,000 glass plate negatives from 1870-1914. The images were produced commercially and capture scenes throughout Ireland for the period. A very successful business, the bulk of the outdoor images were taken by Robert French, the Lawrence's chief photographer. An index to the collection is available and most images may be viewed on microfilm. Part of the collection, the New Series, is not on microfilm but a comprehensive index of that part of the collection is forthcoming has been catalogued onto the Library's OPAC system and these are accompanied by scanned images of the photographs

Elba Collections: This early collection of 3,000 glass plates is a precursor to the Lawrence Collections and many of the images were later used by the Lawrence studios. The original card catalogued has been copied and is now available for consultation.

Eason Collections: The images in this collection created for the Irish postcard trade by Eason & Son. The collection consists 4,000 negatives dating from 1900-1940 and there is an index to the collection arranged by county

Valentine Collections: Valentine Collections comprises 3,000 negatives from the period 1900-1960. It is catalogued by county, for the 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland. The topographical images were generated for the postcard trade particularly in the years from 1929 until 1950s.

Poole Collections: This large collection of material provides images of the south east of Ireland, spanning the years 1884-1954, depicting social and economic life as well as a huge collection of studio portraiture. The family of A.H. Poole operated as commercial photographers in Waterford for the years 1884-1945. The original index books have been microfilmed. They provide details of all 65,000 glass plates. Some of the collection has been catalogued onto the Library's OPAC system and a selection of images accompanies these records

Keogh Collection: This collection was created by the Keogh Brothers of Dorset Street, Dublin, during the period 1915-1930. The photographers provide excellent coverage of political figures and event of that time.

Although the collection consists of just 330 glass plates, many of which are studio portraits, it is of great value to researchers. A catalogue is available on the OPAC and images also accompany the entries.

Morgan Collections: These aerial views of Ireland, taken during the mid 1950s by pilot Captain Alexander Campbell Morgan, provide a birds eye view of Ireland. The collection comprises medium and low altitude black- white aerial views of places and events, many of which were commissioned by clients. Many of the images were published in the Irish Independent in weekly Views from the Air series. Tragically Captain Morgan was killed in a plane crash in January 1958. A catalogue to the collection is available indexed by place within county.

Cradle Collections: The Cradle collection comprises 5,000 negatives and some matching postcard taken during the 1950's and 1960's. It has recently been sorted and a detailed index to the collection is available.

Wiltshire Collections: The Wiltshire Collections of 1,000 negatives and 300 prints spans a twenty-year period from 1951. The bulk of the images feature Dublin, providing a view of life in the capital during that period. They were take by Elinor and Reginald Wiltshire of the Green Studios in Dublin. Surrogate reference copies of the prints are prints are available in the NPA Reading Room. Detailed catalogue entries can be found on the Library's OPAC system

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Albums: There are some 300 photographic albums in the collections of the National Photographic Archive, covering a wide range of subjects from political to family albums. An index to this material is available in the Archive Reading Room.

Clonbrock: The Clonbrock Collection contains 3,500 glass plates spanning the years 1860-1930. The photographers were members of the Dillon Family, Barons Clonbrock, of Ahascragh, Co. Galway, a family of enthusiastic amateur photographers (particularly Gerald Dillon and his wife Augusta Crofton Dillon) The images provide a substantial and varied pictorial record of life on a landed estate

O'Dea: The O'Dea Collection contains 4'200 photographic prints (with corresponding film negatives) covering all aspects of railway transport in Ireland between 1937-1966. The photograph were all taken by James P O'Dea a devoted railway enthusiast and subjects include locomotives, railway stations and bridges as well as railway staff and passengers

Wynne: Thomas J. Wynne was the proprietor of Wynne's Newsagents in Castlebar. Co Mayo and from 1867 was photographer to the community in the town and surrounding countryside. This Mayo collection is similar in style to the larger Poole Collection. The 8,000 glass negatives cover the period 1867-1960 and document social life in Mayo



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Good Times Past

Not too long ago in the town of maynooth and all over Ireland the pub was a place for conversation and craic. After the required amount of pints someone would be asked to sing an auld song which reluctantly after some cajoling they would perform. Once the first song was sung the ice was broken and songs would flow. Willie would give "The Yellow JCB" or the "Transit Van", Eamon with "The Crab", Eugene with his "Boston Rose" and if "Lily the Pink" was there we got a performance with the song. There were many others including the Fitz sisters who were better than the Spice Girls or the Nolans. Their father, God rest him, was also a beautiful singer with many songs we never heard before.

What happened. The Sky sport took over the soccer so we now have about three matches on Sunday and almost every evening of the week, so instead of one or two a week we are now being infested with them. "Be quite they are watching the match", that put an end to the sing song.

Then along came another disaster to the pub, the mobile phone. Start a conversation now and whoever you are talking to disappears out the door to answer one of those infernal sounds that goes off every minute in the pub. "Ban both from the Pub".

Even the private house has suffered badly. As a youth when televisions were scarce everyone visited everyone else a couple of times a week, gathering in one house for a game of cards a chat or maybe a sing song as well. Even the houses that had a television we went to see an odd programme such as "The Fugitive" but then the television was turned off for the game or the song. If older people were there you would hear their old songs and stories, mostly lies and if you were walking home in the dark they would always stick in a few local ghost stories to frighten the life out of you. Changed times.

In finding an old song book I came across an old song "an unusual one" we used to sing. I may have one every month to bring back memories to older folk.

The Juice of the Barley

In the sweet County Lim'rick one cold winter's night,
All the turf fires were burning when I first saw the light;
And a drunken old mid-wife went typsy with joy
As she danced round the floor with her slip of a boy.

Chorus

Singing banya na mbo is an gabhana
And the juice of the barley for me

Well when I was a gassoon of eight years old or so,
With me turf and me primer to school I did go;
To a dusty old school house without any door,
Where lay the school master blind drunk on the floor.

Chorus

At the learning I wasn't such a genius I'm thinking,
But I soon bet the master entirely at drinking,
Not a wake or a wedding for five miles around,
But meself in the corner was sure to be found.

Chorus

One Sunday the priest thread me out from the altar,
Saying you'll end up your days with your neck in a halter,

And you'll dance a fine jig between heaven and hell,
And his words they did frighten me the truth for to tell.

Chorus

So the very next morning as the dawn it did break,
I went down to the vestry the pledge for to take,
And there in that room sat the priests in a bunch,
Round a big roaring fire, drinking tumblers of punch.



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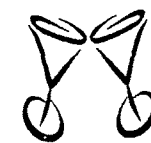
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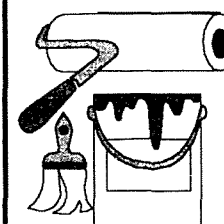
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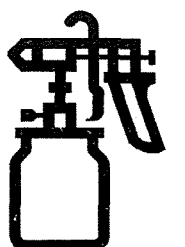
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Swimming Club

We have now come to the end of another successful year with the swimming club. I would like to thank the committee for all the commitment during the year and especially like to thank Lorraine Rush for her work as secretary over the last 5 years. This year starting in Sept. We will have a new secretary and new P.R.O. (details next issue)

This first day of the term starts on the 8th Sept 2001. All buses at the same times anybody wishing to put their child's name on the waiting list may contact one of the committees members or bus supervisor any Sat at Greenfield Shopping Centre 4.45 pm

We have some vacancies especially for older children

M. Molloy
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Parklands Residents Association

Parklands 5 - A - Side Football

July 9th saw the start of the long awaited five a side tournament, and by all the positive feed-back I have received it was a great success. due mainly to all of the wives and children who came out to see their Dad/ Hubby re-live his days of glory and the chance for the guys to show the wives the skill that hasn't been lost, but just shelved, a mortgage and two kids ago.

The Crescent, The Rise, The Lawns, The Court, And The Grove were all represented and unfortunately there were one or two roads who left it too late and missed the dead line to compete.

Though the Crescent, the Grove and The Lawns fought hard for the honour of their road they failed to make it to the final. They did so with grace and dignity but crashed and burned none the less!!! and as always there can only be two finalists, the clash of the titans were the Court, captained by Lar French and The Rise captained by Alan Millet. The Final was a great game and the Court showed more of the stuff that got them through to the Final, but in the end The Rise stuffed the Court and won by a length.

And so to the presentation which was held in the Straffan Lodge Hotel (Home of fine quisine and excellent ales! Sunday lunches are also highly recommended) who, cough! cough! ahem!, generously sponsored both teams, finalists and organisers to drinks. The Final was shown on the wide screen T.V. in the lounge and every highlight was shown and re-shown but the most requested replay was of whatsis-face? ending up head first through the goal net when on a run.

Apparently his brakes failed to stop him just outside the Courts penalty box. It is agreed by all that some of the best football took place in the lounge, where the hurler on the ditch knows everything until he actually puts on his boots. All in all it turned out to be a great night well supported, and it was agreed that this tournament will have to run again some time in the future.

Thanks are due, in no small way to Conor McNulty without whom the tournament would not have run so smoothly, I should also like to thank Eamon Boland for his support every evening in setting up the pitch, also Martin Sweeney who stored the goal posts every night. Also the Straffan Lodge Hotel for their generous sponsorship. And last but not least the Referee Les Kellet who should be nominated for chairperson of the United Nations for his patience and coolness under fire!

So just as football is a team sport, the organisation of the tournament was also a team effort. Many hands make light work, but many feet make many yards.

Paul Burnell.



Residents and Children enjoying the Fun



Newly appointed Junior Litter Wardens

Cubs, Organisations and Societies

RESIDENTS' FUN DAY

The Fun day which was held on 1st July was a great success. We would like to thank all those who supported the day and especially the residents of Parklands Grove for their co-operation.

A big thank you also goes to:

The Face painters Harry Montgomery, Liz Stoll and Christine Cleary (Tel 046 36546 or www.clearys@gofree.indigo.ie for bookings).

Joan Brannigan for dressing up and judging the fancy dress competition. ary Fitzgerald for organising the raffle and the ticket sellers Ginine, Shauna, Niamh, Lia and Nicola. Owen Byrne, Lord Mayor of maynooth for officiating. Paul Coyle for the use of his truckGlen for doing goalie for the penalty shots and Liz Power for refereeing. Andrina, Eileen and Mary from the Mother and Toddler group for the use of their toys. Colm and Tina Lawless for the use of their slide. James and Caroline Pedley for the use of their basketball hoop. Barbara and Damien for donating the balloons. Maynooth Gardai for the traffic cones. Laura, Michelle, Emma and Stephen for picking up litter. Laura, Michelle and Gemma for delivering the notices.

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Under 10 - Conor Glynn
Under 16 - Lisa Shiels
Adult - Derek Tighe

Treasure Hunt

Adult - 1st - Owen Byrne
2nd - Barbara O'Connor
Teenager - 1st - Lisa Shiels
2nd - Ginine Power
Child - 1st - Lisa Hewson

Basketball

Shauna Coscadden
Nicola Murphy

Mary Fitzgerald
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Liz Stohl Face Painting
at Parklands Fun Day

Features

Maynooth Community Games 2001

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the County Finals of Kildare Community Games. Well done to the medal winners:

Gymnastics

Diara O'Sullivan	3rd Girls U8
Colm Pello	2nd Boys U10
Diaran Kearney	3rd Boys U10
Padhraic McMaghnus	4th Boys U10

Athletics

James Durkin	1st Boys U8 100m
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Art & Modelling

Eoghan McCartan	4th U14 Modelling
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Swimming

Aisling Wall	2nd U10 F/S
Sinead Connolly	3rd U14 B/S
Eimear Connolly	3rd U12 Breast/S
Colm Peelo	2nd U10 F/S
Gavin Doyle	1st U12 F/S

The Girls Squad U13 came in second place.

Maynooth West

Ailbhe Durkan, Eimear Connolly, Susan Fay, Aisling Wall and Emma Fox

The Boys Squad U13 also came second.

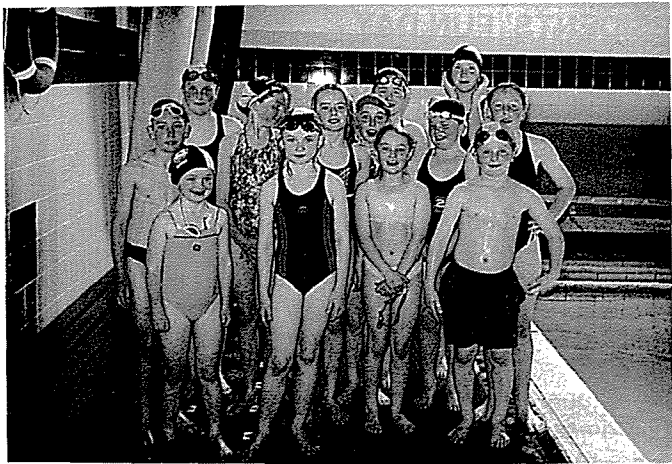
Maynooth East

Sean Barrett, Gavin Doyle, Justin Cullinane, Daire Walsh and Sean Cox.

Once again congratulations to all and good luck to James Durkin and Gavin Doyle in Mosney.

Congratulations to David and Patricia McAuliffe on the birth of their son.

Margaret Houlihan



Maynooth Community Games Swimmers



Maynooth Community Games
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Maynooth Community Games Artists



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At time of writing it is just after the visit to Maynooth of an Taoiseach Mr. Bertie Ahern T.D. along with our Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreedy T.D. on Friday 6th July 2001. We will have a full report in the next issue of the Newsletter. The day was packed with engagements right throughout the North Kildare Constituency, and involved visits to Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock, Naas, Clane etc. The Taoiseach visited Maynooth twice during the day, in the early afternoon to open the Maynooth Science Park on the Straffan Road and later during the early evening in the Glenroyal Hotel to attend a Reception hosted by the Maynooth Cumann and present Certificates of Merit to longstanding members and supporters of Fianna Fail in the area spanning the last 30-40 years.

This month's article for the Newsletter will be very short due to holidays and preparation for the very busy schedule we have this month, which in addition to an Taoiseach's visit also included a visit by Ms. Sile de Valera.

Minister Sile de Valera visit to Maynooth Wednesday 11 July

Sile de Valera visited Maynooth on the above date to carry out a number of functions. At 5p.m. the Minister officially handed over the keys of Maynooth Castle to the Castle Committee and this was followed by a reception in Maynooth College. Later the Minister met the Cumann members in Carton House. Finally the Minister fulfilled the main purpose of her visit which was to officially launch the Book of Maynooth at approximately 7.05p.m. in Reneghan Hall, Maynooth College.

The launching of the Book of Maynooth was hosted by the Maynooth Arts Forum. More details will be in the next Newsletter.

Maynooth Soccer Club

The Cumann would like to congratulate the Soccer Club for their successful receipt of a grant of £100,000.00 recently following their meeting with Minister McCreedy on the issue.

Cllr. Paul Kelly Welcomes £6.5 Million for Camp Project.

Cllr Paul Kelly has welcomed the announcement from Minister for the Environment Mr. Noel Dempsey that he is to approve a £6.5 million contract for the provision of a new Fire Brigade East Region Control Centre in Townsend Street, Dublin. This will consist of

a Command, Control and Mobilising System for the Computer Aided Mobilisation Project (CAMP)

" This centre,, when operational, will cater for all the fire authorities in Leinster and the Eastern Regional Health Authority in the Dublin area " said Councillor Kelly.

" This announcement follows on last February's announcement of a new fire engine for Kildare County Council fire Service Initiative Programme " said Councillor Kelly. " This new system for CAMP will help to improve fire services in Kildare and ensure that we have one of the highest quality fire service in the country."

Provision of New Leixlip Library with £2,040,000 Grant

Minister Charlie McCreedy recently informed the Cumann of the provision of a grant of £2,040,000.00 for the provision of a new branch Library at Newtown House in Confey from the Department of Environment and Local Government. This follows on meetings between Kildare County Council and Minister Noel Dempsey to address a shortfall between the previously announced grant of £1.2m and the actual up to date cost of provision. The shortfall resulted due to an increase in the final design costs and the inclusion of additional facilities by Kildare County Council. Cllr Paul Kelly expects the tender documentation to be ready soon and a contractor appointed. In addition to the reading facilities expected, we also expect the services to include fostering the arts in Leixlip with facilities for exhibitions and lectures etc.

Minister McCreedy Visits Carton Demesne Golf Club

The Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreedy T.D. recently visited the new development taking place in Carton Demesne. This involves the provision of a 136 bedroomed Hotel along with restaurants etc. There will also be a number of Golf Villas built on the vast estate somewhat along the lines already existing in the K Club, Straffan. The development centres around the provision of 2 Championship Courses, one designed by Mark O Meara the internationally renowned golf player and the other designed by Colin Montgomerie, recently crowned Irish Open Champion. This week, Colin Montgomerie visited the Carton Golf Course to check on the development of his 7,200 yard course. The Mark O Meara course is due to open next year while the "Monty" course will not be open until another 2 years. The Carton Golf Demesne development will be a major advantage to Maynooth and provided great opportunities for tourism and employment prospects. It is expected that almost 300 people will be employed eventually. Maynooth, sandwiched as it is between the

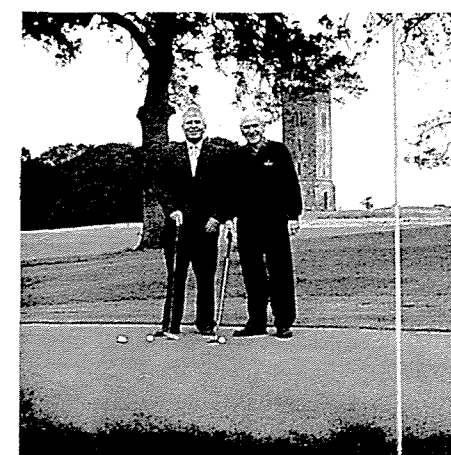
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K Club and Carton Golf Club will be well positioned to take advantage of the world wide publicity that will ensue from the televised coverage of all major Golf Tournaments due to take place in the two areas.

Below we have two photographs showing the Ministers recent visit, which was very kindly hosted by Mr. Lee Mallaghan and his family, owners of the Carton Estate during which the Minister was brought on a tour of the Estate and the two Golf Courses. Mr. Mallaghan confirmed that the development will be open to the public to explore which will of course be a wonderful amenity for the people living in Maynooth and the greater North Kildare area.

Looking forward to reporting on our most recent events in the next issue of the Newsletter and happy holidays to all in the meantime. Anyone wishing to contact the Cumann, please phone myself Brid Feely at 087-2052649 or Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187.

Brid Feely,
Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann
Secretary and PRO.



Minister McCreedy T.D. with Mr. Lee Mallaghan pictured in front of the "Tower" which will be the new logo for the Carton Demesne Golf Club



Cllr. Paul Kelly and Minister McCreedy listen to Lee Mallaghan's plans for Carton Estate

Doubling of capacity of Maynooth trains a boost for Kildare:

Cllr. Paul Kelly has welcomed the announcement by Iarnród Éireann that passenger capacity on the Maynooth rail line is to be doubled from the 13th August.

"This is a great boost for all those living in Kildare who use the train service everyday. Peak-time capacity will now rise to over 4,000, with two extra services, while off-peak services will also be improved with a Sunday service being introduced" said Cllr. Paul Kelly.

"The improved train service will be a boost for the thousands of people from North Kildare who rely on public transport. The majority of the trains, which service commuters in Castleknock, Coolmine, Clonsilla, Leixlip and Maynooth, will operate to and from Pearse Street Station," he added.

This route has recently undergone a £20 million refurbishment under a Government investment programme to upgrade tracks, signalling and passenger amenities.

Internet access to Leaving Certificate Results for the first time ever:

Councillor Paul Kelly reminded students today, 10th August, that for the first time ever, Leaving Certificate students have the option of obtaining their examination results through the Internet.

This facility is one of a number of steps taken by the Minister for Education, Dr. Michael Woods to improve information for students on their examinations. It builds on the hugely successful automated Dial-Up system introduced last year, which was used by some 24,000 students from at home and abroad to obtain their results. This service will be continued this year in addition to the new Internet service.

Students will be able to access their results on either the Dial-Up facility or the Internet by using a PIN Number and their Examination Number. Results will also be available through schools in the normal way. Dr. Woods said that the new services are important customer service initiatives to facilitate those students who for whatever reason are unable to or do not wish to make it to the school.

Both of the new services will operate from 12 noon on the day that the results are issued, Wednesday 15th August 2001. The Internet address for the access to results via the Internet is www.examinations.ie.

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Fine Gael News

Maynooth Development Plan:

The proposed Maynooth Development Plan was considered by local Area Councillors at their recent July meeting. The last plan was published in 1985, and as such is now sixteen years out of date. The new plan cannot be finalised without due consideration of the flooding problems arising in the Joan Slade and Lyreen River catchment areas of Maynooth.

The County Engineer Mr. Jimmy Lynch, outlined the contents of the flooding report carried out by Tony Cawley of Hydro Environmental Engineering Consultants. The report found that the majority of the flooding came from agricultural land in the Joan Slade and Lyreen River catchment area. The report also noted that the transfer of flooding from the Lyreen catchment area on to the Meadowbrook area was a major factor in the flooding of November 6th last year. In an effort to resolve this flooding issue, the consultants have recommended the following:

- All the culverts be increased in size and the Joan Slade river to be completely cleaned along Parson Street.
- Lands east of the Straffan Road be prevented from draining in to the Joan Slade river.
- The third eye (Mill race) at Kavanagh's be opened and that the point of confluence of the two rivers be widened. This will result in the demolition of the corner of the Mill building.
- If any further rezoning were to take place in the Rathcoffey Road area, attenuation (i.e. ponding of surface water in an open space) would have to take place.

The County Engineer stated that he would not recommend attenuation because of safety problems. He instead recommended that the land on the Rathcoffey Road should not be zoned until such time as the combined flooding of the Joan Slade and the Lyreen rivers are solved. The County Manager agreed with and accepted this conclusion. This left the Councillors with no other choice but to accept the County Engineer's advice.

In accepting the professional advice, Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that it was now time for the Development Plan to be completed. However, some Councillors claimed to have inadequate information, and as such the final decision has been postponed until the September meeting of the Local Area Councillors.

Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that the Development Plan was now going to become a political football thanks to the Labour Party. Cllr. Griffin outlined his position to local Fine Gael members at a recent meeting, where he stated that he has been consistent in all his views on the Plan. Cllr. Griffin reminded members that the Labour Party stated in 1997 that they would not zone a single acre in Celbridge. However, on July 30th this year they proceeded to zone about 95 acres of land in Celbridge. Cllr. Griffin had given his word not to vote

for further zoning in Celbridge and honoured it on the day.

During early August, it has come to the attention of Cllr. Griffin that the Labour Party has been attempting to discredit his stance on the Development Plan. The residents of Maynooth will doubtless remember that in 1997, it was Cllr. John McGinley who proposed the zoning of 250 acres of land for Maynooth. It was Cllr. McGinley who then proceeded to make it into a political football by playing games over Carton Avenue. The Development Plan is too serious a matter to be playing politics with.

Carton Avenue:

On July 30th, seven caravans and vans made an illegal entrance to Carton Avenue. Cllr. Griffin was informed of the situation at about 5pm, where upon he contacted the County Manager and the Gardai. The Council officials, together with the Gardai (under the director of Sgt. Michael Desmond) promptly issued the newly arrived Travellers with an order to vacate the Avenue.

On Tuesday morning, the pressure increased on the Travellers to vacate the Avenue, which they did at about midday. The pedestrian users of Carton Avenue are grateful to the Gardai and the Council for their speedy response to this issue.

As an interim measure, the Council have put some top soil at the entrance to Carton Avenue and also at the Blacklion end. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to put in place more acceptable bollards in order to prevent a reoccurrence, whilst at the same allowing access to, e.g. machinery to cut the grass.

Fagan's Lane:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to issue an order on the developer to restore Fagan's Lane to its former standard. Cllr. Griffin has also requested that the developer be forced to cease work until the Council Planners have adjudicated on his request for the retention of planning permission of unauthorised work on the site. Cllr. Griffin has informed the Council that the residents and pedestrians are being unfairly treated by this particular developer through his actions.

Traffic Calming:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has allocated finances for the provision of traffic gateways at the Moyglare Road and the Celbridge Road. This form of traffic calming is very effective and should remind motorists that school children are in the vicinity and that care should be observed. The increase in the number of fatal accidents over the past few weeks should remind all road users to slow down and take heed.

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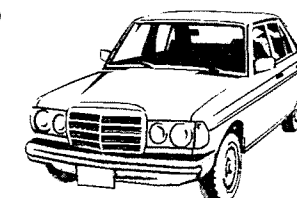
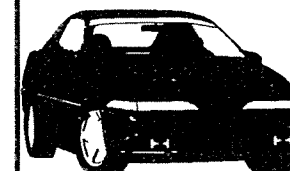
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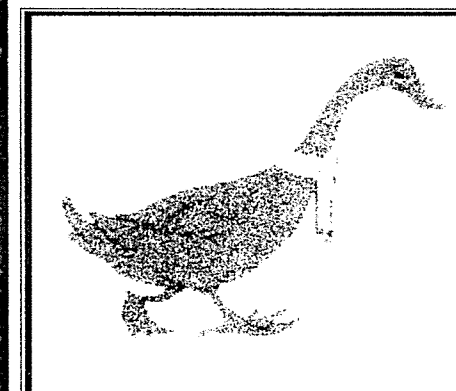
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Litter:

The increase in the number of refrigerators, cookers and mattresses, beer cans and household rubbish dumped along the various ditches in rural Kildare is of major concern. Cllr. Senan Griffin has called on the public to be vigilant and report offenders to the litter warden. Kildare County Council have appointed a second litter:traffic warden for the north of the county. The warden will examine the offending material and if evidence is available he will deal with the polluter.

Bus Turning Bay:

Having fought with KCC for the past four years to correct the mistake in the design of the turning bays Cllr. Senan Griffin is now pleased with the quality of the finished product and the council are to be complimented on doing a good job. Pity it took so long.

Speed Tables Moyglare Road:

The senior engineer has promised Cllr. Senan Griffin that the speed tables for the tow schools on the Moyglare Road will be in place by the time the students return to school. The table at the national school is to have the pedestrian crossing point for the younger children.

Housing:

Did you know that in 1996 we had 950 people looking for a house and that in 1999 we had 1398. The Department of the Environment on average give KCC a yearly grant to build one hundred and twenty houses. In order to clear the current backlog it will take over ELEVEN years. Cllr. Senan Griffin recently stated that it is time to change the system to a more proactive approach in favour those seeking to be housed.

Lost

Valerie from Nuzstop lost her bracelet in March of this year and she misses it very much. Frank her husband bought it for her in 1989 and it is of great sentimental value, and she would be delighted to get it back.

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Thursday:	<p>Yoga - Continuation Learn how to relax and to bring calmness and peace to your mind. Tutor: Alma Toland</p>
Friday:	<p>Aromatherapy An introduction to the use of essential oils Tutor: Felicity Cuthbert</p> <p>First Aid - Heart Beat Programme Learn what to do when someone gets hurt. You could even save a life!</p>

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Maynooth Labour News

Draft Maynooth Development Plan:

The Leixlip Area Committee met on the 20th July to further consider the Draft Maynooth Development Plan. Progressing the Plan had been deferred until the Hydrological Investigation of the Meadowbrook River was available. The need for such a report arose as a result of the flooding in the area last November. This report was finalised on 10/07/01 and Councillors got it on the 19th July---the day before the meeting.

One of the Reports conclusions was that "In the interests of the long term urban development a policy of storm water attenuation should be introduced for all new developments." Storm water attenuation normally means ponds or underground culverts.

In the light of this conclusion the County Engineers advice to the Councillors was that there should be no new rezoning in the Meadowbrook catchment area. Under the Draft Plan it is proposed to rezone 50 acres in this area. It was agreed to defer all decisions until the 4th September when the Amended Plan would be finalised. The County Manager also recommended that there be no rezoning in the Newtown area and that a clause be inserted in the Plan stating that rezoning of the land in this area be deferred for two years when the conditions under which rezoning could be considered should be met and/or known.

Councillor John McGinley would advise the public to be very alert as it is likely that the Fianna Fail and Fine Gael councillors will try to rezone a further 50 acres elsewhere in Maynooth to "compensate" for the two year loss of the 50 acres in the Newtown area. Cllr. McGinley can assure the public that the Labour Councillors will oppose any such proposals.

Amendments to Draft Plan:

Among the amendments that Cllr. John McGinley will be seeking are:

- That a road, parallel to the M4, be included as an objective, from the Straffan Road (ESSO Station) to the town side of the motorway bridge on the Rathcoffey Road.
- That the ring road from the Celbridge Road to the Straffan Road be parallel to the M4 and that it joins the Straffan Road between Noones and the M4.
- That a site be allocated for a new Primary School between Noones and the M4 on the Straffan Road or in the Newtown area (See below on alleviating Maynooths traffic problems)
- Retain the existing cul-de-sacs in Parklands, Rockfield and Parsons Hall so that they cannot be used as vehicular access points to adjoining lands.
- That the rezoning of land opposite the mart be reversed unless the 60 acre Public Park comes

into Council ownership before the Plan is approved.

- The new road servicing the rezoning in the Moyglare Road area must be in place before any houses are built and vehicular access to these new houses must be off the new road.
- Major new Residential Areas such as that proposed for the Moyglare Road shall have a modern childrens playground as a condition of Planning Permission.

Maynooth Swimming Pool Complex:

In the Fine Gael Notes (July Issue) Cllr. John McGinley was attacked over his efforts to have a Swimming Pool Complex built in Maynooth. We stand over our Notes and its time Cllr. Griffin got a grip of himself and started telling the truth.

It is a fact that Cllr. Griffin stated at the County Council Meeting held on April 30th 2001 that Maynooth did not need a swimming pool.

Progress:

The County Manager advised Cllr. McGinley at the Council Meeting on 25th July that he expected that the in-house study that he instigated as a result of the passing of Cllr. McGinley's motion should be completed by the end of September. Residents Associations/ Clubs/Organisations should make their case for Maynooth being the location before then.

Bond Bridge:

The County Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the tender documents will be ready before the end of August and that he expected that construction of the new bridge should begin early in the new year.

Alleviating Maynooths Traffic Problems:

During discussions on the Draft Maynooth Development Plan Cllr. John McGinley has put forward the suggestion that consideration be given to changing the location of St. Mary's Girls School to a new site South of the canal. The existing location is too far removed from the main population centres and this results in serious traffic congestion at school opening and closing times. If a new school was built off the Straffan Road or Newtown Road it would help reduce the traffic problems and improve safety for children. Going a step further and making the new school a co-ed and changing the Boys School also to a co-ed would make an enormous difference to traffic levels at peak times.

The Council has written to the Principals and Board of Management of both schools seeking their views. A decision should not be rushed and time should be

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taken to give this radical suggestion serious consideration.

Rathcoffey Road Re-alignment:

The re-alignment work has been held up for a number of reasons, however, the Council engineers have now advised that work will definitely begin on 20th August and that it is estimated that it will take three months to complete.

Traffic Calming in Parklands and Moyglare Road:

Council engineers advise that contractors will begin work on these and six other traffic calming projects on 3rd September.

Parks Maintenance Programme Agreed:

Labour Councillors submitted a Section 4 motion compelling the County Manager to provide the Councillors with a Draft Parks Maintenance Programme by the end of July in order that the £250,000 allocated in this years estimates may be spent in the way envisaged by the Council. The motion was successful and the battle has been won. The Draft Programme proposes to engage landscape contractors locally to carry out the work, with Direct Labour assistance where appropriate, commencing in July. The Kilcock Road approach and O'Neill Park is included. Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley will be demanding that Pound Park and Old Greenfield also be included.

"Travellers" on Carton Avenue:

So called "Travellers" broke in to Carton Avenue on the afternoon of 30th July. Cllr. John McGinley immediately contacted the Council and after many phone calls with Council Officials and the Gardai a strategy was agreed and led to the travellers leaving the next day. Cllr. McGinley would like to thank Garda Sgt. Mick Desmond and Kildare County Council's Mick Rogers and Dermot Brennan for their swift action and co-ordination in moving the travellers.

Maynooth is the only town in Ireland that looked for a halting site and it has proved to be very successful with its residents acting as good neighbours and integrating well locally. It is of great concern that these roaming travellers think that they are above the law and can do as they please. Unfortunately, the inaction of senior national gardai is not helping to resolve the problem. Despite written requests from Deputy Emmet Stagg they have failed to advise him on what law changes are required to prevent such invasions of

public and private lands. The Minister for Justice has also refused to amend the law to deal with these Merchant Travellers.

In order to prevent further break-ins to Carton Avenue Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to come with an aesthetically pleasing barrier at the town end of the Avenue.

Development at Fagans Lane:

The developer of the shops and offices in Fagans Lane is breaking every Planning Law in the book including illegal road closure. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to send him a Solicitors letter giving him seven days to get his act together and if not the Council will get an injunction to stop the work.

Parson Lodge:

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Council following representations from the Residents Association:

"That the process for the taking in charge of Parson Lodge Estate be started and furthermore that the Estate be designated Residential Parking Only."

Traffic Lights at The Roost:

Councillors were given the following report at the July Meeting of the Area Committee:

"There has been little progress since the last meeting regarding this issue due to lack of resources and the number of projects currently being supervised by the KCC Road Construction Section. However a detailed report should be available for the next meeting once resources have been freed up."

Cllr. McGinley has advised the engineer concerned that he is completely unhappy with the inordinate delay in getting these safety lights in place.

Harbour Field/Geraldine Hall:

Last June the Councils Solicitor sent a Draft Lease to the Trustees of the Harbour seeking their agreement so that this property can come into public ownership in order that it can be developed for the use of the people of Maynooth. The Area Committee has invited the trustees and the Maynooth Development Association to its next meeting on 7th September in order to speed up the resolution of this long outstanding issue.

Parklands:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Area Committee of the Council:

"That the following works be carried out in Parklands Estate in order to improve safety:



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- (a) Create a left exiting lane at the junction with the Straffan Road by moving the footpath to where the green is at present.
- (b) Mark the roadway at the junction of Parklands Place/Parklands Lawns so as to clearly define who has the right of way."

The Council have agreed to (b) and the Road Design Section need further time to ascertain if sufficient width is available to create a left turning lane in relation to (a).

Rockfield:

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Area Committee:

"That the Council take Court action against Patrick Mooney under Condition 26 of 1128/91 and require him to reinstate hedgerows which were destroyed by him on 27th and 18th May 2001."

The motion was discussed at the July Area Meeting, but no decision was reached as one Councillor questioned whether or not the hedgerows were part of Rockfield or on Mr. Mooneys property. Deputy Emmet Stagg has since confirmed that the hedgerows are part of Rockfield and that Mr. Mooney acted illegally in destroying them.

Traffic Calming in Carton Court:

Following representations from residents Cllr. McGinley has looked for traffic calming in the vicinity of House No.112 Carton Court in order to slow down cars turning up by the houses facing Noones.

Progress on Environmental Improvement Works for Greenfields:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been pressing Kildare County Council to provide Environmental Improvement Works in Greenfields, Maynooth following the completion of Remedial Works to houses in the area over the past number of years.

The reason Deputy Stagg is pursuing the Council for funding was the decision by Minister Molloy to refuse to fund the necessary works even though the repairs to the houses themselves had been funded by the Department following Deputy Stagg's tenure as Minister of State for Housing.

The County Architect has now advised Deputy Stagg that proposals for the Environmental Improvement Works in relation to Greenfields, Maynooth will be brought before the September Leixlip Area Committee meeting. The proposal will also cover the funding of the scheme through the provision of 2/3 council houses on a vacant site in the estate.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Environmental Improvement Works were necessary to enhance

green areas including the provision of new footpaths and roads. He looked forward to the successful completion of the works.

Chorus Maintenance Fee:

Following the decision by the Regulator of Telecommunications, that the maintenance fee of £2.50 per month imposed by Chorus on their customers was in breach of their licence conditions, Deputy Emmet Stagg raised the issue of refunds to customers who had paid the maintenance fee for fear of losing their overall service.

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Rejection of 120 Apartment Proposal At Parson Street:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for 120 apartments in 6, 4 storey blocks at Parson Street, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg in welcoming the decision stated that the proposal would have been entirely inappropriate for this historic part of the Town which includes Maynooth Castle, St. Mary's Church, St. Patrick's College and the Harbour Area. The 4 storey blocks would have had a negative impact on the historic sites and would have dwarfed the nearby Parson Lodge 2 storey houses. The application was also premature pending the adoption of an Action Area Plan for the area as proposed in the Maynooth Draft Development Plan 2000.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley are also pleased to report that no appeal has been lodged by the developers to An Bord Pleanala in relation to the Council's refusal of planning permission.

Finally we would like to congratulate the Community of Maynooth and in particular the parson Lodge Residents Association on their success in blocking this development.

Disappointment at Newtown Pub Decision:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have expressed their disappointment at the decision by An Bord Pleanala to grant Planning Permission for a Public House at Newtown Shopping Centre, Maynooth.

Given that this area is zoned Neighbourhood, Community and Educational in the Maynooth Draft Development Plan 2000, (which excludes Public Houses) and given the fact that An Bord Pleanala

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previously refused permission for a 14 bedroomed hotel, lounge bar and restaurant on the same site it is hard to take on board this decision. The decision is even more surprising as the An Bord Pleanala Inspectors Report recommended a refusal in line with the objections of the residents of the area and Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley. The Board overruled their own Inspector and Deputy Stagg has now sought a copy of the Boards Direction in relation to this planning decision.

The only possible further action would be a judicial review of An Bord Pleanala's process in arriving at the decision. However this would be a most difficult and costly exercise to follow.

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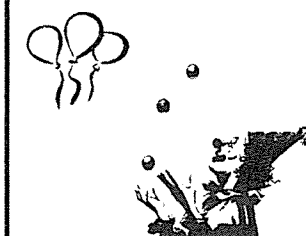
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Conlon, John - Ballymahon, Longford.

Sarah Ann (Hurley) would like to extend her gratitude to all those who sympathised with her on the death of her father. A special word of thanks to the Members of the Community Council and the Staff of the Maynooth Newsletter, in particular, Christina Saults (Supervisor) and Sarah O'Connor. Your support and understanding will always be appreciated.

SYMPATHIES

On behalf of Maynooth Community Council and Newsletter Staff we would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Gearoid McTernan, No. 1 Parson Street, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

To the Gallagher family and friends on the death of their mother, Monica. May she rest in peace

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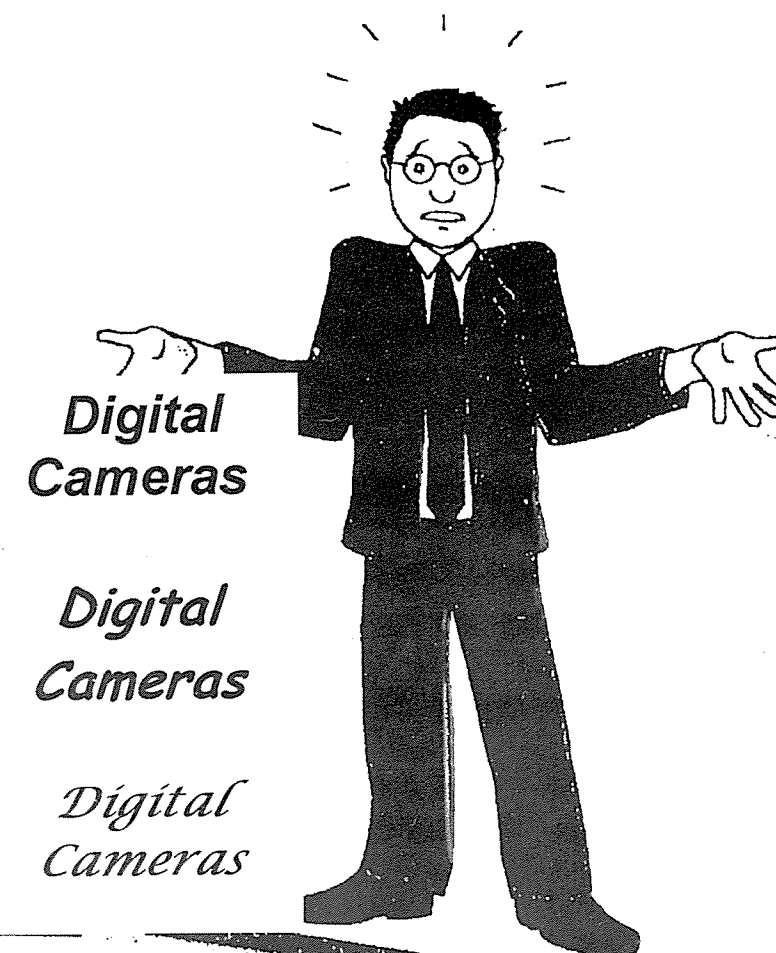
Imelda Farrelly would like to thank all her family for the surprise 80th birthday party they gave her in the Straffan Lodge Hotel and for all the neighbours and friends who were there. Also to those who could not make it for different reasons, thanks for all your presents which were very much appreciated. A thank you to Josie Moore, President of the Senior Citizens and the committee for their kindness and for all the pleasure they give us through the years. God Bless you all.

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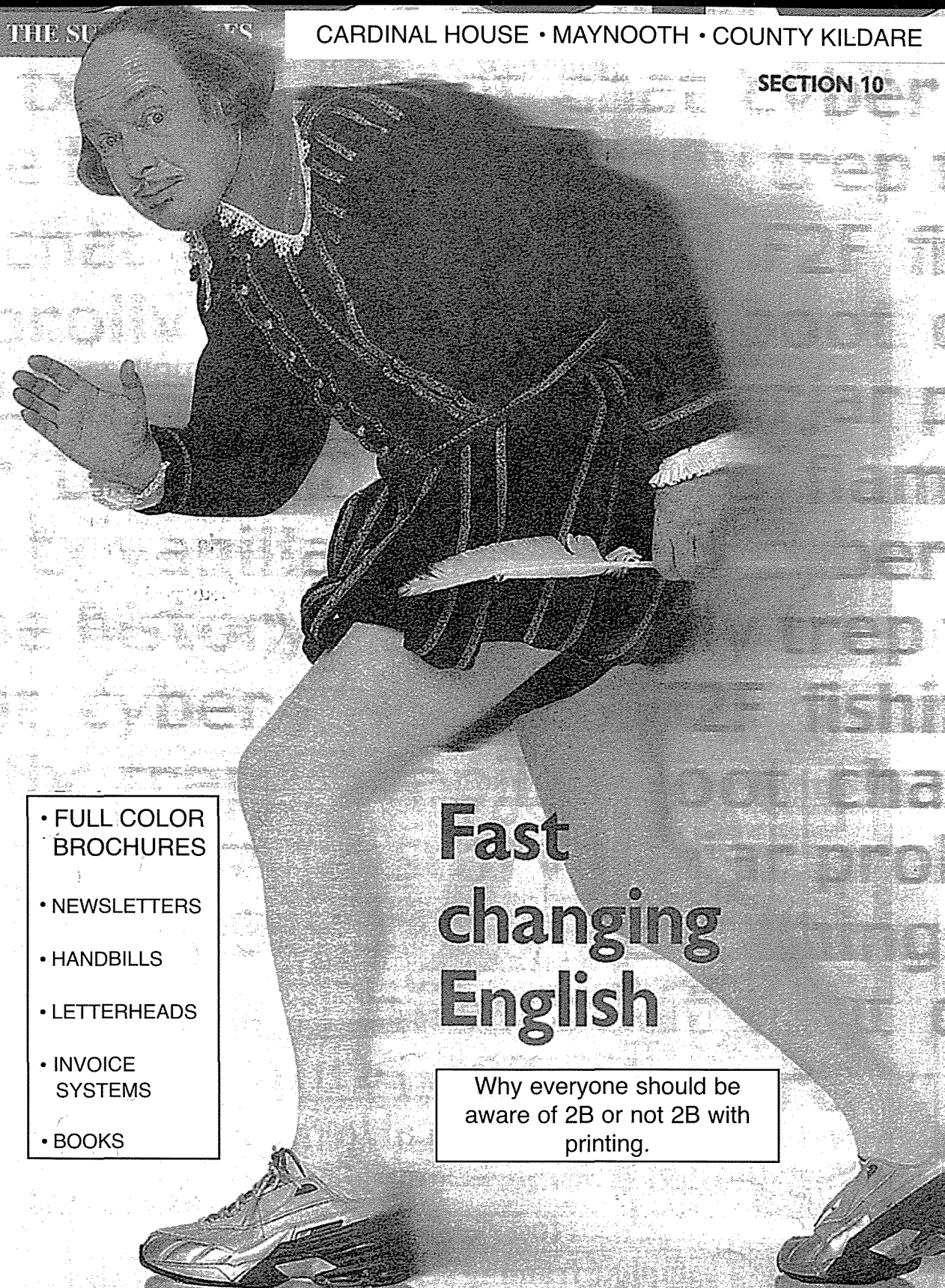
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The horrific events of September 11th is a timely reminder of how fragile is the relative peace that this part of the world enjoys. It has been stated over and over again that the world we live in will never be the same again after the terrorist attacks on the United States. As the story unfolds it becomes obvious that half the world's nations were affected and had lost citizens in the disaster. We would like to extend our sympathy to all those families who have lost relatives. It brings into clear relief the links between Ireland and the USA. Let us hope that any retaliation is taken with great consideration and care and that no more innocent lives are taken.

We would like to sympathise with the friends and family of Bridie O'Brien. She contributed so much to the well-being of Maynooth and was dedicated to its improvement and conservation. Along with Gearoid McTernan, Bridie will be very much missed in the town. We would also like to remember Carolann Reaper who also died during this past month. She worked with this publication over a number of years and also completed a Ph.D. in the University. Her contribution to the Newsletter and the Community Council are still remembered vividly. May they both rest in peace.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to John McGinley on the recent death of his father.

On a more cheerful note, the Newsletter would like to welcome back our growing student population to Maynooth and to extend a special welcome to the first year students who arrived during September. We look forward to close co-operation with them and the Students Union over the year.

We would also like to congratulate the town and the Tidy Towns committee on the great improvement in the marks achieved this year. Finally the efforts of the various bodies are bearing fruit and the street cleaning in particular has added to the appearance of the town. Let us build on this achievement and hope that it continues in the future.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The Community Council meeting was held on the 10th September in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Under-age Drinking

A special meeting was held to discuss the growing problem of youth drinking in the town. Garda Sergeant John Keane attended.

Concerns were raised by a number of people. Mary Fitzgerald pointed out that it is not safe to go out walking in the evening now. It is not possible to go around the Harbour area anymore.

Sergeant Keane said the gardai are well aware of the problem of young people drinking. He said the Harbour is a very hard area to police, also Carton Avenue. It is impossible to have policing at every spot.

He also said U/17 drinking in public places is not an offence, if caught they get a caution and parents are notified. Parents should know what their children are doing and also where they are.

He described a dreadful incident of an 8 year old child being pulled from the canal. Young people now go out to get drunk, they pool together to buy the drink.

Ann Burns wondered does it help to prosecute. She was informed that a local pub had been closed down for two days. She also stated that she was involved in running a disco and was put off by doing so by the principal of the Post Primary School saying that they would be taking a lot on themselves.

Senan Griffin replied to this saying, he was involved in running discos for over 10 years. The children that the discos are for are not going to them. The young people are using the guise of the disco to get out and drink. He also said parents should bring their children to the disco and collect them. There are gangs around and this is a nightmare, parents should get involved one hundred percent.

Sergeant Keane felt that there is a lack of people getting involved in sport clubs.

Tom McMullon felt that clubs and sport groups were becoming babysitting services.

It was also stated that drugs are freely available around the town. People should complain to the police if they know who has them.

The lack of facilities in the town was raised again and again. Jo Canning wondered what use was being made of the Community Hall. He noted the increase in drinking, also the increase in off licence outlets.

The Student Union representative again stated the lack of facilities and said they were willing to provide whatever help they could.

Padraig Ó Murchú said this is a social problem all over the country, not just Maynooth. Drink is now a culture. We now have no go areas. We will have to work together, parents, gardai, Community Council, everyone will have to get involved.

Break-ins in Railpark was raised. The Sergeant said they are coming in from the Dublin area. He also said the gardai were quick to respond to requests. He said you should be able to get a garda at any time. He hoped this would re-assure people. The question of I.D. Cards was raised. There are National I.D. Cards available in the Garda Station. Young people should all have I.D. Cards in pubs and off licences. I.D. Cards should be enough in pubs etc., you should not have to show your passport.

It was decided to set up a sub-committee to tackle this problem.

The Community Council meeting then continued with a minute silence held to commemorate Bridie O'Brien and Carolann Reaper.

Tom McMullon remembered Bridie saying that she was a very active community member. She was involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade from the 70's. Bridie loved the town of Maynooth and showed it by being involved on so many committees.

Carolann was also remembered. She came to work in the Community Council office during her time studying in Maynooth College. Carolann will be sadly missed. Richard Farrell on behalf of the Tidy Towns offered their respects.

Maynooth Special Olympics (Host Town)

Ronan Barry thanked all clubs and groups that helped with information etc. in filling out the application form. The application had to be in by 31st July. So now we play the waiting game. It will be known on the 31st October if we are successful

Swimming Pool in Maynooth

Mary Fitzgerald introduced residents from Parklands Estate. They stated that they fully supported a swimming pool for Maynooth.

It now looks like North Kildare will get a pool. If Maynooth is to get the swimming pool, all Resident Associations and all other interested groups should write to Kildare County Council to support Maynooth. Maynooth already has two swimming pools, the College pool and the Glenroyal and it looks like there is another group interested in building another pool. This of course will not be a public pool. Senan Griffin stated that Maynooth should have a study done. Leixlip have one done over 7 years. Senan also stated that the College allows the schools four mornings a week to use their pool.

Harbour Field

Senan Griffin said that a meeting had taken place between Kildare County Council and the Trustees of the Harbour Field. It would then be passed on to Kildare County Council for development. Then it

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would return to the people of Maynooth. There is still a lot of legal work to be done. This is the ideal place for a swimming pool.

Hugh Gallagher said the town needed a civic centre to support local groups, drama, Irish dancing, art groups, etc., all these people need space.

Ann Burns supported the need for a civic centre for Maynooth.

Hugh felt all towns over a certain population should have a pool.

Senan reminded him that Kildare's budget does not account for that.

Street Signs for Maynooth

Padraig Ó Murchú wondered what happened to the new signs that were promised. Senan Griffin informed him that they are being made at the moment, also the traffic lights at the Roost corner. Senan said that the survey that was done in 1998 is now out of date.

Meadowbrook Link Road/Traffic Calming Moyglare Road

The Meadowbrook Link Road contract is nearly ready and work should start within six to eight months. Traffic gate ramps should be in place within two to six weeks time.

Parklands - Westside Waste

Resident, Terry Shiels, said that the noise levels and smells coming from the Westside Waste site was making their lives unbearable. It was not possible to have normal conversation in our garden with the noise from diggers, skips, etc. This even goes on on Saturdays as well. It was suggested that they were breaking the noise pollution act.

Maynooth Development Plan

It was noted that the Development Plan was not passed yet.

Tidy Towns

Richard Farrell told the meeting that Maynooth Town has received 200 marks this year. This is a great achievement. We also received an endeavour award. Richard thanked Bob Reilly for all his hard work with the Tidy Towns. He also thanked all Residents Associations.

Marie Gleeson P.R.O.

Next Meeting 8th October 2001

Maynooth Swimming Club Notes

Our new swimming term commenced on 8th Sept. We would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work. We now have a new committee and the Secretary is Mary Murray who can be contacted at Tel No 6244256.

We hope to have some vacancies coming up shortly. The fees are - 1 child £33.00(£41.90) 2 children £60(£76.18) 3 children £91(£115.55) plus £8.00(£10.16) Insurance. For any further information regarding the swimming club please contact Mary at the above no, contact Joan Fitzgerald committee member at Tel No 6289196

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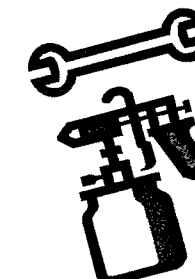
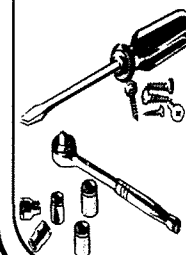
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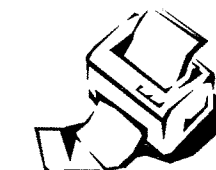
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Where does your surname come from?

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In Celtic times a great proof of the powers of Assimilation which the Irish nation possessed, was the fact that so many of the great Norman and English nobles lived like the native chiefs and took Irish names. In this way the De Bourgos of Connact became McWilliams, of which clan again some minor branches became MacPhillipins and MacRaymonds. The Birmingham's of Connaght took the name of McFeròiris, the Stauntons became McAleelys, the Nangles MacCostellos: the Pendergasts of Mayo became the McMaurices, the De Courcys became MacPatricks, the Bisects of Antrim became MacEóins, and so on. Roughly speaking, it may be said that most of the English and Norman families outside the Pale were Irish in name and manners from the beginning of the fourteenth to the middle of the seventeenth century.

In the 1465 an Act was passed by the Parliament of the English Pale that all Irishman inside the Pale should take an English name 'of one towne as Sutton, Chester, Trym, Skyrne, Corke, Kinsale; or colour, as white, black, brown; or art or science, as smith or carpenter; or office, as cooke, butler; and that he and his issue shall use this name' of forfeit all his goods. A great number of the lesser families compiles with this typically English ordinance; but the greater ones - the Macmurroghs, O'Tooles, O'Byrnes, O'Nolans, O'Mores, O'Ryan, O'Connor Falys, O'Kellys, etc—refused and never did and never changed their names. A hundred and thirty years later we find Spencer, the poet, advocating the renewal of this stature. By doing this, says Spencer, they shall in time learne quite to forget the Irish nation. And wherewithal he says, would I also wish the O's and Macs, which the heads of septs have taken to their names to be utterly forbidden and extinguished, for that the same being an ordinance (as some would say) first made by O' Brien for the strengthening of the Irish, the abrogation thereof will as much enfeeble them'. It was, however, only after Aghrim and the Boyne that Irish names began to be changed in great numbers, and O'Connors to become 'Conyers' O'Riellys, 'Ridleys', O'Donnells 'Daniels', O'sullivan 'Silvans', MacCartys 'Carters', and so on.

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Welcome Fr Sean Ryan

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr Sean Ryan, a priest of Cashel diocese, who joins Maynooth parish from Fethard, Co. Tipperary.

Scout News

Scouting was suspended since March due to the threat of foot & mouth disease. We propose to resume our activities soon. Before we can get back in action we need more adult leaders. A public meeting of is being held **on October 8th at 8:30 PM in the Scout Den** to discuss the Future of Scouting in Maynooth. We appeal to all parents / Guardians of Scouts and Cubs, Parents/Guardians of young people who may consider becoming members at some future date and anybody who may be interested to attend or be represented at this meeting. Please keep this date free we need your support.

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LANGUAGE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	STARTING	LANGUAGE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	STARTING		
Arabic - B*	Monday	7.00 - 9.00	T7	1st October	Arabic - B	Monday	7.00 - 9.00	T7	21st January		
Irish - B	Thursday	7.00 - 9.00	T7	4th October	Irish - B	Thursday	7.00 - 9.00	T7	24th January		
Irish - I*	Tuesday	7.00 - 9.00	T7	2nd October	Irish - I	Tuesday	7.00 - 9.00	T7	22nd January		
French - B	Tuesday	7.00 - 9.00	T8	2nd October	French - B	Tuesday	7.00 - 9.00	T8	22nd January		
French - I	Monday	7.00 - 9.00	A.V. Room	1st October	French - I	Monday	7.00 - 9.00	A.V. Room	21st January		
French - A*	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00	A.V. Room	3rd October	French - A	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00	A.V. Room	23rd January		
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German - I	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00	T3	3rd October	German - I	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00	T3	23rd January		
Italian - B	Monday	6.00 - 7.30	T8	1st October	Italian - B	Monday	6.00 - 7.30	T8	21st January		
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Spanish - B	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00	T4	3rd October	Spanish - B	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00	T4	23rd January		
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* B = Beginners I = Intermediate A = Advanced

Features

MEDIEVAL IRELAND 1150-1550

Medieval Ireland 1150-1550', a new permanent exhibition at the National Museum of Ireland, documents, for the first time ever in a major exhibition, life in Ireland from the period of church reform and the English or Anglo-Norman invasion in the 12th century to the Reformation in the mid 16th century. This was the age of cathedrals, monasteries and castles; the colonisation of Ireland by English settlers and the foundation of most of our towns, when a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society emerged. It was an age of frequent warfare, which ended with the Reformation and with the increasing power of the English monarch in Irish affairs with the establishment of Henry V111 as Lord of Ireland. In this way the later Middle Ages set the pattern and pace of events for the succeeding 500 years of Irish history

In conjunction with this exhibition, eminent Irish scholars will give a series of public lecture in the National of Ireland, Kildare Street.

Admission is free.

Lunchtime lectures will be of 30 minutes duration.
Evening lectures will be of 1 hours duration.

Wednesday, October 10th 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm

The Anglo-Norman Invasion of Ireland: an accident, unforeseen and unplanned?
Dr. Sean Duffy, Department of Medieval History, Trinity College, Dublin.

Wednesday, 17th October, 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm

Warfare in Medieval Ireland.
Dr. Andy Halpin, Curator, National Museum of Ireland.

Wednesday 24th October, 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm

Riddles from the grave: Margaret Fitzgerald, Countess of Ormond, her reconstructed dress and its meaning. Elizabeth Wincott Heckett MA, Archaeologist N.U.I Cork, and Textile Historian.

Wednesday 31st October, 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm

The town in Medieval Ireland.
John Bradley MA, Department of History, N.U.I. Maynooth.

Wednesday 7th November 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm

Goldsmithing in Later Medieval Ireland.
Ragnall O Floinn MA, Curator, National Museum of Ireland.

DUBS v REDNECKS

In our July edition we wrote an article on Bond Bridge and added an "on the lighter note" at the end. Just to show it was on the lighter note, we add two more articles to show the people who rang the office to complain about Politico Polysyllabus and Taisce Typicalus. We will show it was as most people would see, as just a bit of humour. We will give you this month, Dub Ignoramus and Boyo Rednecksus.

Dub Ignoramus.

What it's Called.

Is usually known only by its nickname, e.g., Barney, Rocky, Jem, Dosser, Mickser or Macker.

Where it's Found.

Collecting its dole at the Werburgh Street or Gardiner Street unemployment exchange before driving its van off to do a nixer; standing at the end of the church during mass on Sunday; standing outside the pub waiting for it to open on Sunday; betting on horses at the local bookies on weekdays, or snoring in bed.

Where It Lives.

On a housing estate in the suburbs, in a house called 'Casa Nostra' or 'Mon Amour'. Usually there is a flamenco doll picked up in Majorca in the window; a sideboard crammed with cheap ornaments and trophies its son (Disco Moronicus, qv) won playing amateur soccer; a chime bell in the hallway; a reproduction painting of horses running along a beach above the coal-effect electric fire and lurid scrub-wash vinyl wallpaper covering every inch of the house. There is also a vulgar poster saying "rules of this Loo" in the pink toilet.

What It Says.

Inexplicably feels it has to sound more ignorant that it really is, especially when with its mates, whereupon it manages to insert the word 'fuck; into virtually every sentence it utters, e.g., "Me fuckin' car is bleedin' fucked"; "I don't give a fuck"; "it cost a fuckin' mint" etc. also manages to insert "fuck" between single words, e.g. "she's gone to the Super-fuckin-market".

Favourite Holiday.

A fortnight in Torremolinos with two other couples where they all get mouldy drunk on cheap Bacardi, vomit up the paella and chips, roar rebel songs in the Irish cantina and call the locals "bleedin' greasers'.

What It Reads.

The Daily Star, Daily Mirror, Evening Herald, News of the World, Sunday People. Usually reads the racing and football pages first and then the television. Enjoys stories about English Royalty and naughty vicars who run massage parlours.

Features

What It Watches.

Despite having fallen off the back of a lorry, its TV and video recorder work perfectly. Enjoys watching 3-2-1, Coronation Street, Family Fortunes, Game for a Laugh, Cannon and Ball, anything with Bruce Forsythe, and This Is Your Life. Any soccer and any racing is mandatory. Always turns the colour control knob up full so the Sue Ellen and JR have fluorescent red faces. A big fan if video nasties.

What It Drinks.

The same again, thanks. Usually finishes the night by having a small whiskey with its pint of stout. Watch out for a massive beer belly slopping out over the belt of its pants.

What It Drives.

Cheap Ford or Jap models with simulated leopardskin seats, a plastic dog wagging its head in the back-window and pinefresh perfume dispensers glued to the dashboard. The ashtray is usually overflowing with Major cigarette butts and Juicy Fruit wrappers.

Leisure Activities.

Listening to the Furey Brothers, handiwork around the house, nixers everywhere, the odd Rovers game, fishing, drinking, talking ad nauseum.

Political Views.

Absent. Never votes. As far as it's concerned, the government's sole role is to put 10p onto a packet of cigarettes and five pence on a pint of Guinness every year.

BOYO REDNECKSUS.

What It's Called.

Patrick, Paddy, Pat, Patsy, Padraig, Paudie or Ultan.

Where It's Found.

Working in Civil Service departments, studying engineering or pharmacy at UCD or carrying a shovel on building sites. Found in quantity in the National Ballroom and the Tara Club, swaying from side to side and wondering if it's going to vomit Guinness all over the dancefloor. Oddly enough, Boyo Rednecksus almost never is found alone, but congregates into a pack ('the lads') with other members of his species to engage in behaviour termed 'crack'.

What It Wears.

All its clothes are brown; corduroy pants, sweaters, shoes, duffle coat, jacket. Has a brown suit it wears into work. Also wears polyester shirts from Dunnes with grimy collars and strong smell of BO on underarms. Boyo Rednecksus knows that it's time to change its underwear when they stick to the ceiling when it throws them up against it.

What It Says.

"Ah, ya boyo"; "we had the crack"l "did ya meet the lads"; "what's a Kerryman like you doing in Dublin"; and "Jaysus, I've a sore head on me" are common utterances.

Where It Lives.

Sometimes in digs, but only until it meets up with the lads and rents a flat (pad) in Rathmines, Ranelagh, Phibsborough, Drumcondra of on the North Circular Road. Here, it empties its rucksack or (brown) clothes onto the bedroom floor, pisses on the bathroom floor, burns holes in the livingroom carpet with Major cigarettes, pulls the sink off the wall (for the crack) and entertains his girlfriends at weekends.

What It Drinks.

Guinness, Guinness, Guinness. Is often seen carrying six packs and naggins of whiskey out of the pub at closing time. This is because there is usually some crack back at Padraig's flat.

Where It Drinks.

Has favourite pub in which it meets the lads, usually close to its flat. Drink often ends up on the floor of its bathroom.

What It Drives.

A battered-up Vauxhall or Escort or Toyota which it drives down home every few weeks with a few of the lads with its washing in the boot for its mother to do. Sticker on the back says 'Pope John Paul II visit, 1979'. Saint Christopher emblem usually found stuck to dashboard.

What It Watches.

Any GAA fame, the A-Team, Countrywide, and porn movies which it shows on Pat's rented video.

Leisure Activities.

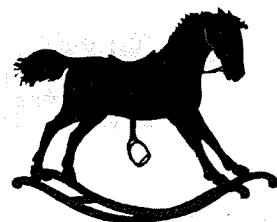
Can be generally summed up by the phrase "having crack". This usually involves drinking large quantities of alcohol and getting sick. Enjoys staying in, drinking mugs of instant coffee and smoking Carrolls cigarettes, crashing out in someone else's pad and groping some girl behind the couch.

Favourite Food.

Bunburger and chips, takeaway Chinese meals, Mars Bars, crisps, peanuts, biscuits. Exclusively shops at the local 24 hour shop for chops and rashers after the pub shuts.

Political Views.

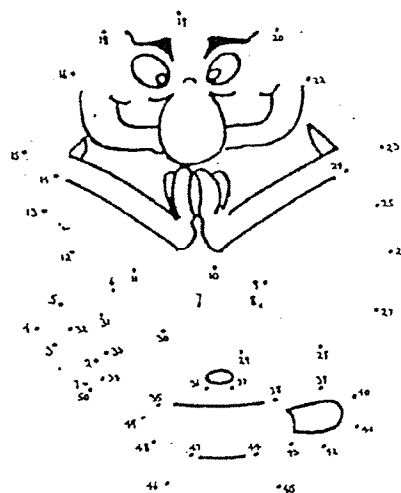
Naive. Votes Fianna Fail, mainly because its local candidate lives in the same town as he does in the country. Most virulent political views are expressed in the pubs, e.g., by singing 'Four Green Fields'.



CHILDREN'S CORNER



Join-up a Dotty
picture...

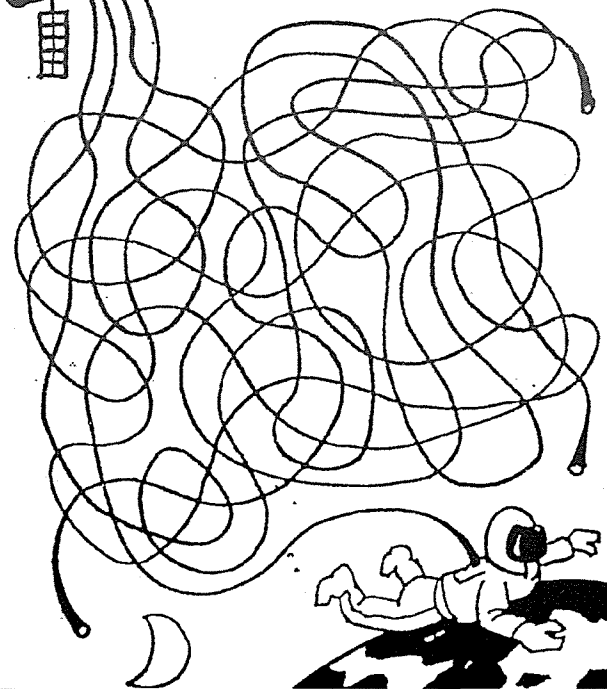


...and make a wish!

Copy this scene on the squares below



Help the spaceman back to his
base by finding the right
tube to pull from the maze!



**Winner of Colouring
Competition**

**Karen Feehan
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Features

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11 REASONS TO STAY LOCAL THIS SEASON

Artistic Programme October 2001

Crooked House is delighted to be the resident theatre company in Riverbank, the County's new arts centre in Newbridge. As part of our residency we are providing a number of plays, programmes, workshops and courses (some free of charge) to as wide a cross-section of the public as we can. Below are some details.

Future information, including fees and booking where appropriate, are available by contacting Crooked House at Riverbank (045-433480 Ext 209) or by calling in to the arts centre and picking up the leaflets in the foyer. You can also obtain full information on our website at www.crookedhouse.ie

Numb: two plays without feeling

We present two new plays from Wed 24th to Saturday 27th October in Riverbank Together, they explore several aspects of masculinity in contemporary society.

'**Bending spoons**' is by Peter Hussey and was short-listed for the Rough Magic seeds project earlier this year. It is a dark comedy set in what appears to be rehabilitation institute but which turns out to be somewhere altogether different. Two men enact various roles exploring the changing nature of intimacy in post colonial world where everything must be saleable in order to have value

'**Revelations**' By Darren Donohue is a Beckett-like play, featuring the reminiscences of a chair-bound old man is attended from time to time by another old man, his neighbour. They have lived in poverty and want for years, never leaving their rooms, never meeting anyone else, annoying and assisting each other in equal measure, day in, day out. The play is funny and insightful, with dialogue which is both sharp and poetic by turns, gradually exposing the men's secrets as they wait for a momentous event to occur which will end their lives.

Time: 8.00pm.

Tickets: £8.00 and £6.00 (concessions).

Booking: 045-438333

Kildare Reminiscence Theatre Project

Every Wednesday morning from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm our Crooked Sixpence team of Sarah Kearney and Kate Connaughton will hold a fun and gently drama session for the older members of the community. This free of charge and will consist of story-telling, reminiscence, drama, fun, and games. Afterwards, people can relax in the new Honey Cafe upstairs in Riverbank's foyer. This programme, beginning on 3rd October, is funded by Kildare VEC and Action South Kildare.

All older people are welcome to come along. The space is completely accessible for wheelchair users and people with limited mobility.

Kildare Youth Theatre

Every Monday evening from 7.00 to 9.00 in Riverbank actors Durren Donohue, Sarah Kearney and Yvonne O' Hara with director Peter Hussey, will hold exciting sessions for teenagers and young adults (from 14 years to 22 years) from across the county. It cost £1.50 per person each evening. Two productions will be stage during the year. Parents should not be worried about this interfering with school work as, in reality, it compliments a child's work at school and gives them the extra advantage when dealing with problem solving subjects like English and Maths. Kildare Youth Theatre begins on Monday 1st October

Community Play Project

In association with Newbridge Drama Group, Crooked House is presenting Martin Mc Donagh's *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*. This award-winning drama will open on Monday 24th Sept and play for four nights, closing on Thursday 27th Sept. The cast features local actors who have all worked with Crook House in the past. They are Marguerite Rowan as the monstrously selfish Mag, Pauline Clooney as her harassed daughter Maureen, David O' Sullivan as the amorous Pato, and Shane Mc Grath as Pato's brother Ray. Directed by Mary Linehan, produced by Paddy Melia, this production promises to be fiery and acerbic so book tickets early to avoid disappointment

The proceeds from Crooked House share in any profits go towards funding Kildare Youth Theatre.

Crooked Mice: Children's Art & Drama

Anna Swords-Murphy takes over the reins from Yvonne O' Hara this year for drama and she is joined again by Joanie Murphy for act. Crooked Mice runs every Saturday morning from 10.00 until 12.00 in Riverbank. There are two classes, Juniors (6 to 10 years olds) and Seniors (11 to 13 years olds). Each group does one hour of drama and one hour of art. A public performance takes place during Newbridge Bealtaine festival. Fees are £140 per child for full year (10% discount per extra child).

Maps and Mazes

Drama sessions organised by Kildare Down Syndrome Association every Saturday from 2.30pm- 4.20 pm for teenagers. Facilitator Sarah Kearney.

Samhain

An inaugural community theatre performance and display on the Saturday after Halloween (3rd Nov) featuring drums, spectacle, puppets and fire all on the Liffey and moving towards Riverbank. This event is being co-directed by Kildare Artsquad at Riverbank. Contact Deborah Ní Chaoimhe at Riverbank to see how you can be involved.

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Community Drama Skills

This is a programme of training aimed at those who would like to compliment their community and group work with methods, exercises and styles used in drama work itself.

One Tuesday evening a month and selected weekends beginning in October. £300 for year.

Community Theatre Delivery

For those who wish to set up, administer, get funding for and implement a community drama project. One Tuesday a month beginning 16th Oct. £300 per year

Scriptwriting Forum

A free fortnightly session on every second Tuesday at 8.00 for budding scriptwriters.

A Crooked Christmas

Annual treat of music, drama, comedy, movement and craic. 14th & 15th December.

Crooked House is also available for outreach workshops with community groups, schools and conferences / seminars. Consult our website for further information

October

Wednesday 3rd

Film Club

Best in Show

£5 (€6.35)

The May flower Kennel Club Dog Show provides the backdrop for this ensemble comedy said to be largely improvised and shot documentary style. Featured among the eccentric dog owners gearing up for the canine showdown of their lives are; Parker Posey and Mike Hitchcock as the owners of a neurotic Weimaraner named Beatrice; Eugene Levy and Catherine O' Hara as the proprietors of terrier name Windy; and Christopher Guest as the owner of a bloodhound name Hubert.

Irish Chamber Orchestra

Friday 5th

Irish Chamber Orchestra

£12/10 (€15.24/12.7

Irish Chamber Orchestra is an ensemble of professional musicians committed to excellence in the performance of classical and contemporary music. Under the artistic direction of the internationally acclaimed Irish violinist, Fionnuala Hunt, the ICO offers a new and refreshing perspective on the chamber music repertoire through a vibrant and spirited approach to performance. Their concert programme at the Riverbank will include Torelli's Concerto Grosso, Opus 8 No 12; Rossini's String Sonata No 3 in C, Vivaldi's Four Seasons as well as Hard Shell by contemporary Irish composer Marian Ingoldsby

Rough Air

Tuesday 9th

Rough Air

Irish Modern Dance Theatre

£8/6 (€10.16/7.62)

Irish Modern Dance Theatre was founded in 1919 by John Scott and is now regarded as one of the most original and innovative dance companies working in Ireland. The group have also toured widely, with performance in New York, Paris, Newcastle and Sweden.

Rough Air is described as "A dance of people as fragile as paper that the wild wind could blow away and break into Rough air. Rough Air will change your perception of what dance is- rough air will take you inside dance LIKE NEVER BEFORE....."

Thursday 11th

Bat the Father Rabbit the Son

DRAMA DEAL

Donal O' Kelly with live music by Justin Carroll

£8/6 (€10.16/7.62)

Donal O' Kelly performs his solo play, Bat the Father Rabbit the Son - an explosive psychological analysis of the generation that gave us the Tribunals. It's the late 1980s, Rabbit is a self-made haulage magnate. He's up to his neck in the kind of deals destined to redefine the word "tribunal". But something's wrong. He cuts a deal with an underling Keogh to help him find what missing. This quest is hampered by eruptions from his deceased father Bat, former Citizen Army volunteer and pawn shop assistant, who has the power to come back and take over Rabbit's body at will. Their crazed voyage out of Howth and up the River Liffey builds to a climax described by The Guardian as "one of the strongest dramatic conclusions I've ever seen

Friday 12th

Catalpa

DRAMA DEAL

Donal O' Kelly with live music by Trevor Knight

£8/6 (€10.16/7.62)

Catalpa is a story in great epic tradition of Moby Dick and Gone With The Wind - with a passing glance at Great Escape. From New Bedford, USA to Fremantle, Australia, over - and under - the high seas on a whaling ship. Based on the true story of the daring rescue attempt of six Fenian prisoners in 1875, Catalpa is about heroes and visionaries, political intrigue and personal loyalty with hot romance and battles at sea. An epic adventure story which challenges the nature of heroism, Catalpa is lyrical and passionate, satirical and very funny. Originally produced by Red Kettle in 1995. Catalpa played to rave reviews both in Ireland and abroad

Features

JOHNNY MC EVOY

Saturday 13th

Johnny McEvoy in Concert

£10 (€12.7)

Long regarded as one of Ireland's finest entertainers, Johnny McEvoy became a national name back in the mid 1960s when he topped the Irish charts during the ballad boom years with songs like 'Muirsheen Durkin' and 'The Boston Burglar'. As a songwriter, McEvoy is among the best writers this country has produced over the last three decades. His songs are hauntingly evocative, largely in the folk and ballad style. Jonny has toured all over the world and presented television shows in Ireland, the USA, Canada and the UK.

DEADMAN'S BEARD

Monday 15th to Saturday 20th

The Deadman's Beard

DRAMA DEAL (Mon only)

Everyman Palace Productions

featuring Mick Lally

15th - Preview Night, all tickets £8 (€10.16)

16th - 20th, £12/10 (€15.24/12.7)

First performed in the Everyman Palace in Cork earlier this year, The Deadman's Beard is a moving and evocative new play by Michael Lovett. A native of Kilworth, Co Cork, Lovett draws on his Kerry and North Cork rural background to depict the backdrop to the play. A layered and complex piece of work, the play is set in a landscape of rural valley life in the seventies, with resonance's of 'The Valley of the Squinting Windows' mentality. The play is about a family with its innermost fears and secrets and of the ties that bind them.

Saturday 20th

Sleeping Beauty

The Lambert Puppet Theatre

£5 (€6.35)

2.00pm and 4.30pm

The Lambert Puppet Theatre is now widely recognised as the premier Puppet Theatre Company in Ireland, and indeed is world renowned for its many fine productions in theatre throughout Europe and America. Michael Monaghan is currently producing Sleeping Beauty on tour the Lambert Puppet Theatre. This is a beautifully produced show with large puppets, colourful sets and exquisite lighting and is suitable for 3 to 12 years old. In the first half of the show some famous characters from past children shows on RTE make appearance.

Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th

Numb! Two Plays Without Feeling

DRAMA DEAL

Bending Spoons and Revelations

£8/6 (€10.16/7.62)

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THE DERRY BOAT

Tuesday 30th

The Derry Boat

DRAMA DEAL

by Little John Nee

£8/6 (€10.16/7.62)

This show charts the history of the O'Donnell family from John, who leaves Donegal penniless at the turn of the century, through to the return of Chugai his grandson, well-off Glasgow wide-eyed boy with attitude in the summer of '98. The result is a "serious comedy", which presents a wry look at the life of emigrants to "big sooty, smelly, socialist Glasgow", without over-sentimentalising their story. Directed by Paraic Breathnach, founder of Macnas and featuring live music from Kevin Duffy, it is a tour de force from one of the West's best loved performers.

Wednesday 31st

Samhain, ceremony linking the Liffey and the Arts Centre

On the evening of Saturday November 3rd Riverbank in conjunction with Artsquad Cooked House Theatre Company, will host a Samhain Celebration.

This inaugural event promises to be a magical experience, full of surprises and spectacle. The elements of water, air, earth and fire will be the central focus for the night, with sound also playing an important role.

Lost

Valarie from Nuzstop lost her bracelet in March of this year and she misses it very much. Frank her husband bought it for her in 1998 and it is of great sentimental value, and she would be delighted to get it back.

A large reward is offered to finder

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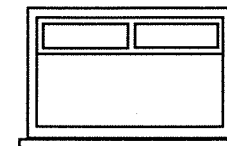
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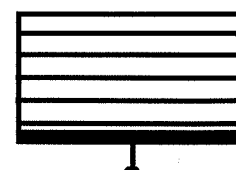
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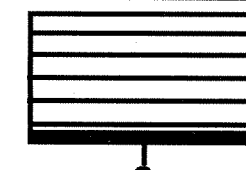
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Dorin's Recipes

Cream of carrot soup



Put 1/2 lb carrots, peeled. 2 oz rice, 1 onion, peeled, 1 bouquet garni, 1 leek, cleaned, and 1 l water in a pan. Bring to the boil and cook over a low heat for about 45 minutes. remove and discard the bouquet garni and work the mixture through chopper or sieve. Stir 1 oz butter and 4 fl oz cream into the sieved vegetables. Reheat gently and serve immediately. Sprinkle with fresh chopped parsley if liked.

Fillet of beef stuffed with mushrooms



You will need:
1 whole piece of fillet of beef, about 2 lb, preferably the middle part.
1/2 pint dry white wine
8 oz butter or oil
1 small glass brandy
1 bay leaf
1 pinch thyme (optional)
Sea salt
1 medium - sized onion, thinly sliced
10 oz fresh mushrooms
To garnish: mushrooms and fresh parsley

Method:

Put the beef in a bowl, add the white wine, and leave to marinate overnight. Melt in a pan half the butter, add the brandy, bay leaf, thyme, and sea salt to taste. Add the onion and cook slowly until golden. add the mushrooms and continue cooking. Meanwhile, drain the beef, reserving the marinade, and make an incision along the narrow side with a sharp knife. Stuff with the mushrooms. Seal the two ends with 2 pieces of meat from the inside of the fillet, and tie the meat with string to keep the stuffing inside. Brown the fillet on all sides over high heat in the remaining butter or oil, baste it with some wine from the marinade, cover the pan, lower the heat, and continue cooking for about 40 minutes - or less, according to taste. Alternatively the may be cooked in the oven. Baste with the cooking juices from time to time. Serve the steak sliced, with the cooking juices, and garnish with whole mushrooms sautéed in butter, and parsley.

Chocolate Meringue Cups



You will need:
36 small meringues
9 tbs very strong dissolved instant coffee
1 oz butter
5 oz plain chocolate, cut into pieces
1 pint double cream
1 heaped tbsp icing sugar

Method:

In a small pan put the chocolate, cut into pieces, butter and coffee, and cook the mixture, stirring constantly, until the chocolate is melted. Keep the chocolate sauce warm in the top of a double boiler. Whip the cream until stiff and stir in the icing sugar. Put 4 meringues in each serving dish or glass. Pour in 3/4 of the chocolate sauce. add two more meringues and cover with whipped cream. Pour the remaining chocolate sauce over. Serves 6.

Sweet Potato Croquettes



Method:

Wash 2 lb of sweet potatoes, put in a pan and cover with cold salted water, bring to boil and simmer for about 1/2 hour until they are nearly done. Strain, let cool, peel, mash and sieve. In a pan, melt 2 oz butter on a low heat, add the sweet potatoes, and cook for a few minutes. Remove from the heat, add sea salt and grated nutmeg to taste, 1 whole egg, and 1 egg yolk. Blend well, then pour the mixture onto a floured board. Shape into croquettes, dip them into 1 egg white, lightly beaten, then roll in breadcrumbs. Let stand for a while, then fry in hot deep oil until golden. Lift out with a slotted spoon and drain on absorbent paper.

Creamed Carrots



You will need:
2 lb carrots
1/2 pint hot water
Sea salt
2 oz butter
2 egg yolks
4 fl oz single cream
1 tbsp chopped parsley
To garnish: sprigs of parsley

Method:

Scrape and wash the carrots, slice them. Place them in a pan, add the hot water with a pinch of salt and 1/2 the butter and cook covered for about 1/2 hour, or until tender. Stir from time to time, and take care that the cooking liquid is not completely absorbed. When the carrots are tender, remove from the heat, add the egg yolks mixed with the cream, remaining butter (melted) and chopped parsley. Return to heat and continue cooking very gently until the cream has thickened - do not let it boil. Serve immediately garnished with sprigs of parsley.



Dorin's Recipes

Preserved Mixed Vegetables



You will need:
1 cauliflower
4 carrots
4 celery sticks
2 green peppers
1/2 lb red and yellow peppers
4 oz olives
1 l. white vinegar
1/2 pint olive oil
4 oz. sugar
2 teaspoons sea salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon oregano

Method:

Slice cauliflower flowerets, scrape carrots and cut into sticks, cut the celery into pieces, discard tops, seeds and white pith from the peppers and cut flesh into strips: leave olives whole. In a large pan, put the washed and dried vegetables, the vinegar, oil, sugar, salt, pepper and oregano. Bring to the boil, stirring from time to time, cover, and cook slowly for 5 minutes. turn off the heat, leave to cool, then put the vegetables together with the cooking juices in sterilised jars. Seal, and let stand in a cool dark place at constant temperature for at least 2 months before using.

Pickled String Beans



You will need:
2 lb. young fresh string beans
Water
Sea salt
White vinegar
1/4 oz each cinnamon, whole cloves, mace and peppercorns to each quart (litre) of vinegar.

Method:

Wash the string beans, and put them in a bowl. Bring to the boil enough water to cover the beans with 3 tbsp sea salt to each quart (litre) of water. Let cool, and pour over the beans. Let stand for 24 hours. Meanwhile, in an pan bring to a boil enough white vinegar to cover the beans, with 1/4 oz of each of the spices to each quart (litre), cover, turn off the heat, and leave to infuse for 2-3 hours. Strain through a gauze or cheesecloth. drain the beans, rinse under cold running water and drain again. Dry thoroughly. Arrange in sterilised jars and pour over the cold vinegar to cover. Seal the jars, and let stand in a cool dark place at constant temperature, wrapping jars in a cloth to protect from sunlight if necessary, for at least 2 months before using.

Pickled Onions

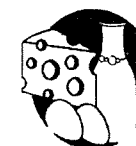


You will need:
2 lb small white pickling onions
1 quart (1 l) white vinegar
1 clove of garlic, peeled
2 whole cloves
8 peppercorns
2 bay leaves
1 cinnamon stick
Fresh thyme (optional)
1 tablespoon sea salt
Oil

Method:

Dip the onions in boiling water, cool and peel. Put the garlic, cloves, peppercorns, bay leaves, cinnamon, thyme (if using) and salt in a small muslin bag. Put it with the vinegar in a large pan, and bring to the boil. Add the onions, continue boiling for 5 minutes, then drain the onions, reserving the vinegar and discarding the bag. Pack the onions tightly in sterilised jars. Bring the vinegar again to the boil, remove from heat, let cool, and pour over onions to cover. Add 1 bay leaf to each jar, and a layer of oil. Seal and keep as above for 2-3 weeks before using.

Cheese Soufflé



You will need:
3 oz butter
3 oz flour
1 pint boiling milk
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
3 oz grated Cheddar cheese
Sea salt
4 eggs

Method:

Heat the butter in a pan, add the flour and cook for a few minutes. Add the milk and cook, stirring constantly, for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, add cheeses and salt. Beat the egg yolks until foamy and add gradually. Beat the egg whites until stiff, then fold in gently. Pour into a soufflé dish, buttered and lightly sprinkled with flour and bake in oven 200c, 400f, gas mark 6, for 20 minutes or until risen and golden on top. Serve immediately.



Dorin's Recipes

Barm Brack

You will need:
12 fl oz cold tea
7 oz soft brown sugar
12 oz mixed dried fruit
10 oz self-raising flour
1 egg

Cooking time: 1 hour 45 minutes
Oven setting: 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4

Method:

Put the tea, sugar and dried fruit in a bowl, cover and leave to soak overnight. Well grease a 8 inch round cake tin, or 2-lb loaf tin. Mix the soaked fruit and sugar plus the liquid into the flour. Add the beaten egg to make a smooth mixture. Turn into the tin and bake in a moderate oven for about 1 hour 45 minutes. Turn out and cool on a wire tray.

Baked Marrow

You will need:
1 medium size marrow
8 oz lean pork (finely minced)
1 small onion
1 oz butter
2 tbsp fresh chopped parsley
2 oz white bread crumbs
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 egg

Method:

Peel the marrow, cut it in half lengthways and scoop out the seeds with a long handle spoon. Melt the butter and fry the onion for 5 minutes until it is soft, but not coloured, then add the mince meat and seal over a high heat for a few minutes. Remove the pan from the heat, blend in the chopped parsley and bread-crumbs and season the stuffing with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Beat the egg lightly and use to bind the stuffing, spoon the stuffing into the two marrow halves and put them together. Tie in place with 2 or 3 pieces of fine string and wrap stuffed marrow in buttered foil. Place in a roasting tin and bake in the oven. For vegetarians, stuff the marrow with cheese, rice, tomatoes or anything of your choice.

Colcannon Traditional Recipe

Serves 4
You will need:
12 medium potatoes, peeled
1 medium onion, chopped
Bunch of curly kale, finely chopped or medium to large bunch of fresh parsley, finely chopped.



Method:

Add all the ingredients in a saucepan, add water and boil till cooked. Add butter, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste, mash and serve hot.

Spicy baked apples

Serves 4
You will need:
4 medium cooking apples
1 tsp ground cinnamon
4 tbsp dark, soft brown sugar
2 oz sultanas
Grated rind and juice of 1 orange
3 tbsp golden syrup

Method:

Preheat the oven to 200c, 400f, Gas mark 6, After washing apples thoroughly, use a knife to score around the middle of each apple, then use an apple corer to scoop out centres. Mix the cinnamon, sugar, sultanas and orange rind together, and spoon the mixture into the middle of each apple. Place in an oven-proof dish. Add the orange juice to the syrup, stir well and spoon into base of dish. Cover loosely with foil. Bake for 30-35 minutes, until the apples are soft. Serve hot with custard or ice cream.

Breaded Pumpkin

You will need:
2 lb pumpkin
1 egg
Sea salt
Breadcrumbs
3 oz butter or margarine
Freshly ground black pepper
Sliced Cheddar cheese
To garnish: sprigs of parsley

Method:

Remove the rind from the pumpkin, the seeds and filaments. Cut into 3/4 inch thick slices. Dip in the egg, beaten with a pinch of salt, then roll in the bread-crumbs. Let stand in a cool place for 1/2 hour. Brown lightly on both sides in the butter or margarine, and continue cooking without letting the slices overlap, until pumpkin is tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cut the cheese into small circles if liked, and place on each pumpkin slice on a flameproof serving dish. Cover, and keep over a low heat until the cheese has melted, or put in the oven 220c, 425f, Gas mark 7, for a few minutes. Garnish the edges of the platter with sprigs of parsley and serve immediately.

Dorin's Recipes

Creamed Pumpkin

Method:
Prepare 2 lb pumpkin as above. Cut into pieces, and cook in a little boiling salted water for 12-15 minutes until tender. Drain, and mash with a fork. Put back over the heat with 2 oz butter or margarine, and, stirring constantly, let dry completely. Remove from heat and let cool. Meanwhile, in a bowl, mix 2 tablespoons flour and 4 tablespoons cream, or milk. Add 3 eggs, and whip until fluffy. Add 2 oz grated Parmesan cheese, and salt and grated nutmeg to taste, and blend into the mashed pumpkin. Pour the mixture into an ovenproof dish, and cook in a moderate oven 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4, for 25-30 minutes. Serve immediately in the cooking dish.

Pumpkin au Gratin

Method:
Prepare and cook 2 lb pumpkin as for creamed pumpkin above. Drain, slice, and arrange the slices in a buttered ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper, a generous amount of grated Parmesan cheese, and 2 oz melted butter. Put in the oven 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4, and bake for about 50 minutes. Serve in the same dish. If the pumpkin gets too dry while cooking, add some milk or cream.

Lamb and Leek Casserole

You will need:
8 lamb cutlets
A little oil
2 leeks, washed and sliced
1 onion, peeled and sliced
1 turnip, peeled and diced
8 oz carrots, scraped
1 pt. stock or water
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 sprigs mint
4 oz frozen peas

Method:

Oven setting: 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4
Prepare and trim the cutlets, fry in oil for 5 minutes to brown. Drain, and place in a casserole. Add the leeks, turnips, onion and carrots to the casserole with stock or water. Season with salt and pepper and add the mint. Cover the casserole and place in a moderate oven for about 1 1/2 hours. Stir in the frozen peas about 15 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with some fresh chopped parsley.
Serves 4.

Pasta shells with cream cheese and ham

You will need:
3/4 lb pasta shells
2 oz butter at room temperature
4 oz cheese (ricotta or Cheddar)
4 oz cream cheese
3 oz ham
sea salt, to taste

method:

In a bowl beat the butter, add the cheeses and salt to taste and beat the mixture until it is light and foamy. Cut the ham into thin strips, and add it to the cheese mixture. Cook the pasta shells in boiling salted water until they are done, drain and mix gently in a warm serving dish with the cheese mixture. serve very hot.

Stuffed Salmon Slices

You will need:
2 cutlets of salmon
1 slice chopped onion
1 tablespoon chopped, fresh parsley
Butter or margarine
1 generous handful of bread soaked in milk and squeezed dry
1/2 lb finely sliced mushrooms
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/2 pint single cream

To serve: chopped parsley and boiled potatoes.

Method:

Fry the onion and parsley lightly in 2 oz butter or margarine on a low heat. mix in a bowl with the bread, mushroom, salt and pepper, to taste. Butter generously an ovenproof dish, put in one salmon cutlet, and spread the mushroom mixture over it. cover with the other salmon cutlet, pour over the cream, previously heated, dot with butter, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. cook in oven 180c, 350f, gas mark 4, for about 1/2 hour, basting occasionally with the cooking juices. transfer to a warm serving dish, sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with potatoes.



Features

TIMES PAST.

We wrote last month of the lack of an auld song in the pub or even outside the pub on a Sunday night when the pubs closed at ten.

Last month we had a Limerick song so now we have a Kildare song which I think was recorded by a band called The Johnsons years back. Don't know who wrote it.

THE CURRAGH OF KILDARE.

The winter it is past and the summer's come at last
And the birds they are a singing in the trees,
Their little hearts are glad, but mine is very sad
For my true love is far away from me.

Chorus

*A livery I'll wear, and I'll comb back my hair,
And in velvet so green I will appear,
And straight I will repair to the Curragh of Kildare
For it's there I'll find tidings of my dear.*

All you that are in love, and cannot it remove
I pity the pains that you endure
For experience lets me know that your hearts are full of woe,
A woe that no mortal can cure.

Chorus

MEMORIES IN SPORT - DAWN RUN

On March 8th 1986 Dawn Run became the first horse to win the Champion Hurdle and the Gold Cup. Owned by Mrs. Charmaine Hill who rode her to victory in her first race but was refused renewal of her licence as she was in her sixties.

Trained by Paddy Mullins and ridden by Tony his son. Tony was sacked by the owner after being unseated in January of '84 and John Joe O'Neill was installed even having recovered from cancer. With her he won the Champion Hurdle of '84.

Injured for a long period in '84-'85 it was not until 1986 that the double came up.

The race was one of the most exciting ever seen. It looked as if Wayward Lad had the race sewn up but the courage of the horse and the jockey somehow got up on the line. A race was organised at Punchestown for 25,000 with Buck House which Dawn Run won easily.

Her trainer wishing to rest the horse, disagreed with the owners decision to race her in France. She ran in the Grand Course de Haise at Auteuil with a French jockey Michel Chirol.

The horse fell at one of the fences breaking her neck in two places and instantly died.

It was goodbye to a hero.

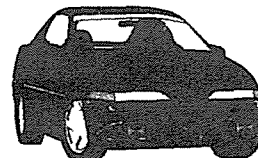
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Maynooth Town F.C. Notes

As the new season gets under way most teams are now getting into their weekly routines of training and competitive league matches. We would again appeal to parents to continue to support our teams at both home and away matches. We would also remind parents & players that signing on fees are now overdue and any outstanding fees should be paid to team managers immediately. Registration fees paid this season will be valid until 31st December 2002. All fees will then be due on or before the 1st January of each subsequent year. This change was made to allow team managers to concentrate on getting their teams up and running at the start of each season. League registration forms will continue to be completed at the start of each season.

SCHOOLBOY SOCCER ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2001/02 SEASON

SCHOOLBOY 7-A-SIDE TEAMS PLAY IN THE D.D.S.L. (SUNDAY HARBOUR FIELD)
SCHOOLBOY 11-A-SIDE PLAY IN NORTH DUBLIN LEAGUE (SUNDAY RATHCOFFEY Rd)
SENIOR TEAMS PLAY IN THE LEINSTER FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SATURDAY & SUNDAY DUBLIN Rd)

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UNDER 9's 2 TEAMS	TOMMY DALY	086-3104692
UNDER 10's 2 TEAMS	FERGAL FLYNN	087-2862475
UNDER 11's 2 TEAMS	TONY BEAN	628-5233
UNDER 12's	PAT MOYNAN	628-6865
UNDER 13's	STEPHEN CORBALLY	628 5742
UNDER 14's	SEAN FAGAN	6289300
UNDER 15's	JOE WALSH	628 5871
UNDER 17's	ALAN CAHILL	628 6235
MEN'S SENIOR 2 TEAMS	MICK DEMPSEY	628 6948

Should you require any further information about the teams or the club contact the team manager or club secretary

Gerry Folan (6286994) or John Doogan (6289720)

You can also e-mail us at
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Maynooth Town F.C. Executive Committee 2001/2

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Hon. Secretary – Gerry Folan
Treasurer – Alan Cahill

Committee Members
Lenny Murphy
Tom Dempsey
Pat Moynan
Tommy Daly
Eddie Power
Norman Kavanagh

Club membership fees

Membership for 2001/02 season will be valid until 31st Dec 2002

Senior member - £30
Student/Schoolboy/girl - £15
Family membership - £15 for 1st and £5 per member thereafter
Non-playing member - £5

Ballybrack Boys (1) 3 v Maynooth Town (2) 2 DDSL Under 9A1

This opening fixture of the new campaign proved a fine advertisement for exciting open football. Fine passing movement and goalmouth incidents from both sides kept the large crowd highly entertained. Ballybrack were the first to opening the scoring mid-way through the first half when the mid-field link well with the forward players with some accurate passing. However Maynooth hit back quickly as Chris Hobbs, Conor Glynn and Ciaran Kearney combined well before Kearney struck home the equaliser. The visitors then began to dominate and came close on several occasions.

The Town took the lead when Conor Glynn was taken down inside the box following an inch perfect pass from John Comerford. Glynn slotted the spot kick neatly into the corner giving the home keeper no chance. Following the break Ballybrack took their turn to dominate as Maynooth's midfield began to tire. The home sides dominance paid off half way through the second half as they capitalised on some indecisive defending to draw level. Maynooth did have some chances to regain the lead but it was to be Ballybrack's day as failure to pick-up a runner from mid-field allowed the Boy's to convert the winner. A close competitive encounter between two well matched sides, that in the end, was decided by the ability to keep going until the final whistle.

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Hillview Utd. (0) 3 v Maynooth Town (3) 3 DDSL Under 9A1

This was a game of two obvious halves. The first half belonged to Maynooth who raced into a three-goal lead in a blistering ten-minute spell. Midfielders Conor Glynn and Ciaran Kearney dominated proceedings and supplied many chances for their strikers. The forward pair proved up to the task on the day. Andy Foxe twice and Shane Hawthorne once found the net to establish a strong hold on the game. Everything seemed too easy for the visitors as the defence of David Burgess, Chris Hobbs and Garvan Dowling soaked up everything the home side could throw at them. Just before half time came the break the home side needed as a long range shot found its way into the back of the net to leave the half-time score 3-1 to Maynooth.

The second half proved a complete turnaround as too many of the Maynooth lads sat back on their laurels to allow Hillview take control. Hillview now began to pressurise Maynooth all over the pitch and win most of the 50-50 balls. To their credit the home team's spirits never dwindled and their commitment was rewarded with two further goals to tie the match. In view of the home team's second-half commitment this was a fair result. Maynooth however should feel disappointed. They played some wonderful football to establish a three-goal advantage but then failed to compete and it became a case of two points lost rather than one point gained.

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Maynooth Town (4) 10 v St John Bosco DDSL Under 9A1

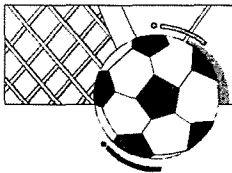
Maynooth Town's under 9A1 squad turned out in the Harbour Field for their first home game of the new season and entertained the large home crowd with an inspired performance. The visitors knew their faith early on and were to provide little opposition for a goal hungry home side. The Town were well in command at the break with a 4 goal advantage and it was St John Bosco who were glad to hear the final whistle as Maynooth added another 6 to their first half tally to run out easy 10 – 0 winners. On the mark for Maynooth were Andy Foxe (3), David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne (4), and Conor Glynn (2).

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12-Aug-01	9,22,24,28	£3,550	CATHERINE FITZPATRICK	RAY Mc TERNAN	NOELLE Mc TERNAN
19-Aug-01	4,8,19,25	£3,600	PAUL WILLIAMS	ROBBIE WILLIAMS	K. BRADY
26-Aug-01	9,14,20,28	£3,650	JAMES HEALY	PATRICIA SUTTON	HEALY'S HEROES

Plans are currently being considered to revise our weekly Lotto to coincide with the introduction of the Euro. Any ideas for improvement our customers may have would be welcomed and given due consideration. The Lotto is our main source of day-to-day income and all support is most welcome.

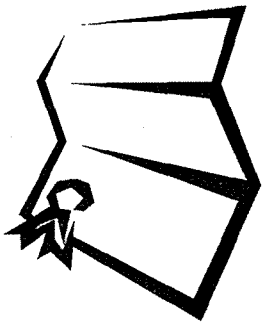


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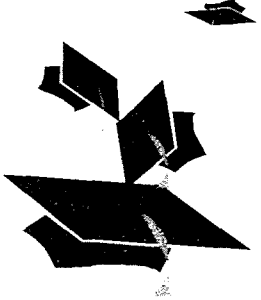
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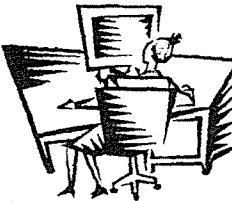
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Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

With October we are into the swing of Autumn hikes. As we move from one season of the year to another, the scenery observed changes. Vegetation is changing colour and remember with the falling of the leaves opens up new views to the ardent hillwalker. Sunday September 9th led us to Newcastle, Co. Wicklow. We had a nice sized group of 15, six of whom were with us for the first time. The short visit to Bray Head gave everybody a good view back towards Wicklow Head and forward to Dublin Bay, Howth and further north along the east coast. The weather was in our favour. As we passed along the coastal path before Greystones, a seal was observed playing around about 100 metres from the coastline. We walked the coastal path back to Bray. Our next easy hike for October 21st will depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 a.m. This will be on the open mountainside around the scenic area of Laragh and Ballyknockan at the rear of Blessington lakes. Proper footwear and clothing are essential for this hike.

The easy hike dates to plan for the rest of 2001 are:-

- 1 Sunday November 18th. Hollywood/Donard area of West Wicklow. A nice little trek over tracks, bog roads open mountainside and forest tracks a distance of 13 kms/8 miles with total ascent of 1,000 ft.
- 2 Sunday December 9th. Bull Island to visit the Interpretative centre for a audio visual show followed by a 12 kms/7.5 miles walk around the island. At this time of year there should be in the region of 40,000 birds there. They would have migrated from the cold arctic regions for the winter months. Even at sea level at this time of year it may be cold, wet and or windy. So proper clothing is essential.

The month of October is a busy time for our hillwalkers. We plan to attend two weekend festivals during the month. The middle of the month we will attend the Nire Valley Hillwalking festival which will provide two days of walking the Comeragh Mountains with Ballymacarbury as the focal point for evening refreshments. The Bank Holiday Weekend will bring us to Wicklow for tree days of walking organised by Wicklow Tourism. Last year there was a night hike on the Friday, but the plans have not been finalised yet for this year. The hillwalking years runs from November 1 to October 31st. Now is an opportunity to get a sample of the hillwalking experience. For those expressing an interest easy hikes are planned for September 9th and October 28th. Those interested together with new members must complete a number of easy hikes, and have the necessary equipment be fore progressing onto the more difficult hikes on the open

mountainside. Regular attendance of our activities are sure to develop an interest and ensure a reasonable level of fitness. People will only be able to attend activities that met their level of fitness.

Club membership details available on request. We will be collecting membership renewals from mid October.

Again, it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, and overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out.

This applies throughout the four seasons of the year. There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. Please note that itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand with one of the contact numbers below.

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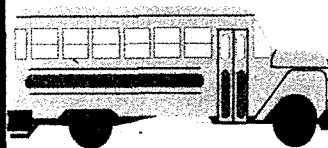
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Maynooth Golf Society

President's Prize

Our President's (Noel Brady) prize took place at Knockanally Golf Club on Friday 24th August. We had our second largest attendance of the year with forty-two players competing for the honours. Sam Feeney triumphed on the day bringing in a great score of 38 pts. Don Sullivan was second overall with a score of 36 pts beating Willie Moore on the back nine. The Society would like to congratulate Knockanally Golf Club for having the course in magnificent condition.

Finally we would like to thank Noel Brady for his sponsorship of this outing.

The following are the list of winners:-

1st Overall	Sam Feeney	38pts
2nd	Don Sullivan	36pts(Back 9)
3rd	Willie Moore	36pts(Back 9)
4th	Gerry Reilly	36pts
5th	Dominic Nyland	34pts
6th	Matt Carroll	32pts
7th	Gerry McTernan	31pts(Back 9)
Front 9	Gerry Kelly	16pts
Back 9	Liam Farrelly	18pts
Visitors 1st	Martin Doyle	33pts
2nd	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	30pts
Twos Club	Don Sullivan	
Nearest the Pin	Don Sullivan	

Vice-President's Prize

Our Vice-President's (John Tiernan) prize took place at Elm Green Golf Club on Sunday 9th September. Thirty four players turned up for this early morning tee off. In what turned out to be a very close contest Emmet Savage won out on the day narrowly beating Gerard McTernan who in turn beat Colm Loftus on the back 9.

The Society would like to thank John Tiernan for sponsoring this outing.

The following are the list of winners:-

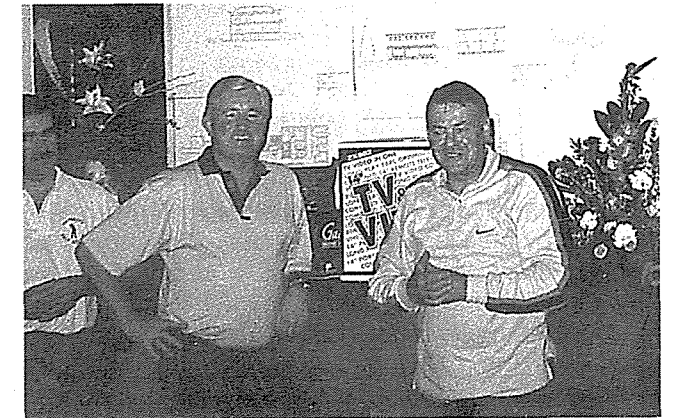
Overall Winner	Emmet Savage	40pts
2nd	Gerard McTernan	39pts(Back 9)
3rd	Colm Loftus	39pts
4th	Gerry Kelly	34pts(Back 9)
5th	Barry Desmond	34pts
6th	Tom O'Haire	33pts(Back 9)
7th	Niall Byrne	33pts
Front 9	Tom Nolan	21pts
Back 9	Mick Fahy	17pts(Back 6)

Nearest The Pin

Twos Club Norman Kavanagh
Kevin Loftus

1st Visitors	Ray Noone	39pts
2nd	Mich Flynn (Jnr)	36pts
3rd	Sean Fitzpatrick	31pts

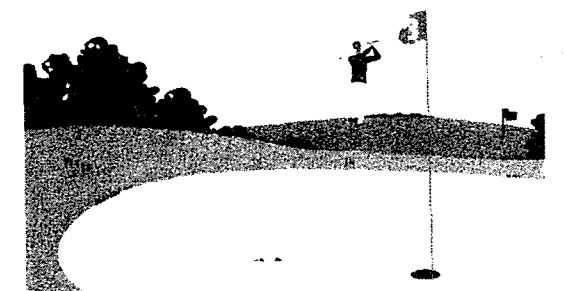
Our final outing of the year will be held at Edenderry Golf Club on Saturday 27th October.



Sam Feeney (second left) our overall winner on President's Day with Noel Brady (President)



Gerry Kelly, winner of the "front nine" on President's Day



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

I am on long-term Unemployment Assistance and I am receiving a Child Dependant Allowance for my 17 year old son who will be doing the Leaving Certificate next summer. Can I still claim the allowance for my son when he has completed the Leaving Certificate?

Answer

You are entitled to the Child Dependant Allowance as long as he is under 18 years of age. After this it depends on when your son reaches 18 and whether he continues on in full-time education.

If he reaches 18 before he leaves school you will be required by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs to get his school to certify that he is attending full-time education. You will then be entitled to claim the allowance for three months after he completes the Leaving Certificate. If you do not provide the certification the Child Dependant Allowance will only be paid to the end of the school year.

However, it is a different situation if his 18th birthday does not occur until after he has completed the Leaving Certificate and left school, e.g. July. You will lose your entitlement to the allowance immediately, as he is not in full-time education. Your son will not be able to claim Unemployment Assistance in his own right until three months after he leaves school even if you are no longer receiving the Child Dependant allowance for him.

Should your son continue on in full-time education, you are entitled to the allowance until he reaches 22 years of age.

For those on short-term Unemployment Assistance the allowance stops at 18 years of age, regardless of whether the child continues in full-time education or not.

Further information from the Citizens Information Centre below

Question

I am a 19 year old single mother who left school at 16 years of age. I would like to do the Leaving Certificate. Would I be eligible for the Back to Education allowance?

Answer

Following recent changes you may be eligible if you do an approved course.

The Back to Education Allowance is paid by the

Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs to unemployed people, lone parents and people with disabilities who wish to do approved second or third level courses of study.

To be eligible for the allowance you must be:

- Aged 21 or over (24 or over for a postgraduate course) and for at least the previous 6 months have been receiving Unemployment Assistance, Unemployment Benefit, Farm Assist, One-Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Benefit, Contributory Widow/Widower's Pension or Carer's Allowance (after caring responsibilities have finished).
- Aged 18 or over and for at least the previous 6 months have been receiving Blind Person's, Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension or Unemployability Supplement.

From September 2001 eligibility for the allowance has been extended to those aged 18 to 20 who have been in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, Unemployment Benefit or One-Parent Family Payment for at least the previous 6 months and who have been out of the formal education system for at least 2 years. The courses are restricted to full-time second level courses only.

The allowance has also been extended to people with disabilities who leave Community Employment Schemes and who, when starting the scheme, were not in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment. They must start the course within 4 weeks of finishing the scheme.

Further information is available from your Social Welfare Local Office and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I live with my elderly mother who has Parkinson's Disease and is becoming very immobile. I work full time and pay someone to come in once a day to help her wash and dress. She will soon need more care. Is it possible to take paid leave from work to look after my mother?

Answer

It is not possible to take paid leave. However, since 5th July 2001 you are entitled to take unpaid leave from work to care for someone provided certain conditions are met and you may also be entitled to receive Carer's Benefit from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

Under the Carer's Leave Act 2001 you are entitled to take up to 65 weeks leave to enable you to provide full time care to your mother if she has been assessed by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs as needing full time care and attention.

No one else can take carer's leave at the same time as yourself to look after your mother. You must have been in continuous employment with your employer

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for the previous 12 months and you must give your employer at least 6 weeks notice in writing, except in exceptional circumstances.

The leave may be taken in one continuous period up to 65 weeks or in separate periods but there must be a gap of at least 6 weeks between such periods. Also, an employer may refuse to allow you to take carer's leave for a period of less than 13 weeks.

While the leave is unpaid it is reckonable for the purposes of employment rights other than superannuation. Entitlement to public holidays and annual leave only accumulates for the first 13 weeks. If you have a dispute with your employer about your entitlements the dispute may be referred to a rights commissioner.

Further information is available from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Employment Rights Unit, Davitt House, 65A Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: 6313131 (Lo-Call 1890 220 222 from outside the 01 area) and the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

Could you tell me more about the new driver theory test?

Answer

Since 11th June 2001 anyone who applies for a first provisional driving licence must first obtain a theory test certificate. The driver theory test is conducted on a user-friendly computer system and it is available in both Irish and English. It covers areas such as the rules of the road, risk perception, hazard awareness and good driving behaviour. The cost of the test is £25.20 and there is a nation-wide network of 41 test centres.

For those who applied for a first provisional licence in the period 25th April 2001 to 10th June 2001 their licence period was restricted to 90 days. They must submit a test theory certificate in order to get the balance of the normal two-year period. If they also passed the practical test between 25th April 2001 and 10th June 2001 they must pass the theory test before they can obtain a full driving licence.

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Tidy Towns 2001 "Caring for our Environment"

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RESULTS

Date of Adjudication: 16-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	24	18
Tidiness	20	14	9
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	16
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	184

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Maynooth is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Congratulations on an excellent submission this year. The Committee is well informed on the threats and opportunities and of the town's strengths and weaknesses in relation to the future development of Maynooth. You have achieved your objective of reaching the 200 mark in 2001, congratulations again! Your publication "Exploring Maynooth, Five Self-Guide Walks" is an excellent and valuable publication and a hearty thanks must be extended to all involved in the project.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The town centre looks quite magnificent with its newly surfaced footpaths, sculpture and seated amenity area, beautifully presented shopfronts and of course its mature and semi-mature trees. The new Hotel and Shopping Centre development was admired also. It is quite a few years since this adjudicator visited Maynooth and was very pleasantly surprised by the changes.

LANDSCAPING

Do not plant flowers or shrubs at the base of trees along the Main Street, it is not necessary. Sucker growth should, of course, be removed in order to

highlight the beauty and profile of the boles of these trees. Keep the base free from weed growth also and remove treated weeds. Your landscaping programme could be extended to incorporate green verges leading to the railway station. The lakeside development is an excellent amenity which was much in demand during adjudication. An incidental green area at the Castle was in need of redevelopment (i.e. levelling and reseeded). As noted above the arch sculpture amenity area was admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your overall objective under this heading to protect wildlife and to promote an awareness of it demonstrates a thorough understanding of the purpose of this category in the competition. Do furnish us with details of wildflowers along road verges and elsewhere together with details of how you promote wildlife in schools. Your initiative to reward residential estates for the development of small wildlife areas is imaginative, be sure to document these on your map for next year's competition. The flora and fauna details along one of the walks is valuable.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good during adjudication. There appears to be plenty of bins and these are both well placed and frequently emptied. Well done on the regular 'clean-ups' and on the 'Sunday Morning Clean-Up'. Congratulations on your success in Green Towns 2000.



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TIDINESS

The immediate environs of the health Centre and the Fire Station is a little underdeveloped and so looks a little untidy. Kerbed verges to the Railway Station and footpaths at the station were spoiled by weed growth. This suggests negligence. The recycling point at Tesco car park was very tidy. Overall, the appearance of Maynooth was one of tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A co-ordinated colour scheme might be considered for the terraced town houses in Maynooth. Established housing estates were well presented with the exception of the presentation of boundary walls. New estates are being finished to high standards, the challenge will be to maintain these standards as the estates themselves mature. It is hoped that new residents in Maynooth will contribute in a positive way to the cultural and environmental life of the town.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The wirescape free aspect of the town centre is visually pleasing. Roads, footpaths and street furniture complement the built environment. Newly constructed/refurbished stone walls are a handsome feature however some were spoiled by weed growth. Approach roads and nameplates looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Congratulations on a fine presentation this year.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee are pleased with the results and would like to congratulate all those volunteers involved.
Paul Croghan

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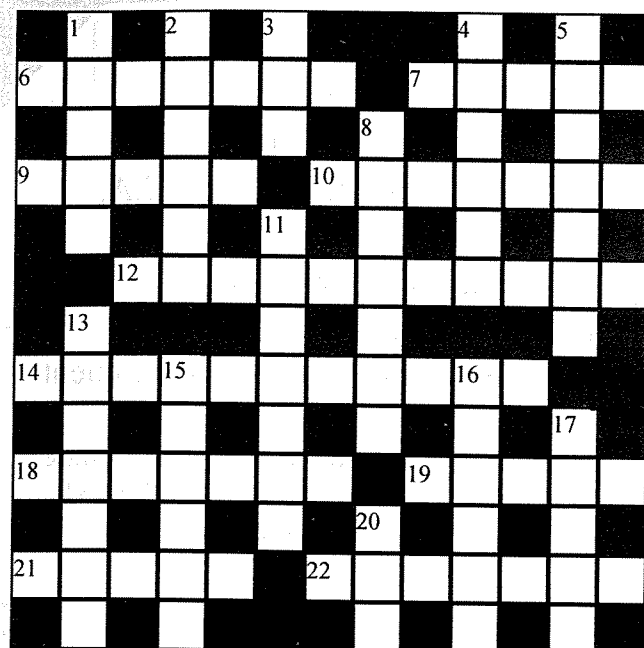
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Crossword No: 160



Entries before: 15th October 2001

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Across:

- 6. Endanger (7)
- 7. Coach (5)
- 9. Smooth (5)
- 10. Please (7)
- 12. Disorder (11)
- 14. Mercury (11)
- 18. Accept (7)
- 19. Hoard (5)
- 21. Cut (5)
- 22. Weakness (7)

Down:

- 1. Signify (5)
- 2. Erase (6)
- 3. Concealed (3)
- 4. Habit (6)
- 5. Enclose (7)
- 8. Squirm (7)
- 11. Inert (7)
- 13. Calm (7)
- 15. Gifted (6)
- 16. Involve (6)
- 17. Veracity (5)
- 20. Weep (3)

Doodle Box

Solution to Crossword No. 159

Across: 6 Benefit; 7 Buxom; 9 Cloak; 10 Fluency; 12 Pessimistic; 14 Picturesque; 18 Disrobe; 19 Crypt; 21 Poise; 22 Sublime.

Down: 1 Reply; 2 Regale; 3 Tie; 4 Duress; 5 Conceit; 8 Glimpse; 11 Ascribe; 13 Liaison; 15 Thrash; 16 Unruly; 17 Spume; 20 Hue.

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Features

Early Irish Society

In early Ireland the custom of fosterage was the norm for a child, male or female. In Wales only male children were fostered; girls were considered too much. Virginity was considered to be much more important in Wales than in Ireland. This entailed the giving of a very young child to another family until it was about 16 years old. This family could be related or not but it was probably of political importance. It was mainly the father's duty to ensure proper fosterage and was considered mainly as a legal contract. There is little mention of the involvement of the mother. It was mainly the domain of the father. The children could be given away as babies and the law describes 'fosterbrothers reared in the same cradle' (*comalta óenchréib*).

There are two types of fosterage, one described as 'fosterage of love' (*altramm serce*) in which no fee was given and the second with a fee. The law mentions the various payments for the son of a king down to the son of a small farmer thus indicating the social scale of those fostered. It was the norm that most children were fostered therefore breaking the normal family ties between parent and children or siblings.

There is the suggestion that girls were more difficult to foster, they were of less use to their foster parents in later life. (Perhaps it was difficult to ensure that she remained a virgin or that she did not become pregnant or involved with a man from the wrong social level.)

Not all children were fostered and the texts mention the pet of the household, a child who was kept at home. There is a term for children who were 'jointly reared' (*comaltae*). This describes the relationships between a foster-child, the natural child of that family and foster-children of different families cared for by the same foster-parents. The custom is mentioned frequently in the Annals and early Irish tales. In the case of Cú Chulainn it is said that he had quite a number of fosterers, including his mother's brother, the king Conchobar. Each fosterer was charged with giving him a particular type of education, ensuring that he outshone all heroes of the province. The same type of multiple fosterage is mentioned in Welsh stories also. In one of the early lives of Patrick, the writer Tírechán has the two daughters of the king asking Patrick whether the son of his God had many fosterers! These daughters themselves had been fostered by two druids. Sometimes the foster relationship could be stronger than natural kinship. Cú Chulainn was fostered with Fer Dia whom he has to kill during the defence of Ulster in *Táin Bó Cuailnge*. Multiple fosterages of aristocratic or royal families were evidently designed to create alliances. Chances of succession to the kingship were, it may be assumed, much enhanced by a wide and effective network of fosterage relationships.

One of the main aims of fosterage, apart from establishing political alliances was the provision of education. This does not mean reading, writing, maths etc. as it does today. The vast majority of people could not read or write; that was a skill taught to the very few and remained mainly in the hands of the clergy after the arrival of Christianity. But it was assumed that the child must be maintained and educated according to his original rank; a prince must have a horse and expensive clothing.

Boys and girls were taught different skills and these also depended upon their original status in life. The king's son learns horsemanship, swimming, marksmanship and boardgames such as chess (*fidchell*) and another known as *brannuigeacht* that cannot be readily translated or recognised in today's terms. The king's daughter was taught sewing, clothcutting and embroidery. This may seem a petty past time, but the seamstress was one the most important professions for a woman and the princesses probably made some of their own clothes. At the other end of the scale, the son of the small farmer was taught to look after lambs, calves, kids, young pigs, drying corn, combing wool, chopping firewood. The daughter learned how to use a quern, a kneading-trough and a sieve; the basic householding skills.

The process is a legal contract that was thought as beneficial to both families. There are different relationships involved; the education that ends with the end of fosterage, the alliance-building function and the relationships between foster-parent and natural parent, between foster-child and natural child of the foster-parents and between the different foster-children of the one set of foster-parents. Strangely, the most formal legal relationship is that between the parents and foster-parents and the most loving between foster-parents and foster-children. It is clear that the children treated their foster-parents as if they were their parents. For example, in many European countries there are formal and informal terms for parents: mother-father and mummy-daddy. Today, children call their parents mummy-daddy but in early Irish these words were used for the foster-parents. For example there is *muimne* for the foster-mother and *aite* (teacher) for the foster-father. The word *popa* is also used for the foster-father, like the Italian word Papa (Pope) or the English Papa that means father. Fosterage must have been extraordinarily common or this unusual shift would not have happened.

If the father takes the child back early without a good reason it is a 'legal error' and the entire fee is forfeit. If the child is mistreated the contract is broken and the fee is returned to the father. A child's treatment is assessed from its appearance, weight and the quality of clothing. The maternal kin has right to intervene if they feel the child is being mistreated. It is also a legal error for the foster-father to return the child early and the entire fee is returned unless the child really misbehaved. The fosterfathers must pay any fines for

Features

Early Irish Society (cont'd)

the children while under his care and the child has no right to make an independent legal contract while on fosterage. In certain cases it could happen that the child would have no other living relatives and that the fosterfather is the only one responsible for him. The end of fosterage is unclear in all texts. The implication is that a boy of 14 may leave to begin some sort of work, and a girl of 17, but other texts say that both leave at 17.

There is the implication in some texts that it may have had a negative side. The triads describe the three dark or uncertain things in life as 'depositing an object into somebody's custody, going surety, fosterage'. Another text says 'everyone is tranquil until (he undertakes) fosterage'. But it was so widespread that the advantages must outweigh disadvantages; the fosterfather had great financial gain, the links with the fosterson's kin and help in troubled times. Fosterers could be lower rank than the fosterlings. Fosterage belonged more to the emotional sphere, less to the material, than did natural parenthood.

There could be specialised training if they were sent to special trades. A master might train boys for a fee. Some may have been establishments like boarding schools. Girls were seldom trained for anything except domestic work and the church with the odd exceptions of a family with no sons and there are references to the woman-poet, woman-wright and woman-physician.

As we saw with the responsibility for children there were exemptions here in certain cases. The mother was exempt if she was a bondwoman with a child begotten in secret without the knowledge of the prince, the mother was insane, the child was conceived in violation by force, the child was begotten on a daughter in defiance of her father's prohibition. The child is returned to his father's family if the mother dies. Also if the child is begotten on a wife in violation of her husband's prohibition or if the mother is physically diseased.

The father is exempt if he is insane, an alien from the outside, an imbecile, a son repudiated by his father because of his depravity, a wise man (judge), satirist, a man in orders. If there was a question of the identity of the father of the child they delayed until the child exhibited the family characteristics, the voice, physique and mannerisms.

The law also covers the case of the divorce of the fosterparents. They are nearly identical with parents. If they separate, they are still jointly responsible, but if one offers to foster alone they get the entire remaining fosterage fee.

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Murder of the Month

Dr. Harold Shipman was not the first doctor to be accused of killing his patients and he will not be the last. But another doctor may rival him in the trail of death and suffering that he left in his wake during his long career. But Dr Michael Swango was finally seen in the act of apparently murdering a patient in October 1993. Barron Harris entered the Veteran Affairs Medical Centre in New York in 1993 with pneumonia. As his wife Elsie visited him one day she saw a man drawing the blinds in his room. As she stood on the threshold she saw the doctor, calling himself Dr Kirk, plunge a hypodermic needle into her husband's neck. Barron Harris was unconscious at the time and did not notice the doctor hovering over him. Anyway patients trust their doctors.

But this doctor was not to be trusted. He had a long history of suspicious behaviour behind him but had never been charged with the deaths of any of the poor patients who had been come under his malicious care. Elsie Barron did not pay much attention to his behaviour, it seemed normal for a doctor to inject a patient. But her husband died three weeks later and after some time his family sued the state of New York. But they withdrew the lawsuit when the post-mortem could not prove that the doctor was connected with his death.

Dr Kirk, real name Dr Michael Swango had first convicted of poisoning colleagues in 1985. He is an unlikely looking murderer, good looking and with an excellent bedside manner, he has a trail of suspicious deaths behind him. The FBI opened a wide-ranging investigation. He came to the attention of the wider public when a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, James Stemart, published a book called *Blind Eye*, making a case against him.

He was an excellent pupil at school with the Christian Brothers in Quincy and went on to attend Southern Illinois University in the medical school. He had an unhealthy interest in mass murder and unsolved crimes according to some classmates and some of the students wanted him expelled from the University. He was seen as odd and anti-social with a strange interest in death; unusual for a medical student dedicated to saving lives. But he did graduate in 1983 and went to the Ohio State University Hospital as an intern. His odd was continued however and one woman recounts how he entered her room and injected a liquid into her drip. As an ex-nurse she knew this was not normal. She recovered but at least five people did not and died in suspicious circumstances while he worked there. The hospital said they investigated him but they did not seem to try very hard and they exonerated him, without ever notifying the police.

One of his former friends had trusted him to the point that he was going to ask him to be godfather to his son until he realised that Swango was poisoning him! Swango use to mind his other two children and often cooked dinner for the household. During the

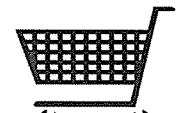
same period there was tea found in the hospital dosed with arsenic. The police were called and they called to Swango's house. Noone had ever been invited there and they found a lot of interesting evidence. There were books on recipes for poison and 10 different jars of poison and literature on the occult, serial killers and criminal detection. He was convicted of aggravated battery, a custodial sentence and lost his medical licence. He did an interview with a television programme 20/20 where he declared his innocence. When he came out of jail in 1987 he looked to continue his profession and succeeded.

He applied for many job and worked for a time in Newport, Virginia where he met his future second wife Kristin Kinney. He was divorcing his first wife Rita Dumas during this period. Their marriage lasted only 18 months. Kristin married him within months of meeting, thinking that she had met the man of her dreams.

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They moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota where he had got a job in the University of South Dakota. In 1992 television again intervened in his life. They showed a series on rogue doctors and some of his interview with *20/20* while in jail previously. He was suspended and later asked to resign.

He and Kristin had to move back to Virginia and moved in with her mother who was also fooled initially by the charm of the doctor. But the strain began to show eventually. Kristin had to take anti-depressants and her diary entries became increasingly alarming. She spoke of blurred vision and an inability to focus. Her husband went to work in New York and in July 1993 Kristin shot herself in the chest. Later it was established that there was poison in her system although this did not emerge at the time of death because suicide was obvious.

By this time Dr Swango had got his job at the Veterans Affairs hospital under his false name. Even after the accusations connected with Barron Harris and other patients, he managed to get another position in 1996 working for an Evangelical Lutheran mission hospital in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. It did not take long for the unexplained deaths to begin. When he was seen at unscheduled times in the hospital the staff became suspicious. The hospital had lost more patients in nine months than in the previous five years.

In the following year 1997 the doctor returned to America to pick up a visa that he had obtained for another job he had got in Saudi Arabia. But the warrant for his arrest emerged in the airport and he was arrested and convicted of fraud. Many are afraid that Swango will escape the clutches of the law on this occasion as he had before. He was imprisoned eventually in Florence, Colorado for taking the job at the Veterans Affairs hospital under false pretences and was sentenced to three-and-a-half years. The FBI is in the process of exhuming bodies to build a case against him. Zimbabwean authorities are also trying to build a case against him.

Priorities

This is a very widely used word. In the dictionary it has three meanings, mostly the same.

1. The fact or condition of being earlier or antecedent.
2. Precedence in rank.
3. An interest having prior claim to consideration.

Number three is easiest explained by the following example:

The man who got up one morning and informed his wife he was going for a few pints and was going to the loo. His wife suggested that he go to the loo first, and then go for his few pints. He promptly suggested that she get her priorities right.

Another example appeared in The Times of September 8th:

Two anglers were fishing in a boat under a bridge. One looked up and saw a funeral procession starting across the bridge. He stood up, took off his cap and bowed his head. The procession crossed the bridge and he put his cap back on, picked up his rod and reel and continued fishing. "That was very touching; I didn't know you had it in you" said his friend. The man responded "Well, I guess it was the right thing to do - after all, I was married to her for forty years!"



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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth I.C.A. Notes

Twenty members of Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the I.C.A. hall at the Harbour on Thursday 7th September for their first meeting of the new season. The President, Mary McNamara was in the chair. We were delighted to welcome speakers Breda Gormally from the Citizens' Advice Centre Maynooth and Jenny Poole from the Money Advisory Group in Maynooth. They will answer your questions relating to entitlements and budgeting.

Badminton has resumed at the Parish Hall. A group will go to the Rathmines and Rathgar production of "Guys and Dolls" in the Gaiety Theatre in October. It is proposed to host a Maynooth Guild Craft Day in late November. Craft evenings continue on Mondays at 8 p.m. Members meet for a Sunday morning ramble. Arrangements are underway for the Annual Christmas Party. The lucky competition winners were Mary O'Gorman, Mary Halton and Margaret Houlihan. Draw winners were Margaret Houlihan, Grainne Kelly and Helen Doyle. Sympathy was extended to Marie Breen on the death of her father.

Maynooth I.C.A. is organising a series of Public Art Lectures on the first Tuesday of each month from October to April (excluding January). Colm Brennan will speak on 'Twentieth century sculpture in Dublin' on Tuesday 2nd October. On Tuesday 6th November Dr. Seamus Caulfield (formerly of University College Dublin) will talk on 'Belderrig to Boston'. Many of you will be familiar with his work on the Céide Fields in North Mayo. Further details of these lectures will be available on local notice boards.

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Thursday 4th October 2001. If you are new to Maynooth or would like or would like to meet people please come along.

Maeve Moloney

ARTY-FACTS

A Series of Public Lectures

A series of public lectures on various aspects of three dimensional art, from earliest times to the present, will be held in Maynooth on the first Tuesday of each month - see local press for details!

- 2nd Oct:** Colm Brennan, Artist.
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- 6th Nov:** Dr. Seamus Caulfield, Archaeologist.
From Belderrig: Contemporary Effects and Prehistoric Emergence.
- 4th Dec:** Mary Sheehan, Visual Arts Administrator,
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Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Welcome back to all our members and friends. The Committee hopes you all had a pleasant and relaxing Summer. There are lots of events happening in October. By the time you read this *The Flower Arranger of the Year* Competition will have taken place in Cork. Some of you will have gone to Cork for the weekend and I hope you had as good if not a better time than we had last year.

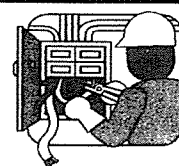
Our **GALA CHRISTMAS NIGHT** with Clive Moorhead will take place on **Tuesday 16th October** at 8 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Tickets cost **£10** each. Contact numbers: **Moirá Baxter - 6289102**
Amanda Harris - 0405 41538

This is always a spectacular event so we hope you will come along and support the club as well as enjoying yourselves.

There will also be a **DAY SCHOOL** with Clive Moorhead on **Wednesday 17th October**. Details at Club meetings.

Our A.G.M. takes place on **23rd October**. All meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College except where otherwise stated on the Club programme. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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Funding for Improving Dunboyne/Convent Road

The Council has allocated 120,000 euros for works on this road during the coming year. Cllr. McGinley has been assured that the green area at the Convent Lane footpaths will be 'taken care of' at the same time if not beforehand.

Bridie O'Brien - An Appreciation

The recent death of Bridie O'Brien of Leinster Cottages, Maynooth was a shock to the community of Maynooth who had come to respect her for her work on behalf of others and for her genuine commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of the Town.

A lifelong member of Maynooth Labour Branch, Bridie's work on behalf of the Labour Movement was acknowledged when she was elected Honorary President of Maynooth Labour Branch in 1985. On many issues her opinion was sought because of her practical straightforward outlook. Her guidance and advice along with her comradeship will be sorely missed by her comrades in the Branch.

Bridie's involvement in community work is well recognised. A founding member of Maynooth Community Council and Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Committee, Bridie was also an active member of the Maynooth Trees Committee and Carton Avenue Action Group.

Bridie O'Brien was above all else a dedicated Mother and her love and attention for her children Olive, Kenneth and the late Catherine was evident in the happiness of her home in Leinster Cottages. Bridie's love of her children extended to her grandchildren Stephen, Tara, Jason and Donal and to her great-grandchildren, Aoife and Antonia.

Their's is the greatest and most immediate loss and I pray God to grant them the strength to bear the cross that they have been given. I offer them my deepest and most profound sympathy in this their time of great sadness.

Bridie's work for Maynooth, which she carried out unselfishly, is widely acknowledged and she has set a standard for all of us. Her work must be continued with the same grace and dedication that were her hallmarks. We have lost a good friend and dear neighbour.

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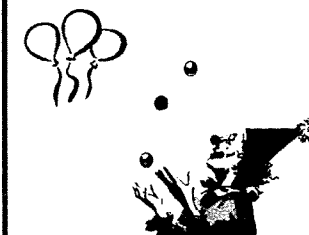
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Maynooth Development Plan

The Leixlip area committee decided on 4/9/01 on the casting vote of the chairman to pass the major share of land zoning for Maynooth, however the final vote has yet to be taken in order to pass the plan so that it can be put before the full council. Cllr. Senan Griffin is of the opinion that the plan as currently prepared is in contravention of Government guidelines, simply because they are in breach of proper planning. The Government guidelines state that only land capable of being built upon during the five year lifetime of the plan should be zoned. Cllr. Griffin stated that in excess of 30% of the land zoned is incapable of being built upon over the next five years and maybe further on over the next ten years. *The real problem is that the Labour Party in Maynooth have now decided to build houses in a flood plane thereby putting the residents of Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Meadowbrook and Brookfield at risk of being flooded. This attitude is strange when KCC have a (900mm) three foot pipe at the other side of Maynooth specially put in place to cater for the safe disposal of surface water (this pipe is practically dry).*

The residents of Meadowbrook/Parson St/Woodlands/Brookfield and Parson Lodge should now question the motives of those who voted to build on a flood plane and at the same time putting their homes at risk. This was decided by Cllrs. McGinley and Murphy.

Cllr. Senan Griffin in outlining his position on the development plan stated that he favoured the proposals for the Moyglare Road where there are benefits for all the community. Senan Griffin also supported the proposals for development on the Celbridge Road. This was done in order that proper planning applied to Maynooth.

Carton Avenue

The area committee meeting passed the part ten, (similar to planning permission request) to put the proposals to improve the environs of Carton Avenue on display for the public to pass their views onto the council. The primary work to be done is primarily around the entrance at the top of the Main Street and at Blacklion Road. It is according to Cllr. Senan Griffin that with acceptance of these proposals the topsoil at the top of Carton Avenue will be removed and that residents can avail of the use of the avenue without hindrance. Cllr. Senan Griffin and Mr. Willie Carroll (director of Community & Enterprise KCC) met with Mr. Conor Mallaghan of Carton in order to progress and expedite some of the works at Carton Avenue. This meeting was a success and as a result KCC are currently drawing up proposals to expedite the work to be done, particularly at the Blacklion Road end of the avenue. Cllr. Griffin is grateful to both Carton and the

council for their co-operation in expediting this matter.

Harbour Field

The trustees of the Harbour Ms Mary Cullen, Mr. Michael Gillick, Mr. Tom Walsh and Mr. Peter Curran met the area committee to discuss the problems of the Harbour Field. The meeting resulted in an open and frank discussion on the problems of transferring the field to KCC and at a later stage to the community of Maynooth. Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that the meeting was worthwhile and opened ways of progressing the transfer to KCC. Cllr. Senan Griffin proposed that

- That the field be directly transferred to KCC
- That the lease be returned to the legal representatives so that it is updated in order that the present and future trustees are protected.
- That the new lease is put before the next meeting of the area committee for their consideration so that the current trustees give their agreement to the new lease.

Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to close and lower the existing barrier at the entrance to the cemetery in order to eliminate the current anti social behaviour on the lane to the entrance of the cemetery. Senan Griffin is aware that some people are now using the lane as a race track while others are robbing flowers from graves. This can only be described as a disgraceful behaviour and any resident noticing these people should notify the Garda in Maynooth.

Leatron Development

The new proposals put forward by Leatron Ltd., according to Senan Griffin seem to be excessive and should be modified. Cllr. Senan Griffin accepts the right of the applicants to apply for planning permission under the 1984/85 development plan. Senan Griffin stated recently that this site was zoned for infill development in the past and that this zoning currently holds until the new plan is passed and adopted by the council.

New Footpath

Cllr. Griffin allocated £4000 to have the footpath from Pound Lane to the church restored. This is a job well done by the council staff.

Traffic Calming Measures

It is expected that the traffic calming measures for the Moyglare Road will be in place by mid-October. The delay is as a result of finding suitable contractors to carry out the work. The gateway signage recently

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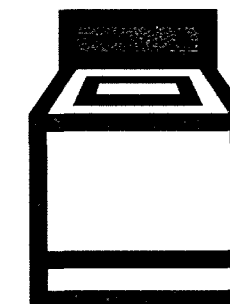
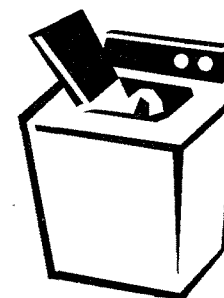
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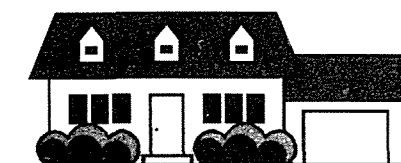
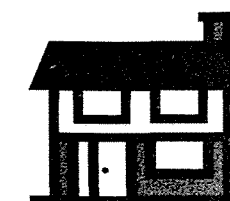
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agreed for the Moyglare Road and the Celbridge Road will be put in place in due course.

Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. Senan Griffin has put the following motion to KCC "that the contractor be asked to return in order to complete outstanding works on the Main Street". According to Senan Griffin the state of the footpath is totally unacceptable and warrants urgent action by the contractor/council. In short the standard of the finished work is not up to standard and should be corrected.

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann

At time of writing the horrific and inhumane tragedies of the hijacking of 4 American flights with over 260 people on board, and their use as human bombs striking into the heart of the World Trade Centre, the Pentagon and intended strike on the presidential residence has just taken place on 11th September.

Thousands more are expected to have perished in the grotesque destruction that has been unleashed in the USA, including no doubt some Irish among the casualties.

The Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D. has just announced that Friday 14th September will be a National Day of Mourning during which we can all remember and mourn the deaths of so many in such a shocking manner. Maynooth Fianna Fail would like to sincerely sympathise with all those American citizens who are currently living in or visiting the area, a significant number attending the NUI Maynooth, and of course with all relatives and friends of all Irish victims of this unspeakable atrocity.

As a mark of respect and remembrance the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann will not publish any article in this months Newsletter but instead will hold over until the next issue of the Newsletter.

Brid Feely,
Cumann Secretary



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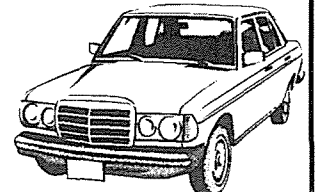
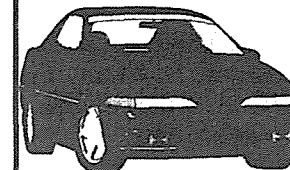
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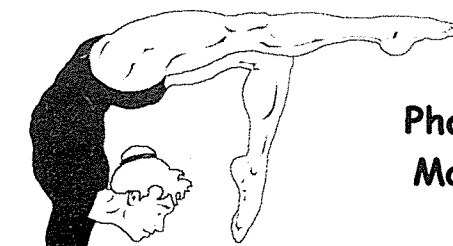
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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Sympathies

Maynooth Community Council and staff would like to offer their sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins, Convent Road, Maynooth.

Mrs. Mary Casey, Coperally, Maynooth.

Mrs. Ann Marie Hannify, Kingsbry, Maynooth.

Mr. John McGinley, Lettermacaward, Donegal. (father of Cllr. John McGinley)

Mrs. Una McDermott, The Square, Maynooth.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Nicola and Paul Brady, Maynooth Park, who both celebrate their birthday on October 31st from their family and friends in Maynooth.

Legion of Mary

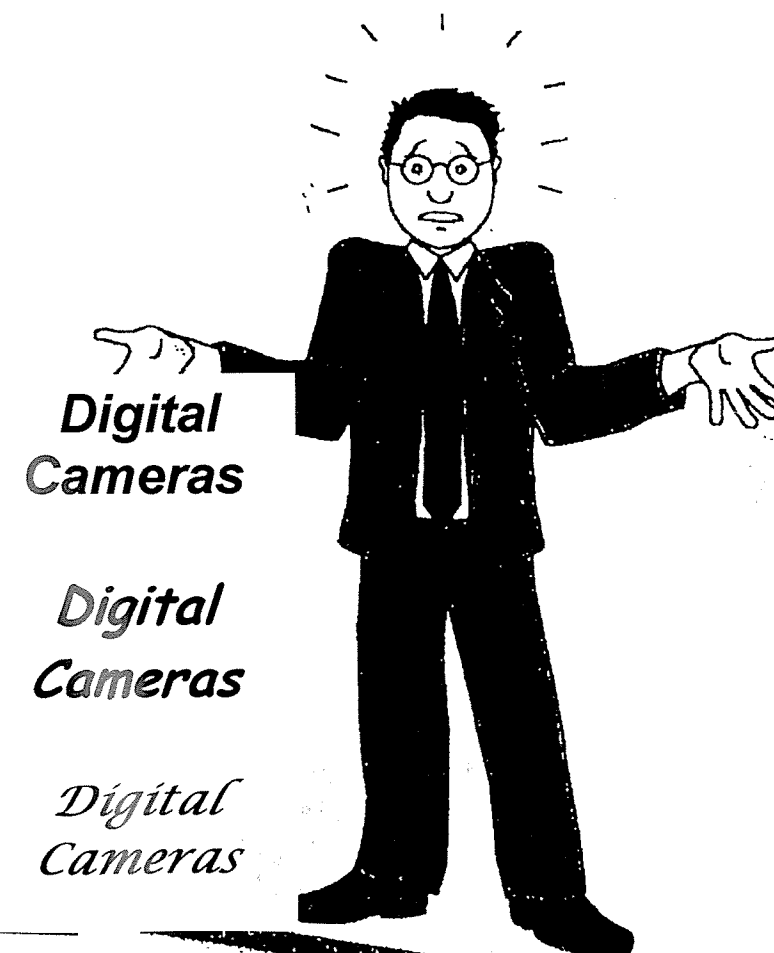
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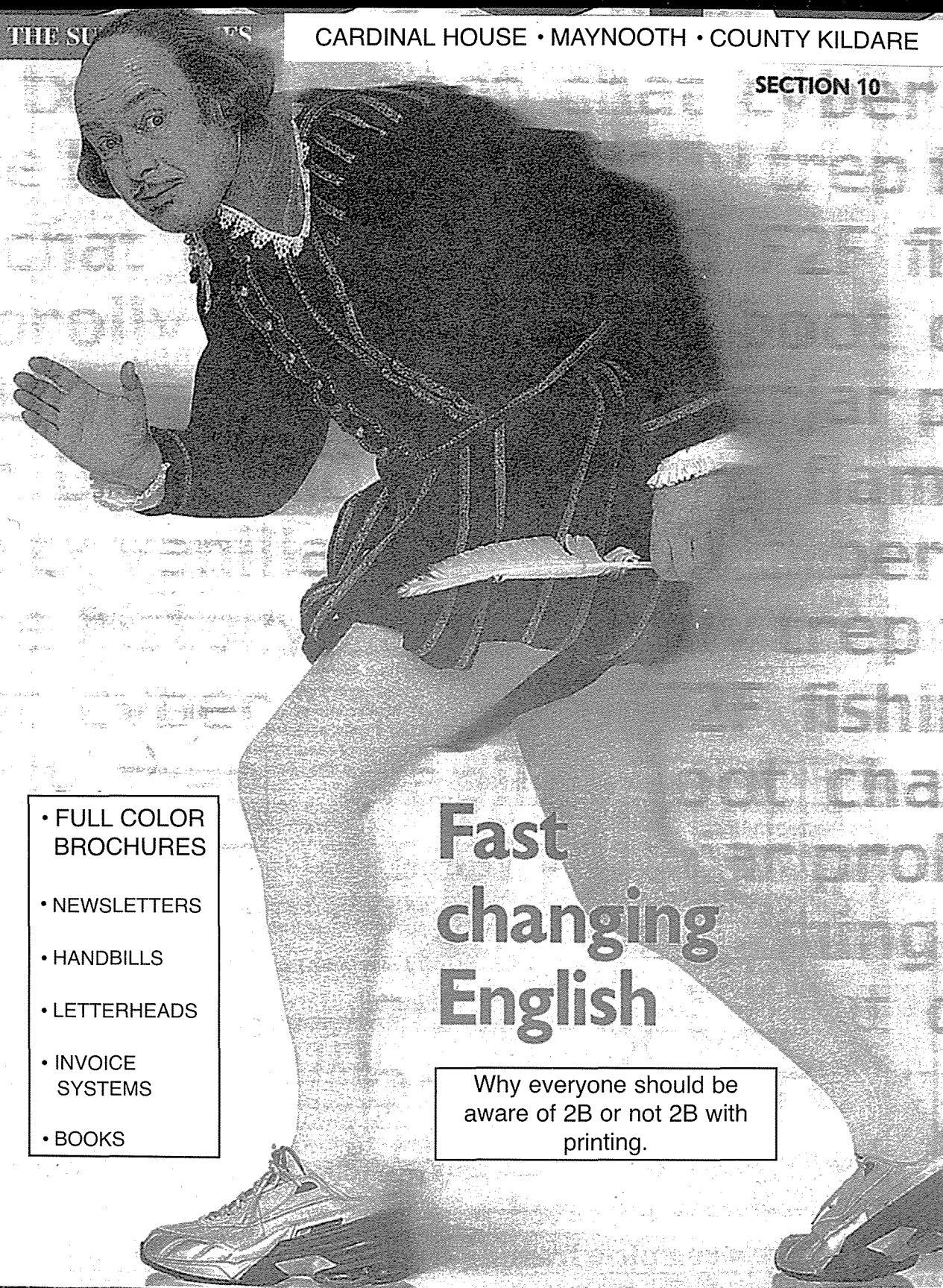
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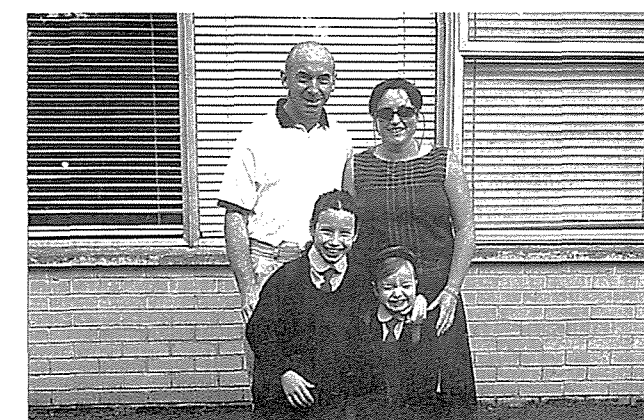
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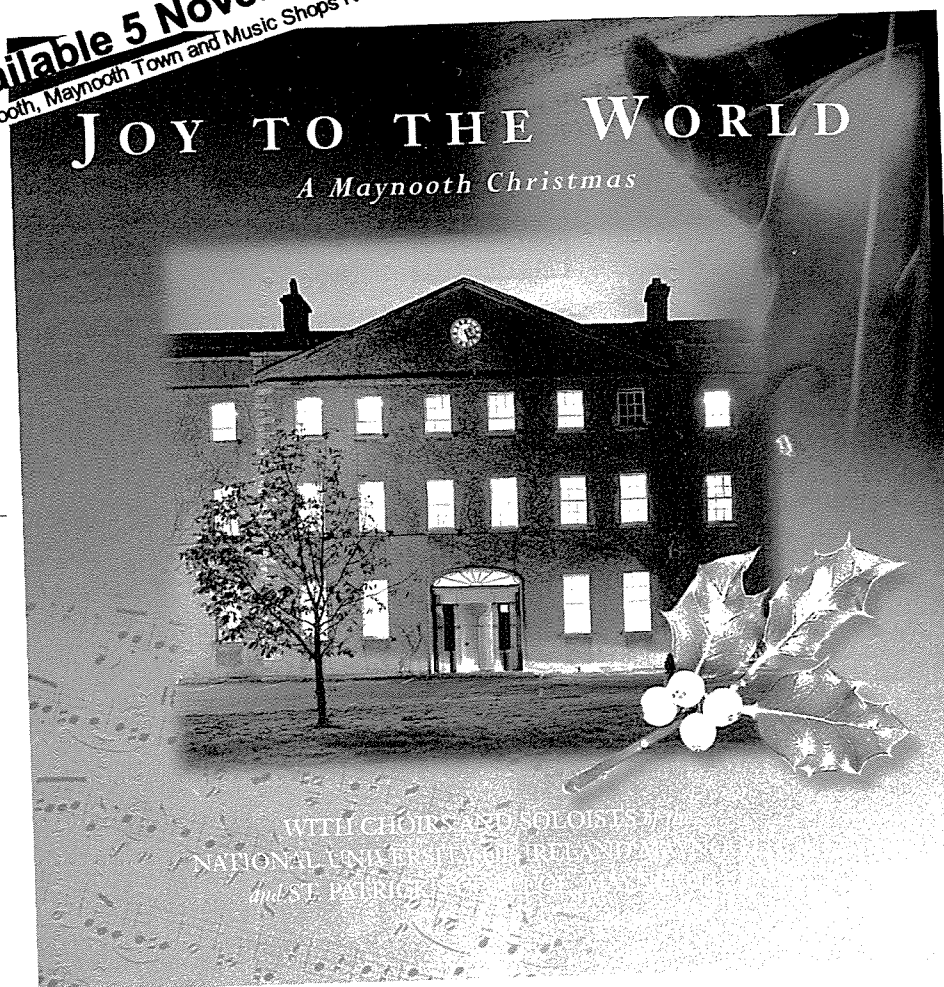
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Editorial

The world is still coming to terms with the aftermath of September 11th. It would seem that our own little world may never be the same again and this has shown up the fragile nature of the fledging Irish economy. Slowly the repercussions reverberate around the country with even the national air carrier at risk. This Celtic Tiger economy may be seriously injured and there is still so much that needs to be completed around the country. Let us hope that the good years have not been frittered away with little or no infrastructure to show for them. We are still facing roads clogged with traffic, a dreadful public transport system, little or no social housing and a health service that seems incapable of catering for the ever-lengthening queues. It is to be fervently hoped that we have not missed the particular boom as the results of our affluence can be seen in its negative guise.

At a local level, despite the obvious improvements to the town centre in particular so much has not been achieved heretofore at any rate. Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road are still in the planning stage, we are drowning in vehicular traffic and the public transport has not much improved. The town has taken a huge increase in students and permanent residents within the past 5 years and Maynooth groans to cope with the onslaught. There has been no increase or improvement in the necessary infrastructure. Let us hope that there is little or no increase in either population until some changes and developments take place.

The draft development plan indicates the presence of playing fields and even a public park for Maynooth and these are to be welcomed but there is still no perceptible movement in the area of the Harbour Field and it may be the case that even if this is moved on successfully that the funding available for such projects over the past number of years will no longer be so easily acquired. It may be too late for the swimming pool and/or sports complex that the community so desperately needs and that some have worked hard to achieve.

Finally, as Hallowe'en, Samhain, the festival of Chaos approaches, be careful with bonfires, fireworks and pet owners – keep in the dogs and cats in particular. Some people out there have a warped sense of fun.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As Chairman of the Board of Management of the Presentation Girls' Primary School, Maynooth, it was with some surprise that I read in the Liffey Champion of 28th July, and again in the September issue of the Maynooth Newsletter, Councillor John McGinley's suggestion that the Girls' Primary School be relocated on the Rathcoffey Road.

I believe that the Councillor's suggestion was well-intentioned and aimed primarily at ensuring the safety of the children entering and leaving our school. The Councillor is correct in drawing attention to the importance of safety for our pupils and in identifying traffic problem areas in the town.

I would like to assure the Councillor that we, the Board, also consider the safety of our pupils as an absolute priority. Indeed, we have been in correspondence with Kildare County Council for over two years with regard to the unsatisfactory situation at the school entrance. Our proposal to the Council that they permit bus bays at the entrance to the school thereby enabling safe and easy access as yet awaits a serious response.

The question of possible relocation of the school has never been raised either by the Department of Education & Science nor by the parents. Indeed there are plans well underway with the Department to extend the capacity of the school at its present location.

I should add, for the information of parents, that the question of co-education has never been raised as a live issue with the Board.

With kind wishes,

Yours sincerely,

**Monsignor Alex Stenson, P.P.,
Chairman Board of Management.**

Dear Editor,

We have been trying for the past year to get the College authorities to prune the trees on the College land opposite Parson Street. These trees are blocking the light to our houses and as a result our quality of life is suffering.

We carried out a survey of all the houses in Parson Street in September 2000 and they unanimously agreed that they wanted the trees pruned. We advised the President of the College, Monsignor Dermot Farrell of this.

Unfortunately, no action has been taken by the College so far. We hope that this letter may get a positive result.

Yours faithfully,

Concerned Residents of Parson Street.

P.S. We were disappointed to hear that the College refused permission for The Newsletter to be sold outside the College Chapel while St Mary's was closed for repairs.

Dear Editor,

"The Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice & Home Care Service in Kildare would like to thank all those who donated so generously to the recent nationwide Hospice Coffee Morning. The day was a great success with further substantial contributions to the Hospice Fund. We are greatly encouraged by the continuing interest in the Hospice and our sincere appreciation goes to all those who support our fund-raising efforts." Thank you for your help. If there is a problem or query I can be reached on tel: 6285504. Maura Murphy

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The Community Council meeting was held on the 8th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Flag Day Collection

The collection which took place over two days was a great success this year.

Treasurer Willie Sauls thanked all involved.

Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns Committee was congratulated on a very good result this year in the Tidy Towns Competition.

Their prize night will take place on the 15th October in the Glenroyal Hotel. Paul Croghan thanked Coonans for their sponsorship during the year.

Traffic Lights

Claire O'Rourke felt that some traffic coming from the Straffan Road to the Town were going through the red lights.

However, it was stated that the pedestrian crossing at the Bank of Ireland is to go and new lights to be put in place at Parson Street.

It is now estimated that this will be at a cost of £130,000.

New lights are also needed at Parklands and these would serve traffic coming from the Train Station.

New Street Signs

Again this issue of the long awaited street signs was raised. It was stated that it will be another three months before they are ready.

It was generally felt that there was great disappointment with Kildare County Council, it is like facing a brick wall trying to get improvements done it was stated.

Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that things are changing in Kildare County Council. He envisaged a new and modern approach taking place.

It was decided to write to Kildare County Council about all our outstanding local matters.

Bond Bridge

Bond Bridge design stage is just ready and plans are being finalised stated Cllr. John McGinley.

However some members felt that the bridge was still a very real danger in its present state. Pdraig O Murch  wanted some safety measures put in place now.

He suggested putting traffic lights on the bridge. Cllr.

John McGinley felt it would take too long to get lights. It was felt that a short term plan should be put in place. Peter O'Connell suggested putting ramps in to slow traffic. It was decided to go with the ramps suggestion.

Flooding in Maynooth

John Doogan raised the very worrying problem of further flooding.

All estates on the Rathcoffey Road are in real danger of flooding. It is hoped that measures will be put in place to stop this dreadful problem.

It was also stated that the stream in Parson Street is in a dreadful state with rubbish. People living in Parson Street are worried again about more flooding. They wanted the wall to be repaired

Maynooth Development Plan

The amended Maynooth Development Plan goes to the full Council for approval on the 22nd October. The Plan is on display in the Library as well as the Carton Avenue Plan.

Marie Gleeson

P.R.O.

The next Community Council meeting will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel on 12th November 2001.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth BNS News

As you saw from last month's cover pictures the boys in Junior Infants have settled in well to school and are enjoying the work and all their new friends. The school is a hive of activity and as well as all the school work there are many extra activities going on.

Irish Dancing

Rita Doyle is back teaching all the boys from Infants to Fourth how to dance their jigs and reels. She also takes classes on Wednesdays from 2 - 3 p.m. for Infants and from 3 - 4 for older children. Pupils from other schools are welcome to these classes.

Basketball

Over one hundred boys are taking Basketball as an after school activity with an International Basketball Coach. In addition Mr. Grundy's lunchtime leagues are well underway.

Gaelic Games

The first term has been a busy one on the GAA front with Mr. Downes, Mr. Murphy and Mr. O'Connor putting teams into inter-school competitions. No silverware this year so far but Mr. Downes' football team did very well indeed reaching the county semi-final where they were narrowly beaten by Monasterevin.

Tree Week

First Class with their teachers Ms. Gunn and Ms. Brosnan went for a guided walk in Donadea Woods to mark the occasion.

Parents' Association

The AGM of the Parents' Association was held on 16th October and was a very busy meeting. The parents also organised a very successful Social Evening in the GAA on Friday 19th October.

Fr. John Sinnott

All the pupils, staff and parents want to wish Fr. John every success in his new job in Bonnybrook in Dublin. Fr. John was Chairperson of the Board of management for the last 4 years and worked tirelessly on behalf of the school.

Computer Courses

There are 2 computer courses on in the school every week run by Ms. Carr and Mr. Grundy for parents of children in the school. They are helping the mums and dads to get to be as good as the children at computers.

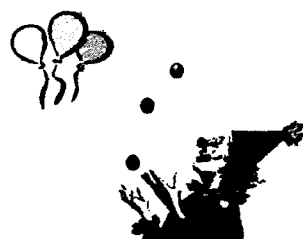
Chess Club

The Chess Club is back in action every Thursday under the watchful eyes of parents Gerry McCann and Pat McCarthy. The boys did well last year in tournaments and this year hope to equal, if not better their efforts

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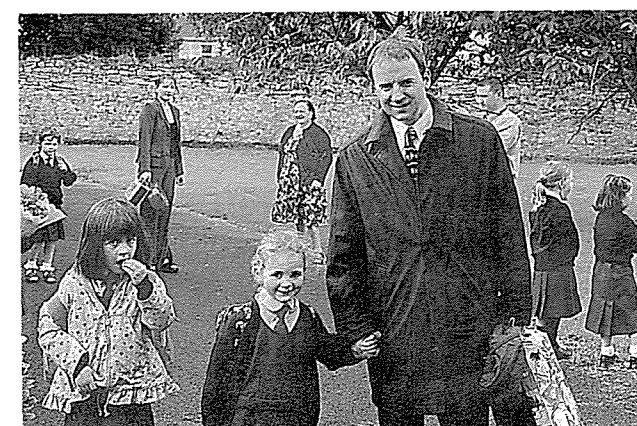
Ciara Davis



Danielle Shearer with Dad



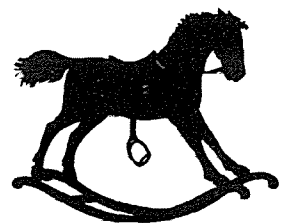
Hannah,
Leila, Valerie,
Ciara and Sinéad



Bríge Sweeney with Dad
Ciara Sweeney (not related)



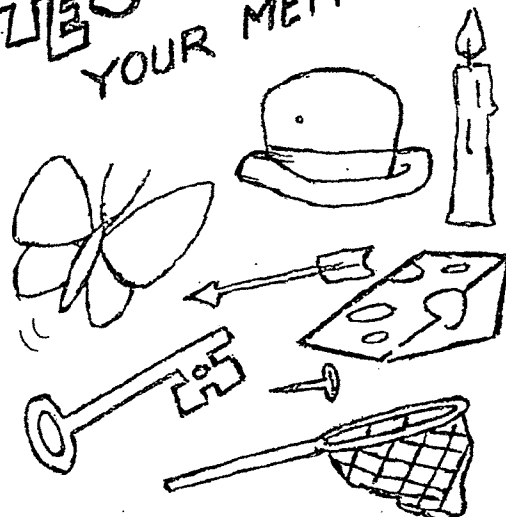
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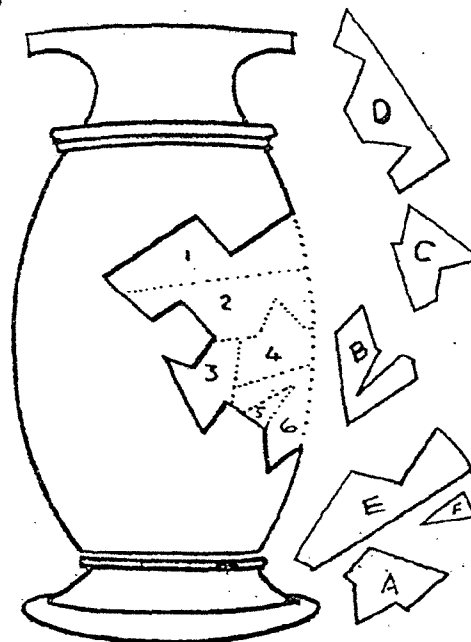
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3rd Margaret Breen
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Dorin's Recipes

Traditional Christmas Cake

You will need:

9 oz plain flour
1/4 level teaspoon salt
1 level teaspoon mixed spice
12 oz stoned raisins
12 oz sultanas
12 oz currants
2 oz candied peel, chopped
3 oz glace cherries, quartered
2 oz almonds, blanched and chopped
8 oz butter
8 oz soft brown sugar
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 1/2 level tablespoons black treacle
2 tablespoons brandy

Cooking time:

4 hours

Oven setting:

150c / 300f / Gas mark 2

140c / 275f / Gas mark 1

Method:

Line base and sides of a 8-inch round cake tin with a double layer of greaseproof paper, then tie a double band of brown paper 1-inch wider than the depth of the tin, round the outside. Sieve flour, salt and spice into a large bowl. Cream butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Beat in a little egg at a time.

Stir in treacle, then flour, dried fruit, peel, cherries and almonds. Turn mixture into prepared tin and bake in a cool oven for 3 hours, then reduce oven to very cool and bake for 1 1/2 hours, or until the skewer inserted in centre comes out clean.

Leave cake to cool in tin for 10 minutes, then turn it out to a wire tray; remove paper. When almost cold turn it upside down, pierce with a skewer and spoon brandy over. When completely cold wrap in greaseproof paper and foil, or store in an airtight tin.

Before almond pasting spoon a little more brandy over the top of the cake.

Christmas cake icing

You will need:

For the almond paste
12 oz ground almonds
6 oz caster sugar
6 oz icing sugar, sieved
3 egg whites
Few drops almond essence
3 tablespoons apricot jam, sieved
For the royal icing:
4 egg whites
2 lb icing sugar, sieved
4 teaspoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons glycerine

Method:

Mix almonds and sugar in a bowl, then blend in egg whites and almond essence to make a soft paste. Knead until it is smooth, divide in three equal portions. Roll one piece on a sugared board to a 8-inch circle. Roll remaining two-thirds to a strip the same depth as cake, and long enough to go all the way round edge. Brush sides of cake with apricot jam. Place long strip round sides and press firmly to join. Place circle of paste on top of cake. Allow to dry for at least 3 days before icing.

Whisk egg whites for royal icing until they become frothy. Add sugar, a tablespoon at a time, and beat well after each addition. Finally beat in lemon juice and glycerine. To prevent the icing hardening, cover bowl with a damp cloth.

Spread icing thickly over top and round sides of cake and draw it up in peaks with the handle of a teaspoon. Leave for a day to set then place decoration on top.

Christmas Pudding

You will need:

6 oz self raising flour
1 level teaspoon mixed spice
1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 level teaspoon ground nutmeg
8 oz fresh white breadcrumbs
12 oz dark brown sugar
1 x 375 packet currants
1 x 375g packet raisin
1 x 375g sultanas
4 oz mixed cut peel
4 oz cherries, washed, dried and halved
2 oz chopped almonds
Finely grated rind of 1 orange
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon
8 oz margarine, melted and cooled a little
3 large eggs
2 tablespoons brandy, rum or whiskey
1/2 pint Guinness

Beaten
together

Method:

Have ready two 2 pint / 1 litre pudding bowls then grease and base line each bowl with a circle of greaseproof paper. Cut large circles of double greaseproof paper for the tops and grease well. Make pleats crosswise in the paper. Cut a large circle of foil for each bowl and make pleats as for the greaseproof paper.

To make pudding

Sieve the flour and spices into a large mixing bowl. Add the breadcrumbs, sugar, prepared fruit, nuts, orange and lemon rind, then mix thoroughly. Make a well in the centre then pour in the melted margarine and beaten egg mixture. Mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon. Cover and leave to stand for 3-4 hours

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Mix again very well then divide the mixture evenly between the bowls and smooth the tops. Cover tightly with the greased greaseproof paper and tie down securely, under rim of bowl. Cover with foil and tie down again. Put a loop of string over the top to facilitate removing pudding when cooked.

Boiled or Steamed Christmas Pudding

Method:

Prepare the puddings and tie down as directed above. Stand the prepared puddings on upturned saucers in large saucepans and add 3 inches of **boiling water** to each saucepan. Cover with tight fitting lids and steam for 6 hours. Keep the pressure of steam up all the time topping up with **boiling water** when necessary. When the puddings are ready remove carefully from the saucepans and allow to cool completely. Remove the original covers and recover with double greaseproof paper (not greased) then store in a cool dry place. On Christmas day re-cover with greased greaseproof paper and foil and steam for another 2 hours.

Brandy Butter

You will need:

4 oz softened butter
8 oz icing sugar and 2 tablespoons brandy. Rum may also be used. Mix well together. Serve with hot pudding.

Festive Mince Pies

You will need:

8 oz plain flour
2 oz icing sugar
5 oz margarine
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon ice-cold water
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Filling: 12 oz mincemeat

Oven temperature:

Pre-heat to gas mark 6 / 400f / 200c

Shelf: Middle

Method:

Remove margarine from fridge about 1-2 hours before using. Sieve flour and icing sugar together. Place half the flour mixture in a mixing bowl, together with the margarine and beaten egg mixture. Cream with a fork until well mixed. Add the remaining flour and mix to a firm dough. Knead lightly until smooth. Place in a polythene bag or wrap in cling film and leave in refrigerator for 1 hour.

To cook mince pies:

Have ready 12 ungreased tartlet tins. Roll out two-thirds of the pastry thinly on a lightly floured table. Cut into rounds with a fluted cutter a little larger than the tins. Line the tins with these rounds sealing to the tins with the fingers. Place one heaped teaspoon of mincemeat in each. Roll out remaining pastry and cut into round, with a slightly smaller cutter to fit the tops. Brush round the pastry edges of the tarts with water and place the smaller rounds on top. Seal with fingers. Mark two little slits in the centre. Lightly beat the left-over egg white with a fork, brush over the pies and sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 15-20 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

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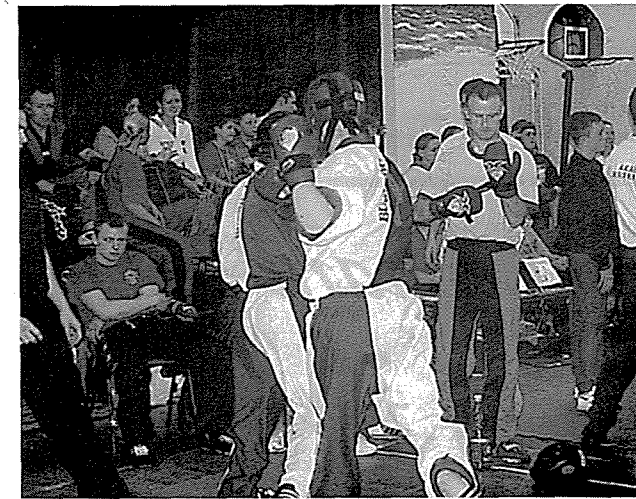
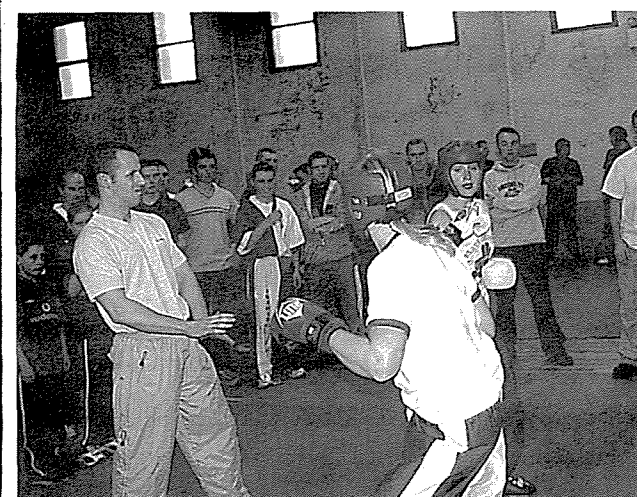
KICKBOXING

Maynooth Kickboxing Club has become very popular in the area. Trained by professionals there are boys and girls in the club from 5 years old onwards. It is a very safe sport for the children but it teaches great discipline and the children seem to enjoy themselves.

In Maynooth we have a World Champion in David Tarpey from College Green and the club is booming.

On Sunday the Parish hall hosted an All Ireland Tournament with clubs from Cork, Derry, Donegal, Clare, Monaghan, Lough and many clubs from Dublin.

It went on for most of the day and a large crowd enjoyed themselves greatly.



Some of the Action from the
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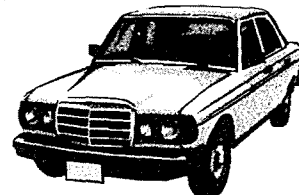
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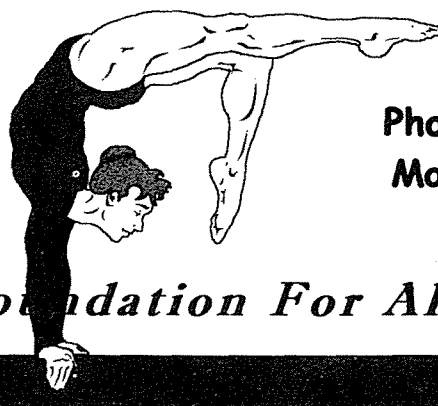
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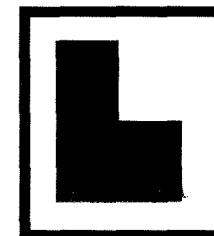
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS FOR GYMNASTICS SCHOOL.

Leonard's School Of Gymnastics has been in operation for a relatively short period of time. Yet in that short period of time the Gymnasts that have represented the school have dominated both the local and the County Championships of the Community Games. Last year the Gymnasts competed in the National Finals in Mosney and competed with distinction taking one gold and one bronze medal. Gymnasts representing Leonard's School Of Gymnastics competed in County that competed in the competition this year were much more prepared and showed their skills and talents by taking gold medals in practically all the age groups from Under Eight up to Under Fourteen. All of the Gymnasts trained very hard during the Summer months and a lot of credit is due not only to them but to their parents and also to the coaches involved namely Ailing Bhattacharya, Janeann Goff and Katelyn Beattie who put in a lot of time and effort into the children also. However this year in the under eight competition Leonard's School Of Gymnastics were absolutely delighted when Connor Malone and Shannon Martin both took silver medals in their respective under 8 competitions. Danny Cooney, who was the national champion in the Boys under 8 for last year, became champion again this year in the boys under 10. Danny's club mate Jeff Rellis took the bronze medal in the boys under 12 while Dane Tarnsey took gold in the boys under 14. That brought the total to five medals which is a huge result for any sports school. The School begins its new term on September 3rd in the various areas. The School has also had the honour of being approached by five different Principals from different Primary Schools to teach Physical Education and Gymnastics in the schools as part of their curriculum. Owing to this the fact that the children have loved the sport so much they have continued outside school hours and began training in the sport. From the 3rd September onwards the School takes on new membership. Owing to this it is important that members or potential new members should contact Leonard as soon as possible to book a place within the School. For further information the School can be contacted on 087-2462885. It is important to remember what Gymnastics has to offer. Please book early and new members are always welcome.



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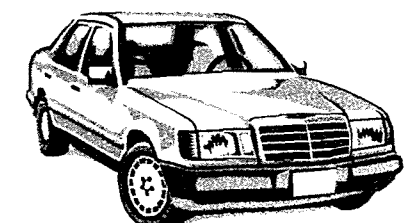
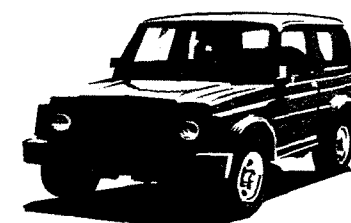
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Caring for a person with Alzheimer's

In Ireland we have a strong tradition of the extended family and of caring for the vulnerable within the family structure. This is an enriching and positive aspect of our culture. However it also means that about 22,000 people are currently caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia at home, often with little or no support.

In the past people's attitude to Alzheimer's Disease was very negative. So far, there isn't a cure for the disease and as it is a progressive degenerative condition, the symptoms tend to obscure the person inside. It's important to remember that people with Alzheimer's Disease are still people. The person with the disease is the same as they always were, even if their communication skills may become severely eroded or their behaviour totally out of character at times.

It is vital and urgent that care for this most vulnerable group should be provided in a manner that is appropriate and based on their particular and individual needs. It's also important to remember that not all people develop dementia in their 40s and 50s, and their needs are quite different to those of older people with dementia.

People with dementia need dementia specific care, whether that is provided at home, in the local community, or in a long-stay facility.

Carers do a huge and valuable job which can be very difficult, often carried out at a huge personal cost. Carers need recognition for the service they provide. They also need support to continue caring for their loved one at home. Emotional, practical and financial support are essential.

Alzheimer's society operates the Alzheimer National Helpline - freephone 1800 341 341 - which is open 10am - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Please come to Saint Patrick's College on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm. to support a very worthy cause. See list of speakers in this issue.

Our Common Christian Heritage

A Discussion Group was formed in St. Mary's Parish, Maynooth almost two years ago. Last Autumn the group ran a series of stimulating sessions on various issues concerning the Bible, Church Teaching and Morality at Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip.

This Autumn, in association with the Irish School of Ecumenics and the Reverend Adrian Wilkinson, rector, Church of Ireland Parish, Maynooth, a series of mini-seminars have been organised to give people and opportunity to reflect on the way in which the several Christian Churches give witness to the presence of Christ in the world.

The series which will take place at Maynooth Post-Primary School will begin with two sessions on the historical background to the Reformation and then look

at each of the main Christian Churches in turn, focussing on historical origins, place within the Christian Community and the way in which each bears witness in the 21st century.

It will end with two sessions on general ecumenical matters.

We are most grateful to our ten presenters for helping us with this project. We are also deeply grateful to Mr. Sean Ashe, Principle, and the Kildare Vocational Educational Committee for making the Maynooth Post-Primary School available to us.

We hope all who attend will benefit by prayerful listening, reflecting, questioning and contributing to discussion.

Gabriel Martin (6285357) Tom Scally (6285078) Msgr. Alex Stenson, P.P. (6286220) & Rev. Adrian Wilkinson.

PROGRAMME:

Thursday 8th Nov: The Presbyterian Church
Speaker: Reverend Katherine Meyer,
Moderator of the Dublin and
Munster Presbytery.
Chaplain to TCD.

Thursday 15th Nov: Ecumenism-Whither?
Speaker: Pamela Stotter,
Irish School of Ecumenics.

Thursday 22nd Nov: Ecumenical Progress
Speaker: Dr. Andrew Pierce,
Irish School of Ecumenics.

Medieval Ireland 1150-1550;

'Medieval Ireland 1150-1550', a new permanent exhibition at the National Museum of Ireland, documents, for the first time ever in a major exhibition, life in Ireland from the period of church reform and the English or Anglo-Norman invasion in the 12th century to the Reformation in the mid 16th century. This was the age of cathedrals, monasteries and castles; the colonisation of Ireland by English settlers and the foundation of most of our towns, when a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society emerged. It was an age of frequent warfare, which ended with the Reformation and with the increasing power of the English monarch in Irish affairs with the establishment of Henry VIII as Lord of Ireland. In this way the later Middle Ages set the pattern and pace of events for the succeeding 500 years of Irish history.

In conjunction with this exhibition, eminent Irish scholars will give a series of public lectures in the National Museum of Ireland, Kildare Street.

Admission is free.

Lunchtime lectures will be of 30 minutes duration.

Evening lectures will be of 1 hours duration.

Wednesday 7th November 2001 1.00 and 6.30

Goldsmithing in Later Medieval Ireland.

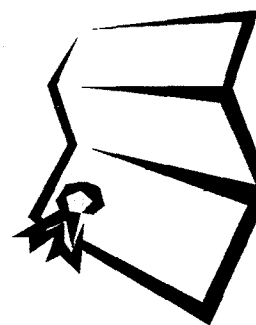
Ragnal O Floinn MA, Curator, National Museum of Ireland.

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Medieval Ireland 1150-1550; (cont'd)

Wednesday 14th Nov. 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm
The Regalia of Medieval Gaelic Royalty.
Dr. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Department of Archaeology,
N.U.I.Galway.
Wednesday 21th Nov. 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm
'And some loquacious Vessels were' :Pottery in
Medieval Ireland.
Clare McCutcheon MA, Freelance Ceramic
Researcher.
Wednesday 28th November 2001 1.00pm and 6.30
Masons, Monks and Bishops: the Architecture of
Medieval Ireland.
Professor Roger Stalley, Department of History of Art,
Trinity College, Dublin.
Wednesday 5th December 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm
The europeanisation of the Irish church in the 12th
Century.
Dr. Marie Therese Flanagan, School of Modern
History, Queen's University, Belfast.
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Memories in Sport

The eighties were a very exciting time in Ireland for the sport of cycling. Kelly and Roche were on everyone's lips. People spoke of Van der Pole, Greg Lemond, Delgado and Fignon the same way as they now speak of their overpaid soccer heroes.

In the 70s Sean Kelly signed as a domestique (a rider who is there only to help the no 1 rider to win) for £6000 a year. The posers in soccer now earn that a day.

Kelly, a bricklayer and farmer is still recognised in Europe as the toughest cyclists of all time. He was world points champion for numerous years and won the Green Jersey in the Tour de France several times.

He won his first Classic in 1983 with the Tour of Lombardy in which four riders were within a foot of each other Kelly winning by one inch from Le Monde six from Van der Pole and twelve from Kuiper.

Known as King Kelly and is recognised as the greatest cyclist never to have won the Tour de France.

Then along came Stephen Roche, 1987 was his year of fame. Not noted as a brilliant mountain cyclist Roche held the Yellow Jersey to the bottom of the climbs. Delgado took over the Yellow and was expected to lead well when the big climbs were over. Delgado was known as the "Goat" because of his power in the mountains. These mountains make McGillacuddy look like a little hill. Delgado took a good lead and looked to have broken Roche and crossed the stage line triumphantly but to the amazement of the crowd following close behind was Roche who had cut the deficit to 29 seconds. More trouble, he collapsed and the sight of him with oxygen being pumped into him was frightening. He was rushed to hospital but was back on his bike next morning for some lesser climbs. He had cut the deficit to 21 seconds and with the time trial to come the race was his. Already having won the Giro in Italy he went into the World Championship in Austria. Against team regulations Roche and Kelly rode for each other with Kelly winning being the plan. Towards the end Kelly realising he was not well enough to win told Roche to go for it which he did and won the race by 20 yards. Outside the Belgian Eddy Mercks, Roche was the only rider to win the three main classics in one year. One cannot finish on cycling in the 80s without mentioning the bravery of Greg Le Monde. The first American to win the professional road race at world championships. That was in 1983.

In 1987 he was in a shooting accident where 60 pellets were fired into his back and side collapsing his lung. His liver and kidney were also hit and two pellets were lodged in the wall of his heart.

A lot of pellets were left in there. He was ditched by his team PDM but he signed for ADR with a big cut in wages. That was at the start of 1989. He started badly but later he came second in the final stage of the Tour of Italy.

The tour came down to the final day the time trial with Fignon well ahead. So confident was Fignon that he did not wear his helmet letting his long hair blow in the breeze. Le Monde clocked an average of 34 mph the fastest time ever in the tour time trial and duly won the race.

This is just an example of some of the hardest men in what is recognised as the hardest sport in the world.

Pius Kelly.



Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/1623	Michael & Patricia Brennan	174 The Rise, Rockfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	31/08/01	sought for conservatory to rear and first floor bedroom extension	174 The Rise, Rockfield, Maynooth.
01/1684	Bernard Bonfill	2 Gleans Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7.	P	12/09/01	sought to demolish bungalow and erect a single storey Health Clinic with a 2 storey entrance block, attic storage, car parking and associated site works	2 Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1669	Brian McHale & Grainne Butler	"Meadow View", Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	05/09/01	sought for dormer bungalow, domestic garage & secondary effluent treatment system	Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1707	Patrick Comerford	Little Hintock, Greenfields, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	17/09/01	sought for a lower level, ground floor & first floor extension to rear of	2 Pound Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1698	Shane & Patricia Clynne	24 Woodview, Lucan, Co. Dublin.	P	17/09/01	sought for construction of a 5 bedroom, 2 storey, dormer style dwelling house and double garage with associated site works, (including new vehicular entrance way off public road and biodisc sewage treatment unit and percolation area).	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1539	Pat Comerford	Little Hintock, Greenfields, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	16/08/01	sought for the demolition of existing two storey building and the construction of new two storey office	Double Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1528	Aidan Burke	Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	15/08/01	planning permission is sought to construct dormer bungalow and biocycle waste water treatment plant	Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1479	Jennifer Reddy	35 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	08/08/01	sought for dormer bungalow and septic tank	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Planning Permissions contd.

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/1560	Patrick King	Mariaville, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	A	20/08/01	sought for new two storey with roof storey apartment block containing 12 apartments, with car parking to front and widening of vehicle access	Mariaville, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.
01/1574	Leatron Developments Ltd.	Millrace manor, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	21/08/01	sought for residential development comprising of 18 no. 1 bedroomed apartments and 72 no. 2 bedroomed apartments in 6 no. 3 storey blocks, together with vehicular access/egress through Parson Lodge, pedestrian access/egress to Parson Street etc.	Parson Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1585	John Gallagher	Taghadoe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	23/08/01	sought for dormer bungalow, septic tank, percolation area, entrance from public road and associated works.	Taghadoe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1576	Jane Flood	Clonfert House, Clonfert, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	24/08/01	sought for two storey house and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Clonfert North, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1600	Connie Larkin	8 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	27/08/01	sought for first floor extension to side of house	8 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1601	David O'Reilly	7 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	27/08/01	sought for first floor extension to side of house	7 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1626	Carton Demesne Ltd.	Carton Demesne, Carton, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	31/08/01	sought for revisions to approved tourism/leisure development scheme. PA Ref 441/91 and An Bord Pleanala PL 9/5/88418. The revisions include the change of use from office to bedroom accommodation of the first floor of the kitchen wing, etc.	Carton Demesne, Moygaddy, Maynooth



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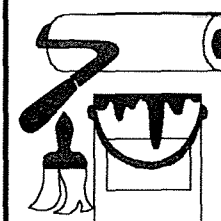
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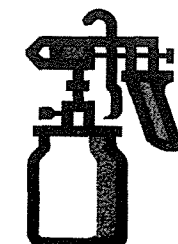
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Features

Where does your surname come from ?

Douglas Hyde was a noted Gaelic scholar and the following article gives his ideas on the Irish language and surname. Hyde was born in 1860. In 1939 he became the first President of Ireland.

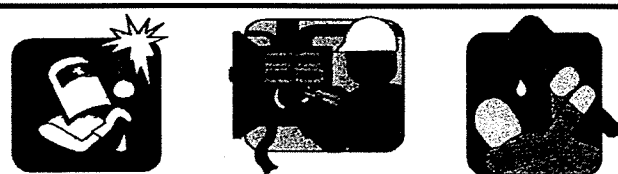
In America the first Chauncey who went to, I think, Maryland, in the middle of the last century, and who had twelve sons, who called themselves Chauncey, and from whom most of or all the Chauncey in America are descended. I know people who have translated their names within the last ten years. This vile habit is going on with almost unabated vigour, and nobody has ever raised a protest against it. Out of the many hundreds of O'Byrnes - offshoots of the great Wicklow chieftains - in the city of New York, only four have retained that name all the rest have taken the Scotch name of Burns. I have this information from two of the remaining four, both friends of my own, and both splendid Gaelic scholars, though from opposite ends of Ireland, Donegal and Waterford.

Of two brothers of whom I was lately told, though I do not know them personally, one is an O'Gara and still condescends to remain connected with the patron of the Four Masters and a thousand years of a glorious past, whilst the other (through some etymological confusion with the word Caraim which means 'I love') calls himself Mr Love! Another brother remains a Brehony, thus showing his descent from one of the very highest and most honourable titles in Ireland - a Brehon, lawgiver and poet; the other brother is John Judge. In fact, hundreds and thousands of Irishmen prefer to drop their honourable Milesian names and call themselves Groggins or Duggan or Higgins or Guthry or any other beastly name, in preference to the surnames of warriors, saints, and poets; and the melancholy part of it is, that not one single word of warning or remonstrance has been raised, as far as I am aware, against this colossal cringing either by the Irish public press or public men.

But it is the last sixty years that have made most havoc with our Milesian names. It seemed as if the people were possessed with a mania for changing them to something - anything at all, only to get rid of the Milesian sound. 'Why' said O'Connell, once talking to a mass-meeting of Lord Chancellor Sugden. 'Yet he never uttered a word of remonstrance at the O'lahiffs, O'Brollahans, and MacRorys becoming under his eyes Guthrys, Bradleys, and Rogerses. It is more than a little curious, and a very bad augury for the future independence of Ireland, that men of education and intelligence like Carleton the novelist, or Hardiman author of the 'History of Galway' and the 'Irish Minstrelsy', should have changed their Milesian names, one from that of O' Cairellan, who was ancient chief of Clandermot, the other from the well-know name of O'Hargadain.

In Connacht alone I know scores of Gatelys, Sextons, Baldwins, Foxes, Coxes, Footes, Greenes, Keatings who are really O'Gatlies, O'Sesnans, O'Mulligans, O'Shanahans, MacGillacullys, O'Trehys, O'Honeens, and O'Keateys.

The Hennesys are Harringtons, the O'Kinsellaghs, Kingsleys and Tinslys, the O'Feehillys Pickleys, and so on. O'Donovan, writing 1862, gives a list of names which had recently been changed in the neighbourhood of Cootehill, Co Cavan. These Irish names of MacNebo, MacIntyre, MacGilroy, MacTernan, MacCorry, MacOscar, MacBrehon O'Clery, Murtagh, O'Drum, ect., were becoming or had become, Victory, Victoria, Callwell, Freeman, King, Nugget, Gilman, Leonard, Godwin, Goodwin, Smyth, Golderich, Golding, Masterton, Lind, Crosby, Grosby, Crosse, Corry, Judge, Brabacy, Brabazon, Clarke, Clerkin, Cunningham, Drummond.



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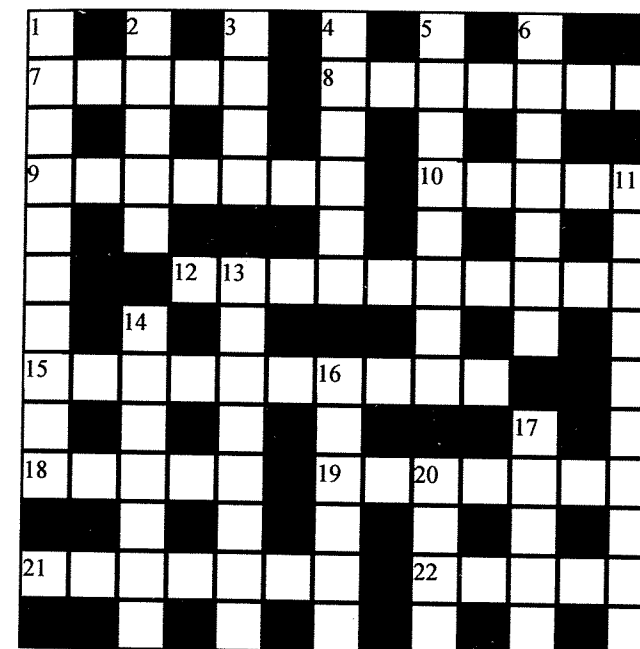
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7. Residence (5)
8. Feign (7)
9. Pardon (7)
10. Bury (5)
12. Praise (10)
15. Agree (10)
18. Door catch (5)
19. Provisional (7)
21. Anger (7)
22. Find out (5)

Down:

1. Histrionic (10)
2. Search (5)
3. Sense (4)
4. Maintain (6)
5. Insurrection (8)
6. Pagan (7)
11. Withdrawal (10)
13. Impend (8)
14. Guard (7)
16. Hurt (6)
17. Smash (5)
20. Incline (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 160

Across: 6 Imperil; 7 Tutor; 9 Sleek; 10 Gratify;
 12 Derangement; 14 Quicksilver; 18 Receive;
 19 Store; 21 Sever; 22 Frailty.

Down: 1 Imply; 2 Delete; 3 Hid; 4 Custom;
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D.D.S.L. Under 9A1

Confey (1) 1 v Maynooth Town (0) 1

Maynooth Town Under 9A1 sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Main St. Maynooth

Defending league and Cup champions Confey found Maynooth a real handful in this under 9A1 clash. The large crowd were treated to a real dingdong contest between two fine sides. End to end football and plenty of goalmouth incidents were the order of the day. Maynooth keeper Cian Egan proved a fine last line of defence with some top class saves. Ciaran Kearney proved fully recovered from his recent injury with a star performance. John Comerford, Conor Glynn and Chris Hobbs arrived with Confey leading 1-0 and just shading a tight contest on merit.

On the resumption Maynooth upped a gear to grab the initiative with a fine team performance. Garvan Dowling proved a rock of strength at the back in the second period. Confey were now on the back foot as Maynooth strove for an equaliser. Substitute Andy Foxe proved up to the task as he determinedly fought his way into a scoring position and found the net with a fine shot. Not satisfied with a share of the spoils Maynooth fought hard for victory and were unlucky not to achieve their goal with some near misses. This was a wonderful committed performance by both teams and a great advert for schoolboy football form both teams.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, Chris Hobbs, Shane Hawthorne, Conor Glynn, Garvan Dowling, Cian Egan, Ciaran McCourt, Mark Donnellan, John Comerford

D.D.S.L. Under 9A1

Maynooth Town (1) 2 v Rathcoole Boys (1) 2

Maynooth Town Under 9A1 sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Main St. Maynooth

This was a keenly fought contest between two well matched sides. Both teams displayed a panache for passing, attacking football. Both sides strove hard for dominance and early exchanges proved terse and exciting. Rathcoole were first to break the deadlock midway through the first half with a well worked goal. This sparked the Maynooth lads to greater efforts and they were rewarded with a penalty for handball. Conor Glynn duly tucked the spot kick away to leave the half time score 1-1.

The second half resumed in a similar vein with plenty of goal mouth incidents and fine attacking football. John Comerford stuck the crossbar with a fine effort. Shane Hawthorne and Andy Foxe linked well with Ciaran Kearney only for Andy to fire just wide. The efforts of the visitors were rewarded with a fine opportunist goal by Mark Donnellan. Rathcoole boys would not be denied though and strove hard for an equaliser. Their efforts were rewarded when the Maynooth defence failed to keep a tight reign on one of the Rathcoole forwards. His simple tap in tied the match 2-2. Though Maynooth could have won they game this was a fair enough result under the circumstances.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Conor Glynn, Garvan Dowling, Cian Egan, Ciaran McCourt, Mark Donnellan & John Comerford

Brefner NDL Under 17B

Maynooth Town 3 v St. Pauls Artane 2

Maynooth Town Under 17's sponsored by Maxwell Mooney Solicitors Main St. Maynooth

Maynooth Town u/17s played their first home game of the season against St. Pauls Artane. Maynooth started brightly and played some excellent football with Gary McMahon and Mark Newton in midfield taking control

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Town F.C. contd.)

and spraying lovely passes to the two wide players Neil Dempsey and Brian Downey. Despite all the pressure from the home side, it was the visitors who took the lead after some indecision in the Maynooth penalty area. The second half began with Maynooth pushing forward looking for the equaliser but they got caught on the break and conceded a second goal. Despite this setback the home side continued to create some excellent scoring chances with Alan Brennan coming close a number of times. Justice was done when Gary McMahon scored the first of the Maynooth goals with a wonderful header from a corner. The second soon followed with Brian Downey lobbing the St. Pauls keeper with a beautiful chip from twenty yards. Ten minutes from time the winning goal that Maynooth thoroughly deserved came when Neil Dempsey after striking a corner kick, saw the visiting goalkeeper fumble the ball into his own net. St. Pauls came forward looking for the equaliser but some staunch defending by James Keegan and Ciaran McCullagh ensured that Maynooth secured the three points that they deserved.

Maynooth from: S.Healy, D.Rooney, A.McMahon, C.McCullagh, J.Keegan, G.McMahon, L.Fagan, B.Downey, M.Newton, A.Dempsey, A.Brennan, B.Shields N. Dempsey, D Nelson, N Dunne and M. Mahoney

Brefner NDL Under 17B

Mid-Sutton 2 v Maynooth Town 6

Maynooth Town Under 17's sponsored by Maxwell Mooney Solicitors Main St. Maynooth

Maynooth Town U/17s travelled to beautiful Malahide Castle for this clash with Mid-Sutton but spent little time admiring the scenery before setting about the task of winning this game in a professional and clinical manner. After conceding an early goal, Maynooth raised their performance and carried the game to their opponents with the midfield pairing of Gary McMahon and Lorcan Fagan in fine form. The home defence were kept busy by the darting runs of Mark Newton and Brian Downey on both flanks and it was no surprise when, five minutes later, Maynooth equalised through Lorcan Fagan. Maynooth added two more goals before the break, both coming from excellent finishing by Alan Brennan, to one goal from Mid-Sutton. At the restart Maynooth suffered a setback with the injury of James Keegan who had been having an excellent game at centre half. Forced to reshuffle their forces, with Alex Dempsey moving to mid field and Brian Shields coming on up front, the visitors actually lifted their performance to a higher level and completely dominated the remainder of the match. This second half display was capped by three more Maynooth goals of the highest quality. The first from Gary McMahon was a wonderful strike from thirty-five yards that left the Mid-Sutton goalkeeper grasping at thin air. Man of The Match, Alan Brennan, then snatched another two, to bring his total to four. Mid-Sutton, to their credit, continued to press forward, but staunch defending by Alex McMahon, Ciaran McCullagh and Declan Rooney denied them any clear chances. Another encouraging aspect of this game was the performance of new goalkeeper, Stephen Healy.

Maynooth from: S.Healy, D.Rooney, A.McMahon, C.McCullagh, J.Keegan, G.McMahon, L.Fagan, B.Downey, M.Newton, A.Dempsey, A.Brennan, B.Shields N. Dempsey, D Nelson, N Dunne and M. Mahoney

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Review of 2001 and Plans for 2002

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What we are:

- ♦ We are part of a National Movement that has been in existence for over 40 years.
- ♦ Our role of Tidy Towns is to enhance our town in co-operation with the local authority and other voluntary effort to take part in the National Tidy Towns Competition.
- ♦ The role is also to raise awareness of environmental issues as they impact on our community.

What we are not:

- ♦ We are not a local clean up group.
- ♦ We are not a group that substitutes for the work of the local authority. We depend on them.

Activities in 2000 - 2001

Disappointments for 2000 - 2001

- ♦ Failure to see any impact from Kildare County Council's Parks Department funding.
- ⇒ We requested that any funding this year would focus on two areas O'Neill Park and the Straffan Road near the Straffan Court Hotel.
- ⇒ Weeds on the Straffan Road are becoming unsightly and need to be included in the work of the local authority.

Positive developments for Tidy Towns

- ♦ Green Town 2000 award Certificate and £500 prize.
- ♦ Special Merit Awards win in the National Tidy Towns Competition - for the highest increase in marks in Co. Kildare. Very positive report from the judges this year.
- ♦ New Community Employment Project with Royal Canal Amenity Group known as the Maynooth Environmental Group to enhance Pound Park.

Positive developments in Maynooth

- ♦ Bus Turning Points
- ♦ New Roundabout at Business Park which will become the focal point at the entrance to the town.
- ♦ Very attractive developments particularly in the back lanes.
- ♦ "Intel Involved" hanging baskets project.
- ♦ Other projects supported by Intel are trees at Straffan Lodge, Shrub beds at the Church and spring bulbs in Pound Park.
- ♦ Seven Day street cleaning (cleaning over seven days rather than seven days cleaning)

Positive Contributions from the people of Maynooth

- ♦ Ongoing support for Tidy Towns Annual Collection.

Special thanks to people not involved in Tidy Towns.

- ♦ Mary Fitzgerald, Dorin Goyvaerts, Patricia Sweeney, John Sweeney, Bernadette Duffy and Des Matthews and Margaret Howe.
- ♦ The staff of Kildare County Council, Maynooth without whose hard work would not have been so successful this year. All doing many tasks but especially associated with the following.
 - ⇒ The Trees in Main Street (Shay Corbally)
 - ⇒ Illegal Signage (Mick Dempsey)
 - ⇒ Litter Control (Leo Shannon)
 - ⇒ Also Ciaran Leavy, Seamus Reilly with the support of Donie McCormack, area Supervisor and Ailish Murray the area Engineer.
 - ⇒ Litter Warden (Phil Baxter)
 - ⇒ Kildare County Councillors for their support, together with the local Dail Deputies and Minister McCreevy.
 - ⇒ The Schools for their litter awareness, recycling initiatives and other support.
 - ⇒ Joe Buckley and John Dolan for their support in the sponsorship and erection of the hanging baskets as well as the people who nurtured the flowers and allowed us to erect them on their premises. Eddie Treacy, Fiona White and the Library staff for the care of the planters outside the library.
 - ⇒ Maura Baxter who co-ordinated the flower displays this year and got her hands dirty.
 - ⇒ Residents Associations for their estate cleanups and maintenance which always helps the scoring. This mark remained static this year, but will hopefully increase next year.
 - ⇒ Businesses in Maynooth who through their efforts help to increase our marks.
 - ⇒ Maynooth Community Council for their ongoing support.
 - ⇒ Maynooth Action Strategy for their success in achieving the funding (£100,000) for the Carton Avenue project. Maynooth Tidy Towns had maintained this area for almost ten years, through schemes and in the last four years through the efforts of Bob O'Reilly.
 - ⇒ Michael Gaffney and family for maintaining the verge outside Charter House.
 - ⇒ We welcome the support of Conor Mallaghan and Carton House in their commitment to maintain this area into the future. It is a great relief to our burden. Cllr. Griffin was instrumental in getting this arrangement in place. Also Mr. Willie Carroll and Eileen Quinlivan both from Kildare County Council Enterprise Office who are the project managers and are putting significant time and effort into this project and Minister McCreevy for the money.
 - ⇒ Mr. Cliff Murphy and Family for the maintenance of their attractive garden in Parson Street.

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⇒ Holy Spirit Convent, Moyglare Road, for their support.

Plans 2001 - 2002

- ♦ Progress with the Pound Park through the Maynooth Environmental Group with the ultimate aim of handing the maintenance over to Kildare County Council. Thanks to Tom Flatley and the crew for their work to-date.
- ♦ Create a surface on the bank of the Royal Canal in association with MAS and the Local History group in an application to the Kildare Sports Partnership.
- ♦ We have applied for Litter Awareness Funding to provide in association with others segregated bins for bottles, cans and papers in an effort to link litter with recycling.
- ♦ Recycling facilities exist in the town and we would encourage their use. There will be a recycling facility in Kilcock and we will encourage the use of this facility.
- ♦ Focus our activity on the approach roads to the town. We would welcome more local partnerships in our "Adopt a Spot" plan.
- ♦ Work closely with Kildare County Council in Maynooth and the Environment Section in Naas.
- ♦ New Members/New Ideas are welcome. The marks have increased from 159 (1996) to 200 (2001) target for 2002. An increase of 26%. A very successful record.

Paul Croghan,
Secretary,
Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy towns

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November

Thursday 1st

Flash Harry - A Tribute to Queen

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For almost nine years Flash Harry have been bringing their Queen tribute to fans all over Ireland and the UK. The band have impressed all who have seen them with sheer brilliance of their show. The performance incorporates all the elements which were Queen's trademark: extravagance, excellence in musicianship, professionalism, humour and of course the icing on the cake, Harry Hamilton whose portrayal of Freddie is nothing short of breathtaking. The show features all of the greatest hits including 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'We Are the Champions', and 'I Want to Break Free' as well as some of their lesser-known ballads. You are guaranteed to have your socks rocked off.....

Wednesday 7th

The Film Club

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£5(€6.35)

PATSY CLINE

Music & Memories

Thursday 8th

Patsy Cline - Music and Memories

featuring Sandy Kelly, George Hamilton IV and cast

£12.50 (€15.87)

Although it's been a generation or more since her death, the passing of the years have diminished neither the legend nor the music. Patsy Cline is, truly, one of the real "late great" of the entertainment world, with her music remaining as popular as when the world first became aware of it in the late 1950s and early 60. Patsy was a trendsetter and, during the few short years when she recorded her songs and appeared before audiences, her music made an impression that remains as fresh today as it did back then. Narrated by George Hamilton IV, with Sandy Kelly as Patsy, this performance proves that Patsy Cline's music remains as popular as ever.

Friday 16th

Niall Toibin

£17.50 (€22.22)

A household name in Ireland. Niall Toibin has spent over forty years as a actor and comedian in radio, theatre, and tv throughout the world. His theatre highlights include a performance as Brendan Behan in The Borstal Boy, as well as roles in The Iceman Cometh,

Hamlet and Brian Friel's Lovers. More recently his clerical role in Ballykissangel has further enhanced his reputation. Niall has devised fifteen one man shows which he has performed in Ireland and all over the world from the USA to Australia. His appearance in Newbridge is guaranteed to be a side-splitting occasion

Friday 23rd

Quartet for the End of Time

£10/8 (€12.70/10.16)

Ib Hausmann on clarinet heads this quartet of musicians comprising Mathias Lingenfelder on violin, Andreas Arndt on cello, and Peter Orth on Piano. Hausmann has toured extensively in Europe, Japan and America and is a former principal clarinetist with the Radio Symphony Orchestra in Leipzig. The programme for this evening performance includes, Debussy: Premiere Rapsodie for Clarinet and Piano, Fauré: Piano Trio in D minor Op. 120, Milhaud: suite Op. 157 for clarinet, violin & clarinet, Violin & piano, and Messiaen: Quartet for the End of Time. Quartet for the End of Time is a Music Network tour funded by the Arts Council and sponsored by the ESB.

SEAN KEANE

Saturday 24th

Sean Keane in Concert

£12.50 (€15.87)

With four solo albums and collection of favourites since 1994, Sean Keane has firmly established himself as one of Ireland's most esteemed and talented singers. He has been voted 'Performer of the Year' by the public for four years in succession, a testament to his popularity with his audiences. He has become renowned not only for his voice, which is unique, but also for his wit, humour and charm. As a member of one of Ireland's most celebrated musical families, traditional songs sung in a traditional style were a mark of his earliest performances. With his innate charisma and charm combined with his unique voice, his live shows are fast becoming legendary and he is gaining a reputation as one of the best live performers in Ireland.

VISUAL ARTS EVENTS

8th to 10th November

Exhibition of paintings by the Rose Cottage Art Group

15th to 17th November

Exhibition of paintings by the Pinewood Art Group

22nd to 24th of November

Exhibition of paintings by the Ivy Cottage Art Group

During the month of November three local art groups will be displaying the fruits of their artistic talents in the Riverbanks gallery spaces. This promises to be an annual event for art groups throughout County Kildare, enabling the broad range of county-wide amateur artists to exhibit their work to the public.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

The Senior Citizens Club reopened last September after the summer recess. Our club which is held in the I.C.A. hall meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning at half past ten for game of cards or bingo and chat over tea and cake. We always give a warm welcome to new members so if you would like to come and join us.

We would like to thank all those who helped to raise funds for us over the past few months, the time and effort that you put in is very much appreciated and the money will be put to good use over next few months.

Our Halloween party took place in the hall at Maynooth Post Primary on the 21 October. Afternoon tea was followed by dancing and talent of our club was not only displayed on the dance floor but also in the design of the wonderful costumes.

Sunday November 18th 2001 is an important date to mark into your diary. Our Sale of Work and Wheel of Fortune will take place in the Parish Hall Maynooth in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens Fuel and social Fund. The support of the people of Maynooth over the past years has been outstanding and this year we appeal to all our friends for any of the following items. Bottles for the bottle stall gifts for the wheel of fortune, or items for our stalls, white elephant, books hand crafts, plants and produce. We look forward to seeing you all on the 18th of November at Maynooth Parish Hall.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of all our Senior Citizens who have died over the past few months. May they rest in peace

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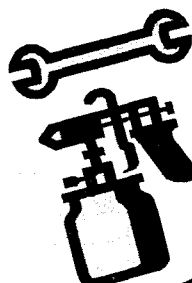
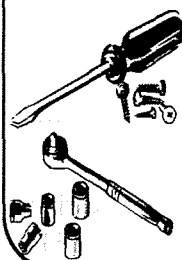
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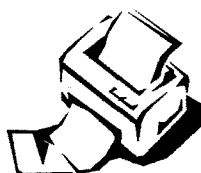
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Question

Question

I believe there has been some changes in the rules covering tax relief for third level fees. Can you please give the details?

Answer

For the academic year starting on the 1st August 2001 the restrictions and exclusions which previously applied to full-time and part-time undergraduate and post graduate courses have been removed. Tax relief is now available to those who already hold a third level qualification and to those repeating a year. It is also available for a wider range of courses in EU member states and for postgraduate courses in certain non-EU countries.

Tax relief for third level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in both private and publicly funded third level colleges in the state (previously undergraduate courses in publicly funded third level colleges were eligible only if they were part-time).
- Undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in publicly funded and duly accredited private third level colleges in any EU member state. This includes courses in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and teacher training which were previously excluded from undergraduate courses.
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) operated by colleges in any EU member state providing distance education in the state.
- Postgraduate courses in certain private and publicly funded third level colleges in non-EU countries.
- Information technology and foreign language courses resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance).

Tax relief, which is at the standard rate of income tax i.e. 20%, is only available where the net tuition fee is £250 or more. The maximum relief is £1,000 per courses. Applications forms (IT 31) are available from the Revenue Commissioners Tel: 01 8655002.

Further information is available from your own tax office, the Revenue Commissioners Central Telephone Information Office Tel: 01 8736100 and the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 01 6285477.

I heard that there have been some changes to the National Fuel Scheme. Has there been any change to the means test?

Answer

Yes, the income threshold has been increased and the period for which the scheme operates has also increased. However, the amount of the allowance remains the same.

The National Fuel Scheme is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or health board payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra £5.00 (euros 6.35) per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra £3.00 (euros 3.81) per week for smokeless fuel, but only if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. From October 2001 you and the members of your household cannot have more than £40 (euros 50.79) (was £30) per week combined income over the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension rate or savings/capital of £30,000 (euros 38,092.14) or more to qualify. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of £89.10 (euros 113.13) per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed £89.10 plus £40.00 i.e. £129.10 (euros 153.13).

However, if you are already on a means tested payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance. Where two or more people living in the same household would qualify for the allowance, only one allowance will be paid.

The allowance is paid for 29 weeks (was 26 weeks) from early October to mid-April.

Further information is available from your Social Welfare Local Office and from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

The Social Insurance contribution and tax year will only be 9 months this year, rather than a full 12 months. I am working at present but I wonder how will this affect my eligibility for a Social Insurance benefit in the future?

Answer

Moving the start of the tax year from April to January resulting in a short tax or contribution year this year should not affect your eligibility.

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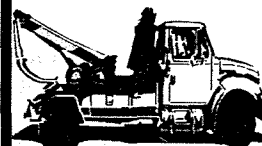
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For most Social Insurance benefits you must satisfy two conditions:

- You must first have a minimum number of weeks of Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contributions paid since you first started work.
- Secondly, you must have a minimum number of weeks of PRSI contributions paid and/or credited in the Relevant Tax Year.

As this year is a short year, you will be automatically awarded 14 additional contributions giving you a total of 52 contributions as in other years.

Currently, the Relevant Tax year is the last complete tax year before the Benefit Year in which you make a claim for a benefit. The Benefit Year is almost the same as the calendar year and starts on the first Monday in January. However, from 2003 the Relevant Tax Year will be 2 years before the Benefit Year as follows.

Benefit Year	Relevant Tax Year
2001	1999/2000
2002	2000/2001
2003	2001
2004	2002

Further information is available from your Social Welfare Local Office and the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I may not be able to cash a few of the orders in my social welfare Child Benefit book before the end of the year. Will I still be able to cash them next year following the introduction of the euro?

Answer

Yes, you will still be able to cash them and you will not lose any money.

On 1st January 2002 euro notes and coins will be introduced. From then until 9th February 2002 you will be able to use both euros and Irish pounds in shops and you will be able to exchange your Irish money for euros in banks and post offices.

All social welfare payments from the 1st January 2002 will be made in euros, including any arrears that are due. All claimants will be notified of the euro equivalent of their 2001 payment this year and rate increases effective from 1st January 2002 will be announced on 5th December 2001 in the Budget.

Social welfare payments due from 1st January 2002 onwards will be converted from Irish pounds (IR£) to euros (€) using the rate 1 equals IR£0.787564, and then rounded up to convenient 10 cent figures. This

will be to the claimant's advantage. However, any orders dated before 31st December 2001 that are cashed after 1st January 2002 will be paid the direct euro equivalent of the Irish pound amount, including odd cent amounts. They will not be rounded up. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 6285477

The Carers Association

Maynooth Outreach Centre opens for information and support for family Carers on Thursdays from 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Citizens Information Centre Office, Dublin Road, Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

The committee of the Maynooth Summer Project would like to offer thanks to the local Businesses and Organisations for their generous donations. The donations helped greatly to insure that as many children as possible benefit from the project. The committee would also like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time with the children to make the project a success.

Paula Tracey
Secretary

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Features

BOGGUS GAAGA

What It's Called

John Joe, Jimmy Joe, Ambrose, Aloysius, Eamon Ned, Con, Jacko, Micko, Donno, Sonny (even if fifty years of age), etc.

Where it's Found

Usually found hob-nobbing with various GAA officials and the obligatory priest at football and hurling matches on a Sunday. Leaps off the sidelines when a player is injured, and waddles across the pitch with a sponge in one hand while its other hand stops its jacket from flapping about.

What it Wears

Green blazers with the GAA cross on the breast pocket and with (sometimes) a pioneer pin or *fainne nua* jostling for attention upon the lapel. Wears a tightly-knotted tie which always manages to be totally askew, while its nylon shirt invariably becomes dislodged while it's trampling across the football field, revealing a string vest and an acre of pasty skin which hasn't seen the sunlight in donkeys years. When it stands in as umpire it wears what resembles an artificial inseminator's white coat. On trips to Dublin it wears its best "Sundah suit" (circa 1940), the trousers of which are trendily hoisted to chin level with the aid of elasticated braces. Always sounds like there's a pound in halfpennies clattering around in its pocket.

About Its Family

Has a clutch of daughters in the Civil Service, the Mater Hospital or studying to be Rural Science Teachers. has strained relationship with sons, however, as none of them have made the county team, despite years of 'encouragement' from the da.

What It Says

At a match: "on ya boy, ya"; "up de yard"; "Yeowwwwww!"; "ah jaysus ya couldn't have dat"; "fair play, fair play"; "he wouldn't run to de bar in de pub"; "g'wan, g'wan, g'wan!". At GAA functions it always manages to get in the owl *cupla focail*. During post mortems of matches it played brilliantly in - from the sidelines - it can be seen perching its belly on the bar-counter and pontificating about unfit players.

What It Works At

Works in local government, as a national schoolteacher, a publican, or the local garda sergeant. Some members of the species are travelling reps. for companies which manufacture roasted peanuts or toilet bowls, and usually have a GAA Centenary sticker on the back window of its Mondeo.

Its Politics

Boggus Gaaga is basically entrenched in Civil War politics, and has inherited from its ancestors the instinctual habit of always voting for Fianna Fail.

Holds severely reactionary views on abortion, divorce, pluralism, the corrective use of the birch, or whatever Father Doodly ("a great footballer in his day") tells him to think. Believes de Valera was a Saint, with Jack Lynch not far behind. "Has a lot of time" for Charlie Haughey - one of the few 'jacks' it does have any time for. Is full of half-baked tales when full of porter, e.g. that Dan Breen once hid from the black and tans in a bread-bin in its mother's house.

Leisure Activities

Always picks youngster from its own parish when it gets to be a minor selector for the county team, and arranges trips to New York for them to play the Mother Macree XV in Brooklyn. Its family has a great devotion to the Holy Rosary, and it's also a member of the Knights of Mary at Knock, a member of SPUC and the local Fianna Fail Cumann. Has recently been spotted staring into space down in Ballinspittle.

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What It's Called

Pat, Mick, Seamus or Ned by other *Specialus Branchus*, Sierraman by the members of the sub species, *Gardai Uniformi*, Ess Dee You Dee Oh, by senior members of the tribe, and Brancherb*****d by its natural prey, *Subversivis Provis*.

What It Wears

Leather bomber jacket, beard or moustache, jeans and a Walter pistol in a shoulder holster. Mature specimens wear herring-bone brown tweed sports jackets, brown flared trousers, brown nylon tie, brown brogues and a Walter pistol in a shoulder holster.

Where It Works

In Block Tow at the Puzzle Palace in Harcourt Square where it is to be found in great numbers writing reports, mostly explaining how its overtime is justified. Also found in blue Avengers and Ford Cortinas cruising the streets, glaring at drivers at traffic lights and eyeing girls in tight skirts. Congregates in large numbers near political gatherings or demos where one can spot its unique habit of extending its neck by six inches and staring at faces for hours on end.

Where It Lives

In Bray, Lucan, Swords and other less salubrious parts of Dublin suburbia, until it reaches maturity when it moves to Blackrock, Howth or outer Killiney with its accumulated overtime pay and its portion of cash from the sale of its family farm. Its lair, which it seldom frequents, has a scruffy garden, peeling paint and six children who are terrified when it makes its irregular appearances.

What It Says

Four letter words about Larry the Wren, 'Pope' John Paul McMahon and its immediate superiors. A favourite expression is: "It's your round, Pat." Also says, in whispers: "Who's that fella in the corner, Tom. Did ye have him in the Bridewell?" Believes Charlie Hockey is a Provo and all media people, except Conor Brady, are subversives.

What It Watches

Football matches on pub TVs, The Russian Embassy, Parnell Square, Blessington Street and Gardiner Place. Likes TV programmes about the North where it can practice its habit of spotting faces. Also watches all other customers in pubs where it drinks, usually through a mirror so that its staring eyes cannot be seen by the object of its attention.

Where It Drinks

In pubs around Dame Street (which it still frequents despite its move from the Castle to Harcourt Square), Blooms Hotel and the Royal Dublin (which is convenient to Sinn Fein HQ in Parnell Square). Also

drinks in the Day Room at Harcourt Square when on night duty.

What It Hates

Static duties at the British ambassador's residence where hospitality is notoriously less forthcoming than at politician's homes like Haughey's Kinsealy mansion or Sir Garret's Palmerston pad. Also hates High Risk Escorts (Post Office cash deliveries) which preclude the chance of *refreshments* i.e. a quick drink.

What It Likes

Pints of Guinness and short ones; overtime; talking to provos with their arm up their back in an interview room; watching subversives i.e. anybody with a Northern accent or a Vote Haughey sticker, looking down its nose at uniformed members of *the GS* (as it calls the Garda Siochana); and its Walter P2, which it calls its *equipment*.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Hillwalking Club

Our Club has reached another limelight in its short career. Because of difficulties of interested parties identifying our location it has been decided to change our club name. As you can see above we are now known as the Maynooth Hillwalking Club. This may reduce some of the confusion experienced so far.

In September we completed our hardest hike for this season. Ten members completed the circuit of Mount Leinster on a beautiful Sunday (23rd September), covering a distance of 14 miles with almost 300 ft of ascent. With a short break for lunch at around 2 p.m. we completed the hike in seven hours at a nice modest pace. We were accompanied by a number of Mountaineering Council of Ireland members. Our next challenges will be attending the Nire Valley Walking festival in mid-October and the Wicklow Autumn Walking festival on the bank holiday weekend at the end of October. This latter festival has a night hike on the Friday in the Glendalough area. Now is the time to think of starting the easier hikes and build up the more difficult ones in 2002. It is surprising how quickly someone can progress through the different complexities of hiking if they are consistent in their outings. We have a number of examples of this in the club.

Our next easy hike for October 21st will depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 a.m. We will report on this hike in the December edition of the Newsletter.

The easy hike dates to plan for the rest of 2001 are:- Sunday November 18th Hollywood/Donard area of West Wicklow. A nice little trek over tracks, bog roads, open mountainside and forest tracks a distance of 13 kms/8 miles with total ascent of 1,000 m. We will take in part of the newly created St. Kevin's way. This route follows in part an old pilgrims trail which ran from Holly wood (Co. Wicklow) to Glendalough via the scenic Wicklow Gap. We will walk the first three miles and then turn into the open mountainside towards Church mountain and Donard village.

Sunday December 9th - Bull Island to visit the Interpretative centre for an audio visual show followed by a 12 kms/7.5 miles walk around the 200 year old sandbank island in the middle of Dublin Bay. Some believe the Battle of Clontarf was fought so many years ago in the area here this island now stands. At this time of year there should be in the region of 40,000 birds of numerous species there. they would have migrated from the cold arctic regions for the winter months. Even at sea level at this time of year it may be cold, wet and or windy. So proper clothing is essential.

We are now into the colder, seasons of the year so it is important that proper footwear and clothing is worn on our activities. A good quality rain jacket is essential as well as over-trousers. We will have to restrict attendance's to those properly equipped for the season.

Again I would like to remind those interested that the hillwalking year runs from November 1 to October 31st. We will be renewing membership and taking new memberships over the month of October. If you are interested why not complete one of our easier hikes between now and Christmas.

Club membership details available on request.

We will continue to conduct activities throughout the winter months. As well as the easier hikes we will be conducting more difficult hike which have to be restricted to members of the club and MCI members. It is also planned to conduct Map, Compass and mountain skills training for club members during the dark winter evenings followed up by a number of practical exercises in the mountains. The possibility of members attending Mountain Skills courses with accredited training establishments is being examined. Weather conditions may restrict our activities but will not stop us. We will make the necessary adjustments to our plans. We hope to commence planning for next years activities during the next few months. We plan to have a number of weekend activities next year. A number of Hillwalking Festivals during 2002. Perhaps we will visit new areas for a change.

Again, it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year.

There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. please note that itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand with one of the contact numbers below.

A number of questions you might ask in relation to hillwalking may be answered from the following.

- a Because we transit across private property where animals may be grazing, we cannot permit dogs on our activities.
- b Litter is unsightly and dangerous to animals. even bio-degradable items like orange peels and banana skins take years to break down. Please bring your litter home. Do not bury litter in the mountainside as animals will pick up the scent and dig it up.
- c A brief guide to Hillwalking requirements for a day trip:-
 - 1 Day rucksack, Raingear - raincoat, overtrousers, hat and gloves, extra sweater or fleece.
 - 2 Lunch for mid-day and snack for later, flask with hot drink.
 - 3 Hiking boots. (No runners). Wear a light pair of socks under the heavy socks and this generally prevents those dreaded blisters.
 - 4 Light warm clothes - two layers better than one bulky layer. Tracksuit bottoms or trousers. Remember no denims or jeans.
 - 5 Camera.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Hillwalking Club contd.)

- 6 Torch and reflective bands.
- 7 A small personal first aid kit.
- 8 Bivi bag.
- 9 Map and compass can sometimes make the hike more interesting and maybe you will learn a thing or two.

Please Note: Do not attempt to go wandering into the open mountainside unless you are competent with the map and compass. Irish weather can change so quickly.

Mountain Safety Notes:

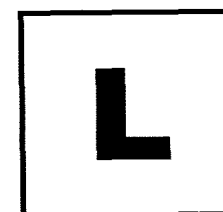
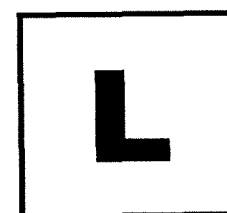
Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

Contact:- Jim (01) 6285367 (01) 6290294 or Mobile 086-2703348.

Castle Keep Art Group

The Castle Keep Art Group has resumed its meet and paint sessions Monday nights 7.30 to 9.30 at the Fly Fishing Club House on the Dunboyne Road. Welcome back to our existing and new members and of course we would like to hear from anyone who would like to join the group. It is an informal gathering with the emphasis on enjoyment.

We will be launching our annual exhibition in the Spring, further details will be given nearer the time. In the meantime some tuition will be organised for the group. We would like to wish one of our instructors Jim Doolan every success with his forthcoming exhibition of landscapes and still-life works in oil. The exhibition runs from 13th to 26th October at the Pig Yard Gallery, Selskar Street, Wexford. Jim has exhibited with the Royal Hibernian Academy and the Royal Ulster Academy and United Artists Groups at various venues throughout Ireland. His works are in private collections in Ireland and the UK and he has given great inspiration to the members of the Castle Keep Group. We are looking forward to meeting him again. We hope to take up Kildare County Council's art tuition grant again in the coming year. These classes are held in the public library. So get painting! Anyone wishing to find out more about the group should contact Susan 6289349 after 6pm.



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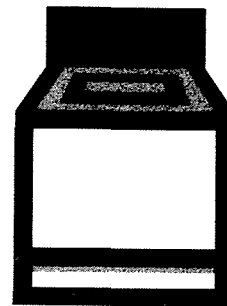
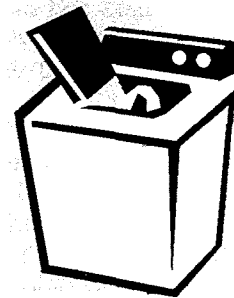
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Features

Hallow'een

The festival that we now know as Hallow'een was known in earlier times as Samhain, one of the four Celtic festivals of the year. The others are Imbolg (now Brigit's Day), Beltene (Mayday) and Lughnasad (1st August). These are separate and not coincidental with the solstices.

Samhain marks the beginning of real winter that lasts until Brigit's Day and the traditions and customs today are still reminiscent of this change in the seasons. The basic division of the year is two-fold, one half beginning in November and the other in May. People tended to stay inside, no battles are fought and this was the period of storytelling. It is said that the Fianna used to spend this time with the settled community in contrast with the second half of the year when they wandered the countryside.

This is a time charged with a strange energy where the normal order of the universe is suspended and the barriers between the natural and the supernatural are temporarily removed. It is one of the few opportunities that humans have of gaining access to the otherworld of the *síd* (fairy mound):

There was the danger of chaos during Samhain, the fairy-mounds opened, the *púca* travelled the land, fires were lit from a ceremonial bonfire and the souls of the dead could return and become visible. People should not look behind them if they heard footsteps – it was the dead following. This was further emphasised by boys dressing as girls and visa versa to confuse the fairies. The general disorder is intensified by mischievous pranks with ploughs, carts, gates and other belongings being thrown into ditches or moved elsewhere. Doors were bombarded with cabbages, chimneys were blocked and smoke was blown through keyholes.

There was an extraordinary amount of divination and prophecy to find out who would die or marry during the next year and who the prospective spouse might be. These continue in the games that children and some adults still play at this time. The fruits of the season are used, nuts and fruit in particular.

The sagas refer to huge feasts taking place at this time of year, particularly the great Feast of Tara. Samhain is also associated with Mongfhinn (Fair-hair) who was the wife of a king of Tara. She prepared a poison for her brother but drank it herself and women petitioned her at at eve of Samain. The literature mentions Samhain many times as a time when chaotic, even catastrophic events may take place. One tale, *The love-sickness of Cú Chulainn* tells of the festival celebrated by the people of Ulster at this time and the strange occurrences involving poor Cú Chulainn losing his speech and ability to move due to the attacks of two otherworldly women. It was Samhain the following year when he recovered and spent a while in the otherworld with the women.

This is a liminal period of time where this world and the otherworld blend, melt and collide and where the impossible can occur. In the tale *The Adventure of Nera*, the main character Nera tries to tie a with around the foot of a hanged captive, the man is between life and death and the dare is reminiscent of walking through a graveyard at Hallow'een. Also a time of mischief and confusion as shown by the tale of the death of the prehistoric king Muircheartach son of Earc. His death extends over 7 seven days with Hallow'een in the middle. His death is brought about by a vengeful woman taking revenge for Muircheartach's murder of her father some years since. She persuades him to get rid of his wife and children and to take her in, she plies him with alcohol and works magic until he eventually dies. Many others died at the same time. Cú Chulainn killed his enemy Cú Roí at Samhain with the connivance of Cú Roí's wife Bláthnad (little flower) who was then killed by a poet, throwing her over a cliff. Fionn Mac Cumhaill fought off the monster Aillén son of Midhna who burnt Tara each year at Samhain. Aillén breathed fire on Fionn who then beheaded him. Cú Chulainn himself dies at this time of the year and another king, Diarmaid Mac Cearbhaill, died a threefold death at Samhain. Diarmaid is wounded, the house burns around him and he is drowned in a vat of liquor.



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Early Irish Society

Adoption

Alongside fosterage the early Irish had a limited system of adoption. Three cases emerge: the person whose kinship is uncertain; a person not related to the kin in any way and thirdly the child of a woman of the kindred - a matrilinear kinsman. This is a sister's son. The adopted son could be the child of a defective union. The rule that the father could acknowledge him during his lifetime without paying the adoption fee suggests that some adoptions were of children whom fathers had not acknowledged - possibly because they died before they could do so. Where a woman has a child by a foreigner, the paternal kindred can have nothing to do with the child, as it is understood that they are still in another country. One law indicates two different type of foreigners: the *cú glas* 'grey wolf' who is an alien from overseas such as a Briton or Scotsman and the second is the *ambue* 'non-native' who is not really an alien but came from another kingdom within Ireland.

In this situation the *Máithre* (maternal kin) takes the position of the paternal kindred. This is partly voluntary but it would also be considered a disgrace if they were seen to neglect a son of a woman of their kin. This child is entitled only to a limited inheritance but he can receive movable property from a particular member of the mother's kin. This was normally given to someone who undertakes the care of the aged.

Marriage

The term marriage in early Ireland would be better explained by the use of the term union. The first step in marriage was *airmaidm* (betrothal). Marriage was the norm for most men and women unless they entered the church. Even in that case, many clergymen had spouses whether properly united or not. The basic concept of this union was quite different from today. For example there was no church ceremony and the betrothal was probably more important than the marriage itself. They did not have the notion corresponding to English 'husband' or 'wife'. They had a notion of a sexual union and of the man and woman who were the partners in such a union, but there was no conceptual divide between those unions which might count as marriages and those which might not, and therefore, no divide between partners who had the status of husband or wife and those who did not. Their equivalent to 'wife' was *ben* (woman) and to 'husband' *fer* (man). A sexual union was thus a 'pairing of conception', namely a union capable of procreating children.

One type of union could be a contract, carefully and publicly organised in front of families and witnesses. But rape was also a 'pairing of conception'. They concentrated on the facts rather than the law. From a rape a child could be born and they legislated for this child. Rape would also be punished but it is still a 'pairing of conception'. They simply legislated for whatever could occur.

Relationships were arranged in a hierarchy from the most highly regarded at one end to the most contemptible. They ranged from the unions where the bridegroom gave gifts to the bride's family to the 'union of recognition' in which the woman's family had no part. Then there were unions where the woman gave herself to a man without the permission or involvement of her family and also the case of rape where she did not consent.

Scholars debate the relative equality enjoyed by women under early Irish law and particularly within marriage. It appears that their position improved drastically in the seventh and eighth centuries but the cause is still a mystery. The original legal incapacity of women had been very largely modified and women had been conceded extensive rights. We know most about the married woman; in medieval societies generally most women were married and most married young.

The families arrange the marriages and the betrothal. The contract was witnessed by securities from both families. The betrothal was the public recognition of the wife of a man and any children she has after this are publicly recognised as his. The brideprice paid by the man gives him legal rights over her children (whether they are actually his or not). He is trying to ensure that his heirs are physically his own offspring. The amount of the brideprice is not clear from any text and varied amounts are mentioned. There is no discussion of a dowry and no Old Irish word for this. It seems to be a secondary development. The saga material describes large, elaborate feasts to celebrate marriage but the law texts do not mention such at all. This arrangement ensures that if a woman has a son by another man it is still seen as her husband's child. The law says: 'Every cuthold has a right to his son, until he be purchased from him'. It was presumed that the *pater*, socially accepted father, is also *genitor*, the begetter.

Sometimes woman and *máithre* have complete control within a marriage. An alien man could be completely dependant on his wife, even dependant on her honour-price. Having an alien father could be detrimental to the child. But having an alien mother does not seem to effect the status of a child, the same inheritance rights etc. are not at stake. We have the odd example of the alien mothers of famous and powerful men: Mael Mura daughter of Cinaed son of Alpin (Scotland) married Aed Finnliath (Cenél nEogain, Ailech) and she was the mother of Niall Glúndub (Black Knee) * 919. Cres called 'slave' of the Uí Mhaine married Muirchertach (Cenél nEogain, Ailech) and she was the mother of his son Flaithbertach who was king of Ailech and died 1036.

Polygamy was also allowed although the Church obviously tries to outlaw it. One law text says, trying to justify the practice from Biblical sources:

'There is dispute in Irish law as to which is more proper, whether many sexual unions or a single one: for the chosen people of God lived in plurality of unions, so that it is not easier to condemn it than to praise it.'

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The History of Trams in Dublin

The Origin of the tram can be traced back to the heavy timber planks used in mines and quarries to ease the passage of the horse drawn wagons. These planks were known as "trams". Even when wood gave way to stone and then iron and steel the word 'tram' still persisted. it wasn't until 1823 when Frenchman, Stanislas Baudry, operated in Nantes under the Latin fleetname "Omnibus" meaning 'for all' that public transport really took off. The name soon became a generic description for all public transport.

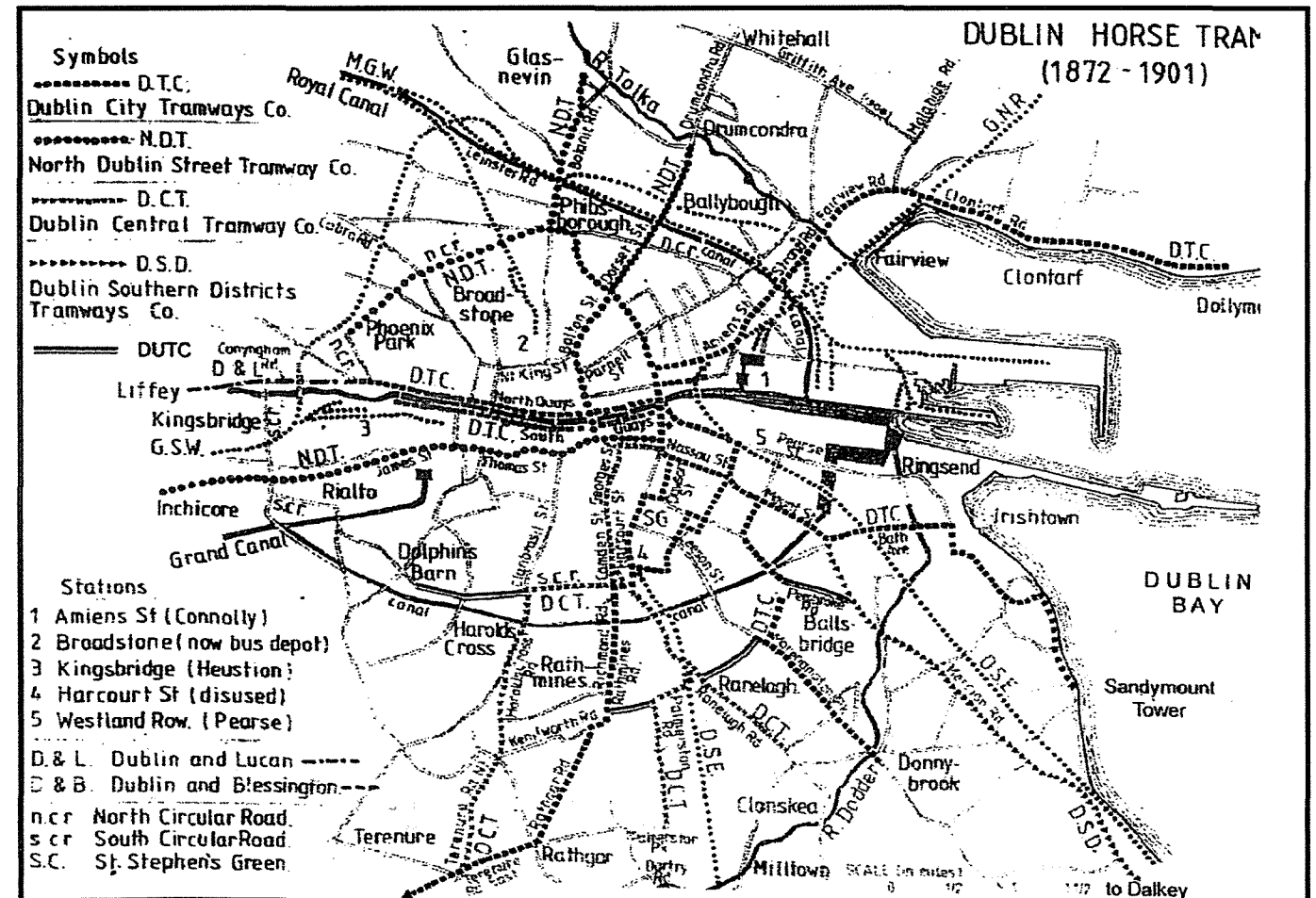
It was an Irish coach builder, John Stephenson who in 1832 designed the first horse drawn carriage which travelled on rails laid on the streets of New York. The line travelled from New York to Harlem. Soon this new concept, which provided a smoother ride for the passenger and easier draught for the horse, was adopted by cities in Europe and Britain.

In Dublin in 1834, a number of enterprising businessmen began to operate their own service to the city and a new system of routes was announced. The private hire vehicle operators, the jarveys successfully undertook opposition to the new service, and a public transport system was not afforded to the people of Dublin until 1848.

In the early days three tram companies served the citizens of Dublin. These were then amalgamated into one called the Dublin United Tramway Company. The 1870's were a boom time for the construction of horse drawn tramways. The first electric vehicles were battery operated, but it was the development of a practicable dynamo by Werner Von Siemens in 1879 that paved the way for electric traction by generating power at a fixed point and supplying it to a line by conducting rail or overhead wire. The first line, using overhead wire, to go into operation was the Bessbrook to Newry line in 1885.

The Dublin United Tramway Company served the transport needs of Dubliners up until the formation of Coras Iompair Eireann in 1945. Trams as a mode of public transport were abandoned in 1949. Ten years later the last tram, used as a visitor attraction, from Sutton to the Hill of Howth closed.

Some forty years later Dublin is about to see the re-emergence of the tram. The new generation of spacious, quite and pollution free trams will soon grace the streets of Dublin. These vehicles, however, will be modern state of the art vehicles giving a totally new concept to what people envisage as trams.



Party Political

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News

Ard Fheis

At time of writing, The Cumann members in Maynooth are busy having just attended the 65th Ard Fheis of the Fianna Fail Party which this year was held in the City West Hotel, Dublin on 12th and 13th October.

Two aspects of the Ard Fheis which were particularly related to the Maynooth Cumann were:

- A Cllr. Paul Kelly made a televised contribution on Saturday during a Workshop on Health and Children, speaking in support of a motion before the attendance calling on the Minister for Health to introduce Medical cards for all children under 5 years of age. Cllr. Kelly complimented the Minister on his recent introduction of medical cards for all those over 70 years of age and commented that the introductions of cards for children under 5 years would ensure the most vulnerable, both young and old, would be well catered for an looked after under the present Government.
- B The Chairman of the Maynooth Cumann Gearoid Lohan was successful in being re-elected onto the Party's influential Committee of 15, in fact securing one of the highest votes for the position. No doubt this was directly attributed to Gearoid's hard work and ability, aptly demonstrated by his record at all Meetings of the body over the past year.

A number of outstanding issues dealt with at the Ard Fheis included the threat to Ireland and its citizens posed by the recent developments planned by the British government in relation to **Sellafield**. Bertie Ahern clearly and emphatically stated that any such attempts by the British government would be vigorously fought and rejected by his government and would be pursued through all legal channels available. Such a development was totally unacceptable according to the Taoiseach.

In relation to the local problems being experienced by **Aer Lingus** the Taoiseach re-iterated his determination to do all in his power to save the national airline, hence ensuring no return to a monopoly situation which had previously existed.

State Funeral of Kevin Barry and 9 Volunteers

The State funeral of the 10 Volunteers took place at Glasnevin Cemetery on Sunday 14th October and again some of the Maynooth Cumann members attended. The occasion was dignified, stately and emotional and an honourable testament to the debt the nation owes these men for their contribution to our freedom. The occasion was aptly placed in the context of our Nations confidence in the on-going Peace process by both our Taoiseach who gave the

graveside oration and by Cardinal Cahal Daly, who celebrated the funeral Mass.

Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D.

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann has welcomed the recent announcement by the Minister, Charlie McCreevy of his allocation of £8.2 million for an extension to **Naas General Hospital**. This phase of the development will ensure the provision an additional 62 beds in the Hospital. Minister McCreevy informed the Cumann that since becoming Minister for Finance in 1997, he has regarded the issue of Naas Hospital as one of the most important issues in Kildare. In December 1997 Minister McCreevy was responsible for a Revised Phase 11 Development Brief for Naas Hospital which provided for enhanced rehabilitation services and ensured a more effective and efficient discharge planning of patients.

The Minister informed the Cumann that the latest figures released last week by the Minister for Health, Michael Martin T.D. showed that waiting lists were indeed declining and vowed that this government would continue to focus on such waiting lists, while also paying particular attention to ensuring that services are available and accessible to those who most need them.

Gearoid Lohan replying to the Ministers information and announcement stated that with the good use of the funding available by the Hospital, the distribution of the resources would ensure that Naas Hospital would be in a better position to cater for the future needs of the rapidly growing population of County Kildare.

Cllr. Paul Kelly

a Amended Maynooth Development Plan

The above amended Plan will have been before the full Kildare County Council on 22nd October. Cllr. Paul Kelly has stated that he welcomes the reduction in rezoning on the Rathcoffey Road side of maynooth and feels that these lands can only be developed after flood relief works have been carried out.

b Rathcoffey Road Realignment

At time of writing the Cumann have just learned that Stanley McAdam have been appointed Contractors.

c Carton Avenue

County Architect, Mr. Brain Swan attended Maynooth Library on Monday 15th October to discuss the plans proposed for Carton avenue with all interested residents, the project being possible since Minister McCreevy's recent allocation of monies for this particular purpose.

Features



An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D., Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy with Mrs. Eileen Kennedy, Maynooth Fianna Fáil



Maynooth members who received Certificates of Honour alongside the Officer Board of the Cumar together with An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D., Minister for Finance Charlie McCreevy T.D. and Local Councillor Paul Kelly.

Party Political

(Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News)

d Recycling Bins

The Cumann have congratulated Cllr. Paul Kelly on his recent highly successful initiation of the provision of **new recycling bins** at the entrance to the Library in Leixlip. Cllr. Kelly proposed the provision having noted their use while visiting the canteen in Intel.

The bins are particularly used for the recycling of old newspapers and magazines, and are emptied once a week by the suppliers, a Belgian based company called Indaver and are useful for both household and business generated paper waste.

According to Cllr. Kelly a weeks supply of paper waste from one family adds up to a substantial amount of waste and with landfill costs in Kildare equating to almost £60 per ton, the paper recycling bins are a cheaper and more environmentally friendly alternative.

Cllr. Kelly is currently focusing on how such a system can be introduced in Maynooth.

Taoiseach's Visit to Maynooth

Below we print a number of photographs taken during the Taoiseach's recent visit to Maynooth where he met with a large number of Maynooth residents and representatives of Community Groups and bodies.

The visit included the official opening of the **Maynooth Science and Business Park** on the Straffan Road which undoubtedly will have very positive implications for increased employment in Maynooth and lead to locally generated economic development.

The Taoiseach was accompanied by **our local T.D. Charlie McCreevy, Minister for Finance, and local Councillor Paul Kelly**, on his walkabout through the town and up to Tesco Shopping Centre.

Finally the Taoiseach attended a **Reception in the Glenroyal Hotel** at which he presented Certificates recognising life-long and outstanding service and contribution to Fianna Fail in the Kildare area. Among the Maynooth representatives who were honoured were the following:

Michael Caden, Peter Finan, Eileen Kennedy, Conor McManus, Michael Kelly, Tom Kavanagh, Paddy Foy, John Gillick, Sean Cronin, Jim Gilton.

Cairde Fail Dinner 7th December 2001.

The annual Cairde Fail Dinner Dance will be held in the Burlington Hotel on Friday 7th December and the Cumann would like anyone who wishes to attend to contact any of the members listed at the bottom of this article.

Extension to Scoil Dara, Kilcock

The Fianna Fail Cumann have been informed by the Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. that the Minister for Education, Mr. Michael Woods, T.D. has now approved and accepted the tender for the planned **extension to Scoil Dara in Kilcock**. The tender has been awarded to Dunnes Building Services Ltd for the extension which will cover 1,897 sq. meters.

The extension will consist of **8 General Classrooms, 1 Science Laboratory, 1 Art and Craft Room, 1 Woodwork Room, 1 Metalwork Room, 1 Computer Room, 1 Mechanical Drawing Room, 1 Home Economics Room and 3 Social Studies Rooms.**

In addition a **new Administration Office, Toilets, Cloak and Locker Room areas and stores will also be built.**

Dr. Michael Woods has informed Minister McCreevy T.D. that the Building Unit of the Department of Education will be in close communication with the School authorities on this matter.

Maynooth Cumann Chairman Gearoid Lohan has thanked Minister McCreevy for the constant representations he made to Minister Woods with regard to the extension to Scoil Dara.

Vote of Sympathy on the Atrocities of 11th September 2001

At our recent Meeting the Cumann Committee passed a Motion of Sympathy to the victims and their surviving families of the barbaric attacks of 11th September on the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon. The Cumann voted unanimously for the forwarding of a donation to the fund set up to aid survivors and members of the New York Fire Department and NYPD.

Finally, we look forward to the events planned during the next month by the Cumann and hope to keep you all advised in the next issue of the Newsletter.

To contact the Cumann about any matter or enquire regarding membership or forthcoming events, please phone our Chairman Gearoid Lohan on 6289187 or myself Brid Feely on 6286647 or 087-2052649.

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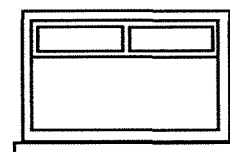


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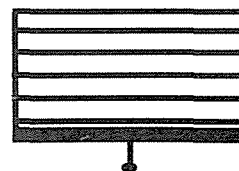
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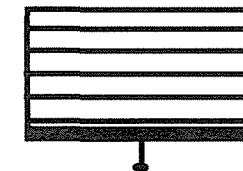
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Maynooth Labour Notes (cont'd)

the estimated cost was £25,000.

The Council have engaged consultants to carry out a feasibility study and they will make a presentation to the December Meeting of the Area Committee. In the meantime the Council are carrying out traffic counts at the Roost and the Square Junctions.

5 Bond Bridge:

The Consultants have been asked to increase the size of the Bond Bridge culvert so as to reduce further the risk to flooding in the Meadowbrook area. It is expected that this will not lead to any significant delays and that the tender process will begin shortly.

6 Meadowbrook Link Road to the Straffan Road:

All difficulties have been resolved and it is expected to go to tender soon for this much needed relief road. Council engineers estimate that it will take a year to construct the new road. In Cllr. McGinley's opinion constructing a road such as this from a green field site should take no longer than six months.

When it is completed the road will mean greatly reduce traffic on Parson Street, Main Street and on the Straffan Road.

7 Carton Court and Cluain Aoibhinn Roads:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That resurfacing of the roadways, begun in Carton Court and Cluain Aoibhinn Estates in 2000, be completed using the 100,000 Euro allocated for housing estate roads in 2002. (This is in line with the motion agreed at the Area Meeting on 5 February 2001)."

This was agreed at the Area Meeting on 5 October and the Area Engineer will take this into account when she is deciding on which estate roads to resurface.

8 New M4 Slip Road on the Straffan Road:

The delayed opening of the new slip road and the roundabout has been brought about because the NRA and the Council have problems on safety grounds with the developers work. Hopefully this can be resolved soon as the tailback onto the motorway at peak times from the existing slip road is itself a safety hazard. Under the terms of the planning permission granted, the Glenkerrin Group are conditioned to put traffic lights on the northern junction of the bridge (Maynooth

side), which will require the construction of a right turn lane. This will facilitate traffic coming from the Straffan direction to turn right onto the motorway, and allow for through traffic to proceed to Maynooth. A structural assessment of the bridge in the light of these changes is awaited from the developer. It is Cllr. McGinley's view that a much better solution would be to construct a similar roundabout at the Maynooth side of the bridge.

9 Exiting from the Railway Station and Parklands:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Area Committee: "That traffic signals be installed on the Straffan Road, Maynooth in order to facilitate traffic exiting from the railway station and furthermore that these signals should also facilitate traffic exiting from Parklands Estate"

Readers will recall that this was agreed to over two years ago as a result of another motion from Cllr. McGinley. However, getting action from Kildare County Council is not easy, one has to keep wearing them down. Residents can be assured that Cllr. McGinley will not give in on this one.

10 Car Parking Shortage at the Railway Station:

In order to alleviate this serious problem Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Area Committee:

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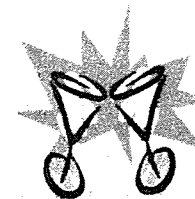
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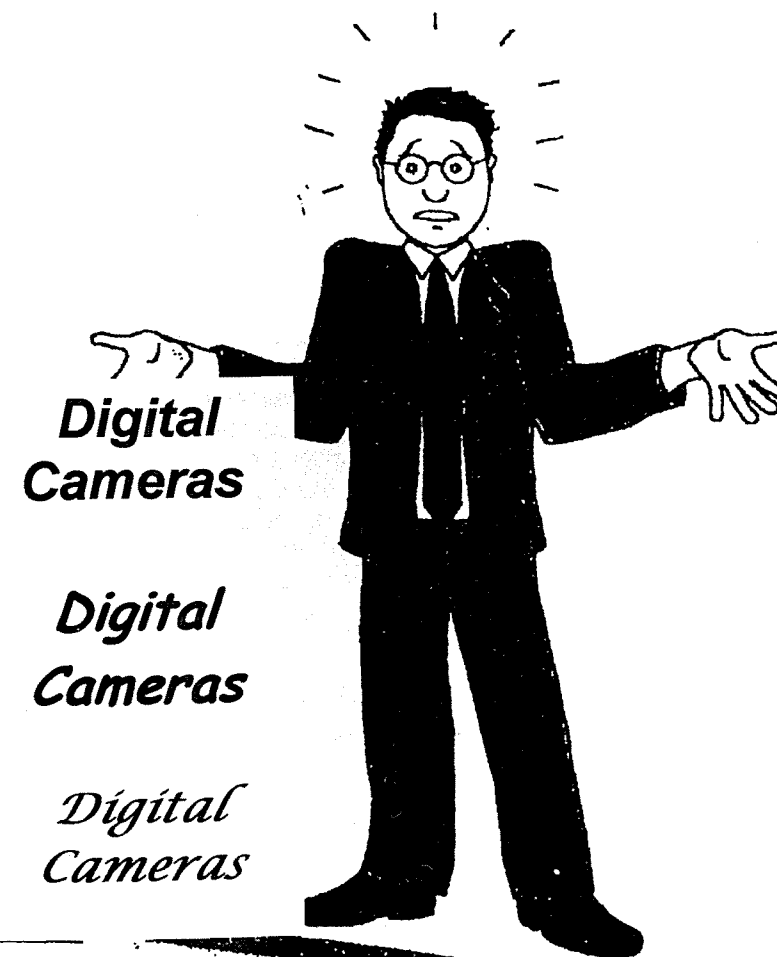
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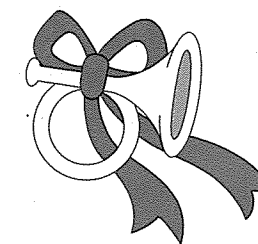
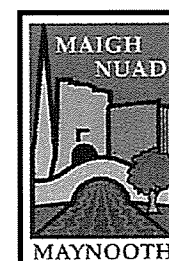
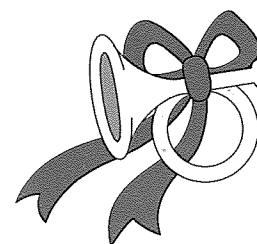
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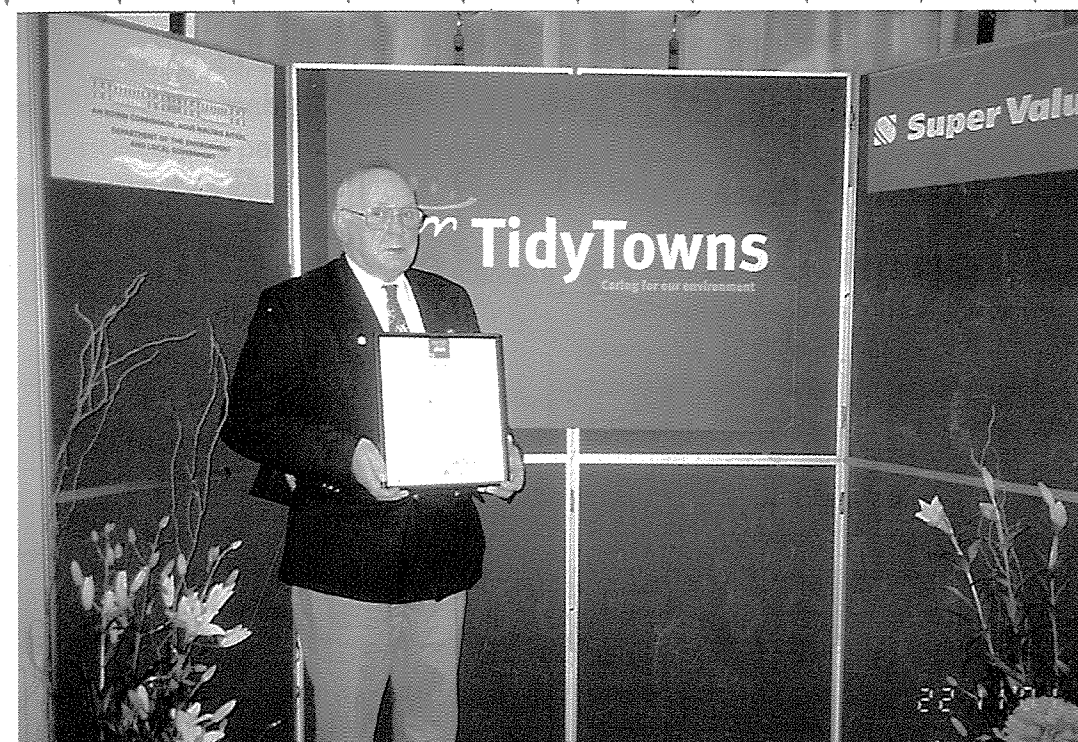
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Editorial

As we end the year 2001 there has been a considerable change in world, national and local affairs. The so-called 'War on Terror' is producing repercussions worldwide. Job losses continue to rise but the future looks relatively bright for Maynooth with the nearly completed Business Park, the golf courses in Carton House and the new proposals for Kavanaghs Mills. Let us hope that work on the long-awaited Meadowbrook Link and Bond Bridge begins in 2002 as expected.

There are further serious issues still facing the town. There has been little or no action taken on the flooding that made life so difficult for some residents last November. The report published here outlines some very important steps that should be taken but little has been carried out so far.

But the Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to mention the liquidation of Cardinal Press who printed this publication for many years. We regret the passing of this local business and commiserate with both Joe Wall and his employees. This issue has been printed because a new printer was prepared to produce it at the last minute and it is hoped that the Newsletter will continue to appear.

However, it is becoming more and more difficult to produce such a product. The Community Council is still sponsoring a Community Employment Scheme against all the odds. The overheads for such a scheme are rising yearly and the fundraising necessary can become crippling. The Council may decide at a future date not to continue with the project and this would endanger the future of the Newsletter. The Project participants carry out most of the work with some voluntary input.

We would like to thank the contributors and advertisers for their support during the year. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind our readers that we need your contributions to keep this publication alive and pertinent to the community in general. This is after all, a community Newsletter, we welcome and need your articles, opinions and ideas. Without them – we are irrelevant.

Finally, we wish our readers a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year in 2002.

Letters to the Editor

The Editor
Maynooth Newsletter

Re: Primary Schools in Maynooth

Dear Editor,

I welcome the positive comments of Monsignor Alex Stenson PP in the November issue of the **Maynooth Newsletter**.

However, there seems to be some misunderstanding in relation to the suggestion that consideration be given to relocating the Presentation Girls Primary School.

During discussions, last April, on the Maynooth Development Plan I put forward the suggestion that consideration be given to changing the location of the school to a new site south of the canal. It was agreed by all four County Councillors that the existing school location contributes significantly to traffic congestion as it is too far removed from the main population centres and this results in cross town traffic. One of the other Councillors suggested going a step further and making the new school co-ed and that changing the boys school also to a co-ed would make an enormous difference to traffic levels at peak times. It was agreed that the Council should write to the Principals and Board of Management of both schools seeking their views.

What the Maynooth Development Plan will do is to facilitate the movement of the school to a new location provided that the parents, the Board of Management and the Department of Education are in agreement. Indeed, since my suggestion last April the zoning of land in the Maynooth Development Plan has changed so much that the argument for relocating the school is no longer as valid. The Amended Draft Maynooth Development Plan 2001, which was agreed by Kildare County Council on the 5th November 2001, has 44.5 acres of land rezoned for housing in Doyle's land (opposite the Mart) which is very close to the Girls School.

This will probably result in 350 new houses in the five year lifetime of the Plan and as they are likely to be occupied by young families there is a need for a nearby school and the Girls School of course serves this purpose. However, the question of whether or not the existing primary schools will be able to cater for an expanding Maynooth population needs to be addressed. I believe that the day of using pre-fabricated buildings as classrooms should be long gone and that the construction of a new modern co-ed primary school should be seriously looked at by the Boards of Management and the Department of Education.

On the question of safety at the school I agree totally

with Monsignor Stenson that bus bays must be provided at the entrance to the school. Kildare County Council are in discussion with the owners of Charter House with a view to getting the necessary land to accommodate the bus bays. I can assure the parents that I will be doing everything possible to speed up the early provision of these bays.

Yours sincerely,
Cllr. John McGinley.

Laragh
Maynooth
Co. Kildare

Dear Editor,

The tragic death of Fr. Boylan RIP has left us all asking many questions.

Here is a young man, taken in his prime.

Torn from our midst, in a sudden and bloody manner. By any standards, a model of a man.

Six foot tall with inches to spare. Gifted with a pleasing and joy bearing personality.

He had a lot to give and was unstinting on giving it. We are desperately clutching at wisps of reasons to understand.

And it may be, that the word "reason", is at the very heart of our problem.

It has now reached such proportions, that we no longer have a church of faith, but a church of reason, no longer Divine but human only.

Our human intellect tells us, it is wrong, that a man such as he, should be taken and man responsible for his death left. But Christ's voice echoes back. "I rejoice not at death of wicked man but at his conversion! His love is such, that He wishes for salvation of all. This is God's wisdom, foolishness is in our eyes!

It is the same wisdom and love which prompted Christ when on earth to sternly warn the obstinate sinner, so as to save him from eternal damnation. Cuteness and wisdom of the world frowns on this. It seems we would rather sit back and cynically watch wrongdoers proceed to his.

We parcel Christ up and present a mutilated form to the world.

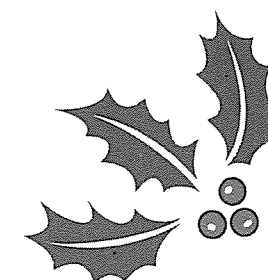
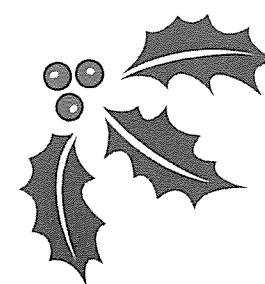
Yes a man taken in his prime. Not only that but in a couple of short years 3 priests of the parish have met untimely deaths. Are these men cursed as some seem to think? Or is there something greater at work.

Cut down in his prime. Surely there is the shadow of Calvary here. Was Christ himself not cut down ruthlessly in his prime? His going a great annihilation!

Were His followers not shell shocked at His going.

But in this, the darkest hour, was not the greatest victory ever achieved. Death was conquered!

Labour Advice Service



Emmet Stagg's weekly Advice Service will not be held on the following Saturdays:

- Saturday, December 22nd, 2001
- Saturday, December 29th, 2001
- Saturday, January 5th, 2002

The Advice Service will resume in Cauldfield's Private Meeting Room on Saturday, January 12th at 4.00 p.m.

Urgent Enquiries from Friday, December 21st - Ring (01) 6183797

**Emmet wishes his Constituents and Friends in Maynooth
a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year**

Letters to the Editor (contd.)

Fr. Boylan's death is certainly mirrored in this. Pope Paul VI told us in 1966 that smoke of Satan had entered the church. Much of what has happened, negatively in the Church, since then, is reflected in that statement. That smoke has wafted its way around the world. Attacks have manifested themselves in many forms. Chief among these are attacks on the sacraments, particularly the mass.

Destruction of the priesthood itself is Satan's most prized target, as it is through the priest, that Christ still communicates His life and graces to the world.

This means that houses of formation for priesthood come in for special attention.

How else can be explained the willingness of a newly ordained priest to pose nude for a calendar? Or for that matter the tolerance of erotic pictures in clerical dormitories? Is this not mockery in the face of Christ words-"To look lustfully at a woman is to have committed adultery with her" Is the very system itself not falling down here?

We know where sin abounds so also does grace. When all seems to be falling apart God raises up men outstanding in holiness and truth.

Let it be proclaimed and written down for posterity, so that history may record, that such was the case.

Let generations yet unborn acknowledge their role.

May Fr. Boylan (together with Fr. Supples & Fr. Coogan) be stewards of the sacraments. may they be messengers to all priests, of vows they took in Holy Orders. May they communicate the reality that they are empowered with same powers of Christ in administering the sacraments. May their brother priest's know that no unnecessary substitution of the mass should be tolerated. No good can come of it, no matter how appealing the alternative may seem.

Let not the sin, of what we have failed to do, torment them at last.

Exercise your great intercessory powers (Fr. David)

You are no longer bettered by time and space

Your priesthood has merely expanded

You range the globe

Whenever the sacraments are threatened

Your presence is left

No Satanic powers can reach you

Your friends in Maynooth and Crumlin

Know where to find you

In the secret recesses of the heart

Or rest gently in your jovial company

Oh Death you thief of the night

It could never be you would have the final say

You could never stay such a spirit

Or hinder its progress

Oh Death! Where is your victory?

Oh Death! where is your sting?

John lyto

P.S. Attached are the words of Archbishop William Walsh R.I.P. of Dublin on value of a single mass well heard.

Of all the prayers of loving hearts from the beginning of the world, and all the seraphic worship of the thrones and principalities of heaven, and the burning devotion and love of the Virgin Mother of God, and the million voices of the universe, of all creatures of heaven and earth and sea, were offered up in one universal and harmonious act of praise and adoration, they would not equal, or even approach, in value and efficacy the infinite worth of a SINGLE MASS.

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Community Council Notes

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The Community Council meeting took place on the 12th November in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Tidy Towns

There was a brief discussion on Best Estate Competition. It was felt that more information and advice should be given here. It was also wondered what constituted a feature.

Maynooth Tidy Towns will receive their Special Merit Award on the 22nd November. Congratulations.

Newsletter

A plea was made some months ago for more people to come forward for the Editorial Board. The Editorial Board became nearly non-existent. Mary Fitzgerald felt that the Editorial Board is still there and is not disbanded. She felt that the Board's monthly meeting should start again.

It was suggested to increase the price of the Newsletter, however it was decided not to do this.

It was also stated that there should be more local report. It was generally felt that the Newsletter needed more local interest. John Doogan stated that if the P.R.O's of Residents Associations, Clubs and Societies sent in their reports this would fill a huge gap.

The Newsletter is now of a high quality it was felt. Tesco will not sell the Newsletter because it is not bar coded. This would be a good outlet for the sale of the Newsletter.

Flooding in Maynooth

John Doogan stated that it was this time last year that the flooding took place. Some maintenance has been done, but was not sufficient as his garden has now being flooded again. He felt that if the stream was cleaned of all the rubbish it would help a lot. He felt that this work may not be done for a further 4 - 5 years. he suggested that Maynooth Community Council write to Kildare County Council to get some work done now. Cllr John McGinley stated that an independent report was done on the flooding problem (see Hydrological Investigation of the Meadowbrook River further on in this issue).

This work is estimated at £4m. There is 100% funding for the flood work. Again it was felt that strong pressure should be put on Kildare County Council. The work should be implemented straight away and be done while Bond Bridge is being completed.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that the water passage in Parson Street is very narrow. There is a dreadful lot of rubbish in it and it is only a few feet wide in places. He said this should be cleared. Cllr. Griffin also said that there will be 57% chance of flooding again, 22% even if work is done. He also stated that the culvert from Bond Bridge to parson Street should be cleaned immediately. The question was raised as to where to get sand bags if needed.

This is Kildare County Council's emergency phone no. 1890 0500333 (24 hours).

Ann Burns "Parson Lodge" said that ditches are being filled in by builders and where will all this water go. it was stated it is illegal to interfere with water flow.

Hugh Gallagher felt that Maynooth could get the name of having a flooding problem. He also felt that getting insurance could be a big problem for people that have made claims already.

Development Plan

Cllr. John McGinley said the Plan goes on display for one month, also the Action Area Plan which includes the Harbour Field and the Carton Lime Walk. It was suggested that a plan should be put in place as to what the community want done with these areas.

Maynooth Action Strategy are going ahead with their own plan, a sub-committee of the Community Council was put in place to look at the Action Area Plan. John Doogan thanked the four Area Councillors for all their work on the Plan for Maynooth.

Cllr. Senan Griffin informed the meeting that Kildare County Council propose to build a childrens play ground and signalled that it should be put in Newbridge, the councillors objected to this and Cllr. Griffin felt that it should be placed in Maynooth, possibly something with a lock-up facility.

Local Matters

Peter O'Connell raised concern as to whether Buckley's house was listed, he was informed that it was preserved.

Gerry McCann "Moyglare Village" said he was very concerned about speeding on the Moyglare Road. He was informed that speed ramps are to be put on the Moyglare Road. He also stated that the 18.20 train has been withdrawn from Maynooth, it does not stop any more. He also said people on Saturday using the 17.05 train were not allowed to get on board, he feels it is to get people to get a later train. He requested Maynooth Community Council to write to Iarnrod Eireann on behalf of the residents.

It was also pointed out that there are too many cars parking at the station. Cars are being blocked in and it is not possible to get one's car out. Paul Croghan felt that there should be a charge for parking in the OPW area and it would make people who only needed to park use it.

Special Olympics

It has now been decided that Maynooth has been chosen as a Host Town for the Special Olympics 2003. Maynooth will be Host Town to Brazil.

This is a great opportunity for the community of Maynooth to come together and welcome the athletes from Brazil in 2003. They will stay with us for four days/nights. This is the first time this huge event has been held outside the U.S.A. Maynooth is proud to play it's part in this special event.

Marie Gleeson

P.R.O.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held on the 10th December 2001.

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From Rev. Adrian Wilkinson

For a child has been born to us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

These words are regularly read at our church services over the Christmas period. The prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of a righteous king that would have all of these qualities. Christians believe that this king did come in the form of a baby born in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ.

This year the title, the Prince of Peace, ascribed to this king is particularly striking and poignant. We see on our television screens pictures of war. As a result of the evil actions of a small group of terrorists which killed several thousand people in the United States, we now see a global conflict that will cause death and suffering of many thousands of innocent victims.

Jesus Christ was himself a victim of circumstances. He was born in humble surroundings and forced to spend his early years as a refugee as he fled the persecution of King Herod. This Christmas we think of all those who like him are refugees. In particular we remember the innocent people of Afghanistan who have suffered much in recent times. Many of them may die as a result of starvation and cold as well as due to the effects of bombing raids. Please take time this Christmas to not only pray for them but also to do all in your power to relieve their suffering by donating to the charities working for their relief.

The third verse of one of the popular Christmas Hymns 'It came upon a midnight clear' seems to sum up many people's prayers at this time.

*Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong:
And man at war with the man hears not
The words of peace they bring:
O listen now, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!*

May we welcome the Prince of Peace into our hearts, homes, community, country and throughout the world this Christmas.



From Monsignor Stenson.

It is with quite mixed feelings that we prepare ourselves to celebrate this first Christmas of the third millennium. Our world was brutally shattered by the horrendous terrorist attacks in the United States last September and the consequent loss of innocent life. Suddenly we found ourselves on the verge of another World War - this time against terrorism. A spin off effect was the abrupt stoppage of the Celtic Tiger in its tracks. We glimpsed, perhaps with a new intensity, the thin membrane of civilisation that covers our planet - a membrane that can so easily be ruptured with devastating consequences. The huge outpouring of prayers on the National Day of Mourning and the packed Churches spoke volumes of our deep need to connect with God at times of serious crisis.

Christmas is a time of reassurance and hope. We believe that God *loved* the World so much that he sent his only Son. Now we celebrate not only our Saviour's birth at Bethlehem, but also his life, ministry and death on the Cross all of which reveals his love for us. This love mirrors the Father's love whereby God reconciles us to Himself.

St. Paul tells us that through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of God is being poured continuously into our hearts whereby we can call God Our Father and Jesus our Brother. Through the Holy Spirit we form the living Body of Christ of which Jesus is the head. This is the Good News we celebrate in a special way each Christmas.

It is my prayer that Jesus the Prince of Peace may bring abundant blessings to you and yours at this time as together we journey in hope into the coming year.

**Alex Stenson, P.P.
Christmas 2001**



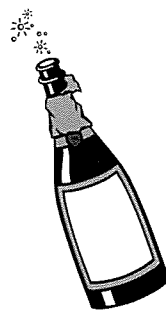
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Hydrological Investigation of the Meadowbrook River, Maynooth.

Section 6 Conclusions

6.1 November 2000 Flood

6.1.1 The storm that occurred on the 5th and 6th November 2000 had a 24 hours duration return period of approximately 70 years at Casement Aerodrome. This storm caused extensive flooding of the Meadowbrook Stream North of the M4 motorway, flooding the M4 itself, the Meadowbrook housing estate, sections of Newtown-Rathcoffey Road and Parson Street.

6.1.2 The extreme nature of river flows in both the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers can be attributed to the relatively rare storm event compounded by wet antecedent conditions producing high runoff rates, averaging close to 40% runoff over the storm duration.

The causes of the flooding in the affected areas are outlined in order of merit as follows:

6.1.3 Meadowbrook Estate

- 1 The lack of flow capacity in the Royal Canal Aquaduct, the Railway Culvert, the Newtown-Rathcoffey Road Culvert, and "Old" Greenfields Road Culvert.
- 2 The accumulation of debris at the many culvert security grills in the Meadowbrook estate causing serious blockage to channel flow.
- 3 Flood flow contribution from the Lyreen River via the M4 drainage system. A rough estimate of this flow contribution is between 0.5 and 1cumec.
- 4 Poor condition of certain sections of the Meadowbrook channel, the section between the M4 and Brookfield Avenue and the section from Old Greenfields Road to the Railway Culvert.
- 5 Inability of storm runoff from the paved areas to drain effectively to the Meadowbrook as a result of the high flood levels there, with possible back flow.

6.1.4 M4 Motorway

- 1 The M4 was flooded as a result of flood waters backing up from both the Meadowbrook.
- 2 High flow levels in the Lyreen resulted in flood waters entering the motorway storm drains and upwelling out onto the road pavement via the gully connections. This was compounded by the inability of the motorway runoff to drain away, resulting in it flowing along the pavement surface towards the Meadowbrook.

6.1.5 At Newtown-Rathcoffey Road

- 1 Overflow from the meadowbrook River out via the entrance to the Meadowbrook housing estate onto the Newtown-Rathcoffey Road.
- 2 Inability for surface runoff to discharge effectively to the collecting drains due to the high flood levels in these drains, thus causing surface ponding.
- 3 Backwater effects from the Meadowbrook River on the Newtown-Rathcoffey Road open drain system.

6.1.6 At Parson Street

- 1 Inability of local storm runoff to discharge to the Meadowbrook River due to the high flood levels in the channel.
- 2 Possible back flow onto the street from the river via unflapped gully outfalls. River flood levels were above street levels at the lower sections of Parson Street.
- 3 River walls generally not very watertight allowing possible seepage of flood water onto the street.

6.1.7 Contribution from existing Urban Development.

It is important to state here that urbanisation in terms of faster runoff and the increased impervious area did not contribute to the November 2000 flooding. This flooding was caused by a prolonged rainfall event allowing the entire catchment to contribute to the peak runoff.

6.2 The Design Flood

6.2.1 Analyses of both short duration urban storms and longer duration catchment storms were carried out to determine the design flood flow at Bond's Bridge. A design flood of 8.1cumec was calculated for a storm duration of 19 hours using FSR ungauged catchment characteristic methodology. The design flow represents approximately a 100 year return period flood. The design flow represents approximately a 100 year return period flood. The design flow includes for the proposed future urban development north of the M4 as described in the draft Maynooth Development Plan, July 2000.

6.3 Urban Development

6.3.1 The study found that the critical urban storm duration is 45 minutes producing significant flow rates at Bond's Bridge of 5.33cumec for the existing urban development and 6.95cumec for the proposed future urban development. These magnitudes are 66 and 86% of the design flow magnitude respectively. Consequently, the proposed flood relief works to the Meadowbrook channel will accommodate these flows.

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6.3.2 In the longer term there is a real likelihood that the short duration urban storm will produce a flood peak that exceeds the present design flood. In the interest of the long term urban development a policy of storm water attenuation should be introduced for all new developments.

6.3.3 It is estimated that future urban runoff from the west region will produce a peak flow rate of 2.75 cumec which discharges via a series of open ditches along the Newtown-Rathcoffey road to the Meadowbrook. This system of ditches will require considerable upgrading if it is to accommodate such flood flows (both existing and future).

6.3.4 The proposal of allowing urban storm runoff from developments lands east of Straffan Road to discharge directly to the Meadowbrook River should not be allowed without full storm water attenuation being provided. This activity without attenuation would increase the urban flood peak by approximately 0.85 cumec producing an overall urban storm runoff peak of 7.8 cumec, which brings it very close to the design flow.

6.3.5 The number of culvert crossings of the Meadowbrook River between the Royal Canal and the M4 is 15 including the M4 culvert and the royal Canal Aquaduct. This is over a total distance of 900m. This poses a serious maintenance difficulty particularly if all crossings are fitted with security grills, as is often desirable for safety reasons in residential areas.

Section 7 Flood Alleviation Measures

7.1 Short-term Measures

7.1.1 Maintenance. Implement Clean-up of Channel and Culverts from M4 to Parson Street. This will involve channel dredging, removal and/or replacement of damaged security grills, removal of obstacles such as fallen trees, barrels, etc. Implement regular program of channel monitoring and maintenance.

7.1.2 Royal Canal Aquaduct. Investigate whether the Aquaduct at Bond's Bridge is blocked and if so free it. This may involve either a CCTV or a Diver investigation.

7.1.3 The Newtown-Rathcoffey Road Ditch. This ditch needs to be properly regarded, in places widened and cleaned out with gully connections flapped and a number of completely undersized pipe culvert sections beneath road entrances to properties replaced.

7.1.4 Parson Street. Remove fallen tree obstacles, clean up channel, flap all gully connections to prevent backflow at times of high flood waters and repair damaged/leaky sections of river wall.

7.1.5 M4 Motorway. Flap the motorway storm outfalls to both the Lyreen and Meadowbrook Rivers so as to prevent backflow from these rivers at times of flood.

7.1.6 Storm Runoff Attenuation. Implement policy of storm runoff attenuation for all new developments.

7.1.7 Flood Monitoring. Maintain automatic water level recorders and implement programme of flow measurement to establish a rating curve for the downstream site.

7.2 Medium Term Measures

7.2.1 Bond's Bridge Replacement Culvert. The major flood relief measure under this heading is to construct a new culvert at Bond's Bridge as part of the Bond's Bridge Road Improvement Scheme.

Two culvert length options were investigated:

Option A: - 495m long culvert from the "New" Greenfields Road crossing downstream to the entrance to Parson Lodge. The recommended minimum culvert size for Option A is a 3m wide by 1.4m high box culvert.

If Option A is implemented the following additional measures are required.

- ♦ Provide inclined security grill at culvert entrance and exit.
- ♦ Upsize/remove upstream culverts.
- ♦ Replace all vertical security grills on remaining culverts with inclined grills so as to reduce the effect debris accumulation on channel flow.
- ♦ Implement systematic monitoring and cleaning of culverts and channel.

Option B:- 1020m long culvert from the Brookfield Avenue downstream to the entrance to parson Lodge. The recommended minimum culvert size for Option B is a 3m wide by 1.5m high box culvert.

If Option B is implemented the following additional measures are required.

- ♦ provide inclined security grill at culvert entrance and exit.
- ♦ Remove under capacity field crossing upstream of culvert between M4 and Brookfield Avenue.
- ♦ Implement systematic monitoring and cleaning of culvert security grill and channel upstream and downstream of culvert.

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Hydrological Investigation (cont'd)

7.2.2 Parson Street

- ♦ Investigate possible pumping or diversion of local storm water runoff from Parson Street to river at times of High Flood levels so as to avoid ponding.
- ♦ Identify and close off all sources of backflow in storm water drainage / gully connections to the river.
- ♦ Flood proof river walls along lower sections of Parson Street.

7.2.3 M4 Motorway

Implement the Recommended Lyreen Flood Relief Measures.

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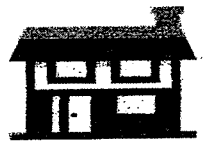
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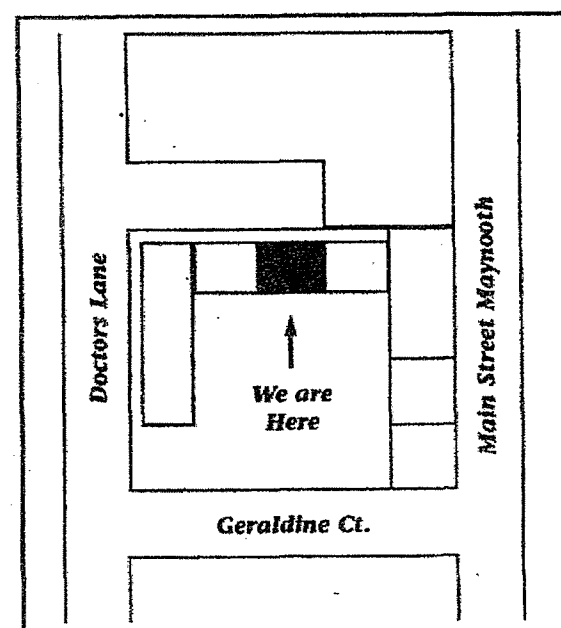
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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band, Maynooth

Junior Band News

The St. Mary's Brass & Reed Junior Band gave their first public performance in Maynooth College Chapel on Sunday 4th November. In all there are 24 members consisting of girls and boys from Maynooth and have been very busy rehearsing over the past months for their first performance.

They played as part of the St. Mary's senior band annual mass for deceased members and gave a very fine performance.

The idea of setting up a junior band was first thought of 3 years ago when beginner's classes started in the Band Hall in Maynooth. After learning the rudiments of music the students progressed on to instruments such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, cornet and percussion. They received tuition in the Maynooth School of Music which is run by the band's conductor Niall O' Connor. The junior band is very fortunate to have received sponsorship from the Maynooth Credit Union. This sponsorship was very important, as the costs associated with running a band are quite considerable. It will help to upgrade some of the instruments as well as fund a uniform.

All the junior band members are looking forward to various Christmas performances and very importantly playing at the official opening of the new premises of Maynooth Credit Union on Saturday 17th November.

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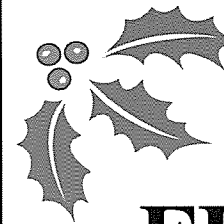
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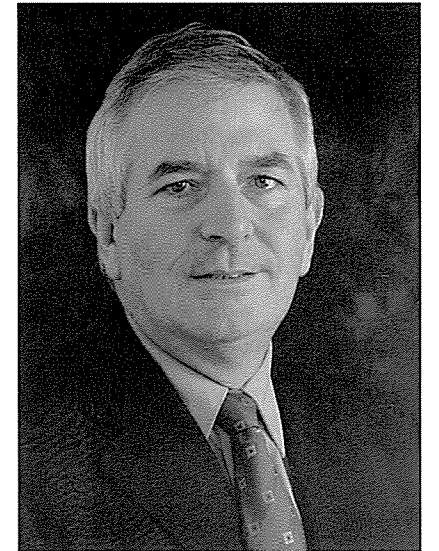
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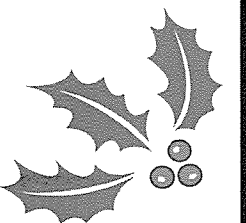
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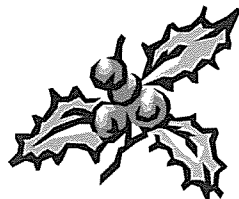
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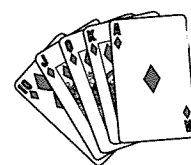
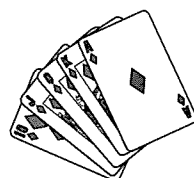
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01/1739	Sean Flaherty	23 Silken Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/09/01	sought for 2 storey extension to side comprising T.V. room, breakfast area, 2 bedrooms & ensuite	23 Silken Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1759	M. & N. Dempsey & Patricia Penny	283 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/09/01	sought for 2 semi-detached dormer bungalows and 1 detached dormer bungalow and accommodation driveway in the rear garden	283 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1831	R & T Payne	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/10/01	sought to erect dwelling house with new entrance including part demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate driveway & relocation of existing entrance	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1835	Miriam & Gerry Ormond	65 Rockfield Lodge Rockfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/10/01	sought for conversion of garage to living room	65 Rockfield Lodge Rockfield Maynooth
01/1882	Annette Nolan	87 Shelbourne Village Ringsend Road Dublin 4	P	18/10/01	for change of use from retail unit to cafe on ground floor	Fagans Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1874	Noel & Janice Wilson	23 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/01	sought to build an extension to the front, side and rear elevation of existing house	23 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1910	Colm & Lorraine Keogh	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/10/01	to convert garage to bedroom, side entrance and utility room and construct bedroom to rear at ground floor, together with 2 bedrooms and ensuite bathroom over at first floor level	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Maynooth Hillwalking Club

We are now approaching the festive season and the end of the calendar year. We would like to wish all the readers of this column a Very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2002. To those who indulge in the pastime of hillwalking whether with the Maynooth Club or with other organisations, may we wish you all a safe and enjoyable 2002 and perhaps we may see you with us on our events next year.

A number of our membership had an enjoyable weekend of walking in the Nire Valley in mid-October at a hillwalking festival organised by the Peaks Hillwalking Club from Clonmel. Our easy hike to the Blessington attracted twenty people from several countries. With a foggy start the day turned out very interesting and successful. Towards the end of our hike we witnessed the Department of the marine helicopter conducting a mercy mission to recover a hang-glider who had an accident on the side of Blackhill. Our paths had previously crossed with the hang-gliders routing to their launch area one hour previously. Later on when we were relaxing in Zellers of Lackan, the Mountain Rescue team involved in supporting the rescue mission also called in for refreshments. Our next outing for the month of October was to Glendalough for the Wicklow Autumn Festival. The club was represented on the Friday night hike and the Sunday hike.

Our next Easy hike for November 18th takes us from Hollywood (Co. Wicklow) to Donard, a nice little trek over tracks, bog roads, open mountainside and forest tracks a distance of 13 kms/8 miles with total ascent of 1,000 m. We will have to wait till the next issue to report on this outing.

Sunday December 9th Bull Island to visit the Interpretative centre for an audio visual shown followed by a 12 kms/7.5 miles walk around the 200 year old sandbank island in the middle of Dublin Bay. Some believe the Battle of Clontarf was fought so many years ago in the area where this island now stands. At this time of year there should be in the region of 40,000 birds of numerous species there. They would have migrated from the cold arctic regions for the winter months. Even at sea level at this time of year it may be cold, wet and or windy. So proper clothing is essential.

We are now into the colder, wetter seasons of the year so it is important that proper footwear and clothing is worn on our activities. A good quality rain jacket is essential as well as over-trousers. We will have to restrict attendances to those properly equipped for the season.

For those who are planning to become more active in their new year resolutions, we are planning an Easy hike along the Royal, Milltown Feeder and Barrow canals on Sunday 13th January 2002. This covers a distance of 11 miles on the flat taking in canal towpaths and road. We will depart from the front of the Glenroyal leisure Centre at 9 a.m. as usual. As it is

quite likely to be chilly for this hike we will attempt to complete it at a steady brisk pace.

We are now established in a new hillwalking year which runs from Nov 1st to Oct. 31st. If you are interested in taking up hillwalking and can stick the pace, why not complete one of our easier hikes between now and Christmas.

Club membership details available on request or from our website.

It is just over a month since we changed our name to the Maynooth Hillwalking Club. Our location is easier to identify. In the meantime we have created a web page (address below) and established a new e-mail address. It will take time to build up the web page but we are working on it. At the moment it contains our activities, information on the club and some photos of our exploits. Since we started our web site, we have had a steady flow of visits and a good number of enquiries. WHY not pay us a visit.


We will continue to conduct activities throughout the winter months. As well as the easier hikes we will be conducting more difficult hike which have to be restricted to members of the club and MCI members. We have started a basic Map, Compass and mountain skills course for club members which will continue through to February or March which is covering theory, practical exercises in the classroom and practical training the the mountains. The high point will be a weekend of practical training in the Mourne mountains in February or early March. The possibility of members attending Mountain skills course with an accredited training establishments is being examined skills courses with an accredited training establishments is being examined.

Weather conditions may restrict our activities but will not stop us. We will make the necessary adjustments to our plans. We hope to commence planning for next years activities in January. We plan to have a number of weekend activities next year including the attendance at a number of hillwalking festivals. A number of areas are under consideration. We also plan to attend a number of Hillwalking Festivals during 2002. Perhaps we will visit new areas for a change.

Again, it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out.

This applies throughout the four seasons of the year. There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. Please note that itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand with one of the contact numbers below.

Please Note: Most of our easy Hiking activities cove at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes as is the case on the 13th January '02 on our canal outing. Anyone attending our outings can expect to



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to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete and activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car.

Mountain Safety Notes: Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on **medication** or with a **medical complaint** should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

Contact numbers:- 6285367, 086-2703348 or

E-mail:- maynooth-hillwalking-club@yahoo.com

Web Page:- www.geocities.com/maynooth-hillwalking-club

Maynooth Golf Society

Christy Kenny Memorial Cup

Our week-end outing to The Heath and Abbeyleix Golf Clubs took place on the week-end of 5th and 6th October. Our first day brought us to The Heath Golf Club. Played in strong winds and heavy rain Pa Conway emerged as overnight leader taking a five stroke advantage into the second day's play.

After an early night we set off to Abbeyleix Golf Club. Conditions were much more favourable to us with plenty of sunshine. Pa stretched his lead for the week-end finishing strongly on the back nine. Congrats to pa and all prize winners on the week-end. Our thanks to Joe Conway for sponsorship towards our outing.

Finally we would like to thank Tess Kenny for presenting Christy's cup to our overall winner. Results are as follows.

1st Overall	Pa Conway	70pts
2nd	Liam Farrelly	59pts
3rd	Tom O'Haire	57pts(Back 9)
4th	Sam Feeney	57pts
5th	Terry Moore	56pts
6th	Matt Carroll	51pts
7th	Paddy Foy	48pts
Front 18	Gerry McTernan	29pts
Back 18	Tom Nolan	24pts
Visitors	John Doogan	
Nearest the Pin	Terry Moore - Matt Carroll	
Par 5	Gerry Kelly	
Par 3	John Saults - Ray McTernan	

Joe Murray Memorial Cup

Our final outing of the year brought us to The Edenderry Golf Club on Saturday 27th October. Thirty eight players turned out for this ever popular outing. Tom O'Haire secured top spot bringing in a score of 37 pts. Matt Carroll came second with 35pts closely followed by Mick Fahy with 34pts.

The Society would like to thank Martin Doyle for sponsorship towards this outing.

Finally we would like to thank Marie Murray and family for their continued support of this outing.

The following are the results.

1st Overall	Tom O'Haire	37pts
2nd	Matt Carroll	35pts
3rd	Mick Fahy	34pts(Back 9)
4th	Gerry Reilly	34pts(Back 6)
5th	Mick Hegarty	34pts
6th	Norman Kavanagh	33pts(Back 9)
7th	Pa Conway	33pts
8th	John Tiernan	32pts(Back 9)
9th	Don Sullivan	32pts
10th	Sean Moore	31pts

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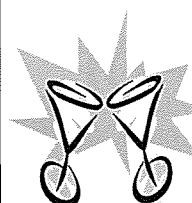
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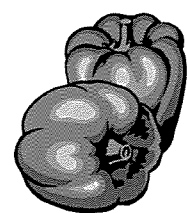
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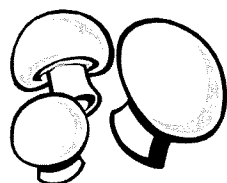
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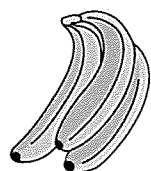
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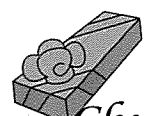


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MAYNOOTH G.A.A.; A SHORT HISTORY

The Early Years:

Maynooth is one of the oldest clubs in the country. Hurling was played in Maynooth in 1875, nine years before the founding of the G.A.A. in 1884. Maynooth 'Crom-a-Bu' won their first Kildare Championship in 1896 and represented Kildare in the Leinster Championship that year. The team captain was Domhnall Ua Buachalla who subsequently took part in the 1916 Easter Rising and afterwards was sent to Knitsford Jail and Frangoch Camp. He was elected to the first Dail in 1918 and he was the last Governor General of Ireland. He died in 1963 at 98 years of age.

The playing of Gaelic Football in the town can be traced back to the same year that hurling started in the town. A number of challenge games within the parish have been recorded before the foundation of the G.A.A. and since the start of official games within the county the club has never failed to affiliate a team. Our club has achieved success in every official competition sponsored by the County Board.

The footballers achieved their first success in winning the County Junior Football Championship in 1913, with a replay win over Castledermot. This team went on to win the club's only Senior Football championship in 1914, beating old rivals Kilcock 2-1 to 1-1. When Domhnall Ua Buachalla marched to the GPO in 1916 he took a lot of Maynooth 'Crom-a-Bu' with him, so the club had difficulty in building on this win. Further success was denied to the club until they won the Minor Football Championship in 1927.

Team Colours:

The Club Jersey (black with a white sash) originated from a tragic accident in 1889. A young Maynooth player Thomas Cullen was fatally injured in a game against the 'Blunts' of Monasterevan on 21st May. A monument was erected to his memory over his grave and the club jersey was changed from its original green, orange and black to commemorate this great Gael.

The Geraldines:

In 1958 Maynooth G.A.A. Club set up a separate club - the Geraldine Schoolboys' Club - to cater for boys aged 10-16 years in Football and 10-18 years in Hurling. The Geraldines won the County Minor Football Championship in 1960, the County Juvenile Hurling Championship in 1963 and the County Minor Hurling Championship in 1965.

Many of the players involved in the 1960 Minor success were on the victorious 1965 Intermediate Football Championship winning team.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.; RECENT SUCCESS

In 1976 the club won the Junior Hurling league and the Junior 'B' Football Championship. The footballers went on to defeat St. Kevins in the Jack Higgins Cup Final, taking this trophy to Maynooth for the first time.

The next major success came in the G.A.A. Centenary year, 1984, when the club again won the Junior 'B' Football Championship and the Junior Football League.

The early 1990s saw a resurgence of hurling in the club, with both the Minor & Under 16 Hurlers winning their leagues in 1991, 1992 and 1993. The Minors also added the Championship and the Junior Footballers also won the Junior Football league.

In 1994 the Junior Hurlers won the Championship and the Minors won their league.

Undoubtedly 1995 was a proud year in the club's long history with the club being named Co. Kildare Club of the Year. Maynooth gained both the June gained both the Junior 'A' and Junior 'B' Football Championships and opened their new clubhouse.

The ladies Footballers came to the fore in 1996 in winning the County Championship and the All-Ireland 'seven-a-side' competition.

1997 was also a very successful year for the club. In this year Maynooth won their first U21 Football Championship when they defeated St. Laurences in the Final after a replay. The clubs hurlers also won the U16 and Minor Championship and League.

1999 was undoubtedly the most successful year in the clubs history. The club's Camogie team brought the first silverware back to the town with their unique Junior League and Championship double. The Intermediate Hurling and Football teams won their respective championships. The Intermediate 'B' Football team achieved their League and Championship double. The undoubted highlight of 1999 was the 'Crom Abu' being named again as Co. Kildare Club of the Year.

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(Maynooth G.A.A. contd.)

The year 2000 saw somewhat of a lull in the club's fortunes with the Senior Football team being relegated from their new found status and success on the fields being confined to underage teams.

This past year, 2001, saw the club's Senior Hurling team reach the semi final of the championship for the first time in over fifty years! In fact we beat the eventual winners, Naas in the league section. The U14 and the U16 hurlers won their leagues. The Senior Football team were beaten in the semi final of the Intermediate championship, and reached the knock out stage of the league. The Minor Footballers brought some silverware back to the town when they won the Division 2 league.

We look forward in anticipation to further success on the playing fields of Kildare in the future.

Club Facilities:

The Club now boasts a fine clubhouse with purpose-built changing rooms, office, a committee meeting room, a large function area with full bar/lounge facilities. These were all added during the chairmanship of Mick Gillick over his ten years in that position, and are a testament to both his dedication and the foresight of those who went before him.

With a fine playing pitch, a training pitch and recently built indoor handball court at St. Mary's Park on the Moyglare Road the club seems well equipped to deal with the challenges of the new Millennium.

The priority for the club in the coming years is the acquisition of additional pitches to cater for up to twenty five teams in football, hurling, camogie and ladies football.

The Club is anxious to play its role in integrating newly arrived residents to Maynooth and welcomes new members of all ages

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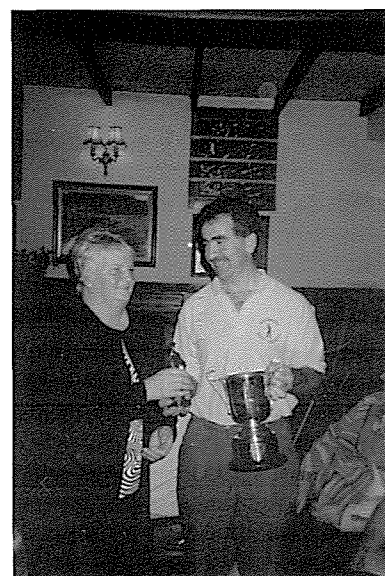
Maynooth Golf Society (contd.)

Front 9	Willie Moore	18pts
Back 9	Paddy Foy	18pts
Visitors 1st	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	44pts
Visitors 2nd	Martin Doyle	39pts
Visitors 3rd	Derek Murray	33pts
Nearest the Pin	Martin Doyle	
Two's Club	Martin Doyle - Emmet Savage	

A Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all our members and supporters.



Pa Conway (overall winner) with Tess Kenny and family members



Marie Murray presenting Joe Murray Memorial Cup to Tom O'Haire (overall winner)



Mick Flynn, Tom O'Haire, Tom Nolan, John Tiernan (Vice-President) at presentation of prizes on Vice-President's Day



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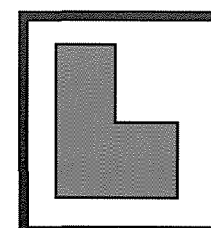
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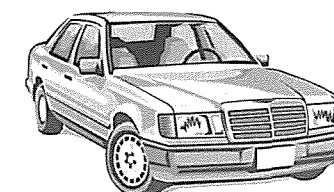
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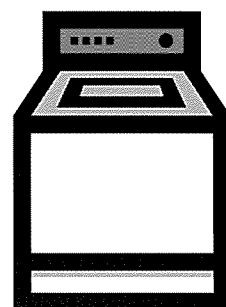
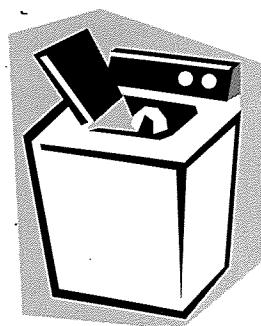
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The new Citizens Information Centre, at the Dublin Road, Maynooth, was opened on the 5th November 2001 at 2.00 p. m., by Mr. Dermot Ahern T.D., Minister for Social Community & Family Affairs. Afterwards the Minister officially launched The North Kildare Citizens Information Service in the Glenroyal Hotel.

The Citizens Information Centre provides an important service by delivering an extensive range of information including citizens' rights and entitlements, in an independent and impartial manner. The service is free and confidential.

The Citizens Information Centre in Maynooth was registered and approved in May 1986 by the National Social Services Board (now Comhairle). The Citizens Information Service is funded by Comhairle and supported by its very comprehensive training programme and information database. This is updated daily to provide accurate information by trained personnel.

Until recently, the centre was supported by a FÁS Community Employment Project. The centre is now staffed by a Development Manager, two Information Officers, one full-time and one temporary and 15 volunteers.

The Centre in Maynooth is open Monday - Friday, 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. The Centre provides an outreach service in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth College. Currently there are plans to develop an outreach service in the Kilcock area.

The North Kildare Citizens Information Service is committed to the provision of a professional, client-orientated and accessible service. The new office in Maynooth coupled with the outreach offices will help to better serve the expanding population of North Kildare.

Over the past six months, the profile of queries from clients using the service reveals the following:

- 40% of all enquiries were social welfare entitlement queries with particular reference to maintaining entitlements and secondary benefits when returning to work.
- 15% related to family matters particularly in relation to marriage breakdown and separation
- 15% of queries were issues for lone parents e.g. access to accommodation, education, work have remained a consistent high proportion of queries
- 10% were students queries, in relation to accommodation, grants and local social information
- 10% reflected a growing trend in the number of queries, from our immigrant and refugee population.
- 10% other

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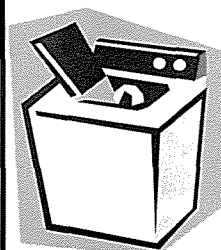
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Current human activity, through its wasteful and inefficient use of natural resources, has the potential, if left unchecked, to inflict permanent damage to the capacity of the planet to support future societies and plant and animal life.

Problems have begun to emerge on a global scale, e.g.

- Global Warming or Climate change
- Depletion of the Ozone Layer
- Decline of the tropical forests
- Species loss
- Unequal distribution of wealth both between countries and between different social groups within countries.

While these problems are global in scale, action must be taken at all levels, i.e. world wide; at continental, national, regional and local levels and by individuals.

We must think globally and act locally.

Development must not deplete the natural resource base - this is particularly important for Ireland.

The link between economic growth and increased environmental pressure must be broken.

Sustainable environmental and equity considerations must be taken into account in every policy and action and not just the more immediate environmental aspects.

The national and international framework to facilitate the change has been put in place and is continuously being updated and refined to reflect emerging needs. Individuals must now take action. We cannot continue as we are doing now.

Fundamental changes in our lifestyles are therefore required.

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The term "Sustainable Development" reflects the interdependence of environment and development in the pursuit of a better quality of life for everyone. Sustainability requires the present generation to leave the environment in as good, or better, condition that it found it. Development recognises that human living, material well-being and economic activity must

continue and grow. While these activities unavoidably have some impact on the environment, sustainable development policies seek to manage and control them as to respect the environment and use natural resources in a sustainable way.

The term "sustainable development" has been in use since the early 1970s. It has survived because both developers and environmentalists now realise that there is much common ground between them. Their concerns are not mutually exclusive.

Perhaps the best and most understandable definition of sustainable development is that provided by the World Commission on Environment and Development in its Report - "Our Common Future" in 1987, more commonly known as the Brundtland Report.

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

This definition recognises that economic activity is necessary to meet present economic and social needs while demanding that we refrain from squandering today the scarce and precious resources that will be needed by our children and grandchildren.

Other definitions have been proposed, e.g.

"improving the quality of human life while living within the carrying capacity of the Earth's supporting eco-systems"

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in "Caring for the Earth; a Strategy for Sustainable Living", a report published by the World Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN); the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in 1991.

A Question of Balance

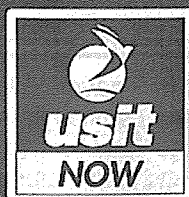
The problems arise in choosing between what we need and what we desire. We need safe food and clean water - we want a new Mercedes.

How we produce and how we consume resources at present places a heavy burden on our environment and effects the distribution of wealth. The difficult, but not impossible, task facing us, in partnership with all concerned, is to find more environmentally friendly and equitable methods of meeting economic and social demands.

Sustainable development seeks a balance between social and economic development and environmental protection, so that human activity does not undermine the long-term productivity of supporting ecosystems.

A Question of Integration

Integration of environmental considerations into other policies is widely acknowledged to be a key means of



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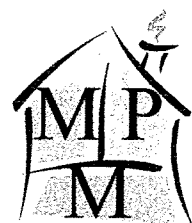
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securing this balance. Recognition of this underpins the approach of Ireland's national strategy and informs the mechanisms and structures through which the attainment of strategic objectives is being pursued.

Change of Lifestyles is an Evolutionary Partnership

The pursuit of sustainable development is not the sole responsibility of Government or any particular organisation or individual. The solution must be a partnership arrangement. It is also international experience that the process of change is an evolutionary process rather than revolutionary process.

Ireland's Ecological Footprint

Ireland's ecological Footprint is already 1.23 times the size of the land available.

In preliminary calculations by the UCD Environmental Institute, based on a standard methodology, the average size of Irelands ecological footprint is 2.38 hectares per person, or a total of 86,325 Km² - some 1.23 times the size of the State (70,394 Km²).

Features such as low population density and a high percentage of productive agricultural land have allowed Ireland to retain a relatively small footprint for a developed country. However, as this preliminary footprint measurement includes only four categories of domestic consumption (i.e. fossil fuels, built up land, food and forestry), the results may be regarded as presenting a conservative illustration. Given that substantial socio-economic development needs remain, ecological footprinting provides a means of demonstrating the importance of sustainable development considerations in relation to lifestyle and consumption patterns.

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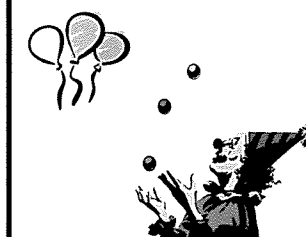
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Dorin's Recipes

Glazed Ham

You will need:
1 piece ham (boned and rolled) weighing 10 lb

For flavouring:

1 large onion, peeled and halved
4-6 cloves
2 carrots, washed and scraped
2 bay leaves
4 peppercorns
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 wine glass cider vinegar



To decorate ham

Cloves to insert in fat of ham

Honey and Mustard Glaze

You will need:
5-6 tablespoons honey
3-4 tablespoons mild ready made mustard
Mix together and use as directed

To cook ham:

Check weight of ham to calculate cooking time. Cover the ham with cold water and steep overnight then rinse well. Place the ham, skin side down in a large saucepan and cover completely with cold water. Bring slowly to boil then add all the flavouring ingredients. Bring slowly to the boil then reduce to simmering point. Cover and simmer gently until the ham is cooked allowing approximately 20 minutes per lb. Top up with boiling water, if necessary. Turn off heat and remove ham after 15 minutes.

To finish ham

Strip the rind carefully using a sharp knife. (the rind or skin should peel off easily when the ham is fully cooked). Score the fat in a criss cross design and stud with cloves. Place the ham in a roasting tin lined with foil. Spread or pour the glaze over the decorated fat of the ham and bake in a pre-heated oven, Gas Mark 6 / Elc. 400f / 200c, for 15 minutes until the surface is nicely glazed and golden. Relax the ham before carving and carve against the grain. This ham is also delicious served cold.

Brussels Sprouts with Chestnuts

Method: Peel 1 lb chestnuts, put in cold salted water with 1 bay leaf, bring to the boil and cook for about 3/4 hour. Meanwhile, prepare and cook 2 lb fresh or frozen sprouts. In a pan melt 3 oz butter, add chestnuts and sprouts, well drained, cook slowly until sprouts and chestnuts are heated through, season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Transfer to a warm dish, sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve immediately.

Serve also any veg of your choice. Also roast potatoes and potato croquettes.

Trifle

You will need:
6 small sponge cakes
Strawberry jam
2 oz Ratafia biscuits (these are small macaroon flavoured biscuits with almonds)
5 tablespoons sherry and fruit juice
13 cherries
1 tablespoon juice from cherry bottle

For the custard:

2 eggs
1 oz caster sugar
1/2 pint milk

For the topping:

1/2 pint double cream
1/2 oz almonds, split



Method:

Split the sponge cakes in half and sandwich them together with the jam. Arrange in the base of a 2 pint serving dish and sprinkle the Ratafia biscuits in between. Sprinkle the sherry, chopped cherries and juice over sponge cakes. Blend together egg yolks and sugar in a bowl. Warm the milk then pour it on to egg mixture. Stir well, return the custard to pan and cook over a low heat. Do not allow it to simmer or it will curdle. When it is thick enough to coat back of a wooden spoon remove from heat. Strain custard over sponge cakes and leave to set. Just before serving whip cream with egg whites until it forms soft peaks, then spread it over trifle.

Coffee Punch

In 4 glasses, preferably with metal glass holders, put a few grain sugar, 1 small sliver orange peel, hot black coffee and brandy, mix well.

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Prawn Cocktail



You will need:
1 1/2 lb small fresh or frozen prawns
1/2 pint mayonnaise
2 or 3 tablespoons ketchup
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons brandy
Sea salt
Paprika 2 or 3 tablespoons double cream
1 lettuce heart

To serve: lemon wedges

Method:

Wash the prawns, cook them in boiling salted water for 5 minutes, drain, shell and devein them. Mix the mayonnaise together with the ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, brandy, salt, paprika and double cream. Put the lettuce leaves, sliced lengthwise, in the bottom of 4 goblets or serving glasses, add the prawns, putting 24 aside to use as decoration. Pour the mixture over the prawns, and garnish each goblet with prawns set around the rim of the goblet and one whole lettuce leaf on one side. the goblets can be served as they are or set in crushed ice on a serving dish.

Smoked Salmon



Put the smoked salmon on a serving dish, garnish with black olives (if liked) parsley or lettuce leaves. Serve it with toasted white bread slices covered with a napkin (to keep them warm), butter curls and lemon halves on separate dishes. Add a pepper mill so that everyone can grind their own pepper at the last moment.

Roast Turkey



12 lb oven ready turkey
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
5 oz margarine, softened
6-8 tablespoons of oil, for roasting

To flavour body cavity:

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 sprig thyme and parsley
1 oz margarine

Oven Temperature:

Pre-heat to Gas Mark 7 / Elec. 425f / 220c for first half hour. Reduce to Gas Mark 4 / Elec. 350f / 180c for remaining time.

Shelf: Second from the bottom.

Approx. Cooking Time 4-4 1/2 Hours.



Celery, herb and Nut Stuffing

(sufficient to stuff the breast of 10-12 lb turkey)

You will need:
4 oz margarine
1 onion, finely chopped
2-3 sticks celery, finely chopped
1 level teaspoon dried mixed herbs
8 oz fresh white breadcrumbs
Grated rind of 1 lemon
3 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
4 oz mixed chopped nuts



Method:

Melt stork in a saucepan, then add onions and celery and cook over low heat for 5-10 minutes until they soften. Do not allow to brown. Stir frequently with wooden spoon. Add remaining ingredients, mixing well. Leave to cool then use as directed

Method:

Make stuffing as directed then cover and leave in fridge. Remove giblets and keep to make stock (if liked). Remove any loose fat, then check inside body cavity to make sure it is well cleaned. Wash turkey inside and outside under running cold water. Drain and dry with kitchen paper. **Discard paper after use.** Season body cavity with salt and pepper, then place herbs and 1 oz margarine in body cavity to add flavour. Free the skin gently from the breast by working your hand down under the skin, from the neck end. Fill the breast cavity with the stuffing immediately prior to cooking. Do not pack stuffing too tightly. Truss, tie or skewer the turkey (not too tightly) to close the neck and to hold the legs and wings in place. Weigh the turkey and calculate the cooking time, allow 20 minutes per 1 lb and 20 minutes over. Spread the breast and legs of the turkey with the softened margarine and season all over with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Heat the in a large roasting tin in the pre-heated oven. Place the prepared turkey breast side up, in the tin and baste with the hot oil. at the higher temperature for first half hour, then reduce heat for remaining cooking time. Cover with foil at this stage. Baste frequently during cooking, turning the tin around in the oven to ensure even cooking. Half an hour before end of cooking time, test by piercing the thickest part of the leg, juices should run clear and golden. The legs should wiggle in their sockets and there should be brown turkey juice in the pan. If not cooked it is most important to continue cooking until you are satisfied the turkey is fully cooked. Remove the foil for the last half hour to crisp the skin. When done, place turkey on heated dish and remove trussings. Leave the turkey for at least 20-30 minutes to relax and firm up as this will make carving easier. Meanwhile make gravy and bread sauce, as required. If using a frozen turkey it is important to allow plenty time for thawing. Serves 14-16.

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Early Irish Society (cont'd from last issue)

There is little mention of virginity in the laws but it must have been important, as paternity was such an issue. However as woman married more than once, it is obvious that it was not as cherished as in other countries. Dreadful penalties in other countries for women found not to be virgins. One text implies that the first or chief wife was expected to be a virgin. The wisdom text arranged in triads says 'the three drops of a *cétmuintir* (chief wife), a drop of blood, a drop of sweat, a tear-drop'. Another says 'What is the best sort of wife? Not hard: a good woman whom a man has never known before you'.

The partners are expected to be of the same class in the formal unions. The strong farmer is expected to marry a strong farmer's daughter and so on. If not, the lower family bears the heavier burden of payment, if the farmer's son marries the lord's daughter, the farmer's family supplies two thirds of the cattle. If the lord's son marries the farmer's daughter, her family supplies two thirds of the cattle.

(**Marriage** cont'd. next month)

Murder of the month – November Mary Read – female pirate

This is not a murder story in the strict sense of the word but the saga of Mary Read is quite, quite extraordinary. She was born in the 1690s to a mother whose husband had been away at sea for more than a year. The mother had a son already but the birth of another child, obviously conceived out of wedlock was going to create an enormous problem. When she discovered that she was pregnant she left London and went to the country. In due time Mary was born but shortly afterwards the little boy died. Now the mother had only one child but she was the wrong gender of course.

After some time news came to Mary's mother heard that her husband had been lost at sea. This relieved her of one problem but her mother-in-law wanted to see her little grandson! She had no idea of the events that had taken place. For a period of four years Mary's mother managed to survive in the country but eventually it became difficult to find a job and she decided to return to her mother-in-law in London because she had a small business and could support the two of them. But there was the small problem of Mary's gender! Therefore, her mother decided to pass her off as the dead little boy and dress her as a boy. At that age it was easy to deceive everyone involved. But this set Mary Read's behaviour for the remainder of her life. Some life it turned out to be.

Mary was quite happy with the change in life and as she got older she realised that being a boy in a man's world was better than being a girl. She became a footboy but running messages was not to her liking so she ran away to sea. She didn't like this either and eventually joined an infantry regiment and ended up in Flanders and fought in England's campaign against France at the time. She found it very difficult to achieve a commission and transferred to the cavalry but again she was denied promotion. Up until this there was no complication with her hidden gender. Then she made the mistake of falling in love with a Flemish soldier and tried to impress him by risking her life constantly. Her companions thought that she was crazy, as did he. Eventually she told the secret that she had kept to herself for so long. He was intrigued by this twist of events and returned her interest. But Mary insisted on conventional marriage and at the end of the campaign she declared herself as a woman, much to the surprise of her companions, and they married publicly. Both of them left the army and took a public house near the Dutch town of Breda. Their best customers were their ex-comrades. But Mary was not destined to live in happiness. Her husband died not long after the wedding, peace was declared and she lost her customers. Mary decided to move on and, dressing again as a man, she returned to the army. The same problem of promotion arose and eventually she left for the West Indies. But pirates attacked the ship and she joined them.

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Murder of the Month (cont'd from last issue)

Later she maintained that she had been coerced but this seems doubtful. After some time she availed of the king's pardon but shortly afterwards she took up piracy again. The governor of Providence Island fitted some private ships to attack Spanish ships and Mary joined them. The sailors mutinied and took over the ship and Mary joined them in piracy again. She eventually joined the crew of Captain John Rackham, a famous pirate also known as 'Calico Jack'.

John Rackham's mistress was a woman called Ann Bonny and she took a fancy to the cross-dressing Mary! Rackham saw her as a rival and threatened to cut her throat. Mary had no option but to tell both of them the truth and she was allowed to stay on board. Eventually Mary fell in love again – with a prisoner taken from one of the ships that they had plundered. She was prepared to fight to the death for him but fortunately was not required to do so. But her captain was to disappoint her and let his ship down. The governor of Providence Island realised that Rackham's ship was anchored off his shores and he sent a ship to capture it. Rackham himself and many of his men hid below leaving the two women fighting off the captors. Their efforts were in vain and they were taken to Port Royal. Most of the pirates were sentenced to death on November 28th 1720.

Both Mary and Ann Bonny claimed pregnancy and Mary's execution was postponed until after the birth of the child. But she died in prison from a fever before the decision on her future could be decided.

Placename

Modern day Dublin comes from *Dub Linn* (Blackpool). There is also the name used in Irish – *Baile Átha Cliath* which means the town (*baile*) of the ford (*áth*) of the hurdles (*cliath*). This is the most famous instance of the name that appears in other places in Ireland also.

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Old Songs

As we had two "country" songs in previous issues of the Newsletter, I'm told it's only fair that we include the odd "Dub" song in the repertoire. Here's one that never fails to get everybody going - especially if you're half gone already!

Dicey Reilly

Chorus

Ah! poor old Dicey Reilly she has taken to the sup
Poor old Dicey Reilly she will never give it up
For its off each morning to the hock
And she nips in for another little drop
Ah! the heart o' the rule is Dicey Reilly.

She walks along Fitzgibbon Street with an
independent air
And then it's down to Summerhill, at her the people
stare
She says it's nearly half past one so I'll nip in for
another little one
Ah! the heart o' the rule is Dicey Really.

Chorus

She owns a little sweetshop at the corner of the street
And every evening after school I go to wash her feet
She leaves me there to mind the shop
While she nips in for another little drop
Ah! the heart o' the rule is Dicey Really.

Chorus

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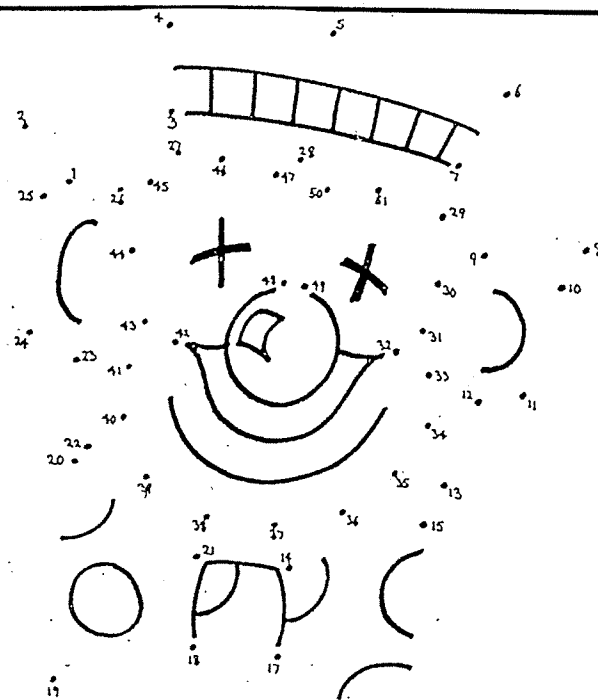
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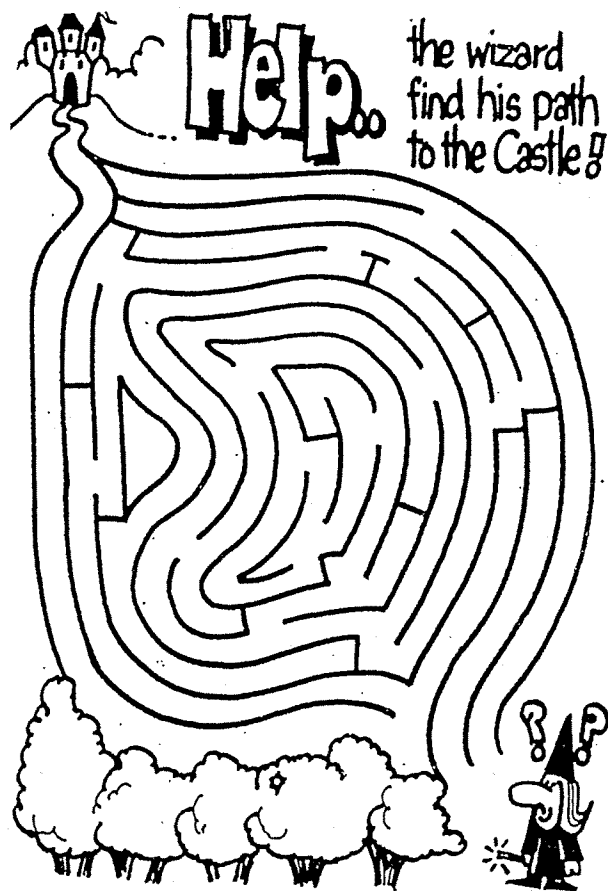
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NORTH KILDARE GROUP TO SUBMIT PAPER TO NATIONAL FORUM ON EUROPE

On June 7th the electorate of Ireland and this constituency gave a clear verdict against the Nice Treaty. In the aftermath of the people's verdict our group, which worked for a NO vote in north Kildare, called upon the Government to:

- Accept and respect the decision of the electorate.
- Inform our EU partners of the Irish people's refusal to ratify Nice, that the Treaty is dead and that the process must now cease.
- Reject any attempt by EU bosses to attach Declarations and Statements to Nice with a view to presenting a 'Nice 2' with new spins for another referendum within 18 months.
- Begin a thorough-going process of national and local dialogue with the Irish people, including the various No to Nice campaign groups, to formulate a consensus on Ireland's relations with the EU.
- Press for the speedy accession of the applicant countries into the EU (subject to their peoples' wishes), as provided under the existing Treaty of Amsterdam.

Regretfully, the Government's response has been one of gross irresponsibility.

Following the people's decision to reject the Nice Treaty the Government did not say to its EU partners, as it should have, that Ireland did not intend to ratify the treaty and that therefore they should not proceed with their national treaty ratification processes. Instead the Taoiseach and Foreign Minister told them that they should continue with that process as if nothing had happened, and that they would put the Nice Treaty to referendum a second time in Ireland, with a view to reversing the democratic decision of Irish voters. This second Nice referendum will be on exactly the same Nice Treaty as the first. It will probably take place in October or November 2002, by which time the other 14 EU Member States will have ratified the treaty. This process will be used to put pressure on Irish voters in an attempt to induce them to reverse their No vote of last June. It is of course by no means certain that this ploy will succeed. A general election must be held in the Irish Republic before next summer, so that a new government will be in office in late 2002. The Republic will have joined the eurozone by then, and it is unclear whether the abolition of our national currency will make voters more or less europhile in the meantime. Moreover, key issues in Ireland's second Nice referendum will be respect for the Irish Constitution and the integrity of the constitutional referendum process and for the right of the Irish people to say No to an EU Treaty. The actual details of the Nice Treaty itself (on which the Irish people have already voted) will be viewed as 'old hat'. The Government's

behaviour of encouraging its fellow EU Members to press ahead with their Nice Treaty ratification processes when there is no guarantee that Irish voters will permit Nice's ratification in a second referendum (in which case the Treaty must fall, as EU law requires each country to ratify), must be regarded as reckless. We do welcome the Forum on Europe, although the Government would undoubtedly like this Forum to help it in its plans to subvert the Irish people democratic decision on the Nice referendum. The Forum's Chairman, Secretariat and Steering seem genuinely to want to encourage a proper national debate on the future of Europe and Ireland relation to it

It also provides a valuable opportunity for those who wish to uphold the people's verdict to put their point of view to the other representatives and to the wider public. The National Forum on Europe web-site, on line shortly, is <www.ForumonEurope.ie>; Its e-mail address is <info@forumoneurope.ie>; Its Chairman is Dr Maurice Hayes and its Secretary-General is Mr Walter Kirwan. The address of The National Forum on Europe is State Apartments, Dublin Clastle, Dublin 2; Tel: Dublin 6705900/6705831; Fax Dublin 6705877 We are currently compiling our submission and hope to publish it in the near future. We would welcome contributions from the public either to the below or direct to the Forum.

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AN NUADHA PLAYERS TAKE TO THE BOARDS AGAIN

Maynooths Drama Group are back in action after the summer break and rehearsals are well underway for their 2002 pantomime, "Robin Hood". 2001 saw the group have a very successful run with the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Factory Girls" by Frank McGuinness. The pantomime this year will take place in the Aula Maxima in St Patrick's College on Saturday January 20th and January 27th at 3pm and 7.30pm and Sunday January 21st and 28th at 3pm.

Those of you caught last year's pantomime will have a good idea of what to expect this year. There are plenty of larger than life characters and all sorts of intrigues and confusion. I mean isn't it just a little confusing that Maid Marion (Triona Cahill) has a mad maid who is call Marion? Is it conceivable that the urban revolutionary, Will Scarlett (Noel Wade), would have a cousin who is also a revolutionary called Scarlet Williams (Aisling Byrne)? Is Little John (Trevor Best) really the man of steel the legend speak of? And how on earth in the middle of Sherwood Forrest did he marry a woman called Lily White (Ann Kelly)? Could there ever have been a Sherrif quite as wicked as the Sherrif of Nottingham (John Bean)? And where did he find a side-kick quite as slimy as his assistant Globuke (Mark Watson)? Who is the singing stranger in the religious garb (Mary Higgins)? Why is there a witch (Bridget Keon) in the story of Robin Hood? Is Robin (Darren Crawley) capable of leading a band of Merry Men or could he do with a management retaining course?

Would you have confidence in a band of Merry Men who have members called Much (Niamh Higgins) and Not Much (Aoife Dunning)? What on earth happened to Goliath the Giant (Sean Sinclair)? And what is that pesky creature (Martina Murphy) that keeps popping up all the time To find the answers to all these and other riveting questions you will just have to come along to the show to find out! Martin Higgins has excelled himself in the script writing yet again and it is easy to see why the Gaiety Theatre holds on to him each year for their own pantomime. Grace McGrath is doing a wonderful job bringing out the hidden dance talents of so many of the cast - some still can't believe that they can really trip the light fantastic! Colin Sloan, our musical director from last year, has returned to us by popular demand and has us singing our hearts out

Tickets will go on sale in early January so keep a eye out for posters with all the details and, Whatever you do, don't miss the show - its great entertainment for young and old and it gives local people an opportunity to put their talents on display. Please come along and support us and we'll send you away with a smile on your face

Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Friends and members of the clubs had a very enjoyable evening on Tuesday 16th October in the Glenroyal Hotel when we hosted our Christmas Gala. Clive Moorhead was the demonstrator for the evening. He came over from Devon and he was going on to Cork to demonstrate there Friday. Clive is also a teacher and a judge. He show his many talents as he created his displays with a Christmas theme. The evening was huge success and the 200 plus audience had a relaxing and idea filled evening. After refreshments, which were much commented on as being a really lovely selection of eats, we had the raffle. Moira Baxter the Chairperson was very happy with the evening and the club will be forwarding a cheque to our designated charity, the Arthritis Foundation.

Clive Moorhead also gave a Day School or as he preferred to call it, Workshop, in St Mary's, Maynooth College the next day, the 17th. The theme for this was "New Trends". It gave great scope for the group of ladies enrolled for the day to stretch the boundaries of their floral artistry skill. Of course fun was a requirement of the day also. We came away with strange and wonderful creations and lots of ideas for our next club night. By the time you read these notes we will have had our November club night with Lorcan Bourke from Absolutely Fabulous Flowers in Celbridge.

Next club night: Tuesday 11th December in Loftus Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth At 8.00pm
Demonstrator: Carol Bone

Competition: **A Christmas Wall Hanging** Space: Not to exceed 75cm in length Artificial Material allowed
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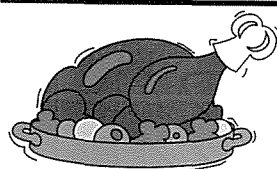
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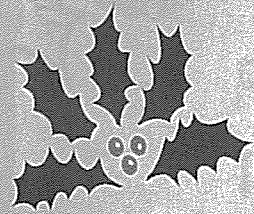
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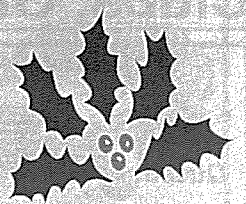
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Answer

Since 6th April, 2001 new claimants with 19 or less yearly average contributions will only receive a reduced payment for their spouse. Those who were awarded their reduced pension before then will continue to receive the full QAA as long as their spouse is under 66 years of age.

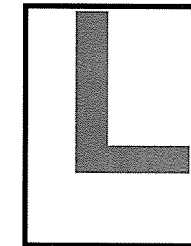
The rates of those awarded their pensions before 6th April, 2001 are:

Yearly Average Contributions	Claimant	Qualified Adult Allowance (Under 66)	Qualified Adult Allowance (Over 66)
48 or over	£106.00 (€ 134.59)	£68.20 (€ 86.60)	£79.60 (€ 101.07)
20 - 47	£103.90 (€ 131.93)	£68.20 (€ 86.60)	£79.60 (€ 101.07)
15 - 19	£79.50 (€ 100.94)	£68.20 (€ 86.60)	£72.60 (€ 92.19)
10 - 14 Self Employed & Pre 53 Pensions	£53.00 (€ 67.30)	£68.20 (€ 86.60)	£72.60 (€ 92.18)

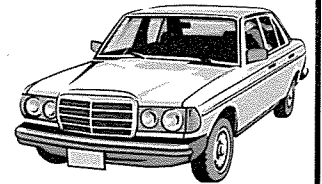
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10 - 14 Self Employed & Pre 53 Pensions	£53.00 (€ 67.30)	£34.10 (€ 43.30)	£39.80 (€ 50.54)

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Question

My local shop is displaying its prices in both pounds (IR£) and euro (€). Sometimes the price shown in euro is wrong. What Should I do?

Answer

If you feel a price displayed in your shop has not been converted to euro correctly you should first of all bring it to the attention of the shopkeeper.

A National Code on Euro Changeover was launched last December. Suppliers of goods and services to the public who subscribe to the code or to similar codes of practice, drawn up by business organisations and approved by the Director of Consumer Affairs, commit to carrying out the changeover to the euro fairly using the six digit conversion rate (1 - IR £0.787564).

To convert a pound amount to euro you divide it by the conversion rate and round the result to two decimal places i.e. to cent. Where the third figure after the decimal point is 4 or lower, the second figure after the decimal point remains unchanged (e.g. 3.174 rounds down to 3.17). Where the third figure is 5 or higher, the second figure after the decimal point is rounded up (e.g. 6.328 rounds up to 6.33).

Subscribers to the Code or similar approved code are entitled to display a logo devised by the Directors of Consumer Affairs which indicates they are committed to carrying out the changeover fairly. If your local shop displays the logo and continues to display inaccurate euro prices after you have brought them to their attention, you should contact the Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs. If the shop fails to take whatever remedial action it is directed to do, the Director can withdraw the shop's entitlement to display the logo and may also publicise the decision to do so. If your local shop does not display the logo and continues to display inaccurate euro prices, you should take your business to a shop that does display the logo.

Further information is available from the Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs, 4/5 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 402 5555 (Lo-Call 1890 220229) from outside the 01 area) and from the Citizens Information Centre. Tel: 01 6285477.

Question

I believe it is possible to get employment under the Social Economy Programme. Could you please give details on the type of work available and who is eligible?

Answer

The Social Economy Programme, which is operated by FÁS, was launched in September 200. It aims to

support the development of social economy enterprises that benefit the economic and social regeneration of communities. Funding for the development of business plans, employee grants and other costs is available to enterprises that deliver services into disadvantaged communities and create job opportunities for long-term unemployed people.

The enterprises are in wide variety of services including community childcare, community waste services, community media, estate management, transport for the disabled, care for the elderly, traveller persons services, environment and landscaping services.

The Social Economy Programme provides support for up to three years for the employment of the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities, members of the traveller community and other disadvantaged persons. The eligibility criteria for grant supported employees is broadly the same as the eligibility criteria for the Community Employment Part-time Job Option.

Time spent on Community Employment, Job Initiative, a recognised training course or time spent in prison can count as part of the eligibility period. Ex-offenders need not be signing on the Live Register at time of recruitment.

Casual workdays of up to 90 days, in the previous three years are allowed.

The work may be full or part-time and grant supported employees may be eligible for Family Income Supplement.

Further information is available from your FÁS office and the Citizens Information Centre. Tel: 01 6285477.

Question

My employer has told us that a number of employees may be redundant. Can you please let me know what I am entitled to?

Answer

What you may be entitled to under legislation depends on how long you have worked for your employer, your age and your normal weekly earnings. However, you may negotiate a redundancy payment that exceeds the minimum entitlement under the statutory redundancy scheme.

Redundancy arises where an employee's job ceases to exist and he/she is not replaced for such reasons as the financial position of the firm, because of reorganisation or lack of work or the firm closes down. Employees with two years service should receive at least two weeks notice of redundancy, rising to eight weeks for those with at least 15 years service.

The Redundancy Payments Act, 1967 - 1991 oblige employers to pay redundant employees their "statutory redundancy entitlement". To be eligible you must be between the ages of 16 and 66, in continuous employment for at least two years with your employer, paying Class A social insurance contributions and normally working at least 8 hours per week.

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The lump-sum redundancy payment is calculated as follows subject to a maximum week's pay of £400 per week:

- A half week's pay for each year of reckonable employment between the ages of 16 and 41 years.
- A week's pay for each year of reckonable employment over the age of 41 years.
- Plus an additional week's pay.

In calculating reckonable employment ordinary sick leave over and above 26 weeks, occupational injury over and above 52 weeks, maternity leave over and above 18 weeks and career breaks over 13 weeks in a 52 week period are excluded.

There is no tax payable on the statutory redundancy lump sum.

Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65A Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: 631 3131 (Lo-Call 1890 201615) from outside the 01 area) and the Citizens Information Centre. Tel: 01 6285477.

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Submissions/proposal should be made to the undersigned by Friday 14 December 2001.

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MAYNOOTH TOWN AFC

Maynooth Town (2) 3 Ballybrack Boys (2) 5
DDSL Under 9A1

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This match in the Harbour Field was a fine example of fast, open attacking football between two fine sides. As a top of the table encounter, it provided great entertainment for the large crowd. Maynooth raced to the initiative go grab early dominance with two fine goals from Shane Hawthorne and Conor Glynn. Rather than driving home the advantage, however Maynooth eased off somewhat. This allowed the visitors greater scope for attack and take over control of the game. Ballybrack was now playing the better football and they deservedly tied the match 2-2 by half time.

The visitors then took the lead early in the second half. Things now looked ominous for the home side as too many of its players failed to perform on the day. Neither their tackling nor passing was crisp enough on the day. Conor Glynn however did supply a flicker of hope as he tied the match at 3-3 mid way through second half. His fine determination got him on the end of a fine in swinging corner from Andy Forte to force the ball home. This was but a momentary lapse by the visitors however. Ballybrack again resumed control as the Maynooth challenge faded. Maynooth totally lost their shape and made it easy for the visitors to score two more goals and run out 5-3 victors. Taking nothing away from a good Ballybrack side who fully deserved to win, Maynooth must ask themselves why they did not compete fully and make the opposition work harder for their victory.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Maynooth Town (1) 2 Hillview Utd (0) 0
DDSL Under 9A1

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Two fine sides provided the large crowd to wonderful entertainment in the Harbour Field this morning. The Hillview attack and midfield proved hard to break down a determined Maynooth side. Cian Egan, David Murray and Chris Hobbs were called upon to clear their lines on numerous occasions. The match was evenly balanced as both sides strived for dominance. First blood went to the home side as half time approached. David Burgess calmly finished a long clearance out of defence to put Maynooth 1-0 at the interval.

The second half started in a similar vein with both sides punching each other's defence. Ciaran Kearney, Conor McCourt and Garvan Dowling were now coming more into the game for the home side. Then what looked a totally harmless long large shot on the Maynooth goal was watched by everyone as it found the net. Maynooth now entered a sleeping period and were lucky to retain purity.

Mark Donnellan, John Comerford and Conor Glynn knuckled down bravely in search of a winner. They were still finding the visitors a tough nut to crack however. Mark Donnellan then produced a fine piece of skill to clinch victory with a long-range shot. Victory was achieved through a refusal to give up.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

St Joseph's Boys (0) 0 Maynooth Town (2) 3
DDSL Under 9A1

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Long journeys are no obstacle to this fine Maynooth side. Their determination, skill and commitment proved too much for a fine St Josephs side and saw them establish control right from the start. Defenders Conor McCourt and Garvan Dowling were aided by goalie and captain Cian Egan in providing a strong foundation for this victory. Midfielders Conor Glynn and Mark Donnellan supported the attack and defence tirelessly. Strikers Shane Hawthorne and Andy Foxe were a constant danger to the home side. Two confident and deadly finishes by Shane Hawthorne saw Maynooth lead 2-0 at the interval.

Maynooth made changes at half time but the script remained unaltered. Ciaran Kearney and David Murray proved to be strong defenders and kept the home side at bay. John Comerford and Chris Hobbs ran midfield

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with great aplomb. They also finished in a fine passing movement that ended with Conor Glynn scoring goal number three. David Burgess also worked tirelessly when coming on. Indeed he was unlucky not to score.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Manortown (0) 0 Maynooth Town (0) 3 DDSL Under 9A1

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The Murky foggy conditions this morning failed to dampen the spirits of those two fine sides. Good passing movements and goalmouth incidents in plenty were the order of the day in the first half. The Manortown goalie made a strong claim for man of the match status with some wonderful saves during the match. Although the half-time score was 0-0 the Manortown goals survived a charmed existence. Maynooth must have stuck the crossbar and uprights at least half a dozen times in the first half.

Changes were made at half time but the script remained unaltered as Maynooth continued to dominate. Ciaran Kearney and Mark Donnellan ran the show from mid-field. Andy Foxe displayed great skill and determination to score a brace of goals in the second half. Mark Donnellan also displayed no shortage of skill when scoring a fine individual goal. This was a fine committed performance by all the Maynooth lads.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Maynooth Town (0) 2 Ballyfermot Utd. (0) 1 Snickers F.A.I. Youth Cup (2nd Round) Sponsored by Maxwell Mooney Solicitors Maynooth

For the first twenty minutes of this U/17 F.A.I. Cup match it looked as if Maynooth might suffer their first home defeat of the season. Ballyfermot Utd. carried the game to their opponents in impressive style, creating a number of scoring chances in the process, while the home side were finding it difficult to get to the pace of the game. But then Maynooth began to settle down, playing some neat football, and slowly but surely, led by their captain Gary McMahon, took control of the game to the point where Ballyfermot were fortunate to reach the half time break without conceding a goal. Maynooth began the second half in style, with Neill Dempsey and Brian Downey on the wings making good use of some excellent service from central mid-field, while at the back, the defence was impressively marshalled by Ciaran McCullagh. In the 65th minute, the home side were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area which Gary McMahon dispatched into the back of the visitors net. This lead, however, lasted only three minutes, before Ballyfermot equalised. The remainder of the game was a nail-biting contest of end-to-end football and goal-scoring chances falling to both sides. The deciding goal, scored again by Gary McMahon, came after Maynooth were awarded a penalty that was hotly contested by the Ballyfermot players. The visitors pushed forward looking for the equaliser but great work by the home defence and especially goalkeeper, Stephen Healy, ensured Maynooth's progress into the next round of this cup competition.

Maynooth from: Stephen Healy, Alex McMahon, Declan Rooney, Ciaran McCullagh, Daniel Adderley, Neill Dempsey, Brian Downey, Gary McMahon, Lorcan Fagan, Alex Dempsey, Mark Newton, D. Canning, Brian Mahony.

Maynooth Town (1) 1 Ballybrack Boys (0) 0 DDSL Under 9A1

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A closely fought contest between two well-matched sides provided plenty of excitement for the large crowd. Both sides provided plenty of goal-mouth incidents and displayed no shortage of skill. End to end football was the order of the day as both sides strived for dominance. Cian Egan, Garvan Dowling and Conor McCourt were strong defenders of the Maynooth goal. Strikers Shane Hawthorne and Andy Foxe were unlucky not to have breached the Bosco defence on a few occasions with some fine inter changing and passing. Midfielders

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Mark Donnellan and Chris Hobbs worked tirelessly protecting their defence and creating chances for their strikers. One such opening created by Mark's clever foot work saw him score a fine goal to leave the half time score 1-0 to the visitors.

Ciaran Kearney, David Burgees and Conor Glynn entered the contest at the break and they contributed handsomely to a fine contest. David Burgess was a rock in defence and helped snuff out any threat from the Bosco attack. Ciaran Kearney worked resolutely in midfield supporting his strikers and helping his defence. Conor Glynn displayed fine attacking qualities and was unlucky not to score. A fine determined display by the home side.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Seasons Greetings to All from the management and players of Maynooth Town F.C.

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Half-time team talk during Maynooth's 2 - 1 win over Ballyfermot United in the Snickers F.A.I. Youth Cup

Features

National Gallery Millennium Wing

The construction and design of the National Gallery of Ireland's 4,000sq m Millennium Wing is now nearing completion. To manage the final critical stages of the project, it will be necessary to close the Gallery to the public for a period of two months prior to Christmas, ahead of the opening in January 2002. This period will allow for a re-hang of the collection and an opportunity for the redecoration of the existing galleries.

The new wing is designed by the award winning architectural firm, *Benson & Forsyth*. The firm was selected from a shortlist of ten in an international competition launched in 1996, which attracted over 90 entries worldwide.

It will provide the Gallery with a spacious entrance for the public at Clare Street, in the heart of the city. It will also incorporate two suites of galleries dedicated both to travelling international shows and domestic exhibitions. Other facilities will include a Centre for the Study Irish Arts, a Yeats Archive, a Multimedia Facility, and a Winter Garden. Retail facilities will include a spacious Shop and two Restaurants. The scheme is project managed by the Office of Public Works. Visitors can see an architect's model of the new wing on display in the foyer of the Gallery.

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Community Radio Public Announcement

Proposal

To apply to the IRTC for a community broadcast licence covering the geographical communities of Celbridge, Straffan, Lucan, Leixlip and Maynooth.

Location

The radio station already exists (without transmission) in the Performing Arts Centre in St. Raphael's, Celbridge.

What is Community Radio?

Community Radio is operated by the community on a voluntary basis. It differs from a commercial station as it is non-profit with content devised and controlled by the community it serves.

Who is involved?

We have a small group of representatives from Celbridge, Lucan and Leixlip who over the last six months have put ideas forward but at this stage we would like to hear from anyone interested in being involved in any capacity.

Radio Programmes

We hope to broadcast a mix of music, drama, talk shows, public information, news, religious and political affairs. Content will cover local issues and promote social and business development in the area.

How can I become involved?

We are looking for people of all ages to assist in the development of a radio station for the area. You can decide how much time you are willing to commit and what area you wish to become involved in such as management, research, technical, production or presentation. There are no specific requirements only enthusiasm.

To help us compile information on the type of radio service the community needs, please answer the questions and send them to;

**Community Radio Station,
Performing Arts Centre,
St. Raphael's,
Celbridge, Co. Kildare.**

- 1] What type of radio programme would interest you?
- 2] What time of day would you listen to local radio?
- 3] Would you like to get involved (please include an address) ?

Features

PERFORMING ARTISTES TRUST SOCIETY (P.A.T.S.) AWARDS 2001. HONOUR RONNIE DREW OF THE DUBLINERS.

Congratulations to Ronnie Drew on his selection as Recipient of the Performing Artistes Trust Society's Entertainer of the Year Award. Ronnie was born in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin in 1934. He has been described as the singer with the voice that sounds like "coke being crushed under the door". Interested in music from an early age, he was a rather late entrant to the entertainment business. On his return from a teaching job in Spain in 1962, he formed the "Ronnie Drew Folk Group" together with Barney McKenna, Luke Kelly and Ciaran Burke. During a rehearsal, the name was changed to The Dubliners on the suggestion of Luke Kelly who was reading a copy of James Joyce's "The Dubliners" at the time. Over the following years, Ronnie and "The Dubliners" achieved national and international acclaim touring extensively at home and abroad, recording and enjoying increasing media exposure.

Ronnie took a break from The Dubliners in 1974, during which period he recorded two solo albums, and performed at numerous concerts, both solo and with other bands. He rejoined The Dubliners in 1979 and for another 16 years continued as before, touring again at home and abroad and recording and enjoying more media exposure. His own show "Ronnie I Hardly Knew Ya" with Mike Hanrahan has met with great success, winning critical acclaim in Ireland, England, Scotland, Israel and the U.S.A. He has also appeared in the BBC production "The Ambassador", with his son Phelim.

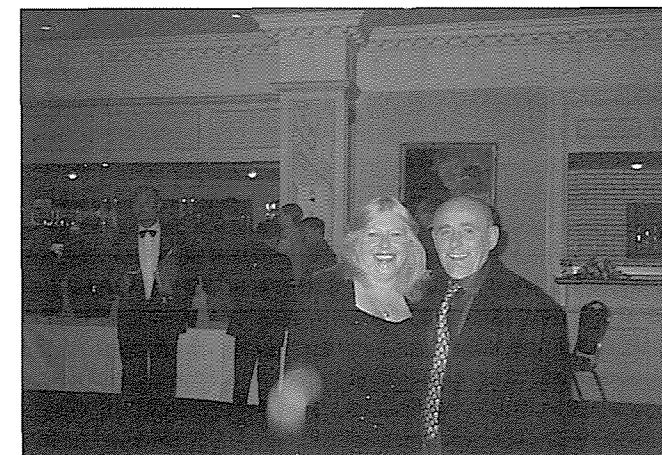
In February 2001, Ronnie was honoured with "The Posthouse Legend In Life" award for his lifetime's work as a traditional singer. Judging by his vigour, dedication and love of his work, there is a lot more to look forward to from the legendary Ronnie Drew. Ronnie has now become a member of the prestigious roll of honour of recipients of the PERFORMING ARTISTES TRUST SOCIETY'S ANNUAL AWARD.

Attending the ceremony to honour Ronnie were such celebrities as Al Banim, Monica Bonnie, and singer Ann Bushnell, who is just back from a stint in Las Vegas, Noel V. Ginnity, Comedian (who had us all in stitches), Sonny Knowles and many more. My partner Eugene Macari who is a brilliant guitar player was a member of the orchestra on the night along with Chris Kenevey, Musical Director/keyboard player, Des Lacey on drums and Tommy Donohue on bass. Everything went without a hitch and a great time was had by all.

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Bernie Colgan with Ronnie Drew



Bernie Colgan with Noel V. Ginnity



Bernie Colgan with musical director
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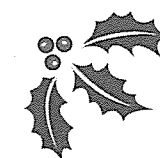
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THE CANDIDATE.

From Jane Austens': Sense and Sensibility.

They called on Mrs. Dashwood. Mrs. Palmer was several years younger than Lady Middleton, and totally unlike her in every respect. She was short and plump, had a very pretty face, and finest expression of good humour in it that could possibly be. Her manners were by no means so elegant as her sister's, but they were much more prepossessing. She came in with a smile, smiled all the time of her visit, except when she laughed, and smiled when she went away. Her husband was grave looking young man of five or six and twenty, with an air of more fashion and sense than his wife, but of less willingness to please or be pleased. He entered the room with a look of self-consequence, slightly bowed to the ladies, without speaking a word, and, after briefly surveying them and their apartments, took up a newspaper from the table and continued to read it as long as he stayed.

"Oh! my dear Miss Dashwood", said Mrs. Palmer soon afterwards, 'I have got such a favour to ask of you and your sister. Will you come and spend some time at Cleveland this Christmas? You cannot think how happy I shall be! It will be quite delightful! My love,' applying to her husband, 'don't you long to have the Miss Dashwoods come to Cleveland?' 'Certainly,' - he replied with a sneer - 'I came into Devonshire with no other view.' 'There now' - said his lady, 'you see Mr. Palmer expects you; so you cannot refuse to come.' They both eagerly and resolutely declined her invitation. 'But indeed you must and shall come. I am sure you will like it. Mr. Palmer is always going about the country canvassing against the election; and so many people come to dine with us that I never saw before, it is quite charming! But, poor fellow! it is very fatiguing to him! for he is forced to make every body like him.'

Elinor could hardly keep her countenance as she assented to the hardship of such an obligation. 'How charming it will be,' said Charlotte, 'when he is in Parliament! - won't it? How I shall laugh! It will be so ridiculous to see all his letters directed to him with an M.P. - But do you know, he says, he will never frank for me? He declares he won't. Don't you, Mr. Palmer?' Mr. Palmer took no notice of her. 'He cannot bear writing, you know,' she continued - 'he says it is quite shocking.' 'No,' said he, 'I never said anything so irrational. Don't palm all your abuses of language upon me.' 'There now; you see how droll he is. This is always the way with him! Sometimes he won't speak to me for half a day together, and then he comes out with something so droll - all about anything in the world.'

She surprised Elinor very much as they turned into the drawing room by asking her whether she did not like Mr. Palmer excessively.

'Certainly,' said Elinor, 'he seems very agreeable.'

What Fascinates me are Mountains

What fascinates me are mountains
I stand high up in the far breeze
I can see all around me far and wide
From the valleys to the seas.

What fascinates me are mountains
I can hear birds from the nearby trees
A furry rabbit hops away
From a fox who loves to tease.

What fascinates me are mountains
The rivers that cascade down the slope, free
Poppies, colourful and bright
Send their scent into the air around me

What fascinates me are mountains
The higher peaks adorned with snow
I scrape my hand against the rock
As I sit down to watch the sun sink low.

What fascinates me are mountains
Though many people don't agree
I can taste car fumes in my mouth
They're destroying the mountains for me.

Siobhán Albrecht.

How Times Change!

Douglas Hyde was a noted Gaelic scholar and the following article gives his ideas on the Irish language and surname. Hyde was born in 1860. In 1939 he became the first President of Ireland. This is what he wrote:

No man is now christened by Gaelic name, nor no woman neither'. Such common Irish Christian names as Conn, Cairbre, Farfeasa, Teig, Diarmuid, Kian, Cuan, Ae, Art, Mahon, Eochaidh, Fearflatha, Cathan, Rory, Coll, Lochlainn, Cathal, Lughaidh, Turlough, Éamon, Randal, Niall, Sorley and Conor, are now extinct or nearly so. Donough and Murrough survive in the O'Brien family. Angus, Manus, Fergal, and Felim are now hardly known. The man whom you call Diarmuid when you speak Irish forces you to call Jeremiah when you speak English. In like manner, the indigenous Teig is West-Britonized into Thaddeus or Thady, for no earthly reason than that both begin with a T. Donough is Denis, Cahal is Charles, Murtagh and Murrough are Mortimer, Dómhnaill is Daniel, Partholan, the name of the earliest colonizer of Ireland, is Bartholomew or Batty. Eoghan (Owen) is frequently Eugene, Félim is Felix, Finghin (Finneen) is Florence, Conor is Corney, Turlough is Terence, Éamon is Edmond or Neddy, and so on. In fact, of the great wealth of Gaelic Christian names in use a century or two ago, only Owen, Brian, Cormac and Patrick seem to have survived in general use. A hundred years later many more boys bear the names that were nearly extinct in 1901.

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A JANUARY TALE.

On this sunny January morning there had been enough snow overnight to turn the world white, and I could see the long, long road to the Hardwick farm threading its way through a glittering frostiness until it reached the farm whose faded red roofs were just visible as I drove up to the first gate. I looked around at the wide landscape, silent and peaceful, and blessed my good fortune.

Seb and Josh Hardwick were attacking a mountain of turnips, forking them onto a cart in the farmyard. Despite the cold, their faces gleamed with sweat as they turned smilingly to me.

'Mr. Herriott, grand morning.' They were typical dales farmers - quiet, polite - I had always got on well with them.

'How are the calves today?' I asked. 'Lot better,' Seb said. 'Thank 'eavens. We were worried.' I was relieved too. Salmonella is a nasty thing-highly fatal to young animals and dangerous to humans-and when I had seen the calves a couple of days ago the whole picture had looked ominous. I went into the fold yard with the brothers and over to the big pen at one end where my patients, twenty in all, were standing, and I felt a glow of satisfaction. Two days ago, there was an air of doom over that pen, with the little creatures listless and dejected, but now they were brighter and livelier, looking at me with interest. 'Well, that's fine,' I said, climbing into the pen. 'I'll repeat the injections, and you must carry with the powders.'

After the injections Seb waved me towards the house. 'We'll all want a wash, and it's time for our ten o'clocks, anyroad.'

Later, in the kitchen, as I sipped my tea and bit into a homemade scone, the two attractive young wives chatted to me and, as I sat in the warmth of the fire with a baby crawling round my feet, I felt that I could have stayed there all day, but my other work was pressing.

In the yard, we made our farewells and I put my hand on the car door, but the handle wouldn't move. I was locked out. My little beagle, Dinah, was the culprit. I had brought her with me, as usual, and while I was treating the calves I had heard her barking at the farm dogs, which was one of her hobbies. In the process she threw herself at each window and her paws had pushed down the knobs which locked the doors. I called to the brothers. 'I can't get into my car.' 'Oh aye, what's happened?' I explained the situation and Josh looked at me in surprise. 'You allus carry that little dog with you, don't you?' 'Oh yes.' 'But you don't take your keys out when ye leave the car?' 'No...no...I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to give me a lift home to get my spare key.' Seb's mouth fell open.

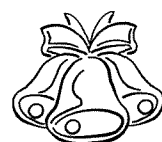
'Back to Darrowby?' 'Afraid so.' I tried not to think of the ten miles. 'We'd better get started.' Seb turned to his brother. 'I'll ave to leave it to ye Josh.' The road to Darrowby seemed very long and longer still on the way back. At the farm Seb opened the car door, gave me a hasty wave and trotted away to find his brother.

Dinah was in transports at my return but, driving away, I felt that I wasn't so popular with the humans I had left. When I made my final check on the calves a week later, all seemed to be forgiven. The Hardwick brothers greeted me smilingly-although when I got out of the car both men shouted, 'Hey, don't forget your keys!'

A few days afterwards, Helen met me with a strange message on my return home. 'I've had a funny phone call from a Mrs.Hardwick. She says you've pinched her husband's spectacles. 'I don't know that you're talking about.' 'Well, they've searched high and low for those spectacles. They're not in the house and the only visitor they've had was you. 'What the devil would I want with them?' 'I've no idea, but Mr. Hardwick wants them badly. You'd better have a search.' 'This is crazy I said, but I went to my working coat and began to go through the pockets. And there, among veterinary odds and ends, was the spectacle case, which closely resembled my thermometer case. I rang the farm and apologised. I was embarrassed, and the feeling hadn't left me three days later when I looked in the appointment book and saw that I had another call to the Hardwicks' farm.

The brothers seemed surprised to see me. 'I've come to see your lame cow,' I announced cheerfully. 'We haven't no lame cow,' Josh said. 'But...there was a call from you this morning.' They looked at each other expressionlessly, then back at me. 'Well...there must be some mistake. May I use your phone?' Seb led me into the kitchen and as I dialled the surgery I saw him lift his spectacle case from the table and slip it into his pocket. I found that I should have gone to the Borthwicks' farm, only half a mile away. Why did I have to keep making a fool of myself here?' I lifted the ballpoint by the phone, wrote the name down, then turned to the two wives. 'I'm sorry. I'm always being a nuisance to you.' I was about to leave when one held out her hand. 'Could we have our pen, Mr.Herriott?' Hot-faced, I took it from my pocket and fled. As I drove away, Seb and Josh, side by side on the cobbles of the yard, raised their hands gravely in farewell. I could read their thoughts. *Poor old Herriott. Not a bad chap, really. so sad to see him losing his mind.*

**Taken from Every Living Thing -
James Herriott.**



Features

Maynooth Post Primary School trip to Paris and Switzerland

Groups of friends huddled together next to piles of luggage, too excited to notice the early morning cold. Giving cheerful goodbyes to worried parents. The buses arrive and the crowd begins to feel butterflies in their stomachs, it's all about to begin. Six days without parents, six days with only seven teachers in charge of sixty-six teenagers, six days of fun. The Maynooth Post Primary annual fifth year school trip was about to begin.

On the bus, we happily discussed the upcoming fun and freedom in Paris and Switzerland. As the buses drew up next to the airport, a cheer rose up and the already excited teens became restless. We were one step closer to Paris.

We checked in and boarded without much difficulty and were soon on our hour and fifteen minute flight. On arrival at Beauvais airport, we simply collected our bags and boarded our coach to immediately begin sightseeing in the beautiful city of Paris. Our first stop was the L'Arc de Triomphe after which we walked down the famous Parisian main street towards the Eiffel Tower. At the Eiffel Tower, we were able to climb the monument. The view was breathtaking even just from the first level. A moonlit cruise along the river Seine followed our dinner in Flunch.

After a good nights sleep in Paris, we set off on our ten hour coach journey to Switzerland. We arrived at Bern at about seven o'clock local time, to see the Bern bear pit. Our journey from Bern to Meringen was uneventful. Upon arrival at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, we were provided with a three course meal before retiring to bed in our comfortable rooms.

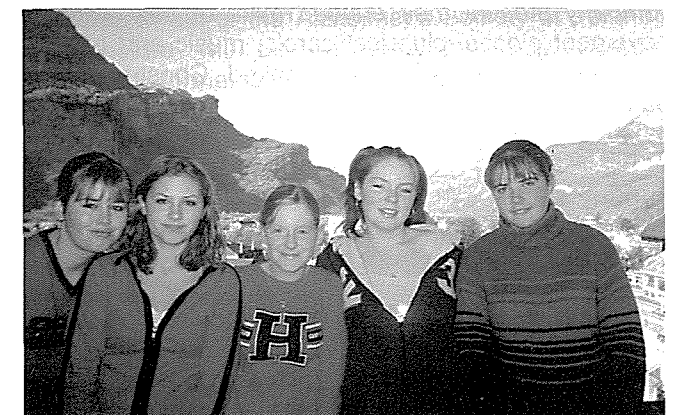
The next day, we once again boarded the coach which was slowly becoming home. Upon reaching our destination, we boarded cable-cars and began our journey up the Alps. After four cable-car journeys we arrived at the top, at a revolving restaurant and lots of purewhite snow which was soon used to pelt teachers and students alike. The more adventurous students walked along an icy path to the edge of the mountain and looked down at the rocks and snow below. On return to our hotel, we were informed that the teachers were kindly planning to bring us to a nearby nightclub. At the nightclub, the excited students began to chant "Ireland, Ireland" and proudly wave the Irish Flag, when the DJ played U2's "Elevation"

On Saturday, we visited a transport museum, went shopping in a nearby city and a few students chose to go to the "Glacier Gardens". Sunday was spent hiking up a mountain and once again we were allowed to shop. That night we began our journey to Eurodisney, Paris.

We spent one day in Disneyland where a lot of fun was had by all. One teacher described "Thunder Mountain", a popular rollercoaster, as "crazy". The day was spent going on rides, watching parades, shopping and meeting childhood heroes. The tour was an amazing success and the teachers were very kind to us the opportunity to see new sights and have fun with our friends. We all arrived home late on Monday night, tired but happy. It was an event which we will all remember for years to come.



The Fifth Year Tour Group
in Switzerland



Gemma Hawthorne, Carol Cotter, Joan Whelan
Emma Howard-Williams and Niamh Higgins



Cinderella's Coach in EuroDisney

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This is the third year in which Crooked House Theatre Company present their annual revue of new writing, movement pieces, classical carols, music and poetry for the festive season. A Crooked Christmas will feature Crooked House regulars with specially invited guests

Monday 17th

Kildare Youth Theatre in performance
£8/6 (€10.16/7.62)

In association with Crooked House Theatre Company, Kildare Youth Theatre will present their first performance of the season. This will be a new play devised by the teenagers themselves and directed by KYT leaders Yvonne O'Hara and Darren O'Donohue

Wednesday 19th

Crooked Sixpence
£4 (€5.08)
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The Kildare Reminiscence Theatre project presents their first showcase performance of the year with a selection of drama, poetry, story-telling and music featuring our senior citizens

1st to 21st December

Imprint

An exhibition of prints by the Leinster Printmaking Studio and the Seacourt Print Workshop. Artists from two print shops, one from Bangor Co Down; the other from

Clane, Co Kildare, get together to show us the best the print medium has to offer. Following its run in the Riverbank Arts Centre, the Leinster Printmaking Studio and the Seacourt Print Workshop are bringing this collaborative venture to the island Art Centre in Lisburn in the New Year. Both studios are notable for environmentally friendly, or 'green' prinmaking techniques

Maynooth Man Walks In South Africa

Martin Byrne will remember the Autumn of 2001 when he and over fifty other men and women walked in the vicinity of Cape Town in South Africa to raise much needed funds for the Irish Heart Foundation. The walk took them to the rich fertile country around Paarl, to the agricultural area of Ceres, to Saddlebok grape groves to Table Mountain and to Saldanah Bay - all a long way from the Wicklow hills where Martin walks each weekend. He has already walk in China with Maynooth man Michael Quinn The trip would not be possible without the interest shown by his dad Seamus, his brother James, his sisters Jennifer, Margaret, and Helen and all his extended family and friends. They helped him with table quizzes and bucket collections to raise £3,500 sponsorship in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.

The group met at Dublin airport to fly with BMA to Heathrow and onwards with British Airways on the twelve-hour journey to Cape Town. Martin says that it is an ideal way see a new country as their coach driver drove for up to an hour to the start of their trail. The walkers were graded according to ability, and balmy breezes in temperatures from 25-35 were perfect for striding out. Martin led the A group of experienced walkers along native trails and up mountain tracks to nearly two thousand feet, while the B and C groups went at a pace suitable to them. They halted to eat their way to their well-deserved pre-packed lunches and admire the scenery and then made their way to their hotels. There was plenty of time for discussions and diversions. Martin remembers the fish barbecues and walking along the beach at daybreak. They stayed in five different hotels and spent a night in a beach chalet. It was an unforgettable holiday.

Would you like to follow in Martin's footsteps? Age and level of fitness need not deter you. There are variety of walks to exotic locations in aid of other charities. None of us know when we may need the assistance of the Irish Heart Foundation, or any of the other groups! Martin is already planning his next trip so when he is looking for sponsorship be generous

WELL DONE MARTIN

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

Twenty-five members attended the November meeting in the ICA Hall on the harbour. The ecumenical remembrance service was organised by Ellis O'Malley and we were delighted to welcome Rev Adrian Wilkinson, Rector Maynooth. Teresa Brennan seconded Margaret Houlihan's vote of thanks to Ms O'Malley and Rev Wilkinson. Supper was served afterwards.

The inter-guild craft day at Maynooth is on Saturday 1 December. The Christmas party night will be on 20 December. Mary McNamara and the assistant secretary represented the members at the official opening of the CIC. Flower arranging classes are on Monday evenings. Badminton continues in the parish hall twice weekly. Wednesday is craft evening. Are you new to Maynooth, or have you some time on your hands, well join us at the next meeting on Thursday 6 December when new members will be welcome at our last guild night of 2001 a Christmas kinder party.

The ICA are involved with the series of talks, in aid of the Alzheimer's' Association, in St. Patrick's College on the first Tuesday of each month. Dr Seamus Caulfield who has had a lifetime involvement in the Ceide Fields Project in north Mayo was a very interesting speaker. he entertained us with music, video and a depth of knowledge. The Mayo sculpture trail was the brainchild of a Maynooth resident. A booklet is available to guide one through the fascinating works that enhance the landscape of County Mayo. Did you know that the riverdance show emanated from a Mayo 5000 concert in the National Concert Hall? Jean Butler and Michael Flatley (both of Mayo backgrounds) were guest artistes. From that meeting the show was compiled with Bill Whelan.

The talks continue, so if you want to learn about Tiffany glass come along to the College on Tuesday night 4 December at 8 o'clock when the guest speaker will be Mary Sheehan. A £5 donation towards Alzheimer funds will be appreciated.

Raffle winners:

1. Eileen Flynn, 2. Irene Mathews, 3. M. Farrell

Competition results

1. Teresa Brennan, M.Deane, Imelda Delaney, Betty Farrell, Eileen Flynn, Margaret Houlihan, Irene Mathews, Bernadette Raftery.
2. Viva Kerins, Jo O'Connell, Nell McLoughlin.
3. Anne Broughan, Helen Doyle, Grainne Kelly, M. Farrell.

Details of Lecture

Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848 - 1933) was the most famous of all stained glass artists in America and his reputation for experimentation and artistry in stained glass techniques was unsurpassed.

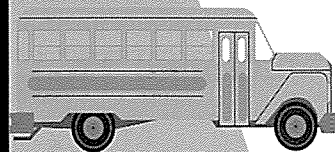
Tiffany Studios began producing glass in the early 1880's and continued to do so until the studio closed in the 1930's. The studio built its reputation from its stained glass window commissions, lamps and decorative glass objects. A century later, Tiffany glass is as renowned worldwide as it was when first available.

A medieval craft, the technology of stained glass making in American underwent transformation as did so many other industries in the mid - nineteenth century, and Tiffany was an important innovator, investing in experimentation throughout his career in the industry. The output from his and other studios did much to promote stained glass as a decorative art. The relationship between glass of different colours, its density and the effect of light - all combine to create the luminescence and vibrancy in the medium - however subtle. That is the forte of Tiffany glass.

This illustrated lecture will feature the stained glass windows, lamps and decorative glass objects made by Tiffany Studios and is organised by the Maynooth Branch of the ICA. The third in a series of six lectures in aid of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, the lecture will be delivered by Mary Colette Sheehan, former curator of a private collection that included Tiffany glass in Chicago, USA.

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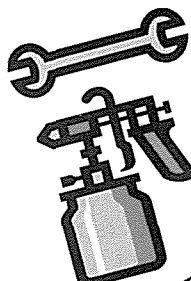
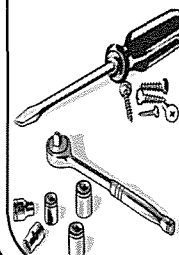
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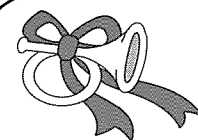
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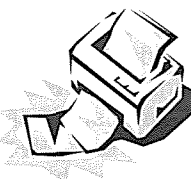
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Maynooth Labour News

Amended Draft Maynooth Development Plan 2001 Adopted

The Amended Draft Maynooth Development Plan 2001 was adopted unanimously at the Council Meeting on 5th November despite the best efforts of Cllrs. Paul Kelly, Fianna Fáil, and Senan Griffin, Fine Gael, to scupper it. When Deputy Emmet Stagg outlined the history of their Parties getting funding from landowners and developers at the Council Meeting on 22nd October they went ballistic (There is no other word to describe their reaction) and the Fianna Fáil Chairman adjourned the meeting. The truth certainly hurt them.

When Deputy Stagg repeated his comments at the November Meeting, Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael Councillors had calmed down somewhat and ordinary business followed. But not before Cllr. Kelly stated that he abstained when the decision was being taken on the Plan at the Area Meeting, despite the agreed Minutes showing otherwise, and then he went on to go the full circle by seconding Cllr. John McGinley's Motion that the Plan be adopted.

Deputy Emmet Stagg, Cllr. John McGinley and Cllr. Catherine Murphy believe that the Plan is good for the people of Maynooth. Some of the significant community gains are as follows:

- 10 acres of land for the GAA
- 10 acres of land for the Soccer Club
- 8 acres of land for the schools for playing pitches
- 5 acres for a new Gael Scoil
- 53 acre public park at Carton Avenue
- 7 acre public park at Carton Court/Greenfield Drive
- The original Fianna Fáil/Fine Gael proposal for 280 acres (2,800 houses) has now been reduced to 150 acres Residential Zoning.
- Ring roads to take traffic out of the centre of town. The new road to service the proposed new houses off the Moyglare Road has to be in place before the houses are built.
- No development to take place in Newtown until flood relief measures are in place. The extraordinary thing concerning Newtown is that Cllr Griffin has stated in the *Liffey Champion* and the *Maynooth Newsletter* that he does not expect the flood relief measures to be in place within the next five years or maybe the next ten years. Residents in Meadowbrook, Newtown and Parson Street can be assured that Deputy Stagg, Cllrs. McGinley and Murphy will be demanding immediate action by the Council. It would be wise for the residents who suffered from the flooding to question Cllr. Griffin's support on this very serious issue.

Recycling Policy to be implemented in 2002

On the insistence of Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley the Waste Management Plan for the County has a recycling policy of door to door collection of separated waste in all large urban areas and £100,000 was set aside in the 2001 Estimates for this purpose. This is about enough to carry out the service in one large town and the Leixlip Area Committee was advised at its Meeting on 2 November that the service would begin in Leixlip early in 2002. The allocation in the Draft Estimates for 2002 has been increased to £500,000 and this should enable the service to be extended to the other large urban areas including Celbridge and Maynooth. It is unfortunate that the public have had to wait over a year for this policy to be implemented, but it is better late than never.

Each house will be issued with an additional recycling bin for magazines, papers, cardboard, plastic etc. and the bin will be collected once a month. This is a similar system to that in operation in Dublin where there is a take up rate of 85%.

Bond Bridge

Cllr. McGinley has asked for a monthly update on this project and he was advised of the following at the November Area Meeting:

"HGL O'Connor Consultants have been requested to review the size of the culvert associated with the bridge in view of the findings of the Meadowbrook flooding report. It is anticipated that this review will be completed within the next few weeks at which time the contract documents for the Bond Bridge Project should be completed. It is proposed to go to tender **and commence construction of the new bridge as early as possible in 2002.**"

Cllr. John McGinley also had the following motion debated at the Area Meeting:

"That two or three **temporary ramps** be put on Bond Bridge in the interest of safety"

The Engineer present at the meeting stated that the statutory process for installing ramps would take too long and in view of the imminence of construction work on the new bridge it would be better to refresh the lining and lettering on the road. This was agreed and the Engineer stated that it would be done in a couple of weeks.

Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. McGinley has been given the following progress report on the construction of this much needed road:

"The land required for the road has been purchased. Consulting Engineers DBFL have been engaged to prepare the contracts for the road project. The

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consultants have confirmed that the contract documents will be finalised within the next four weeks. It is proposed to seek tenders and commence construction of the road as soon as possible in 2002." Cllr. McGinley has asked the Engineers to speed up the project as progress is going at snails pace at present. He has also asked for a summary of the contract document so that he can check whether or not all of the issues agreed in the Planning Process (Part X) are included.

Meadowbrook Flooding

As a result of his Motion at the October Area Meeting, Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the November Area Meeting:

"As you are aware consulting engineers have prepared two reports outlining flood alleviation measures for the Lyreen and Meadowbrook. The total cost of these alleviation measures is approx. £4M. Discussions have been held with officials of the OPW, and Kildare County Council are now making a formal request to the OPW for the necessary funding. Under Better Local Government surface water and flooding issues will now be dealt with by the Sanitary Services/Housing Directorate."

Cllr. McGinley has again asked that the Meadowbrook and Joan Slade rivers be cleared of debris immediately. He has also asked for details of the remedial work for which funding has been sought in order to satisfy himself that everything necessary is included. He pointed out that the complete rebuilding of Parson Street wall at the Joan Slade river was not mentioned in the report and it was essential that this be carried out.

Car Parking at Maynooth Rail Station

In order to alleviate the serious car parking shortage at Maynooth Railway Station Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Area Committee:

"That permission be sought from the OPW for the public use of their car park at the Harbour, Maynooth, during weekdays, in order to facilitate train users."

The motion was agreed to and the County Secretary will now seek permission from the OPW.

Condition of the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth.

Maynooth is the envy of most towns with its tree lined Main Street. It is essential that they be kept healthy and intact. In order to ensure this Cllr. John McGinley's motion, *"That a survey of the trees on Main Street, Maynooth be carried out with a view to drawing up a programmed replacement where*

necessary" was agreed at the November Area Meeting.

Improvements on Main Street, Maynooth.

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Council are going to reline the cycle lanes on Main Street, Maynooth as they are invisible at present. They will also refit loose paving slabs and will also consider installing more appropriate seating. The existing seats are ugly and they are litter traps.

Geraldine Hall, Maynooth.

The Council's Conservation Officer reported to the November Area Meeting on the status of the Geraldine Hall. The building is at present owned by Carton Properties Ltd. and they wish to hand it over to the Council for community use. Carton Properties also want to hand over the Harbour Field to the Council, however, in order for this to happen the existing trustees must relinquish their trusteeship.

It is the Conservation Officers view that the back extension of the Geraldine Hall is in a dangerous condition and needs to be demolished to make the building safe. She also stated that this extension has no architectural value, however, the front old section building (the school) is of significant importance and it is essential that it is preserved. The Area Committee stated that the Council should immediately place warning signs at the building so that the community, especially children, would be aware of its condition.

The Conservation Officer also advised that 80% Construction Grants were available if it was agreed to develop the building as a community centre and its location, beside the Harbour Field, makes it ideal for this purpose. The County Secretary will contact Mary Cullen (Acting Secretary, to the existing trustees of the Harbour Field) outlining the various options for both properties.

Cllr. McGinley asked that every effort be made to get early agreement as Maynooth is in dire need of centres for Recreational, Social and Amenity use.

Green Area Outside the Geraldine Castle, Maynooth.

The OPW recently finished work on the first phase of refurbishing the Geraldine Castle. As residents will know, they cut up the green opposite during the course of the work and they have left without carrying out any reinstatement. Cllr. John McGinley has written to the County Secretary requesting that he demands that the OPW reinstate this green and that they repair any other damage done in the area outside the castle.

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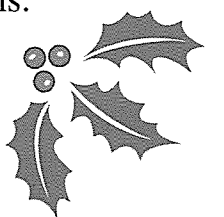


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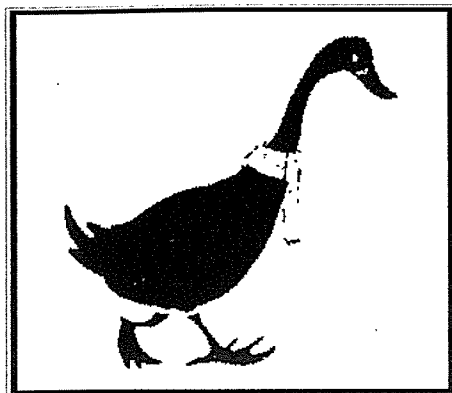
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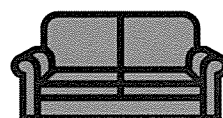


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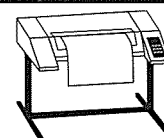
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Further rejection of apartment proposal at Parson Street

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the rejection by Kildare County Council of the revised proposal for 90 apartments at Parson Street, Maynooth and re-iterated that the provision of any structures in this historical area of Maynooth above two storey would be entirely inappropriate.

The previous proposal involved 6 four storey blocks and the revised proposal now rejected by the Council sought permission for 6 three storey blocks.

Commenting on the reasons for refusal Deputy Stagg stated that the Council quite rightly rejected the proposal as being premature whilst awaiting the preparation of an Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area which bounds Leinster Street, Parson Street and The Harbour. Deputy Stagg further stated that the three storey proposal was resolutely rejected on the basis of the impact the development would have on the adjoining two storey houses, which would have led to serious overlooking of existing dwellings and a loss of value to these properties.

Most importantly, this proposal was rejected on the basis of the impact the development would have on the historical townscape of Maynooth with its core being Maynooth Castle, the College and St. Mary's Church. Views of the Harbour Area would also have been seriously affected by the proposal.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley congratulated the Parson Lodge Resident's Association on their success in the rejection of the proposal and indicated that if the developer appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála that they would also take them on in that forum.

Government refuse further works at Maynooth Castle

Deputy Emmet Stagg again questioned Minister de Valera in relation to the funding of Phase 2 of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle.

In her Dáil response the Minister has more or less washed her hands of any further restoration works by stating that in 2002 the facilities will be assessed to make a determination as to the level, if any, of additional works required to ensure the successful operation of the Castle. Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that this is a disgrace given the historical importance of Maynooth Castle and what we now have is a half baked proposal.

Phase 1 of the restoration works involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2, which has now been abandoned by this Government, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

Deputy Stagg will continue to apply pressure on Minister de Valera in relation to Phase 2 of the restoration works.

Maynooth Post Primary School – Extension

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by County Kildare VEC that they have now submitted the Developed Sketch Scheme for the required extension to the school to the Department of Education.

Deputy Stagg will now press the Minister for Education to progress the project further.

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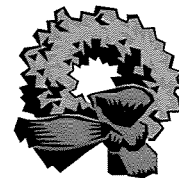
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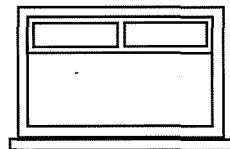
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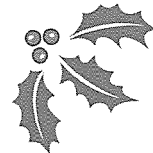
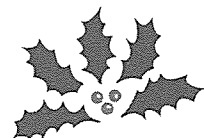
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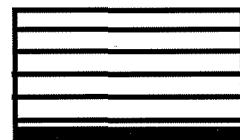
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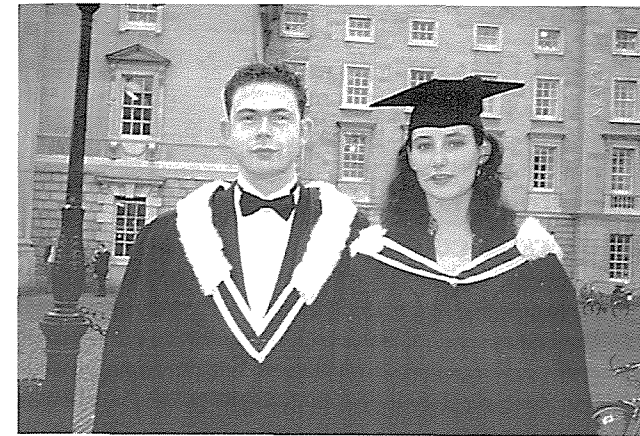
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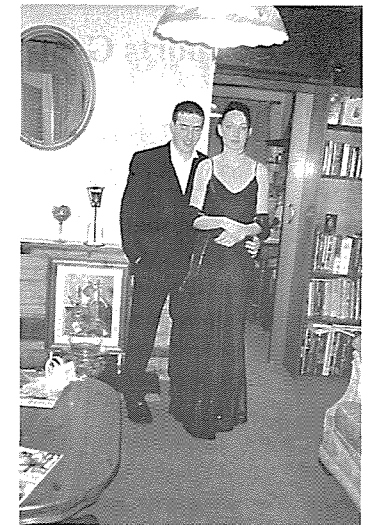
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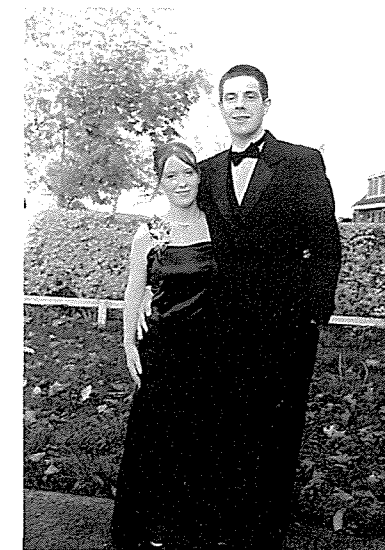
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Plans are already underway with the local committee on the hosting of the Brazilian team in our community. The University and a number of local clubs have already committed themselves to providing facilities for the necessary pre-Olympic training for these athletes. Maynooth will also provide local accommodation for all our guests for the four days before the athletes move on to Olympic villages scattered around the Dublin area.

At this time we would like to thank all who have given us their support in the preparation of the submission document for this event, without their help we would have never reached this stage.

A public information meeting will be held in January explaining how the whole community can get involved, followed by a launch in the local Bank of Ireland. The local committee has already contacted the local schools from whom they have received full support where the hope is that Maynooth's young people will be involved in this event.

As part of any major project, fundraising is an essential to ensure success is reached to the highest level possible. The local committee, along with the central organizing committee has established a collection point in the Bank of Ireland for all currency before the EURO changeover. It is important to note that all moneys collected in the local branch will stay in Maynooth. We would hope all our guests leave Maynooth with *memories that will equal their effort on the Olympic field.*

If you wish to have further information from the local committee please contact Ronan Barry, 01-6286304 of Elaine Bean, 01-6291880



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MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL NEWS

This issue of the Maynooth Newsletter will be going to the Shops just before the arrival of Christmas 2001 and so the Cumann would like to take this opportunity to wish all the citizens of Maynooth and surrounding areas a happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

In this issue I am going to give an outline of the events which have taken place since our last article in the November issue and maybe a brief list of forthcoming events and plans also. As usual we will also document issues of concern which our local T.D. Minister Charlie McCreevy and our local Councillor Paul Kelly have been dealing with on behalf of the residents of North Kildare generally, but particularly Maynooth.

MINISTER CHARLIE MCCREEVY T.D.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE - "Turas Le Cheile"

The Minister for Finance launched a new Bereavement Support Service on 11th October in Kilcock, which caters for the people in North Kildare and South Meath. The Irish translation as listed above translates to "Journey Together".

The service is a voluntary service which is available to anyone who has been bereaved and needs help or counselling. About 20 counsellors have been trained to deal with people experiencing problems through bereavement by Josephine Murphy and Liam McCarthy of the Personal Counselling Institute. Since the service opened in September already over 15 people have been availing of the help available. Speaking at the official opening of the Service, Minister McCreevy spoke of the help being offered to people to help them understand their grief and cope with the issues that arise. Minister McCreevy detailed that the origin of the support service being set up was a seminar on suicide which was held last year in Scoil Dara. The Minister spoke of his awareness of the increasing and high rate of suicide in Ireland today and how it is now a major public health issue, being particularly prevalent among young males. He congratulated the group who had set up a voluntary service and spoke of the invaluable help it provided to society in general. Regular confidential counselling support will be available on Thursday nights in Auburn House on the Courtown Road, Kilcock and people can phone 01-6287605 or 01-6287640 to speak to Carmel Smith between 9a.m. and 5p.m. Monday to Friday.

GARDA UNIT TO TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN MAYNOOTH/CELBRIDGE.

Following representations made by the Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. to the Garda authorities on behalf of problems being experienced

generally in Maynooth and Celbridge, and also specifically noted by the Castledawson Residents Association in relation to anti-social behaviour involving drink and drugs, the Chief Superintendent Sean Feely has informed the Minister that he has been consulting with Gardai in Maynooth and has set up a unit to address this problem in both towns. The unit is comprised of 4 gardai based in Naas and is particularly focusing on the drug problem in the North Kildare areas.

Chairman of the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann welcomed the Superintendents action and thanked the Minister for his help in making representations on behalf of the residents of Castledawson. Gearoid Lohan explained that issue arose around garda manning levels in Maynooth in relation to the number of drug abuse cases and the growing numbers of drunken and disorderly youths in the towns.

It is planned at time of writing the the Castledawson Residents Assoc. will meet with the Minister, Mr. McCreevy T.D. and local Councillor Paul Kelly to update on the current position and discuss the problems in more detail before our regular Cumann meeting on Monday 12th November 2001 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

MORE UPGRADING OF THE NORTH KILDARE TRAIN SERVICE

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. recently informed the Cumann members of his delight at the recent action by Iarnrod Eireann to once again upgrade their Maynooth-Dublin rail service. This involves two peaktime train services in the morning and evening being given additional capacity to meet the growing demand from commuters. The additions will provide 350 extra commuter seats each day.

COUNCILLOR PAUL KELLY – NOTES

GERALDINE HALL AND HARBOUR FIELD

Cllr Paul Kelly informed the Cumann that the extension to the rear of the Hall is in poor repair, and the Councils Conservation Officer has recommended that it be sealed off, and that in the meantime notices warning of danger to people entering should be erected. The Council is to try and speed up the hand-over of the property and agree leases with the Trustees. Even though the building is a protected structure, the Conservation Officer feels that there should not be a difficulty with replacing the present extension, with a new structure in the future.

PARSONS STREET

The area committee have asked the County Engineer to have the Joan Slade River cleaned out to ensure that the risk of flooding is minimised as far as possible this winter.

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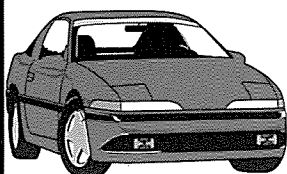
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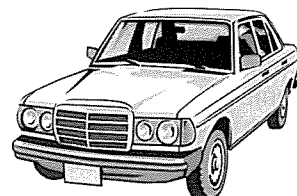


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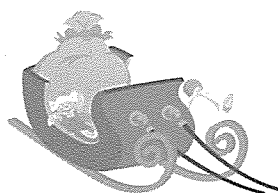
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BOND BRIDGE

Councillor Kelly has indicated that while work is awaited on the realignment to start, the Council will provide extra road lining and signage to highlight the danger on this very busy bridge. Ramps could not be provided here for safety reasons.

TREE SURVEY

A Contractor is to be engaged to carry out a survey of the trees lining the Main Street, Maynooth. We need to maintain the very pleasant atmosphere and appearance the trees give to the Main Street so the preparation of a survey is a welcome first step.

OPW - CAR PARK

The O.P.W. are to be asked to allow the Car park at the harbour to be used by commuters using the train station in Maynooth to help alleviate the chronic shortage of parking in that area. Now that the new train service has been introduced and is proving successful, the need for additional parking around the station has been highlighted and so Cllr. Kelly is hopeful that the OPW will respond in a positive and helpful manner.

MINOR FLOOD RELIEF WORKS MAY BE FUNDED IN MAYNOOTH

The Minister of State at the Dept. of Finance, Martin Cullen T.D. recently stated in the Dail that reports of last Novembers flooding in Maynooth had been forwarded to the Office of Public Works and that consideration for minor works will be given subject to the availability of funds in the OPW at the relevant time. Action to alleviate this problem is included in the recently agreed Draft Development Plan for Maynooth.

CUMANN NEWS AND NOTES

ESB BILL PAYMENT CONTRACT

The Cumann has welcomed the announcement by the ESB that it is to award a contract for the provision of bill payment facilities to the Post Office Network. From next March its 1.6 million customers will be able to pay their bills at the 1900 post offices throughout the country. The President of Maynooth Cumann, Michael

Caden who had raised the issue of the viability of the Post Offices network said, "This announcement is a vote of confidence in the post office network and I hope it receives support."

Cllr Paul Kelly also welcomed the decision saying he was satisfied that the ESB contract represents just the latest in a list of new business areas moving to the post offices nationally.

COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR MAYNOOTH -

A Community Centre for Maynooth was raised at a recent meeting of the Cumann with Minister Dermot Ahern.

Cumann member John Dolan speaking after the hour long meeting expressed satisfaction and said that the Minister will support the Community in any way he can so that Maynooth can have a centre which will be used for all the people of Maynooth. This was the first meeting in a line of meetings to be held over the coming weeks to increase the public's awareness of the need for a Community Centre. Next week the Cumann will meet Minister Charlie McCreedy and Cllr Paul Kelly at which the Cumann's main objective will be to place the Community Centre as a priority. Minister Dermot Ahern said after the Meeting that he would meet the Cumann Committee in the new year to discuss developments.

MINISTER NOEL DEMPSEY IN MAYNOOTH COLLEGE.

The Minister for the Environment Mr. Noel Dempsey T. D. visited NUI Maynooth on Thursday 1st November to launch the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA). This will be a major innovation in relation to the manner in which the State can influence the patterns and types of development that may arise over the next 20 years. Professor Jim Walsh, Chairman of the NIRSA will make a major contribution based on research undertaken at NUI Maynooth. The NIRSA has been established in Maynooth along with researchers in 5 Institutes of Technology. Another of its aims will be to inform policy development and analysis at national, regional and local level.

MINISTER DERMOT AHERN OFFICIALLY OPENS THE CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE AT DERROON HOUSE, DUBLIN RD, MAYNOOTH.

The Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs visited Maynooth on Monday 5th November to officially open the new offices which in effect have been in operation since October 2000. The service offered by the office is free and confidential and involves the giving of an extensive range of information including citizens rights and entitlements in an independent and

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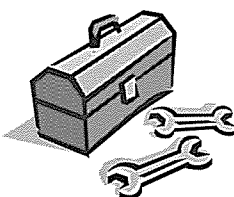


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FIANNA FAIL MEMBERS DRAW 2001

The Fianna Fail members draw will take place on 12th December 2001 and tickets are available from Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187 or Brid Feely at 087-2052649 should anyone be interested in being included. Prizes include 1st prize of £20,000., 2nd prize of £10,000. Etc etc

CAIRDE FAIL DINNER 7TH DECEMBER 2001

The Cairde Fail Dinner Dance attended by an Taoiseach and almost all Cabinet members will take place this year in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin on 7th December. Anyone wishing to attend should please contact the above numbers as soon as possible.

Finally, I enclose a few recent photos taken of Cumann members on the visit of an Taoiseach Mr. Bertie Ahern T.D. to Maynooth on 6th July 2001. Among the members are Mr. Michael Kelly, Mr. John Gillick, Mrs. Paddy Foy and Mr. Michael Caden.

SYMPATHY

The Cumann would like to sincerely sympathise with our President, Mrs. Eileen Kennedy on the sudden death of her daughter-in-law Mrs. Bracken-Kennedy of Leixlip, a member of a long-standing and esteemed family of Fianna Fail supporters.

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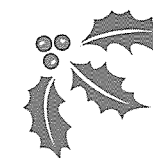
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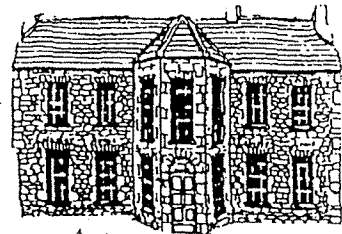


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Maynooth Tidy Towns

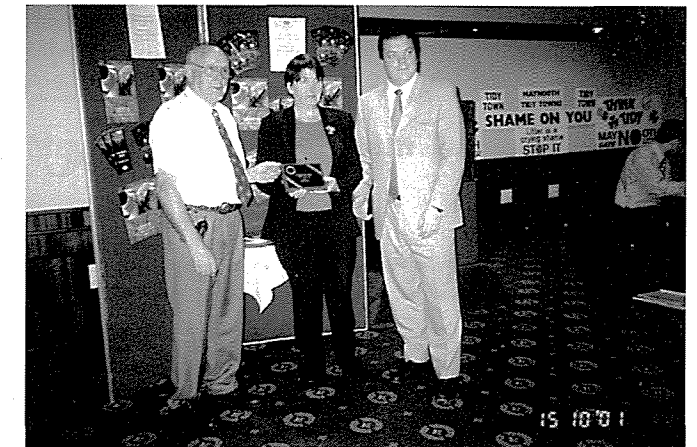
2001 has been a good year for Maynooth Tidy Towns. This year we won our first National Tidy Towns Award. The Kildare endeavour award was presented to Bob O'Reilly and Mattie Callaghan on the 22nd of November in Castletown, Portlaoise.

Below you will see photographs from our awards night sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Group Maynooth.

We would like to thank the Maynooth staff members of Kildare County Council, our FAS community employment workers on the Maynooth Environment Project for all their work in 2001.

We will in our next edition outline our programme and plans for 2002.

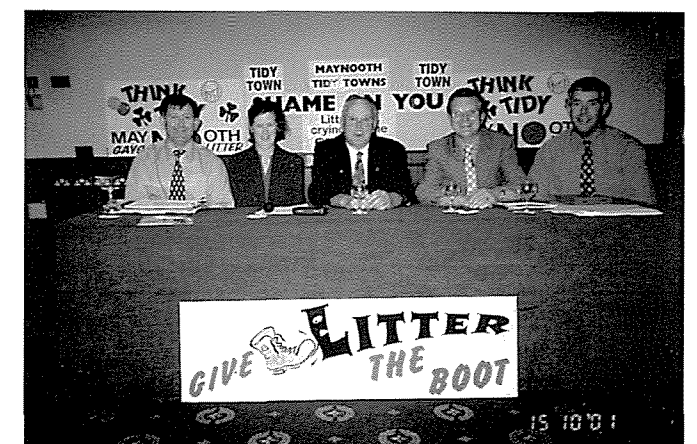
We wish the Newsletter staff, Community Council and all our readers a Very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.



Bob O'Reilly, Moria Baxter winner "Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year" & Andy Ellard Glenroyal Hotel



Best Shop Front Winner 2001 (Ua Buachalla's)
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Members of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee
Paul Croghan, Mary Farrell, Bob O'Reilly, Richard Farrell
& Mattie Callaghan



Mary Farrell presenting the "Internation Year of the Volunteer" Award to Bob O'Reilly



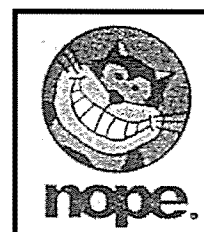
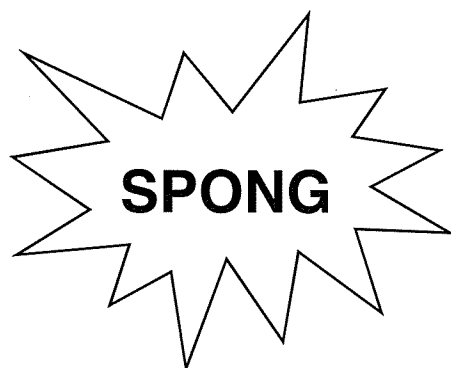
As can be seen the Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony was very well attended

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Maynooth Scór na nÓg Talent Competition

Scór na nÓg is a talent competition run by the G.A.A. for children under 17 years of age to promote Irish Culture. There are eight events and one competes against different G.A.A. clubs within Kildare.

On Thursday November 10th Maynooth held the **FIRST EVER** local Scór competition in the G.A.A. Club on the Moyglare Road. The club was packed with competitors, spectators and Mums and Dads cheering and shouting encouragement to the participants. Over 80 children came along to display their talents. We had competitions in Céilí-Dancing, Solo Singing, Instrumental Music Group, Novelty Act, Recitation/story-telling, Ballad Groups and Set-Dancing. Children from as young as two got up on the stage and performed. We had a great nights entertainment. Everyone who participated on the night was awarded a specially designed medal. The presentation was made to the club Chairman Mr. Fergus Deveraux.

We now have children representing Maynooth Football, Maynooth Hurling and Maynooth Camogie at both semi-finals of the Kildare Scór to be held in Rathcoffey on Friday November 16th and in Allenwood on Saturday November 17th. The winners from these two nights will go forward to the County Final which will be held on Friday November 23rd in Allenwood.

May we wish all the competitors the best of luck and we will have a full report in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Maynooth Football Team

Céilí Dance Team

Megan Dunne, Karen Feehan, Jennifer Feehan, Catherine Coyle, Aisling Farrell, Deirdre Mulcahy, Maartje Oomkens, Laura Bennett.

Solo Singing

Jade Gahan

Recitation Storytelling

Caitriona Higgins

Novelty Act

Grace Lavelle, Maria Lavelle

Question Time

Michael John Fay, Daire Heneghan, Chris O'Connell

Ballad Group

Megan Dunne, Claire Cowhie, Susan Fay, Ailbhe Flynn, Jade Gahan.

Set Dancing

Aisling Farrell, Catherine Coyle, Karen Feehan, Megan Dunne, Jennifer Feehan, Katherine Oliver, Aisling O'Connor, Ailbhe Flynn.

Maynooth Camogie Team

Solo Singing

Aisling Dunne

Recitation/Story Telling

Laura Daly

Question Time

Fergal O'Keefe, Myles Behan, Pete Murphy

Maynooth Hurling Team

Céilí Dancing

Eimear Flynn, Aisling Dunne, Aisling O'Connor, Anna Piggott, Karen Bracken, Ailbhe Flynn, Katherine Oliver

Solo Singing

Ruth Harness

Instrumental Group

Anna Dunne, Karen Tracy, Katherine Oliver

Recitation/Story Telling

Aisling Byrne

Novelty Act

Ben Finnegan, Kevin Molloy, Ross Cullinane, Ellen Stack, Elaine Pollard, Ailbhe Lenehan, Sarah Oxley, Jenny Dorman

Set Dancing

Eimear Flynn, Sharon Lyons, Anna Piggott, Laura Bennett, Deirdre Mulcahy, Karen Bracken, Aisling Dunne, Maartje Oomkens

Question Time

Eoin McNutt, Sean Danery, John Devine

May we wish all the competitors the best of luck and maybe we will reach the Leinster Final.

After Christmas we will be preparing for Senior Scór. Anyone over 17 years of age who can dance, sing, tell a story, play Irish music, or who is good at answering questions on G.A.A. and General Knowledge and who would like to be part of the Maynooth group, please ring Rita Doyle at 6286169 as soon as possible or leave your name and phone number in Maynooth G.A. A. Club.

Rita Doyle

Maynooth Scór Co-ordinator



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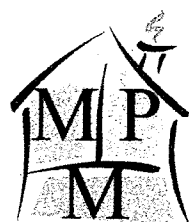
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Early Irish Society

(Marriage continued from last month)

Early Irish law describes ten different types of unions for early Ireland but really only three of these could really be described as marriages in modern terms. There were also different categories of wives. Although the texts differ regarding the terms used most recognise the 'principle wife' (*cétmuintir*) most probably married to a man in the first three types of marriage. Then there was the 'recognised woman' (*ben aitíten*) who was recognised and betrothed by her family. She is later called by the church an 'adulteress' (*adaltrach*) or 'concubine' (*dormun*).

Here follow the ten different unions as described by the *Law of Unions (Cáin Lánamna)*:

'a union with joint property' (*lánamnas comthinchuir*)

'a woman with a man of property' (*ben for fertinchur*)

'a man with a woman of property with service' (*fer for bantinchur for fognam*)

'a woman receiving inducement' (*ben for airitin n-urala*)

'a man who frequents without service, without inducement, without performance, without bringing property' (*fer thathigthe cen urnam, cen urail, cen tarcud, cen tinoi*)

'a union by abduction' (*lánamnas foxail*)

'a union of wandering mercenaries' (*lánamnas amsa for faeniul*)

'a clandestine union' (*lánamnus tothla/táide*)

'a union of force (rape)' (*lánamnus écne*)

'a union brought about by mockery' (*lánamnus genaige*)

There is then discussion of only 9 of these in the text, leaving out the union of wandering mercenaries either accidentally or on purpose it is unclear.

The first three of these are marriages, with properly recognised wives whose standing and authority depended entirely on the wealth they bring with them. The others are more irregular union, even rape but they tried to legislate for what happens between the sexes, particularly to protect the ensuing children.

They also practiced polygyny in certain cases; often when the first wife was unable to have children, sons in particular. In this case a second woman could be brought in but the first wife remained at the head of the household. A man could have a wife in the first form of marriage and another woman whom he visits with the consent of her kin in the fourth form of marriage. Sons of both these unions would have rights of inheritance but the mothers do not have equal status.

In the 'union with joint property' both parties contributed land, cattle, and household equipment in accordance with the accepted scale - the wife, if of equal rank and standing as the husband, was described as being of 'equal lordship' (*bé cuitchernsa*) but not every principle wife was a woman of equal lordship, it was limited by considerations of family, status and property. She had to have exactly the same status as her husband.

Neither party can make contracts without permission

of the other, except those that were good for the partnership, like jointploughing with another suitable family. If the husband makes bad contracts the wife could stop him and her sons or sureties could dissolve them. They did not consult each other on such arrangements as hiring land, getting food and drink for the lord's entertainment or celebrating church feasts and getting tools or equipment. Each however retained private possession of what they brought with them and it is said that all business dealing with property must not neglect that of the other. The wife has her own personal private property and she may buy, sell and lend up to a certain amount. They can sell and lend up to their honour-price. But this restricts the woman because hers is only half that of the husband.

It has been defined as 'a union by gift of kin in which the land came by agnatic inheritance at the death of the groom's father'. Both the bride and bridegroom's bring movable wealth, principally cattle. This type of union was probably formed by the noble classes in particular. The men need cattle to become noble and to bestow as fiefs and he can use his wife's cattle to this end. Although her property remains her own it could be given as fiefs. Her status increased with that of her husband. Cattle were of the utmost importance and this is clear in the rules governing divorce.

There is some evidence that this type of union goes back to Gauls on the continent, Caesar seems to refer to such a marriage where men match the herds which their wives bring as dowries and an account is kept of the profits which suggests that each kept ownership of what they brought with them.

There are strong similarities here with marriage in late Roman law as interpreted by Pope Leo the Great (+461). A letter of 459 says women must have a dowry, that the spouses must be equal, born free and that the marriage should be celebrated publicly. The system used by the Romans included giving two payments one by the man and one by the woman, the dowry distinguished the marriage from concubinage. Church writers of the 7th century stress dowry, public celebration of nuptials and some of these texts found in the Irish collection of canons. It is now thought that this Irish marriage is the highly innovative product of legal thinking with the Christian church shaping Irish social institutions far more successfully than we thought heretofore.

In the union of 'a woman with a man of property' the man's family provided the land or prospect of land and the woman brought little apart from domestic goods. This was probably the standard commoner marriage. Normally again the kindreds were of equal status and approximately equal wealth. The cattle would come as a fief from the lord. If the woman were of equally good family she would be a principle wife. She, or her sons for her, could dissolve the husband's bad contracts or have them dissolved on her behalf by her sureties. He did not have to consult her except that he could not sell clothes or food, cattle or sheep without her

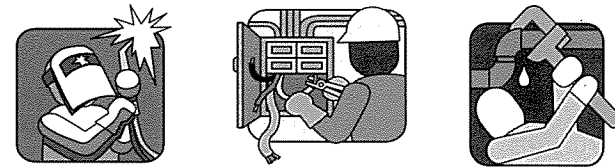
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Early Irish Society (contd.)

consent. She has certain legal rights over assets that do something to protect her interest and give her some security. The law distinguishes between the two types of wives; principle wife and the recognised wife. The recognised wife had less rights than the other, her brideprice is forfeit to the principle wife and she has to pay the 'honour-price' of the principle wife. Some believe that this is the oldest form of regular marriage. The wife with the fullest rights at law is the first or principle wife who is equally good and of equal birth.

In the union of 'a man with a woman of property with service' we have the reversal of the above. The woman's side contributes the land and the cattle come from the lord as fief. This could be the marriage of a landless man or sometimes an alien marrying an heiress. He only has a managerial interest in the land and does not acquire ownership. He cannot make valid contracts, buy or sell without her permission, he can impugn his wife's bad or unprofitable contracts and have them dissolved. The Law of Unions says that 'the man goes in the place of the woman and the woman goes in the place of the man'. He may be dependant on her honour-price. This woman may be a 'female heiress' (*banchomarbae*) with no brothers. In this case a man's inheritance was divided between daughters or one daughter. This occurred in about one of five families and was not rare. But these women only inherit a life interest in her father's land and it reverts to her father's nearest male relatives. On occasion she may be married off to a relative, safeguarding her children's future. These could be parallel cousin marriages that were relatively common, first or second cousin. The Church disapproved of these marriages but Irish lawyers used Old Testament evidence to prove that such marriages were allowed. These men could possess property of their own also but it is unlikely that they had much. Women could inherit land as a gift from her father that he owned personally and she could also inherit 'land of hand and thigh'. Canon law also states a father in certain circumstances could be obliged to give his daughter an estate in land amongst her brothers.

(Marriage contd. in the next issue)



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Murder of the Month

Unfortunately December with the Christmas festival has a high crime rate world-wide. The strain of families coming together and having to spend enforced time together can cause enormously horrendous crimes. This particular case reveals these strains – a woman who kills her own children, a phenomenon becoming more common within recent years. There have been 19 instances of this terrible crime within the past two years in Ireland – an average of 10 a year in contrast with 2 a year before that. It has been shown in surveys in America that 80% of mothers who kill their own children have been suffering from serious mental illness. Lisa Marie Smith of Richardson, Texas, was no exception. Firefighters got a call on December 29th and the crime rate was so low in the area that they had no reason to suspect anything so serious as the scene that awaited them.

Lisa Marie had split from her husband and after a terrible court battle their divorce came through. Initially she had custody of their two sons, five-year-old Cody and three-year-old Tristen. Her salary as a worker in the local Elementary School was not enough to pay the rent on her house, she felt that the maintenance that she received from her husband Brit Smith were too low and she was permanently short of money. To save money she temporarily allowed her husband to have their two sons for a year but he soon filed for custody and the judge had given them to him. She could not fight him in the court as she had not the money.

She became depressed and phoned a local doctor to ask him how many pills it would take to kill herself. He was so concerned that he phoned the local police and she was advised to get medical help. This she did and was put on anti-depressants. Regardless, her husband allowed her to have the children over Christmas. To add to her troubles, on December 22nd, just before the dreadful incident the judge refused her request to allow them home and raised her payments to her husband to 700 dollars a month – leaving her with very little to live on.

It seems that they had a lovely Christmas and she put herself even deeper in debt by buying them wonderful toys such as a Lego castle and new matching pyjamas. On Boxing Day she took the two boys to the cinema after having them in the park. They ordered in a pizza and they were asleep with exhaustion some time afterwards. As soon as they slept Lisa Marie took her favourite scarf and went into the bedroom. She strangled both of them as they slept. According to her own account they did not even wake up. It took her a full day to try to kill herself also. She took 100 painkillers but apparently she could not keep them down. Failing this, she tried to cut her wrists with a broken glass but did not manage this either. Finally in trying to gas herself with the cooker she blew the house up and thus the fire brigade was called.

It would appear that Lisa Marie deeply resented the

fact that the children could not stay over the New Year. Her hatred of her ex-husband ran deep and she wanted him to feel the loss of his children. She could not stand the fact that he had taken them from her, the empty, silent house. A psychiatrist who examined her after the event said that she was suffering from severe depression and stress resulting in a psychotic episode. Her shocked husband said that he had ignored the symptoms and that he had not believed her when she said that she would kill herself and the children. She was not given the death penalty but was sentenced to 40 years behind bars.

This and many other similar events should teach the public that depression and such illnesses should be considered seriously and sufferers need the support of their families.

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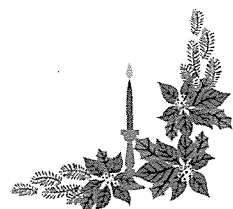
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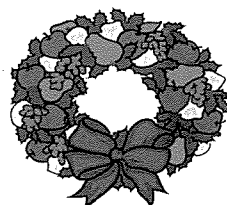


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OFFICIAL OPENING OF MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

On Saturday afternoon the 17th November Maynooth Credit Union had their official opening in their fine new premises on the Main Street.

It was officially opened by Jim McMahon, President of the Irish League of Credit Unions and opening prayers were said by Monsignor Alex Stenson, P.P. and the Rev. Robert Heaney Church of Ireland.

A reception was held afterwards in a marquee at the rear of the building and later in the Straffan Court Hotel. Maynooth was served by Leixlip Credit Union for years using the I.C.A. hall and later their own premises in Leinster Street.

In 1987 a special meeting was held in the Parish Hall and a decision to form Maynooth Credit Union was made. Maynooth Credit Union came into being 9 months later on 22nd February 1988. The eight founder members were Marie Kelly, Anne Higgins, Bridie Brady, Anne McGarry, James McMahon, John Read, Pat Harney and Owen Byrne.

A year later they purchased the premises in Leinster Street and with the gradual increase in members it was necessary to purchase the adjoining building.

From a lowly beginning with all voluntary staff it became essential to employ full-time staff and a chief clerk in the '90s.

As business expanded greatly the Leinster Street premises were not adequate and luckily the Post Office building on Main Street came on the market and the Board decided to purchase it. A fine premises with all modern equipment it is perfect for the purpose.

After humble beginnings the Credit Union now has a Manager, three full-time staff and many part-time tellers. With close to £6m in assets and most importantly of all thousands of members the Credit Union is looking forward to a very prosperous future.



James McMahon, John Read & Matthew Doran



Staff with President of the I.L.C.U.
Matthew Doran, Catherine Mulready, James McMahon,
Margaret Flood & Ken Loane



Monsignor Alex Stenson P.P. & Rev. Robert Heaney
C. of I., blessing the premises



James McMahon & John Read

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This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Sympathy

To Declan Quigley, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, on the recent death of his mother, Catherine Quigley, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Emer Kavanagh, Railpark, Maynooth, who celebrates her birthday on the 19th December.

Happy birthday to Emma Teling, Finglas, who celebrates her birthday on the 22nd December from auntie Yvonne.

Happy birthday to Rachel Miller, 78 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip, who celebrates her birthday on 22nd December from her family and friends in Maynooth.

Happy birthday to Helen O'Reilly, 1173 Greenfields, who celebrates her birthday on the 28th December from the Newsletter staff.

Happy birthday to Graham Corcoran, Clane, who celebrates his birthday on the 30th December from his family.

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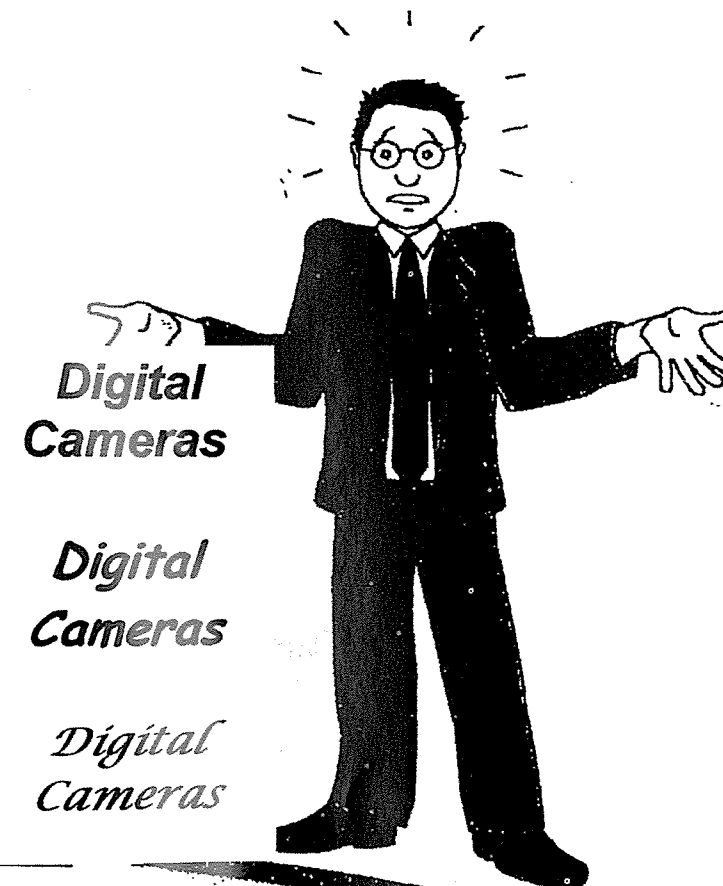
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