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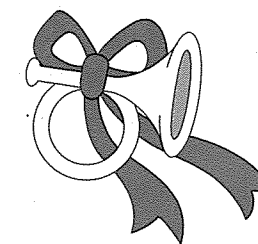
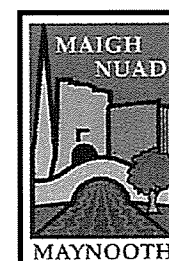
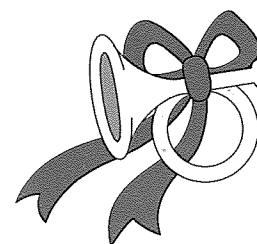
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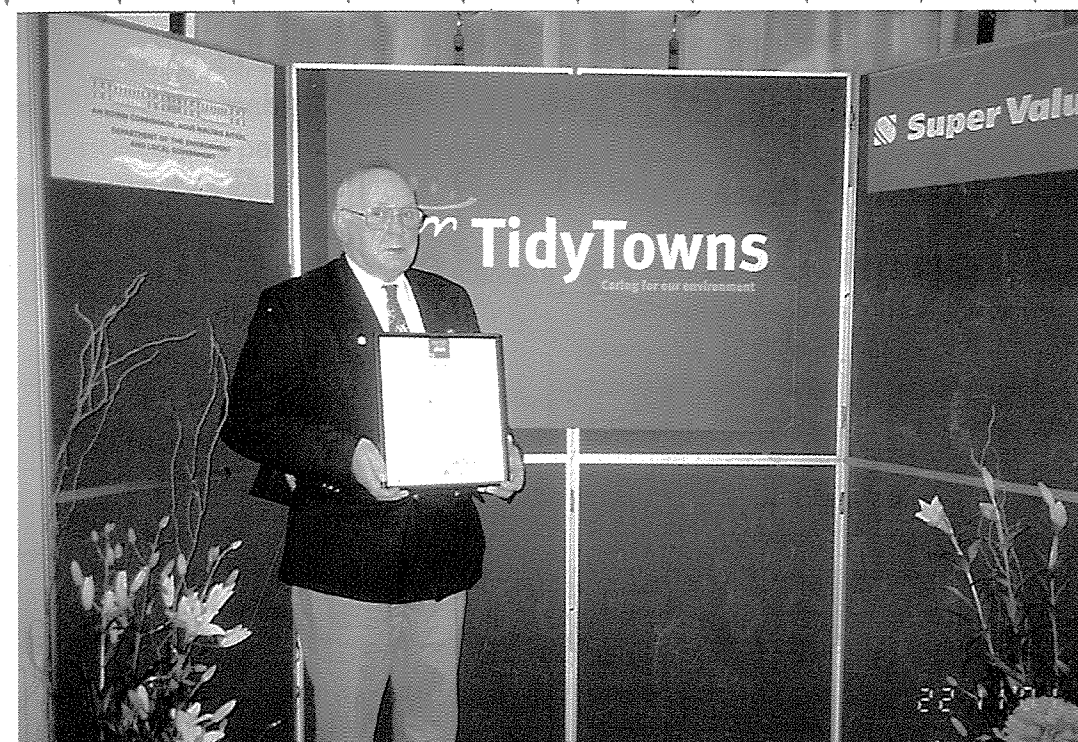
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Editorial

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 echo's 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 sane 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.

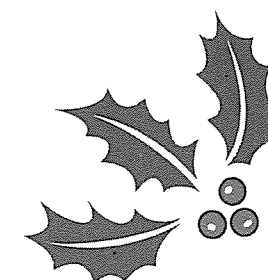
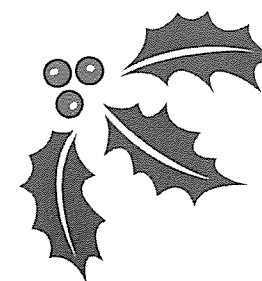
Yes a man taken in his prime. Not only that but in a couple of short years 3 priests of the parish have met untimely deaths. Are these men cursed as some seem to think? Or is there something greater at work.

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 Chrstmas 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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Christmas Messages

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**



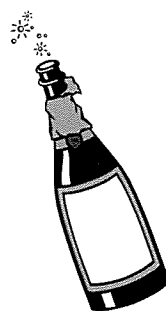
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Hydrological Investigation of the Meadowbrook River, Maynooth.

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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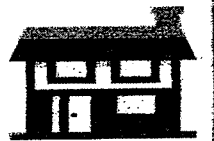
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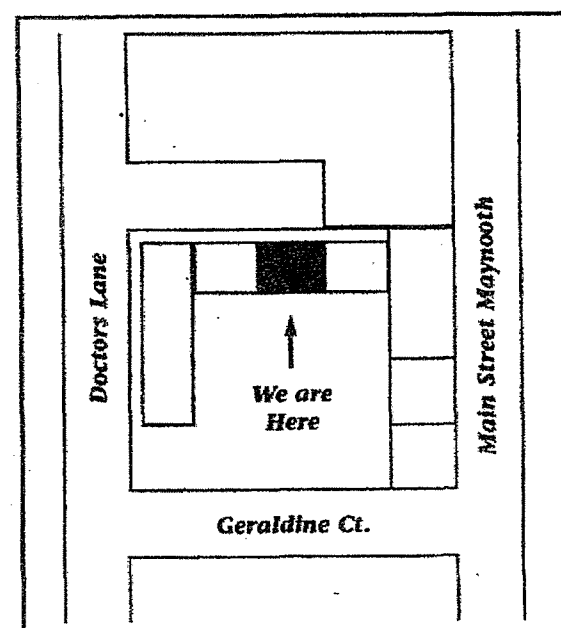
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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band, Maynooth

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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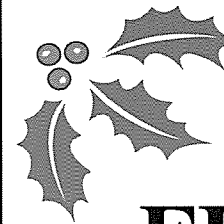


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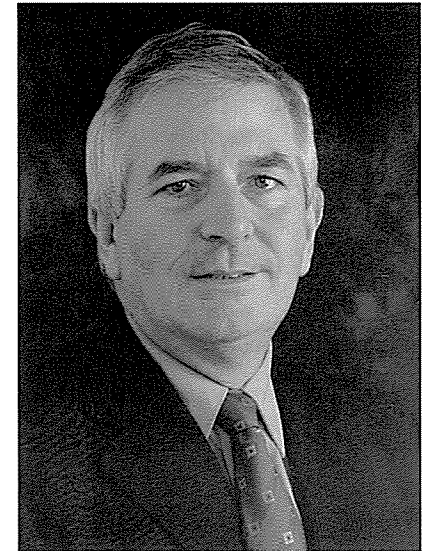
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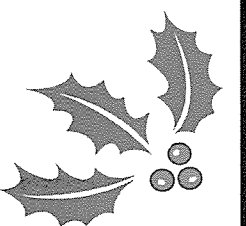
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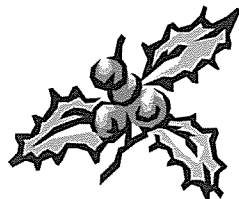
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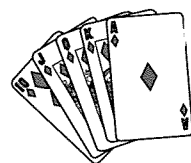
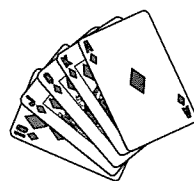
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01/1739	Sean Flaherty	23 Silken Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/09/01	sought for 2 storey extension to side comprising T.V. room, breakfast area, 2 bedrooms & ensuite	23 Silken Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1759	M. & N. Dempsey & Patricia Penny	283 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

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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)
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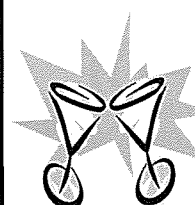
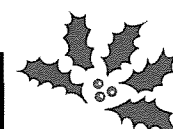
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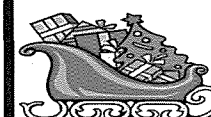
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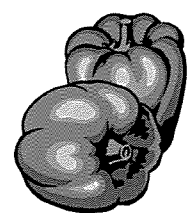
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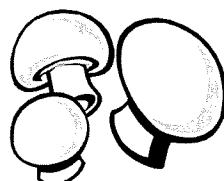
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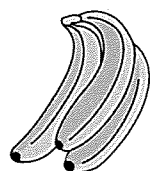
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

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

Johnny Nevin
P.R.O.

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	

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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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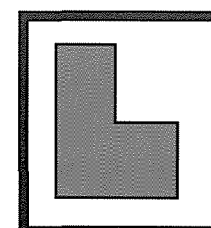
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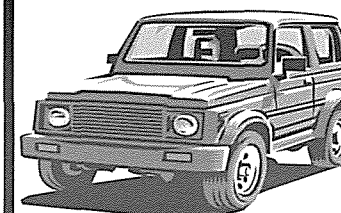
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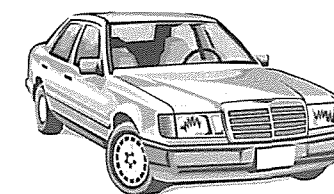
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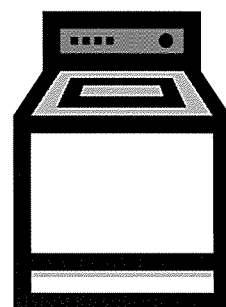
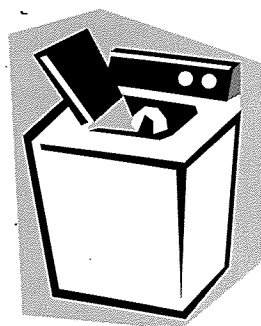
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MAYNOOTH CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED

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

The Centre was formerly located on the Main Street (over Keoghs Restaurant), and moved to the present premises on the Dublin Road in October 2000.



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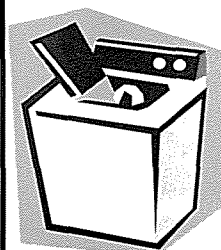
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Introduction to Sustainable Living

Why Should I make a choice for a sustainable lifestyle?

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.

These changes require a systematic and comprehensive approach which acknowledges that we are on a long-term process.

There are options and choices that have to be made.

Our lifestyles will create the heritage of generations to come.

Everyday activity counts.

What is "Sustainable Development"?

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"

based on the idea that

"we have not inherited the earth from our parents but borrowed it from our children"

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

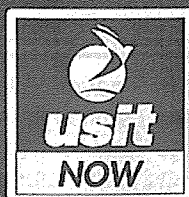
The problems arise in choosing between what we need and what we desire. We need safe food and clean water - we want a new Mercedes.

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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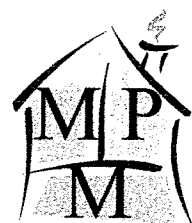
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securing this balance. Recognition of this underpins the approach of Ireland's national strategy and informs the mechanisms and structures through which the attainment of strategic objectives is being pursued.

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

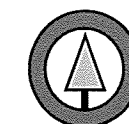
Ireland's ecological Footprint is already 1.23 times the size of the land available.

In preliminary calculations by the UCD Environmental Institute, based on a standard methodology, the average size of Ireland's 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.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Are you willing and prepared to join this partnership towards sustainability. In other words are you willing to make the choices for a quality and sustainable lifestyle?



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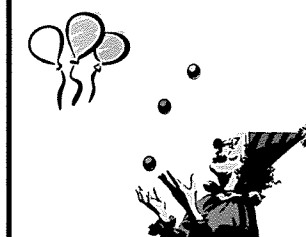
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Dorin's Recipes

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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Dorin's Recipes

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.

Features

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.

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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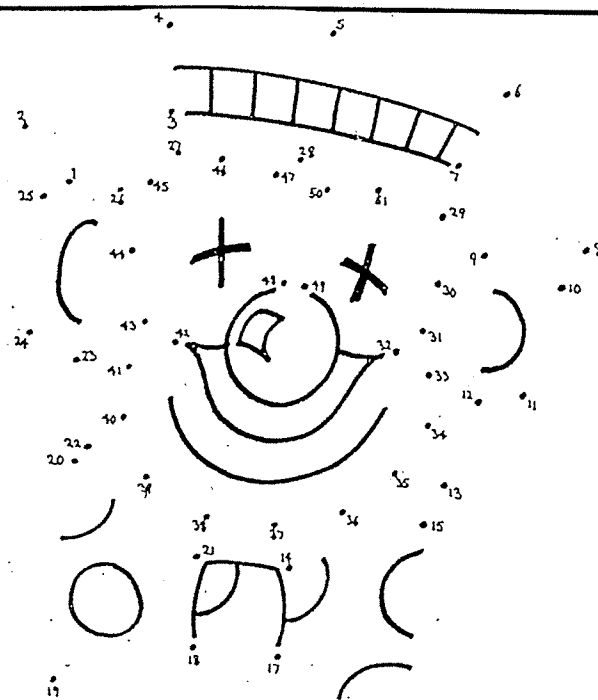
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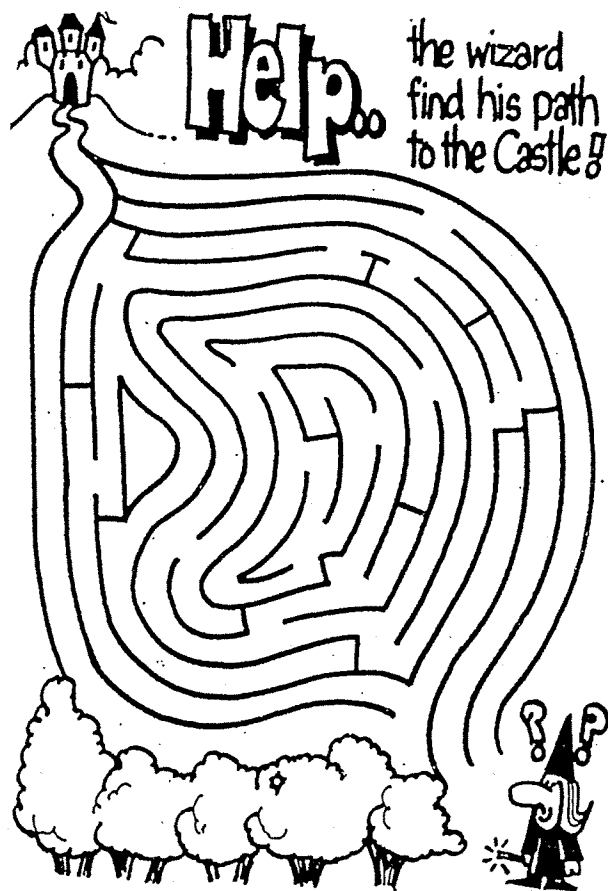
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NORTH KILDARE GROUP TO SUBMIT PAPER TO NATIONAL FORUM ON EUROPE

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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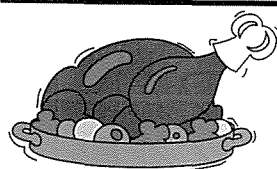
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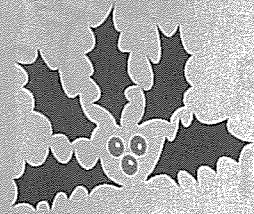
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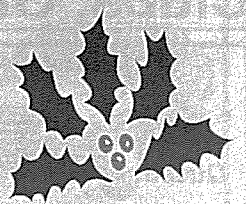
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Question

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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.

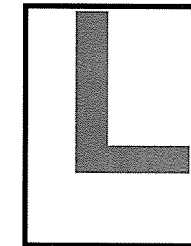
The rates of those awarded their pensions before 6th April, 2001 are:

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)

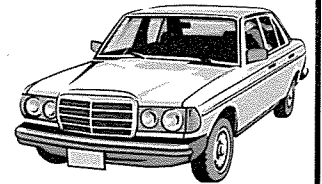
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Answer

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).

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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.
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- Plus an additional week's pay.

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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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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 may 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

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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
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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.

23-Sep-01	4,13,16,19	£3,850	CLAIRE FAULKNER	PAT HARTY	IMELDA DOWLING
30-Sep-01	1,7,22,23	£3,900	MARY Mc COURT	MARY LETTIS	KAREN O' HANLON
7-Oct-01	1,22,24,26	£3,950	PAUL MAY	KEVIN DALTON	JOHN HAWTHORNE
14-Oct-01	2,4,15,26	£4,000	SEAN LYONS	MYLES HEALY	ROSS DONOVAN
21-Oct-01	9,12,26,27	£4,050	SHOT' c/o Brady's	EAMON CARTY	COLM FAHERTY
28-Oct-01	7,12,21,23	£4,100	PADDY FOY	KEVIN Mc DONNELL	ESTHER HALLIGAN
4-Nov-01	17,20,23,25	£4,150	SARAH RYAN	MARIE c/o Powers	COLM BRETT



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.

Ten Easy Steps to a Better Environment

- 1) Shop for the environment. Cut down on packaging.
Buy goods and packaging that are made from recycled materials or are recyclable.
- 2) Do the right thing. Recycle.
- 3) Buy reusable shopping bags.
- 4) Compost your waste and get growing.
- 5) Don't litter and don't tolerate those who do.
- 6) Water is life. Think about it and conserve.
- 7) Dispose of old paint and waste liquids properly.
Don't pour them down the drain.
- 8) Leave the car at home from time to time.
- 9) Save energy. Use it sparingly.
- 10) Choose energy efficient labels A and B.

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.

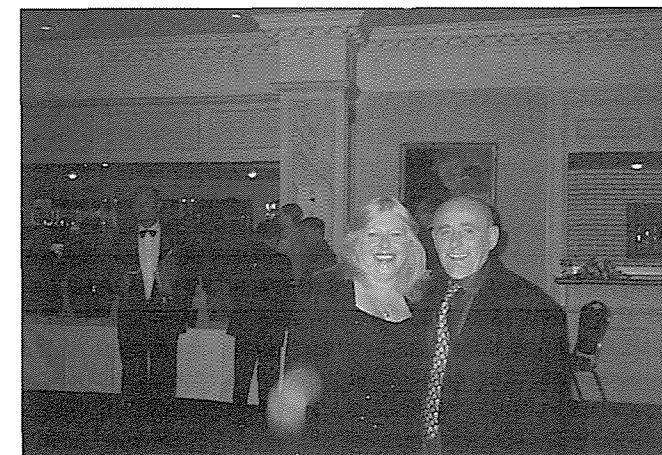
In February 2001, Ronnie was honoured with "The Posthouse Legend In Life" award for his lifetime's work as a traditional singer. Judging by his vigour, dedication and love of his work, there is a lot more to look forward to from the legendary Ronnie Drew. Ronnie has now become a member of the prestigious 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.

BERNIE COLGAN.



Bernie Colgan with Ronnie Drew



Bernie Colgan with Noel V. Ginnity



Bernie Colgan with musical director
Chris Kenevey and Ann Bushnell, singer

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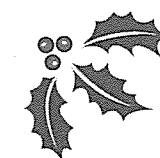
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THE CANDIDATE.

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.

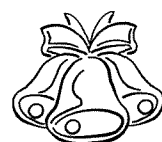
'Back to Darrowby?' 'Afraid so.' I tried not to think of the ten miles. 'We'd better get started.' Seb turned to his brother. 'I'll ave to leave it to ye Josh.' The road to Darrowby seemed very long and longer still on the way back. At the farm Seb opened the car door, gave me a hasty wave and trotted 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.

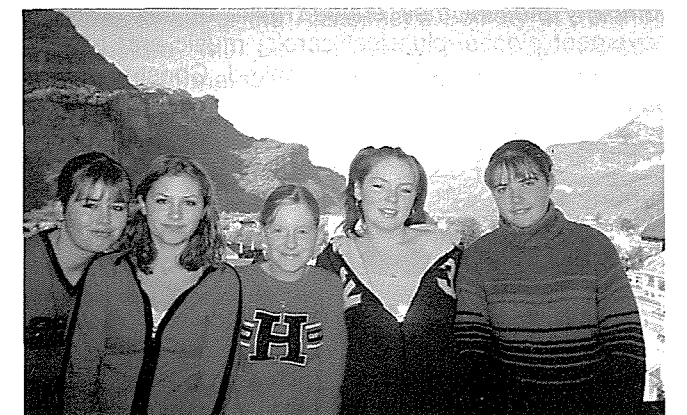
The next day, we once again boarded the coach which was slowly becoming home. Upon reaching our destination, we boarded cable-cars and began our journey up the Alps. After four cable-car journeys we arrived at the top, at a revolving restaurant and lots of purewhite snow which was soon used to pelt teachers 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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DECEMBER

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Friday 14th and Saturday 15th

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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

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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

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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.

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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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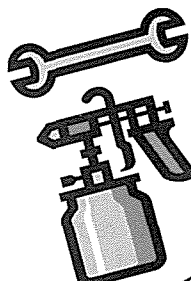
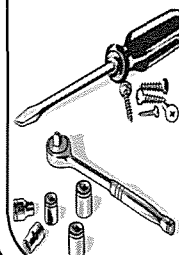
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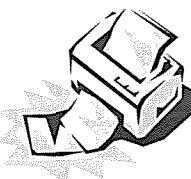
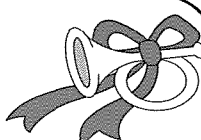
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Maynooth Labour News

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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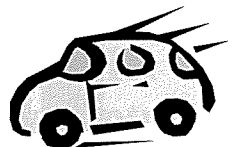
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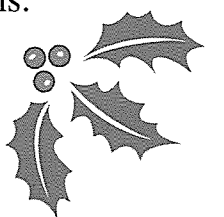
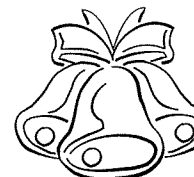


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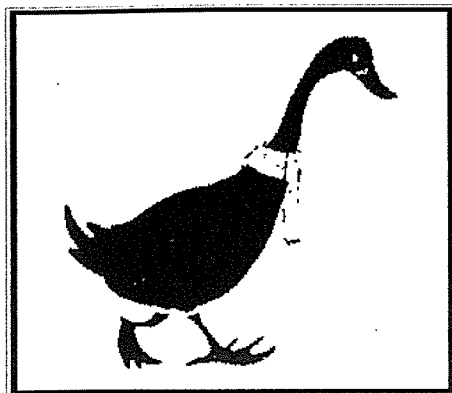
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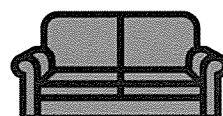


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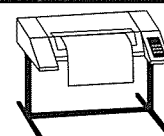
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Further rejection of apartment proposal at Parson Street

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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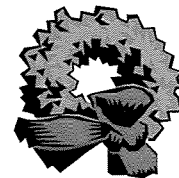
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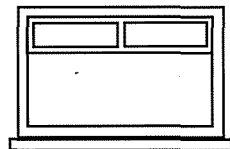
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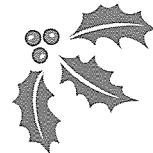
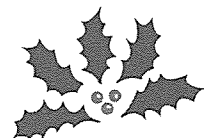
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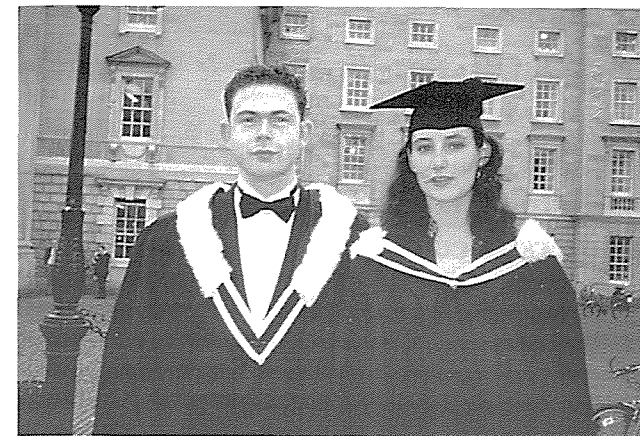
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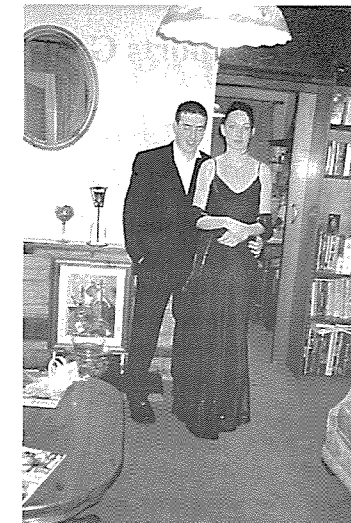
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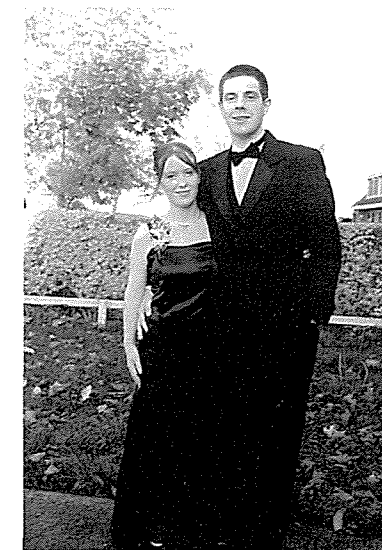
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Plans are already underway with the local committee on the hosting of the Brazilian team in our community. The University and a number of local clubs have already committed themselves to providing facilities for the necessary pre-Olympic training for 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.

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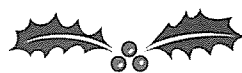
The area committee have asked the County Engineer to have the Joan Slade River cleaned out to ensure that the risk of flooding is minimised as far as possible this winter.

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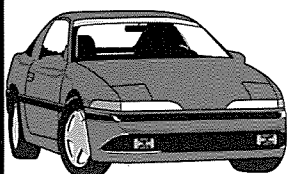
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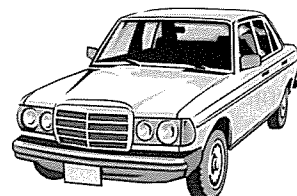


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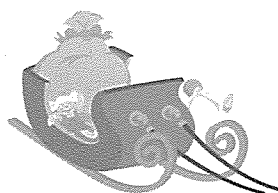
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Maynooth Fianna Fail News (cont'd)

STREET NAME SIGNS

The long awaited street name signs for Maynooth should be erected soon. Quotations have been sought and one is expected this week for the supply and erection of the signs.

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 publics awareness of the need for a Community Centre. Next week the Cumann will meet Minister Charlie McCreedy and Cllr Paul Kelly at which the Cumanns 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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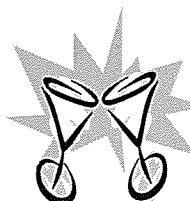


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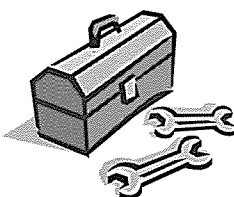


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Maynooth Fianna Fail News (cont'd)

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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.

Brid Feely,
 Maynooth Fianna Fail.

Maynooth members who received

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Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D.

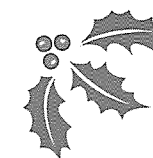
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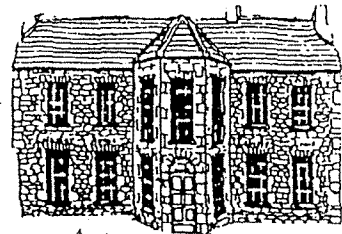


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Maynooth Tidy Towns

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.

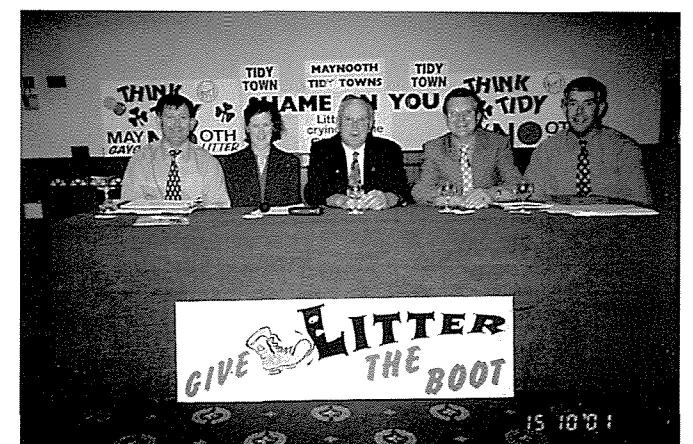
We wish the Newsletter staff, Community Council and all our readers a Very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.



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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Paul Croghan, Mary Farrell, Bob O'Reilly, Richard Farrell
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Mary Farrell presenting the "Internation Year of the Volunteer" Award to Bob O'Reilly



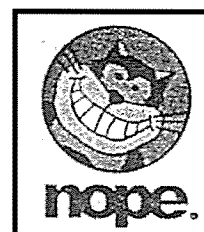
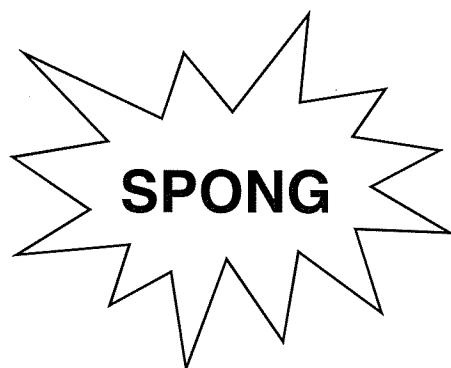
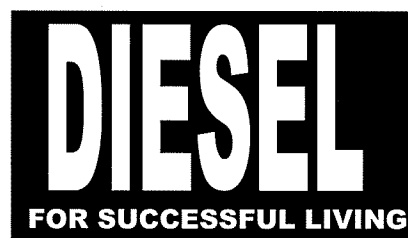
As can be seen the Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony was very well attended

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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.

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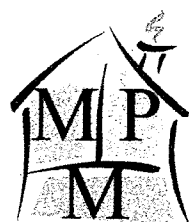
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Features

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

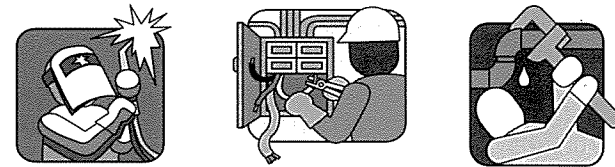
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Early Irish Society (contd.)

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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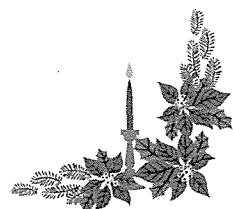
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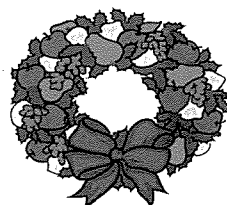


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OFFICIAL OPENING OF MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

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



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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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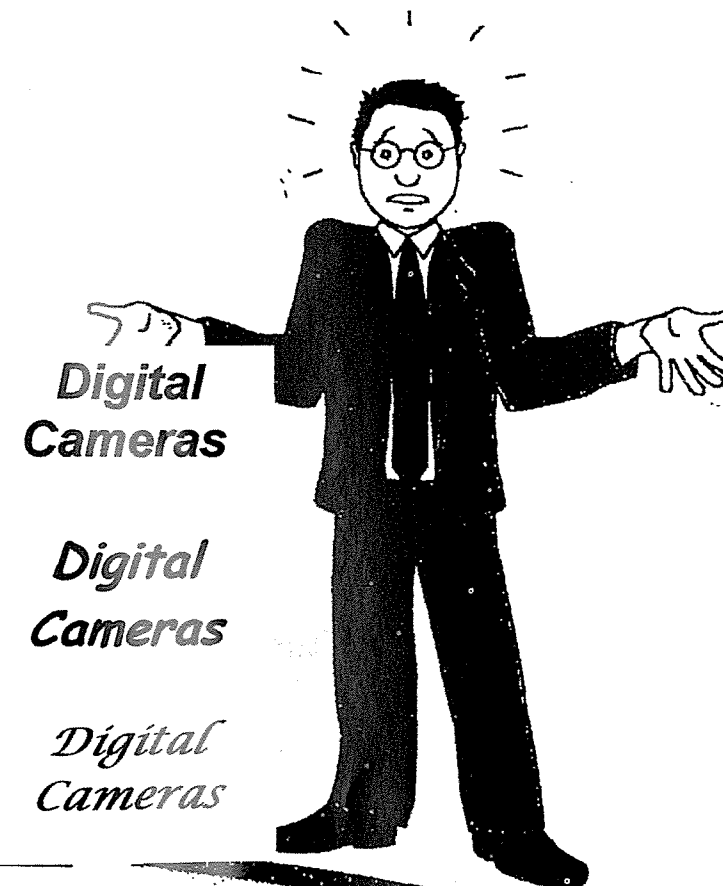
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