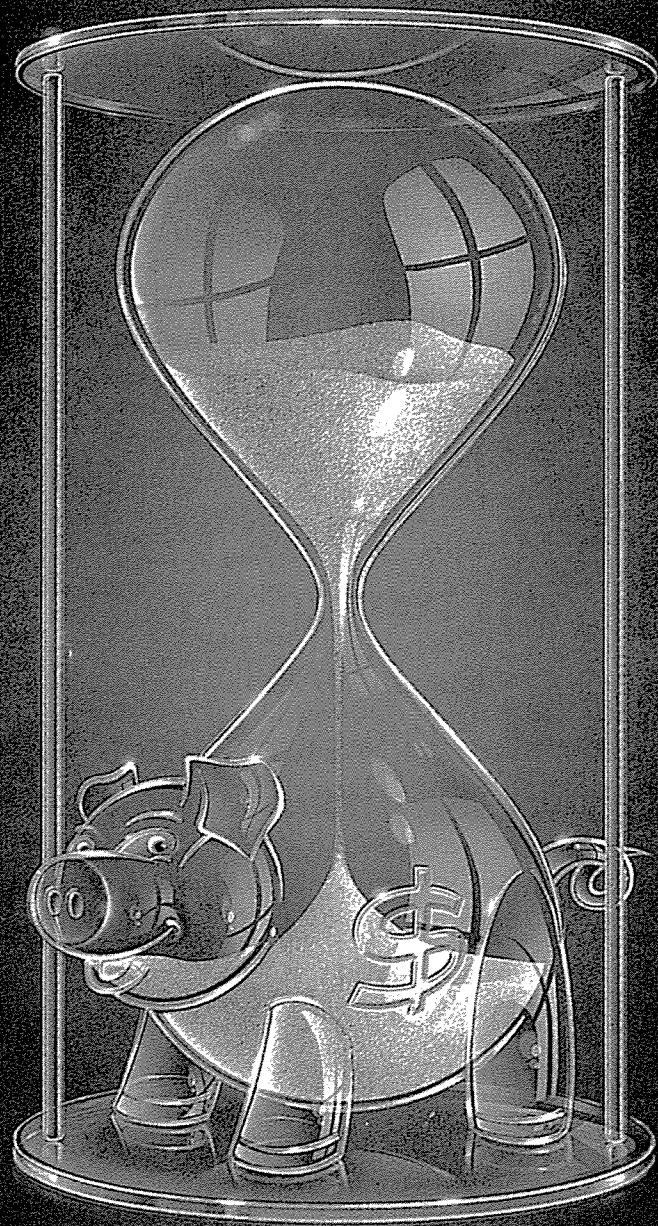


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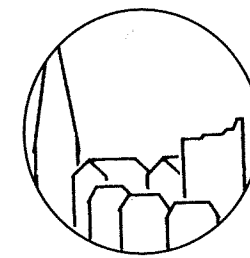
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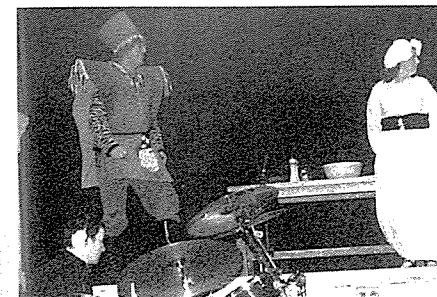
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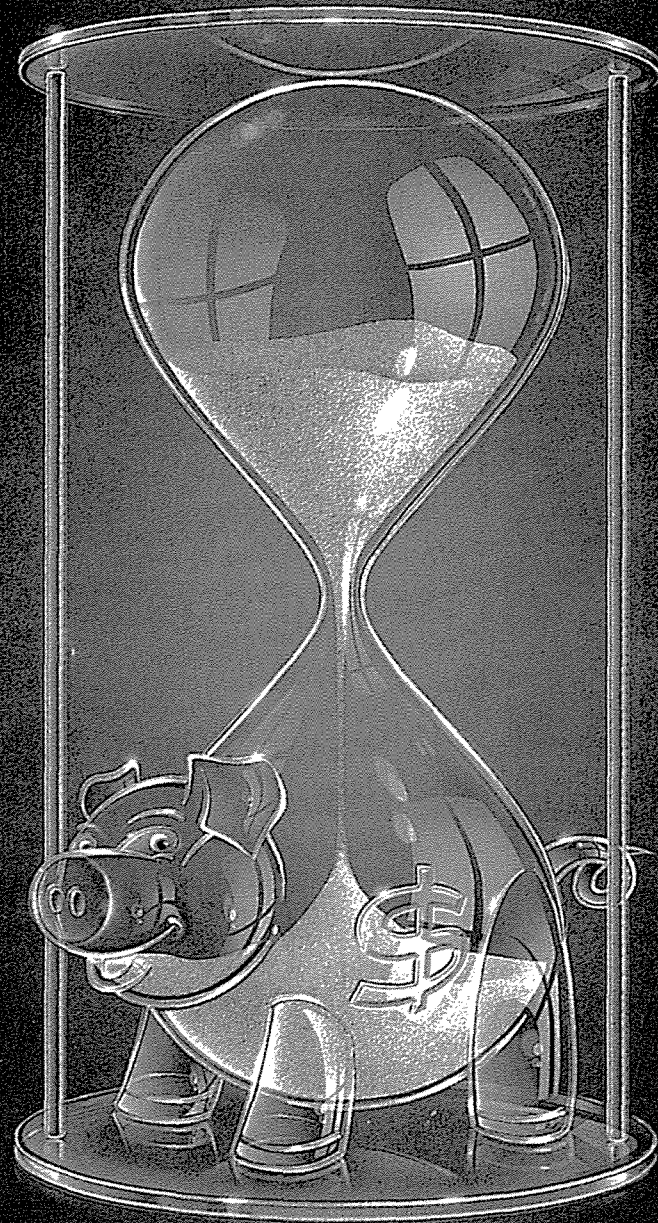
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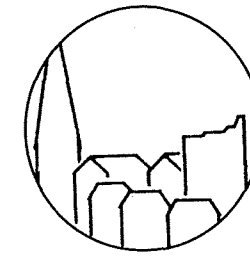
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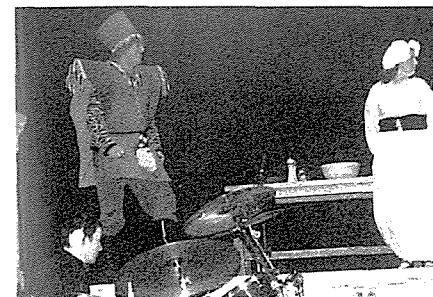


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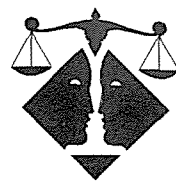
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EDITORIAL

Stay Healthy - Get Involved.

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

DIARY DATES

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

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

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

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes.

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

Office.

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

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

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

Fundraising

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

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

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

Local Matters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Next Community Council meeting February, Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson P.R.O.

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A class photograph from the Convent in the 1930's.
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Features

Under-Age Drinking

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gardening

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Fitzgerald

Kavanaghs

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

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

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

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

P. Kelly.



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Review of "Jack and the Beanstalk"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sarah & Grace Oxley.

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Early Irish literature and history

1. Brigit of Kildare

The month of February is not only associated with the feast day of Valentine. February 1st is the feast of our second most famous Christian saint – Brigit. In pre-Christian times this date marked the beginning of spring and was called *Imbolc*. This festival begins the new growing season when the Brigit's cross was hung in houses and byres to ensure fertility in the future. The associations with fertility goes back to our so-called Celtic past and Brigit appears first as one of three sisters who were worshipped by poets, healing and the craft of the smith. She is also manifest on the Continent throughout the Celtic areas and her name means 'the exalted one'. Her father was an old Irish God the Dagda (the good god). The words *Briganti/Brigantia* appear in Continental and British sources and she has left her names on rivers such as Braint in Wales and the Brent in England. She is acknowledged as one of the principal goddesses of the Celts although no depictions of her exist to our knowledge. In Roman mythology the goddess Minerva is her closest counterpart. Brigit is associated with Leinster in general and with the area of Kildare in particular. Kildare is the anglicised version of the Irish Cill Dara – the grove of oaks that conjures images of druids and the otherworld. Oak trees were considered sacred and had associations with druids and magic. She was considered the protectress of the Leinstermen in battle and concerned with political as well as economic wellbeing. But it is the Christian St Brigit who has survived to the present day. It is recorded that 19 nuns took turns in guarding a sacred fire burning perpetually in Kildare where no man was allowed to enter. It would appear that the saint usurped the role of the goddess and her traditions. St Brigit is also associated with livestock, fertility and the produce of the earth. Her Life tells us that she was born liminally at sunrise – neither within nor without the house, her mother straddling the threshold. She is fed from the milk of a white, red-eared cow, her coat hangs on a ray of sunlight and one house in which she stays appears to be on fire. It seems that there is little or no distinction between the goddess and the saint. Even though Brigit is thought of as being the founder of the monastery at Kildare in 490 AD but there is no firm evidence for the abbess as a historical figure and most of the stories about her are legend rather than fact. Her father was Dubhthach and her mother was the slave Boicsech whom he sold to a druid. When the child is born the slave is freed. The druid has a vision in which three christian figures appeared to him and told him to call the child Brigit. She is constantly associated with fire, liminality and prophecy and is heard to speak while still too young to do so. When her father wanted to marry her off she plucked out her own eye to mutilate

her beauty. Thus she represents the Christian image of the paradoxical figure of the virgin who stimulates fertility. She provides endless food and drink reminiscent of Christ's miracle of the loaves and fishes but also of the Old Irish vision of the Otherworld as a place of never-ending plenty. It is said that she was promised land to extent of the breadth of her cloak – when she placed it down the cloak spread and spread. Up until very recently the Brigit's cross was put up in houses and outhouses to bless the family for the following year. As is the case in many other instances Brigit is at the crossroads of pre-Christian and Christian traditions, the goddess merging into the saint. The new religion did not destroy the older power but incorporated its salient features and effectively amalgamated them with its own.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Placenames

1. Maynooth

The anglicised version Maynooth represents the older Irish place name Mag Nuadat, later Maigh Nuad. The first element *mag* is very common in place names and means 'a level plain' of which there are many in the Meath/Kildare area. The second element *Nuadat* is a personal name, the genitive of the word *Nuada*. Therefore Maynooth is 'The plain of Nuada'. There are two famous ancestral godlike figures with this name. The first is *Nuada Airgittlám* (Nuada of the silver arm) who belonged to the Irish/Celtic pantheon of Gods – the famous *Tuatha Dé Danann* (The people of the goddess Danu). Nuada is said to have been their leader until they met in battle with the *Fir Bolg* (the men of bags ?) and he loses his arm in battle. According to old Irish law and custom an unfit king could not reign and Nuada stepped down in favour of another candidate. The leech of *Tuatha Dé Danann*, the god Dian Céacht fashioned a silver arm for Nuada and attached it to his arm. But Dian Céacht's son, Miach, was unhappy with this situation and set about replacing the silver arm with a fully human arm. His father was furious at this rebellious behaviour from his son and killed him! The second figure is less dramatic and more obscure. At one point tradition records that the country was divided in half, *Leth Conn* (Conn's half) and *Leth Moga* (Mog's half) after Conn of the hundred battles and Mog Nuadat respectively. These are semi-divine personages and ancestors of the Connacht people and the people of Munster. The word *mog* is the old Irish for 'slave, servant' thus describing Mog as the servant of Nuada. Either of these figures could be the Nuada in the name of our town which was an important feature in the roadway between Tara and the Leinster dynasties in days gone by.

Features

DIVINE LOVE MEDITATION

A very interesting event is happening in your local library on Monday 19th February when a visiting teacher will give an introductory talk on meditation and yoga. Originally from New Zealand, Sureshwari Devi is a teacher of Transpersonal Relaxation and Divine love meditation. She has helped thousands of people in her workshops and programmes in New Zealand, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, England, Canada and the United States.

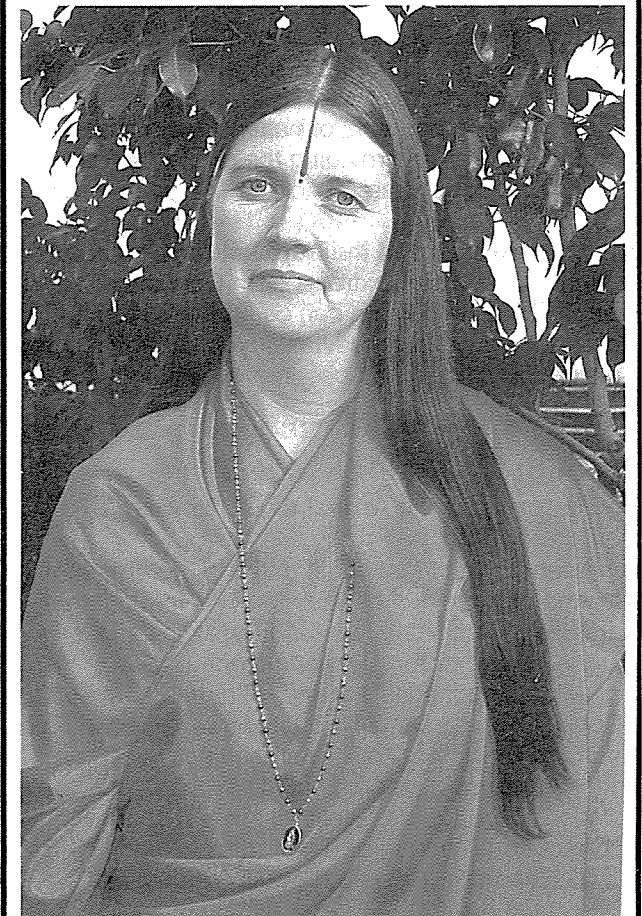
Her extensive studies over the last twenty-four years include years of advanced studies in India, where she investigated the deeper aspects of both the philosophy and practice of Meditation and Yoga. Monday's presentation will include a guided meditation, which will bring deep relaxation to the mind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

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

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

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MAYNOOTH'S HISTORY

Extracts from Cannonballs and Croziers

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

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

Maynooth

Early History and the Arrival of the Normans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

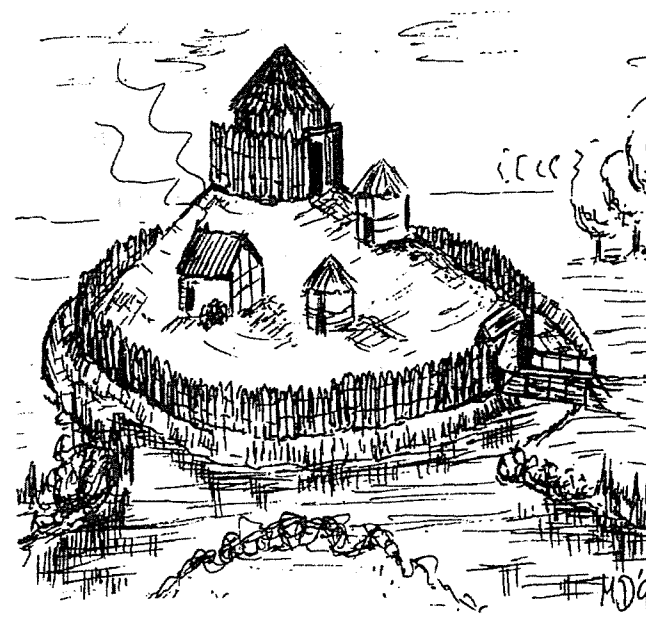
From the beginning the Fitzgeralds played a central role in Irish political life. Maurice was appointed Lord Chief Justice in 1232. The Lord Justice was the King's representative in Ireland and as such was one of the most powerful political figures in the land. The family influence grew rapidly throughout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

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

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

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Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.
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Old Campus, NUI Maynooth.



Mote & Bailey

Margaret Clince A prophecy from 1901

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

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

across the Styx

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

What predictions could we make would be so accurate?

Thing about it.

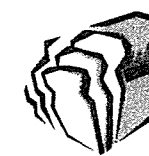
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Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich News

Move to permanent site on Celbridge Road

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

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

Cleaners for the school

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

Parent and toddler group

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

Date for First Holy Communion

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

Guitar Lessons

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

Piano

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

Aisling Ní Bhriain
Máire de Moiréis

Castle Keep Art Group

Attention members and potential members!

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

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

Jack and the Beanstalk

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

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

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

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

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Jack and the Beanstalk (contin.)

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

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

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

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

Maynooth-Ireland.com Enters New Phase

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

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

Spring Wine Fair -2001

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

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



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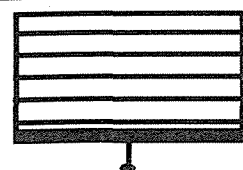
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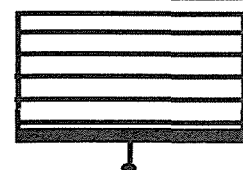
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"A Red Moon over Kilcloon"

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

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

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

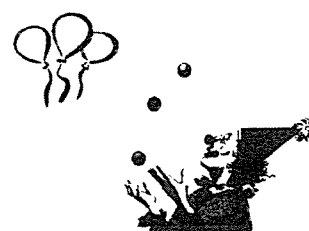


"Junior Infants in Good Voice"

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

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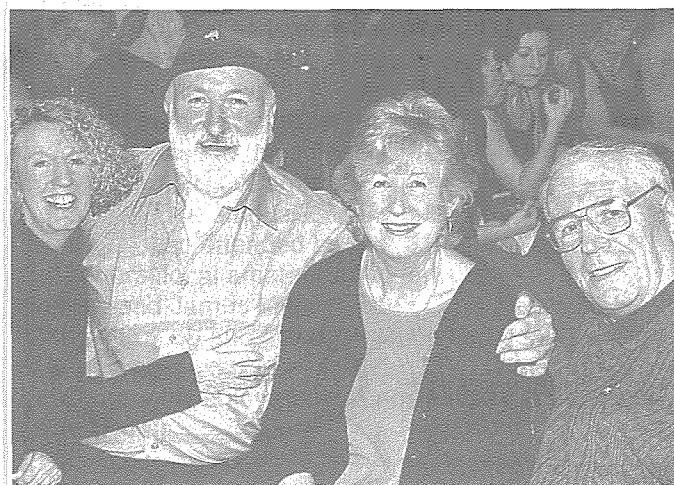
MAYNOOTH'S TYNESIDE CONNECTIONS

(Words and pictures by Anthony Toole.)

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

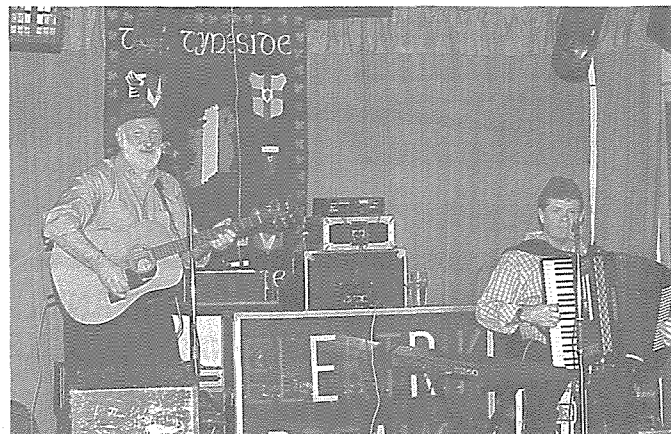
Among those enjoying the New Year's Day party was Therese Toole (nee Cusker) from O'Neill Park, who lives in Newcastle. Theresa's mother-in-law, Maureen Carr is also a native of Maynooth, having been born and brought up on Main Street. Father Joe Travers, from Rathcoffey, who has several relatives in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

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



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

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



A CAT'S TALE

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

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

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

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PREDICTIONS

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

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MOTHER SHIPTON'S PREDICTIONS (cont.)

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

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

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

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

St Valentines Day Origins

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

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

Claudius had banned marriage from his empire because he believed married men made poor soldiers. Valentine would secretly marry couples. When Claudius found out he unsuccessfully tried to convert Valentine to paganism. Valentine for his part tried unsuccessfully to convert Claudius to Christianity. Valentine was stoned and beheaded for his efforts. History also claimed that while Valentine was in prison awaiting execution, he fell in love with the blind daughter of the Jailer. Through his faith, he miraculously restored her sight. He signed a farewell message to her 'From your Valentine'

In the middle ages, lovers said or sang their valentines. Written valentines began after 1400. Young men instituted hand-written greetings of affection to women they admired and wished to court. Cards acquired St. Valentine's name. In 1537 Henry VIII declared February 14th as St. Valentines Day by Royal Charter. The earliest extant card was sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. It is now in the British Museum.

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

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St. Valentine in Ireland

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

Types of Valentine Cards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buying a car.

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

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

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Beef Casserole Serves 4

You will need:

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

Method:

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

Courgettes with pork

Serves 4

You will need:

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

Method:

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

Spinach Bake Serves 4

Baking time 30 - 35 mins

You will need:

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

Method:

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



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

The Big Bang

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

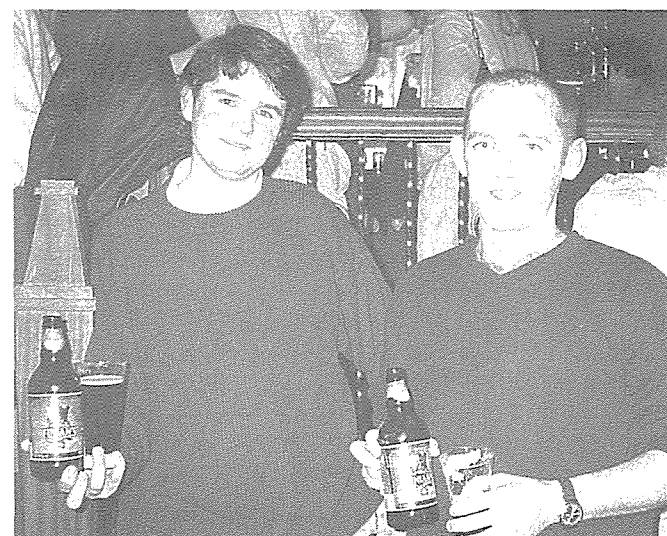
Several hypothesis have been put forward. There is certain opaque matter, which is not easily seen at great distances, such as gas clouds and planets. Then there can be some exotic particles, not yet identified, which would weakly interact with other matter and would be difficult to spot. And others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

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

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Alternative Careers

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



Patrick Howell and friend Martyn McGuinness

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

Canon John O'Rourke of Maynooth

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

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

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

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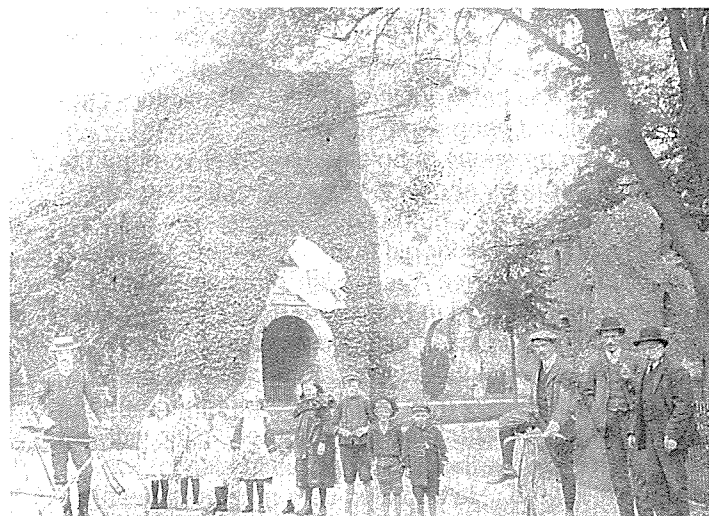
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Therese Monaghan



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



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

Features

Maynooth Remembered

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

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

The Monaghan Family

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

1916 and the Back Lanes

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

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

The Carton Connection

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

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



Bridie O'Brien (1943)

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Maynooth Remembered (contin.)

The College and a Not So Healthy Diet

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

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

A May Day Tradition

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

Joe Murphy

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

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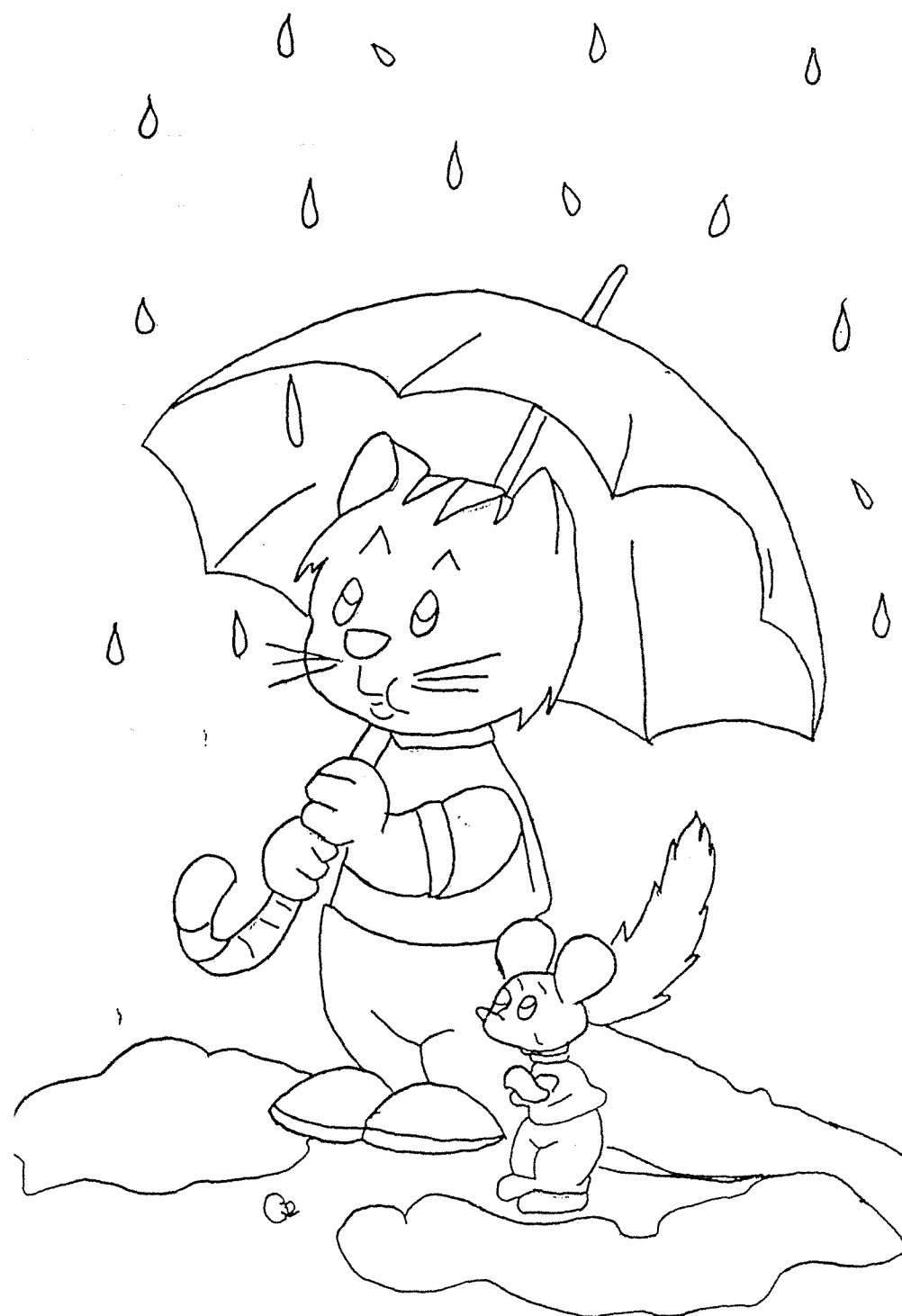
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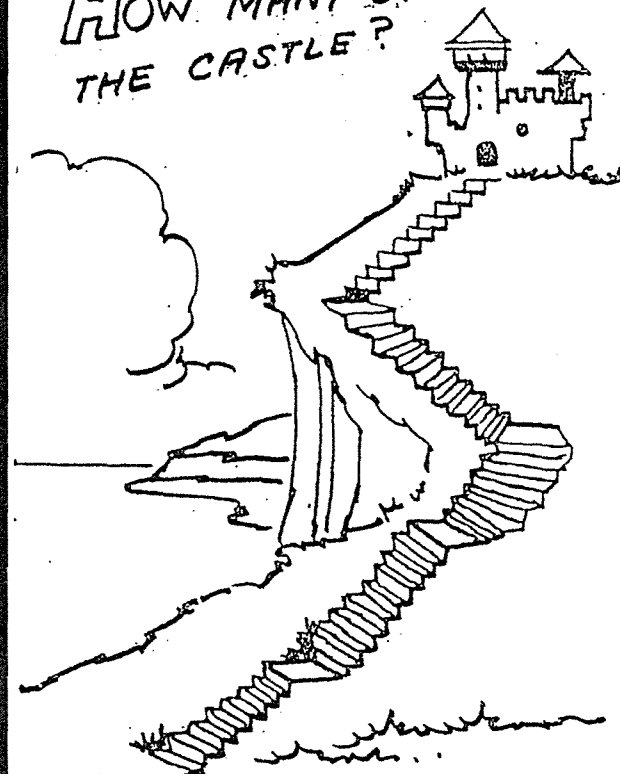
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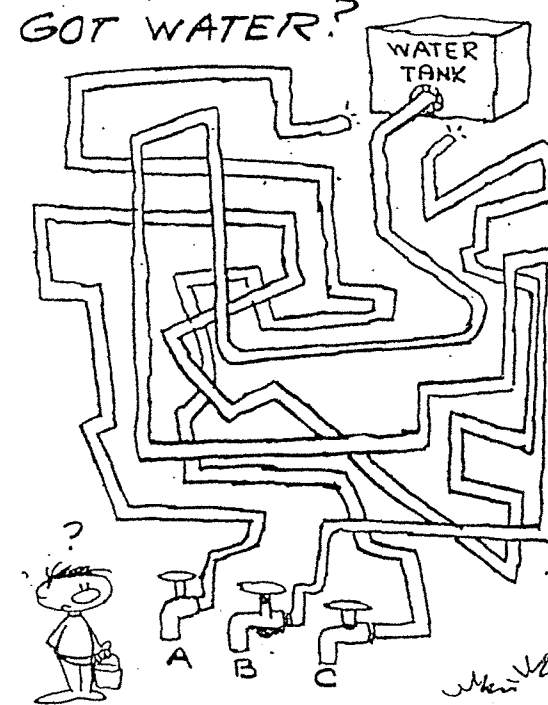
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A selection of Family Tree studies from 6th Class in the Presentation Convent Maynooth. Our thanks to Ms Ledwith and students for their efforts

The Waldron Clan

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

By Vanessa Waldron

My Family Tree

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

By Eimear Flynn.

My Family Tree

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

By Jessica Mc Grath

JOHN FRANCIS MC GREAL

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

By Emily Mc Greal

My Family Tree

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

By Laura Bennett

My Family Tree

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

By Laura Fitzgerald.

My Family Tree

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

By Grace Fox

SCANLON FAMILY

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

Caroline Bermingham

Paddy Crosbie

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

By Shonagh Crosbie

Spierin Family Tree

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

By Samantha O'Neill

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The Dunne Family

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

BY AISLING DUNNE

The Judge Family Tree

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

By Laura Judge.

The Lyons Family

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

By: Sharon Lyons.

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

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

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

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

BE GUIDED BY SCRIPTURE

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

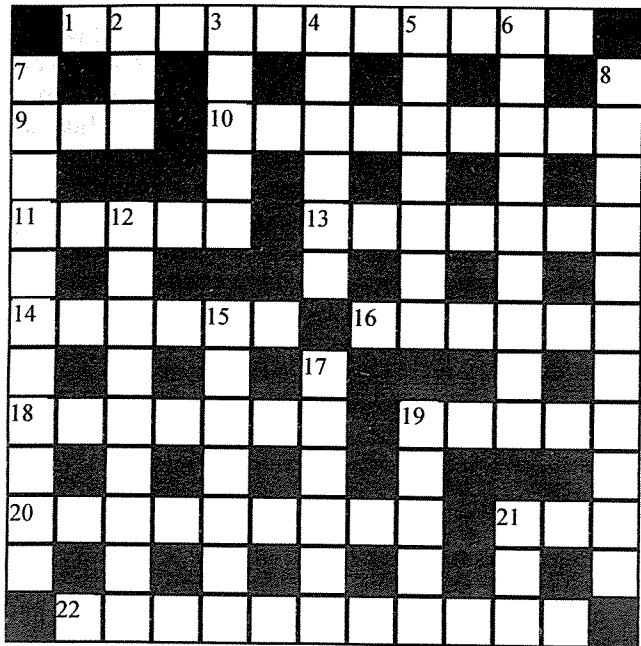
Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.
Do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd.
(Exodus 23:2)

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL BY VICTORIA ALI

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

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

Crossword No: 155



Entries before: 12th March 2001

Name _____

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Across:

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

Down:

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

Solution to Crossword No. 154

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

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

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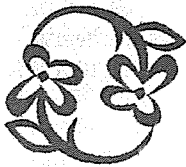
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Party Political

FINE GAEL NOTES

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

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

To the Minister for the Environment and Local Government:

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

REPLY

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

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

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

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

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

Straffan Road.

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

Litter Bins.

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

Maynooth Interchange.

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

Party Political

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

Castlebridge/Parklands.

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

Public Lights in Maynooth.

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

Gael Scoil.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Party Political

MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS

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

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

Cumann Breakfast with Minister McCreevy

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

Cairde Fail Dinner Dance

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

Visit to Dail Eireann

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

Maynooth Development Plan

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

Manor Mills, Maynooth

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

Garda Station in Maynooth

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

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS CONTD...

Community Support

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

Minister McCreevys Budget

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

The minister outlined 4 basic objectives of the Budget:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Maynooth Labour News

Seven Day Street Cleaning for Maynooth:

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

£3M Cost of Preventing Flooding in Maynooth:

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

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

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

Cllr. John McGinley Proposes go Ahead for Bond Bridge:

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

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

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

Traffic Lights at Bottom of Maynooth Main Street:

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

Bus Turning Points on Straffan Road, Maynooth:

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

Parson Street Traffic Calming:

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

Party Political

Case for a Swimming Pool Complex in Maynooth:

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

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

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

Air Quality in Maynooth:

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

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

Ballygoran Cross, Celbridge Road, Maynooth:

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

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

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

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

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

New Public Lights for Harbour/Canal Area, Maynooth:

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

Proposed Development Off Parson Street:

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

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

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

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

Party Political

Council Reject Planning Application at Leinster Cottages.

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

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

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

Newtown Pub Granted Planning Permission:

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

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

Maintenance Access Gate at Silken Vale Granted Planning Permission:

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

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

Kilmacredock/Barrogstown – Traffic Calming:

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

Lucan Quality Bus Corridor Extended:

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

Paul Connolly:

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

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

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

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

Josephine Moore.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Plans for 2001

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

Green Town 2000

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

Bus Turning Point Our biggest eyesore.

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

New Members

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

**Paul Croghan
Secretary
Maynooth Tidy Towns.**

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Annual Dinner Photo Gallery



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



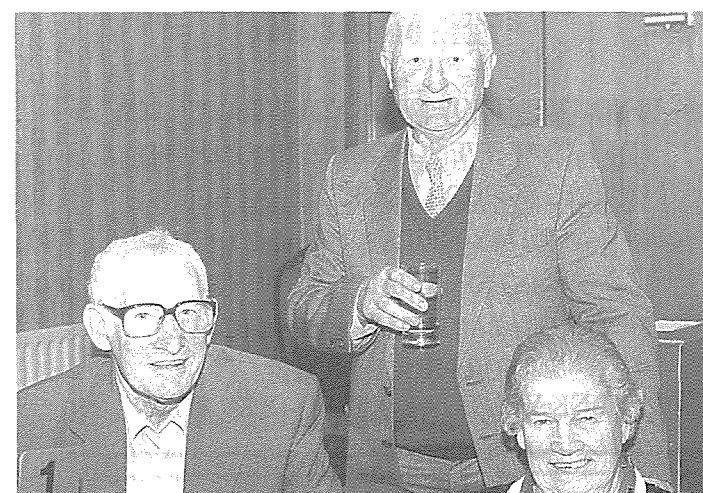
Joan Branagan and P.J. Daly
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L-R: Rita Thompson, Brid Farrell,
Tosheen Farrell, Imelda Farrelly



L-R: Emmet Stagg, Chris Feighery, Betty Farrell



George Fennell, Pat Kinsella, Betty Boyd



Paddy & Nuala Doyle,
Proprietors of Moyglare Nursing Home

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Maynooth BNS Parents Association

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

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

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

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

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

Claire O'Rourke
PRO

Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

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

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

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

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

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

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Maynooth I.C.A.

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

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

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

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

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

The Carers' Association Resource Centre.

We are the national voluntary organisation of family carers in the home. We provide information, training and a carers support group at the centre. We are starting a Carers Outreach Centre in Maynooth on Friday 9th February 2001 at Maynooth Citizens Information Centre.

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

The Single Objective of the group will be: -

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

KMWPA will not be an organisation that is party politically aligned

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Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

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

Programme for 2001

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

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

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

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

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

Plant Competition: 3 stem of any Spring Flower

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

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

No Competitions Venue : Physics Hall

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

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

June 19th: Demonstrator - Margaret Quinn

Competitions: "Secret Garden"

A: An exhibit to include roses Space 75mm

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

Plant competition: 1 rose.

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

September 25th: Demonstrator
Angela Behan O'Carroll

Competitions:

A: "From the Hedgerow" Space 75mm

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

Plant competition: 3 dahlias.

October 16th: Gala Christmas Night with
Clive Moorhead

October 17th: Day School with Clive Moorehead

October 23th: AGM Imposed Class
with Six Competitors

No Competitions

November 20th: Demonstrator : Lorcan Burke
Competitions:

A: "New Trends" Space 50cm

B & C: "New Trends" Space 45cm

Plant competition: 3 Stems of Autumn Foliage

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

Plant Competition 1 Stem of Coloured Bark

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Members Library: Our Library offers members a comprehensive range of gardening and flower arranging books. We also have some lovely videos. Looking forward to seeing you all at our Feb meeting.

Jo O'Connell PRO



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Maynooth Town Football Club Notes

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

Recent Results

Dublin & District Schoolboys League
Under 10C St Teresa's 5 v Maynooth Town 1
Under 10B Maynooth Town 11 v Kilmore Boys 1
Under 8D Maynooth Town 0 v Raheny Utd 2
Under 8B1 Maynooth Town 1 v St Paul's 1

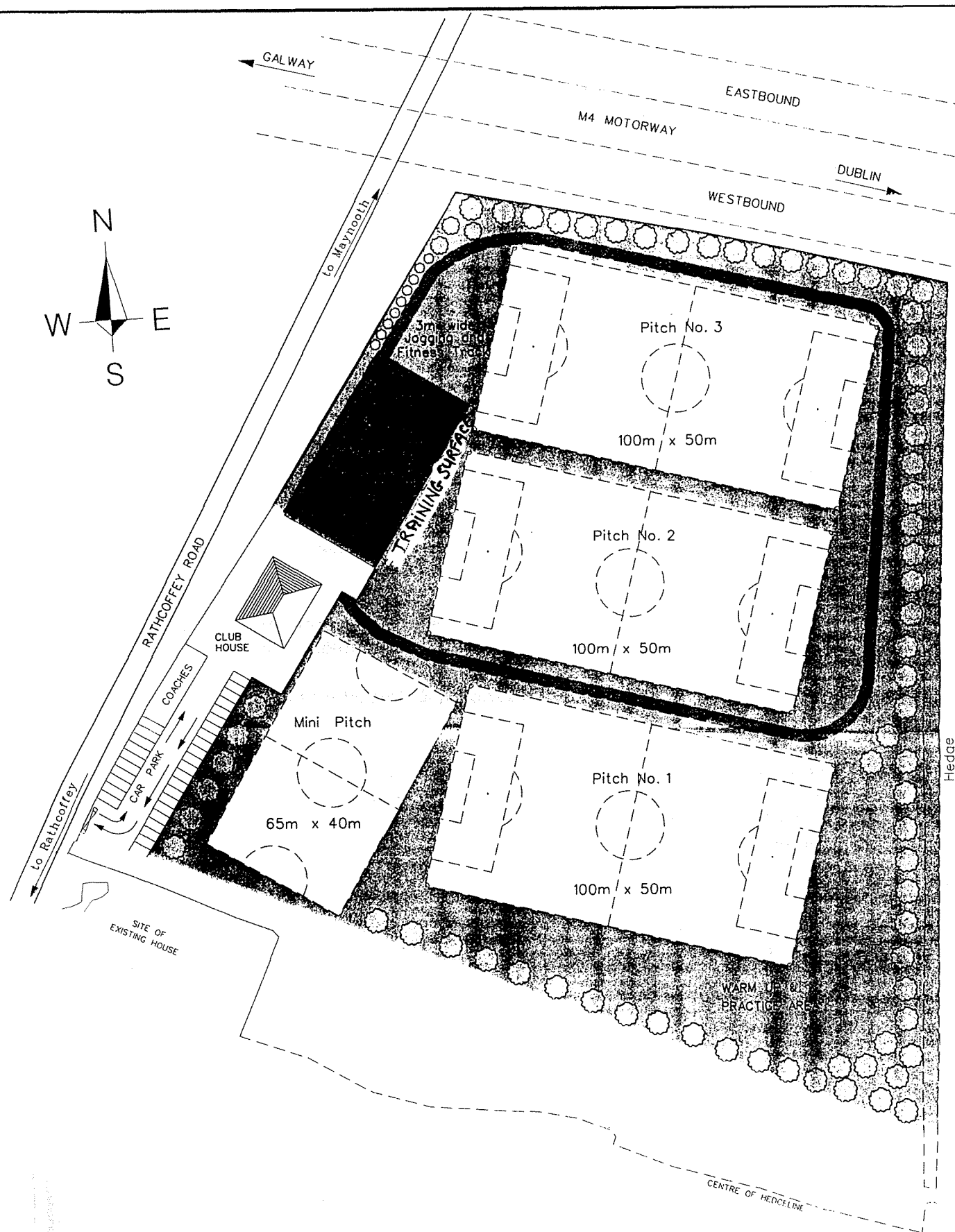
Weekly Lotto Results

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Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x £25 Winners		
26-Nov-00	7,8,10,12	£1,700	MARY CAHILL	COLM BRETT	PAUL CARTY
3-Dec-00	1,6,11,12	£1,750	ANDREW FOXE	JOHN WALDRON	'ALEX'
10-Dec-00	6,8,10,12	£1,800	BREDA FAHY	ROSANNA BYRNE	CIARAN TOCKNEY
17-Dec-00	4,17,18,19	£1,850	'MUIREANN'	BERNADETTE TOBIN	RICHARD SCANLON
There were no draws on Christmas or New Years Eve					
7-Jan-01	1,12,18,20	£2,000	WALTER FARRELL	Mc AVINUE'S	BREDE FARRELL
14-Jan-01	5,11,16,17	£2,050	OLLIE DURACK	CHRISTY'	P. SPEIGHT
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Nyland:

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Connolly:

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

A Tribute to Rose Hayes

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

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

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

Tom McMullon
Chairman Cluain Aoibhinn Residents' Association

First Anniversary - Danny Fitzpatrick

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

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

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

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

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

This time last year Danny's family and friends and the town of Maynooth suffered a great loss.

Heaven is a better place for having Danny. God rest him.

Pius Kelly

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

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