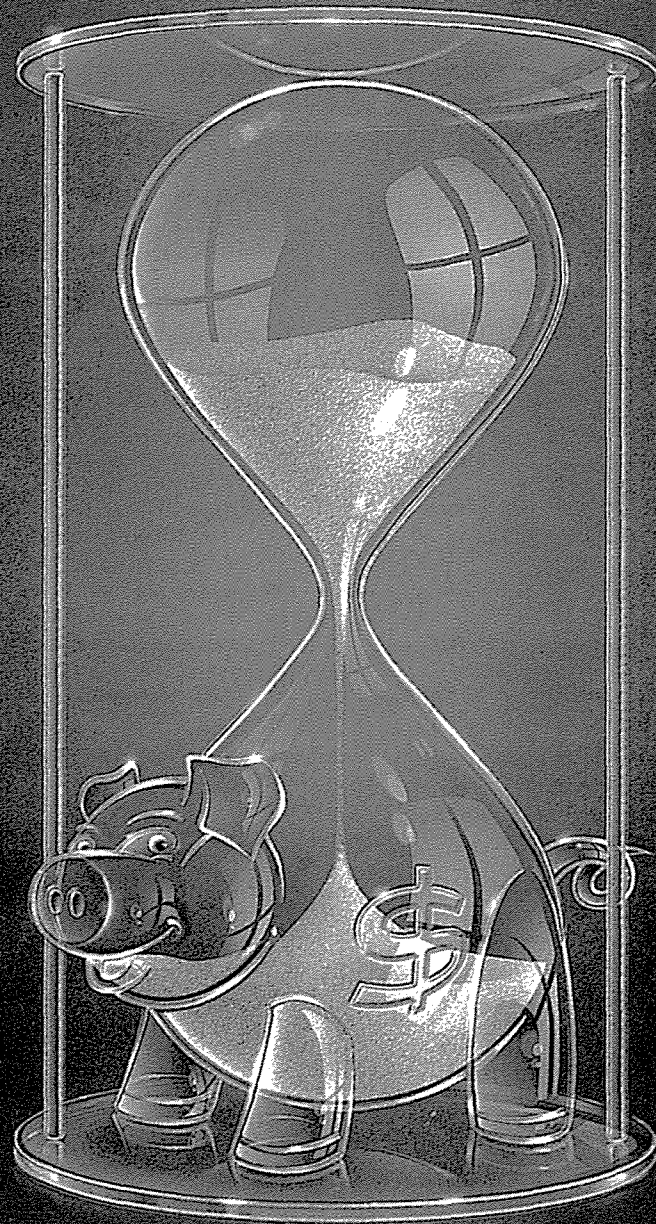


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EDITORIAL

NO TO NICE SAYS NORTH KILDARE

Along with the majority of constituencies in Ireland North Kildare shocked the Government by voting no to the Treaty of Nice. The Taoiseach and ministers floundered and tried to explain the decision by saying that the people were not clear as to the content of the treaty. They blamed the no campaign for its simplistic slogans.

The vote has sparked off the type of debate on European involvement that should probably have taken place before the referendum and indeed on other occasions when constitutional amendments were made to accommodate new legislation. There was no canvassing worth mentioning by any political party in the North Kildare area. Although on the surface the political parties appeared united they were some chinks evident even before the referendum with Fergus Finlay and John Rogers advocating that people vote no. Afterwards, Eamon Ó Cuív openly admitted that he voted no and even the attorney general has now welcomed the debate. Minister McCreevy also welcomed the vote - perhaps smarting from Europe's reprimand to Ireland for his economic policy. Mary Banotti MEP who has long criticised the lack of information and debate on European policy also welcomed the debate.

While the Government appeared not to understand why the people voted no; every chat show on radio was inundated with thinking, intelligent voters explaining in detail their own personal reasons for refusing to proceed with the widening of the EU. Elsewhere in this issue the National Platform have explained their position.

The possibility that the Irish people are selfishly refusing others the prosperity that we have gained from EU membership cannot be discounted. Nor can it be denied that there may a sinister element of racism in the inferred refusal to allow the suggested 12 countries into the 'club'. This has been denied by the government and politicians.

Whatever the cause it appears that we will be faced with another referendum sooner rather than later - perhaps with a general election to ensure a larger

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The June meeting took place on the 11th June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Co-options

Dave Collins from Rockfield was co-opted onto the Council.

Again we would appeal to all Residents Associations and all other groups in the town to send representatives to the Council.

Meeting with Intel and John Colgan

Regarding a letter to Maynooth Community Council re emissions from Intel a meeting has been set for the next Council meeting with Intel representatives and Mr. Colgan. Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Vice-chair, in preparation for the meeting undertook to do a full investigation into emissions for the Council.

Maynooth Community Festival

Festival to go ahead this year.

It was decided to go ahead with the festival this year. The festival will take place from 25th - 29th July. All groups that normally take part in the festival are invited to do so again this year.

All interested parties please get in touch with the office or e-mail Maynooth Community Council at: mcc@maynooth-ireland.com or Maynooth Newsletter at: newsletter@maynooth-ireland.com

Waste Management Committee

With the trend towards recycling it is very important that a Waste Management Committee should be set up in Maynooth. Interested persons please contact the office.

Tidy Towns Committee

Richard Farrell stated that they have the Fás scheme back. This will make a huge improvement in the work they undertake.

Tidy Towns and the Royal Canal schemes will amalgamate. They have also received S.I.P.T.U. approval. Tidy Towns has had problems with S.I.P.T.U. in the past but this has now been sorted out. Richard congratulated all concerned with the improvements of Carton Avenue, but he also felt that Tidy Towns should have received some recognition for work done during the year. He also praised Bob O'Reilly for his dedication to Tidy Towns.

Bond Bridge

Bond Bridge was well debated again. Padraig O'Murchú felt that the Local Heritage Group were wrongly represented at the A.G.M. He said they were always aware of the dangers that the bridge presented. He also said that back in 1999 that he proposed the introduction of lights on the bridge and other safety measures.

John McGinley stated that Kildare councillors have heritage at heart but what Duchas propose was just not possible.

It is not possible to retain the bridge or to incorporate the stone in the new bridge because of the cut of the stone. It was also stated that all councillors did their best to retain the stone.

Again it was felt that the Duchas objection was well outside of the time span. Padraig O'Murchú said that Duchas were the experts on restoration and he said he would be guided by them.

Tom McMullon said that Bond Bridge was always a danger. 24 years ago it was felt that the bridge should be realigned and improved, so why wait until now to object to the improvements at Bond Bridge.

Padraig O'Murchú said he always looked for compromise on all effort to improve the bridge.

It was also stated why was planning permission given for all the houses that were built on the Newtown Road with such a dangerous bridge in place.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain felt that planning should never be given where it will effect our heritage.

However work on the new bridge is set to go ahead.

Bus Turning Points

The bus turning point on the Straffan Road is to be improved. The cycle path and pedestrian path will continue along the turning point and grass verges will be reshaped.

Carton Avenue

Bollard had to be removed to allow machinery in to cut the grass on the avenue. Senan Griffin praised the colossal work being done on Carton House. He felt that there would be access to Carton House and grounds.

Special Olympics

Ronan Barry drew attention to the Special Olympics taking place in Ireland in 2003. He said the success of the games depended on all local committees getting involved. He was looking for people to put themselves forward to help. He also said that in the Maynooth area we have a champion in Mark Smith. 30,000 people will be needed to organise the event, to provide accommodation and sporting facilities. So if you are interested get in touch with the office.

Marie Gleeson,
P.R.O.

Next meeting will be held on the 9th July.

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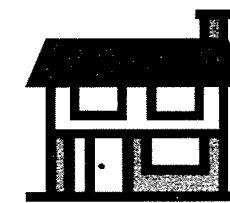
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Features

The Boyne River (*An Bhóinn*)

The river Boyne features frequently in early Irish literature and is considered to be the foremost of sacred rivers. Along with many geographical features it had a mythological significance and is named after a goddess. Bordered by the passage graves of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth the Boyne valley encapsulates the prehistoric and mythological landscape of early literature and history. Meath's further association with the high kingship of Tara through its ruling family furthered the fame of the area.

The *Dinnsheanchas* (Lore of famous places) describes the origin of the name – from the death of a woman by the name of Bóann. One story tells of her marriage to the hero Nechtain son of Labrad who possessed a magic well. No one could look at it without losing their sight and their life. One day Bóann walked along by the well, three waves burst from the well and drowned her. She tried to run to the sea to escape and the water followed her so that the river is then called the Bóann. Her little dog called Dabilla followed her and was also killed.

In the saga *The Wooing of Étaín* Bóann is said to be the wife of the god Elcmar and they are said to have lived at *Brú na Bóinne* (the hostel of Bóann now known as Newgrange after the modern townland on which it stands). But she was also loved by another god the Dagda (the good god) also known as Eochaid Ollathair (Eochaid the great father – possibly the ancestor god of the Tuatha Dé Danann). The Dagda waited until her husband was away for a day and they slept together. She became pregnant and in typical mythological fashion time is conjured out of joint so that nine months passes as one day. She gives birth to the young god Oengus (meaning 'single strength') who was to become a famous god also called In Mac Óc (the young man). He is remembered particularly for his aid to Diarmaid and Gráinne when they were running away from the wrath of Fionn mac Cumhaill.

Oengus is also famous in mythology for the taking of Brú na Bóinne. He grows up not knowing who his father is and when he discovers that the Dagda is he, Oengus demands that he receive an inheritance. But the Dagda coaches him to trick Elcmar, Bóann's husband, and Oengus takes Brú na Bóinne from him. Oengus is said to live there in his mother's dwelling to the present day. Whether he enjoys the company of hundreds of thousands in his hostel is something we will never know! The name of the Bóann, living on as it does in the river and the hostel means the fair cow – a tribute to the importance of cattle to our ancestors just as they are today.

Early Ireland c. 400 - 500

If we were to wake up 1,600 years ago what sort of Ireland would we find? How would it differ from the Ireland of today? Well, firstly the language in which I am writing this

article would not exist and I would not be able to either read or write – at least not in the form to which we have become familiar. The language of the country was archaic Irish that predated Old Irish, Middle Irish and what we now know as Modern Irish. This language survives primarily on the Ogam stones that are scattered throughout the country but that proliferate in the south. They are associated with early Christian, Latin learning and the familiar alphabet was the first attempt to give a symbolic context to the language. It bears a closer resemblance to Latin or Greek than it does to Modern Irish.

The countryside would be mainly covered by trees with settlements spread throughout. These groupings of people were called a *tuath*, approximately 4,000 people living under the rule of one petty king. It is thought that there were 150 of these *tuath* in the country each with its own king. With this number of kings no wonder everyone in Ireland claims royal descent – most of us are probably right! The word *tuath* may be translated as tribe although this is somewhat misleading as it implies that they were all related to one another, which they were not. The ties of kin are described by the term *fine* (kin) and relationships to the fourth degree (fourth cousins) were recognised if necessary. These would apply in inheritance or in compensation payments if the immediate family died out.

The climate was a good deal harsher than today by all accounts – the annals and sagas mention falls of snow up to four or five foot high. During Medb's ill-fated *Táin* expedition the snow is said to reach the belts of the men. Hardly favourable conditions for a cattle raid! No wonder it was an unmitigated disaster. But there are also mentions of scorching summers. Illnesses were rampant with plagues often wiping out entire communities.

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Early Ireland c. 400 - 500 (con't.)

Slavery was common – as we all know Patrick arrived in Ireland in a trading slave ship. The Irish continued to trade in slaves well into the twelfth century and Dublin became the slave capital of the country in that century. Slavery made it far easier to run the economy that was rich in merchants, traders and general craftsmen and indeed women.

This was a highly stratified community with the provincial kings at the top and then the more minor below followed by a myriad of classified noblemen and women who gave cattle to clients in return for loyalty, military service and a percentage of their income. Following them again were large farmers, small farmers and farm labourers and slaves. The most revered in this society were the poets, learned men and women, blacksmiths, leeches and seamstresses. There were also many craftsmen including chariot builders, masons, comb makers, musicians and entertainers of all kinds – even a professional farter who entertained at feasts!

Women do not appear prominently within the professions with the exception of the oldest professions – prostitutes and abortionists existed even then. But there are fleeting references to embroidresses, seamstresses, female leeches, druidesses and even the odd female poet. But they are by far the exceptions to the patriarchal society. **(To be continued)**

NEW SERIES MURDER OF THE MONTH

On July 13th 1955 Ruth Ellis became the last woman to be hanged in Britain. She spent a short and eventful life. She was the manageress of a nightclub in London and her track record with men was not the best before she met David Blakely who was a 24-year-old racing driver. Ruth was 28 and thought that she could handle herself but she met her match in Blakely.

She had a relationship at 17 with a French-Canadian serviceman. She became pregnant by him and when he found out he disappeared leaving her with a baby boy. When she could not make ends meet she resorted to modelling nude for photographers. When she found out that her second husband, a dentist, was an alcoholic she divorced him. They had a daughter together. It was after this that she met the above-mentioned Blakely. They had an extraordinarily emotional relationship with rows and screaming matches. They were both openly unfaithful to one another but apparently she had become emotionally dependant upon him and when he stood her up on Good Friday April 8th 1955 she finally cracked. She was convinced, rightly, that she had been stood

up for another woman. She tried to get an answer at his flat but he refused to answer and she could hear a woman laughing inside. She smashed all the windows in his van that was parked outside the door. Then she went home and promptly got drunk.

But the following day things went from bad to worse – when she began ringing his flat someone would pick up but not answer. This went on for two days until she returned to the flat and happened to see Blakely's car parked outside a nearby pub. She decided to wait until he came out.

Some time later he emerged and walked towards his car. Ruth walked towards him and took a gun from her bag. Blakely tried to run for it but she began shooting. She hit him and he fell to the ground. Then she emptied the gun into his body.

She admitted during the trial that she had fully intended to kill him for two-timing her and refusing to speak to her or take her calls. Although the judge recognised her jealousy he also maintained that it was not an excuse for murder.

She was sentenced to death and despite the widespread efforts of women throughout Britain to have this reprieved they failed. Women recognised themselves in Ruth and realised that many of them could perhaps commit the same act of jealous revenge. She was sent to the gallows and her name has entered history as the last woman hanged.

Footnote: Interesting enough the last woman to be publicly hanged in Britain has not remained in the public consciousness in the same way. This dubious honour goes to a woman by the name of Frances Kidder who was found guilty of the murder by drowning of her stepdaughter in 1867. She denied drowning the child whom she had abused during her two-year marriage to the girl's father. There is some doubt as to whether she committed the crime at all. That year it was declared that hangings would now take place within the confines of the prison in private. More than 2,000 people watched her hang.



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Features

Bond Bridge

Since our last issue we have found out a few things that were not in the media. Kildare County Council made a point of blaming Duchas for the delay on the bridge, Not true. Kildare County Council did not even apply for permission to reconstruct the bridge until very recently and all the stipulations required by Duchas were that two stones, (the ones with Bond Bridge and year) were to be incorporated into the new bridge.

Would Kildare County Council please not continue to try and pull the wool over the eyes of the people of Maynooth as they have been doing for the last 25 or 30 years.

Since Cluain Aoibhinn was built they have been levying all the construction companies to pay for the infrastructure which includes Bond Bridge. Thousands of houses have been built in the Newtown area since. Nothing has been spent on that bridge except a few shovels of tarmac in the potholes.

The next questions to be asked seeing that the politicians now all use the word accountability.

What should be made public is:

- 1 How much money was collected from the developers in Newtown.
- 2 Where is the money now.
- 3 Was it(as is suspected by most people in Maynooth) spent in other parts of the County, mostly in South Kildare.
- 4 Are they waiting for more developers money to complete the ring road from Blacklion to Newtown and wait another 30 years for anything to happen.
- 5 Is it in safe keeping to be used for the development of the Maynooth area.
- 6 Do they know that Maynooth is gridlocked at least six times a day due to their cockup in planning the square and the town.
- 7 When are they going to move their asses, quit stalling, quit making excuses and get on with the job they are supposed to be doing.

On a lighter note:

Since the last article we came across an article on Irish Wildlife.

The following is taken from a book called Irish Wildlife written by John Kelly. it covers the human species such as "Dub Ignoramus" "Boyo Redneckus" Grocerus Skinflintus" "Clericus parishus" and others. The ones that caught my eye regarding last month's article on Bond Bridge (Pucks) is as follows.

Politico Polysyllabus

What It's Called

Although you may not know its name, it certainly knows yours, and appears to be deeply concerned for

your welfare and that of your family - although it sometimes inquires "how's your husband" when he's been dead almost a year.

Where It's Found

This species is in virtual hibernation most of its life and only appears to come into action when a local or general election draws near. You'll find it knocking on your door when you're in the middle of watching 'Coronation Street', cramming boring literature through your letter-box and preventing you from entering the local supermarket during one of its tediously condescending hand-shaking 'walkabouts'. Also found staring down from lampposts or driving about in cars plastered with photos of itself while a blaring loudspeaker noisily spews out incomprehensible crackles.

What It Wears

This depends on the party it represents, of course. Fianna Fail hopefuls, in the great tradition of its party members, were crumpled 'Gombeens' label suits with a *fainne nua* on the lapel and vomit stains down the front (a souvenir of the last post-Ard Fheis celebrations). Fine Gael types wear Colgate smiles, Louis Copeland suits and, if female, elaborate perms, bright 'n' bouncy 'Gemma Hussey' bows and a strong stench of Opium perfume. Workers Party and Labour grafters were desert boots, beards, brown corduroy jeans, a duffel coat emblazoned with CND or hammer-and-sickle motifs.

About Itself

Firmly believes it's got a mission to help society by becoming a politician but, in fact, there's little else the species is actually capable of doing. Either began it career through an hereditary route (its father was a party man, for instance, so it learned to bullshit from an early age) or through such avenues as being a radical greasy-haired, condom-toting members of the Students' Union during the trendy Sixties.

What It Says

Wildlife observers are perpetually mystified at how *Politico Polysyllabus* manages to babble without appearing to pause for breath, and yet appears to say nothing whatsoever. It has a limited range of banal phrases it arranges into endless permutations, e.g.: "like so many people you're probably at home today because you're unemployed...oh you've a day off? Well then you're probably deeply concerned with the awful crime we're experiencing on our streets and at the crippling level of taxations and you're no doubt despairing of the future, but if you give me your vote next week blah blah sun moon and stars blah blah...".Fianna Fail candidates often flash the green card for good measure, while WP types offer punters nothing less than Utopia.

Features

(Politico Polysyllabus contd.)

Excreting Habits

The only species on earth that - incredibly - defecates through its mouth. It does this by forming elaborate sentences packed with cliches whose meaningful content is, effectively, a load of bull, e.g.: "far be it for me to, eh, point the finger, and in all honesty I would not, eh, be so, eh, precipitous as to point any particular digit, eh, but, eh, to make things perfectly clear, eh, that is to make clear my own views on this, eh, this situation, I am clearly not at this, eh, point in time, eh, in any position to, eh...".

Sexual Activities

In a record-breaking act of prodigious sexual acrobatics, *Politico Polysyllabus* is planning to screw the entire country.

Its Hopes

Hopes to be elected on the first count and to be eligible for a huge salary, private Mercedes, overlong holidays, the opportunity to sleep on the job in the back-benches or to enjoy an endless variety of ministerial perks. Hopes for the country? That the State lasts long enough to pay its pension.

TAISCE TYPICALUS

What It's Called

Its name often has classical or Victorian allusions: Felicity, Timothy, Jonathon, Iris, Daphne, Helene, Gerald, Charles, James, etc. Its surname is likely to be hyphenated, or, in some cases, an Irish name consisting almost entirely of constants (O'Muirheartaigh, Ni Choisdealbha, etc), and is appended to letters it writes to the Irish Times about the "wholesale" destruction of our heritage. woods, and historic buildings, and the ghastly architecture of Dublin city.

Where's It's Found

The species can be spotted at meetings of its local An Taisce committee, where they adopt plummy accents and discuss controversial planning permission-controversial, not so much because of ethical or socio-economic reasons as for the fact that a "ghastly" working class estate will block its panoramic view of Dublin Bay.

Where it Lives

The species is never found on a housing estate (except for the time it lost its way in Tallaght on the way back from weekend in Wicklow). Its home is likely to be a converted millhouse, church, Martello Tower, Georgian townhouse or mews which swallows up virtually every penny of its income and still looks in need or repair. The house is furnished with antiques (preferably inherited), paintings, plants, a solid fuel

cooker, stripped pine kitchen with quarry tile floor, and so on. Would prefer to freeze to death than exchange crumbling Georgian window frames for sensible double-glazing.

What It Says

Taisce Typicalus dislikes using modern idioms when antiquated ones will do. Uses words like "frightful" "ghastly" "delightful" "superb" "tawdry" "authentic" "original" "pastiche", etc. Destruction of historical buildings is alternatively described as "wholesale" or "wanton."

About Its Family

Taisce Typicalus is very often single, its family consisting of foul smelling dogs and cats, exotic houseplants and silent roomfuls of antiques. If it does get married, its always to another member of the species, whereupon they have a couple of children attending a non-denominational, co-educational school and spending their summers with the scouts or girl-guides.

Where It Works

As it needs a very large disposable income. *Taisce Typicalus* has a professional job; architect, lecturer, doctor, photographer, journalist, antique dealer, etc. Rarely found working as a bus driver,sewage engineer, or road-sweeper.

Leisure Activities

Enjoys browsing around obscure antique shops on the Quays,Francis Street or the Liberties. where it frequently picks up "delightful" Edwardian objects which have no function whatsoever (e.g. bedpans, bezique tables, sewing boxes). Attends book fairs where it buys handsome-looking tomes which it will possibly fondle but never read. Its crowded social calendar is crammed into a small diary which it consults from time to time like an oracle.

What It Eats

Insists on calling meals "brunch" "luncheon" and "supper (pronounced "suppah"). Food is usually something terribly simple- such as a marvellous *bouef provencaill*, the recipe for which it picked up from its "delightful" patron while on holiday in Normandy last summer. "Tea" is also an institution, and consists of Earl Grey, Tea Time Express cakes and the latest gossip about who's desecrating what.

What It Reads

An Taisce's regular newsletter, Heritage, is obligatory reading. Also the Irish Times every morning looking at the property pages, the latest planning permissions and articles by Frank McDonald

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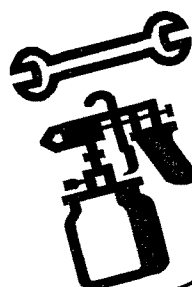
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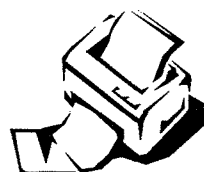
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Information Night for Parents

A very informative talk for parents of fifth class girls was held in the presentation Convent girls School, Maynooth recently. The speaker was Ms. Breda Clery from the Eastern Health Board, a nurse who has been involved in education since 1992.

The purpose of the get together was to outline the program that Ms. Clery would be covering with the girls at a later date, with a follow-up session in sixth class.

The aims of the program are:

- 1 To understand the function of the body
- 2 Physical/psychological development
- 3 To have respect for the body
- 4 To assist the parent/child communication.

As children become teenagers they are beginning to think for themselves and search for their own identity. Inquiries such as where they are going, who they are going with should be explained to them as motivated by love and concern for their well being. It is very important to talk to children so that communication will continue into their teenage years.

The approach is to present the notion of the body as a number of systems, - a holistic approach, and how, for example, damage may be caused to the systems of the body by smoking, alcohol and drugs.

Other topics covered are hygiene, respect for one's own body and for others, peer pressure.

Ms. Clery went on to say that there are tremendous pressures on children today from many sources ranging from peer pressure to the media, magazines, videos, song lyrics and television.

Parents should be sure to put their views to their children if they do not agree with those expressed on for example, in TV chat shows or magazine articles.

Children need:

- to talk
- to be listened to,
- a loving and secure home
- to be given clear guidelines
- to do things together with their parents
- prayer

"A Parent"



Maynooth Ladies Raise £1,150 for Lukes

Martina Perry and her daughter Jessica from Old Greenfields completed the womens mini marathon and in doing so collected £1,150 for the Friends of St. Lukes.

St. Lukes Hospital in Highfield Road, Rathgar, specialise in cancer care and cancer research. Martina sadly lost both her father and her sister to the dreaded disease. Very few people have not somewhere in their families been affected by the disease so it was a very noble deed.

Martina would like to thank all her sponsors who helped to raise the money and helped her in every way and maybe have more people help in the fundraising for this very badly funded cause.

As for the race itself, they recorded very good times. They were just outside the medals but ran Sonia fairly close.

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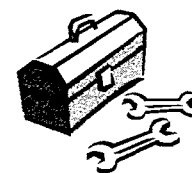
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01/747	Hugh McBride	105 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/05/01	sought to erect a kitchen/dining area extension at side	105 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/755	Brian Nevin	10 Parsons Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/05/01	sought to erect a single storey dwelling with sewerage treatment unit and associated works	Oblisk Lane Barrogstown Maynooth
01/757	Enda McDermott	An Cnoc Ballymagillan Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/05/01	sought for ground work and first floor extensions to the rear of existing shop/office	Travers House Dublin Road Maynooth
01/777	Thomas Hoare & Co. Ltd.	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/05/01	sought to (a) demolish existing bungalow, (b) erect 4 terraced two storey town houses and all associated site developments including dnew site entrance and car parking	Parson Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/780	Stephen Noone	Clockstown Summerhill Co. Meath	P	04/05/01	Sought to demolish existing extension and build new house to rear adjoining new extension to existing house with both front doors to side including alterations and new bay window to existing house	341 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
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01/910	Jimmy Walker	48 Cluain Aoibhinn Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/05/01	sought to construct 2 storey side granny flat to existing 2 storey house	48 Cluain Aoibhinn Maynooth Co. Kildare
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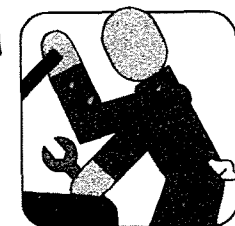
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around eleven heads bent low.

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SUMMER BARBECUES

Safety tips

1. Make sure the barbecue is sited on a firm surface and is stable and level before lighting the fire. Once the barbecue is lit, do not move it.
2. Keep the barbecue sheltered from the wind, and keep it well away from trees and shrubs.
3. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for your barbecue, as there are some barbecues that can use only one type of fuel.
4. Don't try to hasten the fire - some fuels may take quiet a time to build up heat. Never pour flammable liquid on to the barbecue.
5. Keep children and pets away from the fire and make sure the cooking is always supervised by adults.
6. Keep perishable foods cold until you're ready to cook - especially in hot weather. If you take them outdoors, place them in a cool bag until needed.
7. Make sure meats such as burgers, sausages and poultry are thoroughly cooked - there should be no trace of pink in the juices. Pierce a thick part of the flesh as a test: the juices should run clear.
8. Poultry can always be pre-cooked in the oven or microwave, before being finished off on the barbecue. but never allow the meat to cool down before transferring it to the barbecue, poultry should never be reheated once it has cooled.
9. Light the fire with a long match or taper, and leave it to burn for about 15 minutes.
10. Wash your hands after handling raw meat and before touching other foods. Don't use the same utensils for raw ingredients and cooked food.
11. In case the fire should get out of control, have a bucket of sand and a water spray on hand to douse the flames.
12. Keep a first-aid kit handy. If someone burns themselves, hold the burn under cold running water.
13. Trim excess fat from meat and don't use too much oil in marinades. Fat can cause dangerous flare-ups if too much is allowed to drip on to the fuel.
14. Use long-handled barbecue tools, such as forks, tongs and brushes, for turning food: keep some oven gloves to hand, preferably the extra long type, to protect your hands.

MARINATING

Marinades are used to add flavour and to moisten or tenderize foods, particularly meat. Marinades can be either savoury or sweet and are as varied as you want to make them: spicy, fruity or fragrant. Certain classic combinations always work well with certain foods. Usually, it is best to choose oily marinades for dry foods, such as lean meat or white fish, and wine or vinegar-based, marinades for rich foods with a higher fat contents. Most marinades don't contain salt, which can draw out the juices from the meat. It's better to add salt just before, or after, cooking.

Place the food for marinating in a wide, non-metallic dish or bowl, preferably a dish that is large enough to allow the food to lie in a single layer.

Mix together the ingredients for the marinade according to the recipe. The marinade can usually be prepared in advance and stored in a jar with a screw-top lid until needed.

Pour the marinade over the food and turn the food to coat it evenly.

Cover the dish or bowl with clear film and chill in the fridge for anything from 30 minutes up to several hours or overnight, depending on the recipe. Turn the food over occasionally and spoon the marinade over it to ensure it is well coated.

Remove the food with a slotted spoon, or lift it out with tongs, and drain off and reserve the marinade. If necessary, allow the food to come to room temperature before cooking.

Use the marinade for basting or brushing the food during cooking.

Basic barbecue marinade:

This can be used for meat or fish.

You will need:

- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 3 tbsp sunflower or olive oil
- 3 tbsp dry sherry
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp dark soy sauce
- freshly ground black pepper



Red wine marinade

This is good with red meat and game

You will need:

- 1/4 pint dry red wine
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 dried bay leaves, crumbled
- Freshly ground black pepper.



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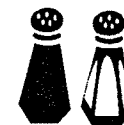
MARINATING (con't..)

The amount of marinade you will need depends on the amount of food. As a rough guide, about 1/4 pint is enough for about 1 1/4 lb of food.

Summer herb marinade

You will need:

- large handful of fresh herb sprigs, e.g. Chervil, thyme, parsley, sage, chives, rosemary, oregano
 - 6 tbsp olive oil
 - 3 tbsp tarragon vinegar
 - 1 garlic clove, crushed
 - 2 spring onions, chopped
 - sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- Serves 4



Method:

Discard any coarse stalks or damaged leaves from the herbs, then chop them very finely. Add the chopped herbs to the remaining marinade ingredients in a large bowl. Stir to mix thoroughly. Place the meat or fish in a bowl and pour over the marinade. Cover and leave to marinate in a cool place for 4-6 hours. Drain the meat or fish when you are ready to cook it on the barbecue. Use the marinade to baste the meat occasionally while cooking.

Barbecue Sauce

You will need:

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 2 garlic cloves, crushed
 - 14 oz can tomatoes
 - 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
 - 3 tbsp honey
 - 1 tsp mustard powder
 - 1/2 tsp chilli seasoning or mild chilli powder
 - sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- serves 4



Method:

Heat the vegetable oil in a large saucepan and fry the onions and garlic until soft and golden. Stir in the remaining ingredients and simmer, uncovered, for about 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the saucepan from the heat and allow to cool slightly. Pour into a food processor or blender and process until smooth. Press through a sieve if you prefer. Adjust the seasoning to taste.

BARBECUE FOODS

Skewered lamb with red onion salsa

You will need:

- 8 oz lean lamb, cubed
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground paprika
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



For the salsa

You will need:

- 1 red onion, very thinly sliced
- 1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 3-4 fresh basil or mint leaves, roughly torn
- Small mint leaves, to garnish

Serves 4

Method:

Place the lamb in a large bowl with the cumin, paprika and olive oil and season with plenty of sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Toss well. Cover the bowl with clear film and leave in a cool place for several hours, or in the fridge overnight, so that the lamb fully absorbs the spicy flavours.

Spear the lamb cubes on four small skewers. If using wooden skewers, soak them first in cold water for at least 30 minutes to prevent them burning when placed on the barbecue.

To make the salsa, put the sliced onion, tomato, red wine vinegar and torn fresh basil or mint leaves in a small bowl and stir together until thoroughly blended. Season to taste with sea salt and garnish with mint.

Cook the skewered lamb on a hot barbecue, or under a hot grill, for about 5-10 minutes, turning the skewers frequently, until the lamb is well browned but still slightly pink in the centre. Serve hot, with the salsa.

Salmon with spicy pesto

You will need:

- 4 salmon steaks, about 8 oz each
- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- Finely grated rind and juice of 1 lime
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Features

Potato wedges with garlic and rosemary

You will need:

- 1 1/2 lb medium potatoes
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 4 tbsp chopped fresh rosemary
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Serves 4



Method:

Cut each potato into four wedges and par-boil in boiling salted water for 5 minutes. Drain well. Toss the potatoes in the olive oil with the garlic, rosemary and black pepper. Arrange on a grill rack. Cook the potatoes on a hot barbecue for about 15 minutes, turning occasionally, until the wedges are crisp and golden brown.

Apple coleslaw

You will need:

- 1 lb white cabbage
- 1 medium onion
- 2 apples, peeled and cored
- 5 fl oz mayonnaise
- 1 tsp of celery salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- Serve 4



Method:

Remove the outer leaves from the white cabbage and, using a heavy knife, cut into 2 inch wedges. Remove and discard the stem sections. Feed the cabbage wedges and the onion through the slicing blade of a food processor. Change to a grating blade and grate the apples and carrots. Combine the salad ingredients in a large mixing bowl.

Spiced prawns with vegetables

You will need:

- 20 cooked king prawns, peeled
- 1 medium courgette, thickly sliced
- 1 medium onion, cut into 8 chunks
- 8 cherry tomatoes
- 8 baby corn cobs
- Mixed salad leaves, to serve



For the marinade

- 2 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 2 fresh green chillies, seeded if wished
- 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- Serves 4

Method:

To marinade, blend the coriander, sea salt, chillies, lemon juice and oil together in a food processor or

blender. Empty the contents from the processor and transfer to a bowl. Add the peeled prawns to the mixture in the bowl and stir to make sure that all the prawns are well coated. Cover the bowl with clear film and set aside in a cool place, to marinade for about 30 minutes. Arrange the vegetables and prawns alternately on four long skewers. Cook on a medium barbecue for 5 minutes, turning frequently, until cooked and browned. Serve immediately, on a bed of mixed salad leaves.

Barbecued scallops with lime butter

Serves 4

You will need:

- 1 head fennel
- 2 limes
- 12 large scallops, cleaned
- 1 egg yolk
- 6 tbsp melted butter
- Olive oil for brushing
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



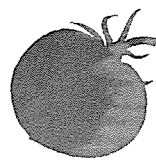
Method:

Trim any feathery leaves from the fennel and reserve them. Slice the rest lengthways into thin wedges. Cut one lime into wedges. Finely grate the rind and squeeze the juice of the other lime and toss half the juice and rind on to the scallops. Season well with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Place the egg yolk and remaining lime rind and juice in a small bowl and whisk until pale and smooth. Gradually whisk in the melted butter and continue whisking until thick and smooth. Finely chop the reserved fennel leaves and stir them in, with seasoning to taste. Brush the fennel wedges with olive oil and cook them on a hot barbecue for 3-4 minutes, turning once. Add the scallops and cook for a further 3-4 minutes, turning once. Serve with the lime and fennel butter and the lime wedges.

Chunky cherry tomato salsa

You will need:

- 1 ridge cucumber
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1 1/4 cherry tomatoes
- Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
- 3 tbsp chilli oil
- 1/2 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh dill
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Serves 4



Method:

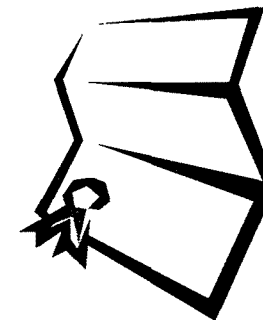
Trim the ends off the cucumber and cut it into 1 inch lengths, then cut each piece lengthways into thin slices. Place in a colander and sprinkle with sea salt. Leave for 5 minutes. Rinse the cucumber slices under cold water and dry with kitchen paper.

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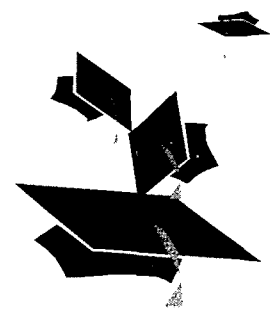
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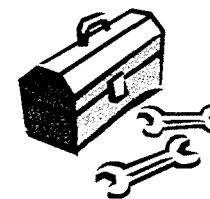
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Chunky cherry tomato salsa (con't)

Quarter the cherry tomatoes and place in a bowl with the cucumber. Whisk together the lemon rind and juice, chilli oil, chilli flakes, dill and garlic. Season, then pour over the tomato and cucumber and toss well. Marinade for 2 hours before serving.

Drinks

Mint cup

You will need:
A handful fresh mint leaves
1 tbsp sugar
Crushed ice
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
6 fl oz grapefruit juice
1 pint chilled tonic water
Mint sprigs and lemon slice, to decorate
Serves 4-6



Method:

Crush the mint leaves with the sugar and put into a jug. Fill the jug to the top with crushed ice. Add the lemon juice, grapefruit juice and tonic water. Stir gently to combine the ingredients and decorate with the mint sprigs and sliced of lemon.

Strawberry and mint champagne

You will need:
1 1/4 lb strawberries
6-8 fresh mint leaves
1 bottle of champagne or sparkling white wine
Fresh mint sprigs, to taste
Serves 4-6



Method:

Puree the strawberries and fresh mint leaves in a food processor or blender. Strain through a fine sieve into a large bowl. Half fill a glass with the mixture and top up with champagne or sparkling wine. Decorate with a sprig of fresh mint.

Melon, ginger and borage cup

You will need:
1/2 large honeydew melon
1 1/4 pints ginger beer
Powdered ginger, to taste if liked
Borage sprigs with flowers, to decorate
Serves 6-8



Method:

Discard the seeds from the half melon and scoop the flesh into a food processor or blender. Blend the melon to a puree. Pour the puree into a large jug and top up with ginger beer.

Add powdered ginger, to taste. Pour into glasses and decorate with borage.

Herbal punch

You will need:
3/4 pint honey
7 pints of water
3/4 pint freshly squeezed lemon juice
3 tbsp fresh rosemary leaves, plus extra to decorate
3 1/2 lb sliced strawberries
3/4 pint freshly squeezed lime juice
3 pints sparkling mineral water
Ice cubes
Serves 30 plus



Method:

Combine the honey, 1 3/4 pints water, one eighth of the lemon juice and the fresh rosemary leaves in a saucepan. Bring to the boil, stirring, until the honey is dissolved. Remove from the heat and allow to stand for about 5 minutes. Strain into a large punch bowl and leave aside to cool. Press the strawberries through a fine sieve into the punch bowl, add the rest of the water and lemon juice, and the lime juice and sparkling mineral water. Stir gently to combine the ingredients. Add the ice cubes just 5 minutes before serving, and float the rosemary leaves on the surface.

Parsley butter

You will need:
4 oz softened butter
2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped
1/2 tsp fresh lemon juice
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
serves 4

Method:

Beat the butter until creamy, then beat in the parsley, lemon juice and season lightly. Form the butter into a roll, wrap in clear film or foil and chill. Cut off slices as required.

Variations

Lemon or lime butter

Add 1 tbsp finely grated lemon or lime rind and 1 tbsp juice to the butter.

Herb butter

Replace the parsley with 2 tbsp chopped mint, chives or tarragon.

These butters will keep in the fridge for several days, and will also freeze, wrapped in clear film or foil to avoid any loss of flavour.



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BARBECUE FOODS (con't)

For the pesto
You will need:
6 mild fresh red chillies
2 garlic cloves
2 tbsp sunflower or pumpkin seeds
Juice and finely grated rind of 1 lime
5 tbsp olive oil
Serves 5



Method:
Insert a very sharp knife close to the top of the bone. Working closely to the bone, cut your way to the end of the steak to release one side. Repeat with the other side. Pull out any extra visible bones with a pair of tweezers. Sprinkle with salt on the work surface and take hold of the end of the salmon piece, skin side down. Insert the knife between the skin side and the flesh and working away from you, remove the skin, keeping the knife as close to it as possible. Repeat for each piece of fish. Curl each piece of fish into a round, with the thinner end wrapped around the fatter end. Secure the shape tightly with a length of string. Rub the sunflower oil into the boneless fish rounds. Put the salmon into a large bowl or dish and add the lime juice and rind and the salt and pepper. Allow the salmon to marinate in the fridge for up to 2 hours.
For the pesto, de-seed the chillies and place with the garlic cloves, sunflower or pumpkin seeds, lime juice, rind and seasoning in a food processor. Process until well mixed. Pour the olive oil gradually over the moving blades until the sauce has thickened and emulsified. Drain the salmon from its marinade. Cook the fish steaks on a medium barbecue for 5 minutes each side and serve with the spicy pesto.

Peppered steaks in beer and garlic

You will need:
4 beef sirloin or rump steaks, about 6 oz each
2 garlic cloves, crushed
4 fl oz brown ale or stout
2 tbsp dark muscovado sugar
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp corn oil
1 tbsp crushed black peppercorns
Serves 4

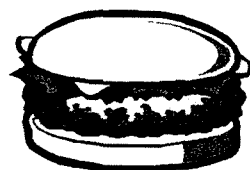


Method:
Place the steaks in a dish and add the garlic, ale or stout, sugar, Worcestershire sauce and oil. Turn to coat evenly, then leave for 2-3 hours or overnight. Remove the steaks from the dish and reserve the marinade. Sprinkle the peppercorns over the steaks and press them into the surface. Cook the steaks on a hot barbecue, basting them occasionally with the reserved marinade during cooking. (Take care when basting, as the alcohol will tend to flare up: spoon or brush on just a small amount at a time.)

Turn the steaks once during cooking, and cook for about 3-6 minutes on each side, depending on how rare you like them.

Stilton Burgers

You will need:
1 lb minced beef
1 onion, chopped
1 celery stick, chopped
1 tsp dried mixed herbs
1 tsp prepared mustard
2 oz crumbled Stilton cheese
4 burger buns
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Serves 4



Method:
Mix the minced beef with the chopped onion, celery, mixed herbs and mustard. Season well with salt and pepper, and bring together with your hands to form a firm mixture. Divide the mixture into eight equal portions. Shape four portions into rounds and flatten each one slightly. Place a little of the crumbled cheese in the centre of each round. Shape and flatten the remaining four portions and place on top. Use your hands to mould the rounds together, encasing the crumbled cheese, and shaping them into four burgers. Cook on a medium barbecue for about 10 minutes or until cooked through, turning once. Split the burger buns and place a burger inside each. Serve with salad and mustard pickle.

Lamb steaks marinated in mint and sherry

You will need:
6 large lamb steaks or 12 smaller chops

For the marinade:
2 tbsp chopped fresh mint leaves
1 tbsp black peppercorns
1 medium onion, chopped
4 fl oz or 1/2 cup sherry
4 tbsp olive oil
2 garlic cloves
Serves 6



Method:
Blend the mint leaves and peppercorns in a food processor until finely chopped. Add the onion and process again until smooth. Add the rest of the marinade ingredients and process until completely mixed. The marinade should be a thick consistency. Add the marinade to the steaks or chops and cover with clear film. Leave in the fridge to marinate overnight. Cook the steaks on a medium barebcue for 10-15 minutes, basting occasionally with the marinade.

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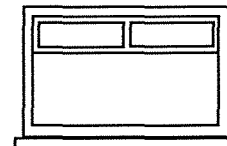


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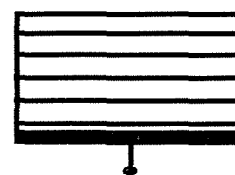
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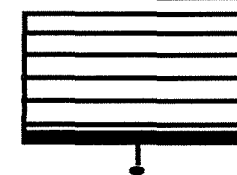
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Stoyte House, Maynooth College

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Our picture shows Mr Stoyte's country house, better known in recent years as Maynooth College. In this house, which stands fronting the town entrance to the College, there took shape the establishment which was founded and financed in penal days by the British Government for the education of Catholic youth. With such a background there was, of course, a catch in the project, though not the kind of catch you'd expect. There wasn't the least intention to proselytize. Indeed the project had the enthusiastic support of the Catholic bishops, the said bishops preponderating on the Board of Trustees and having chief say in appointing professors. Incidentally, the trustees decided to appoint a professor of the Irish language but the record shows that the bishops, always very particular men, didn't do themselves an injury in their rush to fill this particular appointment. No the catch about Maynooth was that it was designed to prevent our youth going to the Continent to be educated and coming back with dangerously democratic ideas. In the 1790s the French Revolution was making itself felt everywhere in Europe. Many men in many streets were being fascinated by the heretical doctrine of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. You couldn't let even a good Irish Protestant like Wolfe Tone, not mention the eldest surviving son of Dr. Emmet the State Physician, over to France without having them come back rabid republicans and very shaky Christians. What then were the chances of penalised Catholics preserving their innocence? Not all of them had had the basically sound character of the Kerry smuggler's nephew, Daniel O'Connell. So the British Government invested £8,000 in founding a college to be run by Catholics for Catholics. There was a bit of window dressing in the appointment of trustees so as not to alarm the Protestant community. The Chancellor who, as the son of a renegade Catholic, was bigotedly anti-Catholic, and the three chief judges were the only Protestants on a board of twenty one, and they soon stopped attending meetings. The situation in effect was that £8,000 handed over to the bishops to finance them in the job of preserving British to finance them

in the job of preserving their British interests in Ireland. Few investments by the British Government (outside of India) paid off better. It was generally assumed that the new college would be sited somewhere in Dublin or in the nearer suburbs. When the trustees advertised for a site, many offers poured in not only from Catholics, but from Protestants, all of them fired by ambition to help a worthy cause and to do business with people who had £8,000 in ready money to spend. Some optimists offered property situated as far out as Dalkey, but the realists with city property to offer felt they were on the short list. Somewhat to their surprise they found they weren't. The bishops very wisely took the view that there's nothing like the bright lights for taking a country lad's mind off religion. They said the college must be kept well away from the city.

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It so happened that the Duke of Leinster's steward had just built himself a country house at Maynooth. But he seems to have quickly lost interest in it or found it was too expensive to run, or noticed that the duke was uneasy with an employee who had the handling of ducal cash living in such splendour. The steward, Mr. Stoyte, offered the trustees his house and lands at Maynooth. The duke backed the offer up with an offer of more land at less than market rate, and the deal was done. Mr. Stoyte did very well for himself. He got more than £4,000 for his property. Now you may wonder why a staunch Protestant like the Duke of Leinster should be so anxious to get the Romans to start a college on his land, and not far from his own ducal hall-door at Carton into the bargain. Those who assumed it was a mixture of good nature and public spirit in a patriot overlook the advantages. First, it was an excellent and inexpensive stroke of public relations by a canny politician. For about £50 a year [His loss on the rent] he got himself into the good books of the Catholic majority who were at long last on the up and up in Ireland. Second, by facilitating a Government scheme he wasn't doing himself any harm at Dublin Castle. His generous gesture might even help the Castle to forget that he had backed the wrong side in a political crisis caused by King George the Third's apparent insanity. Then there was a family reason. His younger brother Lord Edward Fitzgerald had visited France, had renounced his title and was calling everyone Citizen - in fact he had gone completely mad. So for the duke to do any little thing to help get a college going which was designed to prevent this kind of thing, must have been a great personal consolation. Besides, he was getting £72 a year for his 58 acres [which wasn't much out of 70,000 acres], and there'd be no bother collecting the rent. He'd never have the bishops coming along like the small farmer tenants, begging for a reduction because the praties were bad this season or the oats had got laid in the heavy rain and th'oul sheep had th'fluke. So of April 20, 1796, the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Camden, came down from Dublin to lay a foundation stone for projected new college buildings at Maynooth. The Duke of Leinster and all the nobs were there, and three students stood forth to recite Odes to Lord Camden: one in Greek, one in Latin and one in English. The English one ended -

See! led by him, the smiling muse.

Descends to view her future seat;

Assumes her harp, her notes renews,

And greets HIM in her new retreat.

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Congratulations to Fr. Paddy Monaghan, formally of Old Greenfield, Maynooth on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on the 12th June 1976. Congratulations are also extended to Fr. Paddy on his graduation from Berkley College, California, USA on 11th May 2001 with a Masters Degree in Theology.



L/R: Niall Fagan, Carmel Lettis (deceased) Brede Farrell
Ronnie Cassidy, Fr. Paddy Monaghan, Fr. Paddy Kavanagh, Rosa
Edwards (deceased) & Pakie Brady (deceased)
[Photo taken outside Maynooth Church, June 12th 1976]



L/R: Eric Hays (Scotland) John Little (U.S.A.)
and Brede Farrell
[Photo taken at reception in Oberstown Hse.]



L/R: Marie Murray, Fr. Paddy Monaghan and Ronnie Cassidy
[Photo taken at the reception in Oberstown Hse.]



L/R: Brendan Edwards (deceased) Ronnie Cassidy, Niall
Fagan, Carmel Lettis (deceased) and Gerry McTernan.
[Photo taken at the reception in Oberstown Hse.]

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Maynooth Labour News

Maynooth Draft Development Plan 2000

The Draft Plan was drawn up by your four Area Councillors following newspaper ads requesting the public for submissions. In line with the County Development Plan, 150 acres was rezoned from Agriculture to Residential. Deputy Emmet Stagg and Councillor John McGinley wanted much less to be rezoned but unfortunately the full Council decided otherwise and we are now stuck with the 150 acres. The Draft Plan then went on public display for three months so that people would have an opportunity to make their views known. In all there were 58 written submissions and 32 of these asked to be permitted to make oral submissions.

The Area Committee considered the written submissions on 11th April and heard the oral submissions on the 8th/9th May. Landowners sought over 400 acres to be rezoned from Agriculture to Residential and for 260 acres to be rezoned from Agriculture to Light Industry/Office Park. In other words landowners are looking for all of the land around Maynooth to be rezoned.

Your four Councillors will make their decision on an Amended Draft Plan before the end of June. This will then go before the full Council at the end of June or at a Special Meeting in July, for Approval. The Amended Draft Plan will then go on Public Display for a minimum of one month and because of the August holiday period Cllr. McGinley will be demanding that the display period be extended to the end of September in order to give the public adequate time to consider the Plan.

Allocation of Discretionary Grant Funding:

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated his £24,240 Discretionary Grant Funding as follows:

- 1 £3,500 for a stud farm type fence at Rockfield/ Celbridge Road boundary.
 - 2 £600 for safety walls at Rockfield Lodge/Rockfield Avenue pedestrian walk.
 - 3 £4,000 for Cluain Aoibhinn footpaths
 - 4 £2,000 for Carton Court footpaths
 - 5 £7,000 for footpaths and roads in Avondale Estate, Leixlip.
 - 6 £5,140 for new footpath from No. 1 Laurence Avenue to No. 1 Maynooth Park.
 - 7 £2,000 for wall at the bottom of Greenfield Drive.
- In addition Cllr. McGinley has allocated £12,500 for traffic calming at two locations:

- 1 Provision of gateways at two points on Pound Lane and Back lane, Maynooth.
- 2 Chicanes on Kilmacredock/Barrogstown Road.

Parklands Traffic Calming:

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the Council have now got a contractor who will carry out this work along with five other traffic calming projects and that he intends to have the work completed before the end of August. In line with the residents wishes Cllr. McGinley has asked that the chicane build outs have a grass rather than a brick finish.

Bus Turning Circles on Straffan Road, Maynooth:

Having raised the issue at every Area Meeting for the past year Cllr. McGinley is pleased to report that the Council have finally agreed to take action. Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Area Meeting on 11th June that the Council propose the following:

- Remove the soil and pave inside the turning circle.
- Drop the kerb where people walk on the circle at present and mark out a pedestrian/cycle path.
- Cut the circle at the location where the buses drive up on at present.

George Willoughby the Council's Senior Executive Engineer is meeting the contractor next week with a view to getting the work completed within a few weeks.

Top of Main Street/Carton Avenue Lime Walk:

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to appoint a programme manager to oversee this £300,000 project was agreed at the Area Meeting of the Council. The Council's new Director of Development, Willie Carroll, has been given the job of co-ordinating the work inside and outside the Avenue Gate and it is hoped that the one contractor can be appointed for all of the work. The closure of Doctor's Lane to vehicular traffic coming from the Leixlip end will also take place at this time.

Traffic Lights and Pedestrian Crossings at the Roost:

This is another one of those issues that goes on for ever. The traffic and pedestrian signals were to be put in place over two years ago. It is a nightmare for both pedestrians and motorists. Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Area Meeting on 11th June that it was hoped to have the consultants report on these and traffic control from there to the motorway bridge for the next meeting on the 20th July. One wonders if another DUCHAS type body is acting behind the scene to stop the lights from going in place.

Party Political

(Labour Party Notes contd.)

Meadowbrook Flooding Preliminary Report:

The HGL O'Connor Report into Meadowbrook Flooding will be ready by the 15th June, however, the County Engineer gave a verbal report at the Area Meeting on 11th June. The main points are as follows:

- The biggest contributor to the flood by far was the rural part of the Meadowbrook Stream i.e. the part south of the M4. This arises because there is a faster run off of water in the urban.
- It is recommended that rezoning of land in this area only takes place if the following three conditions are met:
 - 1 The Rathcoffey Road culverts are completely substandard and need to be upgraded.
 - 2 The culverts at Bond bridge needs be upgraded.
 - 3 There needs to be attenuation of surface water run off in any new housing scheme in this area e.g. man made ponds.
- The screens on the culverts on the Meadowbrook Stream need to be redesigned so that they don't collect rubbish i.e. be self cleansing.
- The M4 Culvert needs no attention

COUNCIL TO ADVISE DUCHAS - GOING AHEAD WITH BOND BRIDGE PROJECT

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have been advised by Kildare Co. Council that following receipt of Legal Advice in connection with the planning and regulatory procedures in relation to the Bond Bridge Realignment project, the Council are now writing to Duchas advising them of their intention to proceed with the project.

The Council will advise Duchas that their objections to the project were received outside of the statutory period and in such circumstances cannot be considered and that the Council intend to proceed with the project. If Duchas do not respond within two weeks the Council will presume that they accede to the Council's proposal.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley in welcoming the Council's move forward have called on Duchas to end their spurious objections to the Council's proposals and have called on them to accept the Council's conservation proposals for the old bridge which involves the taking down of the old bridge and its storage for rebuilding elsewhere. It's time Duchas faced facts on this issue.

DESTRUCTION OF MATURE HEDGEROW AT ROCKFIELD ESTATE, MAYNOOTH.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has strongly criticised Developer Pat Mooney over his action in the destruction of mature hedgerows which border Rockfield Estate,

Maynooth and his own property on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg was contacted by residents of Rockfield Park in connection with the matter and visited the estate on Friday morning 18th May. Having viewed the destruction Deputy Stagg contacted both Kildare County Council and Duchas. He advised Kildare County Council that Mr. Mooney was in breach of Planning Condition 26 of 1128/91 which required the retention of existing hedgerows around the site boundaries of Rockfield Estate in full and where gaps existed they were to be infilled with planting of native species. The hedgerow forms a natural boundary with agricultural lands owned by Mr. Mooney and he had no right whatsoever to interfere with them. Deputy Stagg was advised that Kildare County Council would inspect the damage caused with a view to corrective action.

Deputy Stagg contacted the Wildlife Section of Duchas concerning the illegal destruction of hedgerows during the nesting season. The Duchas Ranger, Mr. Terry Doherty, visited Mr. Mooney and advised him to cease the destruction of the hedgerows and advised that if he continued he would be liable to prosecution.

Mr. Mooney's actions are unacceptable and Deputy Stagg will continue to pursue both Kildare County Council and Duchas to take strong action against Mr. Mooney.

EXTENSION TO MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that he has approved the Outline Sketch Scheme in respect of the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

The extension required will bring the permanent building capacity of the school to 850 pupils from its present level of 630. At present in excess of 100 pupils are being taught in prefabs and this has placed a strain on pupils and staff alike.

The process for the extension has a number of further hurdles to overcome, the next being the Developed Sketch Scheme, and given that the extension was sought by County Kildare VEC in August 1999 Deputy Stagg will continue to apply pressure on the Minister to fasttrack the project.

REINSTATEMENT OF GREEN AREA AT RAILPARK

The Council have responded to Deputy Stagg's request for the reinstatement of the green area at Railpark Estate, Maynooth which fronts onto the Celbridge Road.

The Council have advised Deputy Stagg that following the laying of services to the Gaelscoil and the resurfacing of the Celbridge Road, the green area will be restored.

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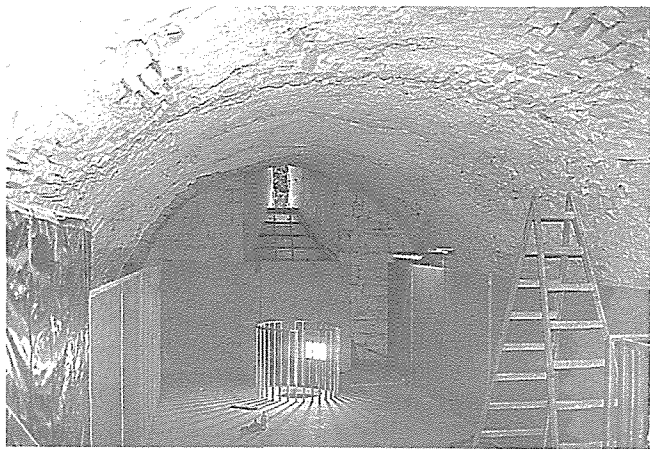
MAYNOOTH SOCCER CLUB - £100,000 ALLOCATION

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the allocation of £100,000 to Maynooth Town Soccer Club under the Sports Capital Programme.

The allocation will assist the Club in the 1st Phase Development of its playing fields at Newtown beyond the Motorway Bridge.



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FINE GAEL NOTES

Carton Avenue

Agreement with the owners of Carton Estate, to cut and maintain grass & trees along Carton Avenue, to the same standard at that of the new golf course, has been reached by Cllr. Senan Griffin. Maintenance of the Avenue has posed a serious problem for the past number of years, and therefore the willingness of the Mallaghan family to take on this task is to be greatly welcomed. One issue still to be resolved, however, is access to the Avenue from the Blacklion Road entrance, which will require the approval of the County Engineer.

Royal Canal

Kildare County Council has been requested by Cllr Senan Griffin to apply to the Department of the Environment, for the 100% grant which is available, in order to provide for a fresh water upstand and sludge disposal unit at the Harbour, Maynooth. This facility will be of use to boat owners who use the Royal Canal. At a recent meeting between Waterways Ireland and Kildare County Council, Cllr. Griffin availed of the opportunity to question them on their stance on Bond Bridge, and to the amazement of all present they adopted the same stance as Dúchas. Cllr. Griffin advised them that they should change their attitude and allow the new bridge to be constructed. Legal opinion obtained by the Kildare County Council, states that the Council are within their rights to proceed with the construction of the bridge. Dúchas, said Cllr Griffin should now avail of the agreement, allow the bridge to be taken down, stored, and in the event of a suitable location for a bridge along the Royal Canal, the stone from Bond Bridge can be utilised. Waterways Ireland have been requested by Cllr Senan Griffin to improve access along the toe path of the canal particularly from Jackson's Bridge to Kilcock.

Swimming pool for Maynooth

The last issue of the newsletter carried an article on the proposal for a pool at Maynooth. (Labour party notes) These notes on the meeting were so outrageous and inaccurate that Cllr. McGinley should be ashamed of himself---it is time for him to start telling the truth. The facts are that Cllr McGinley sought to move Motion (17) and in doing so, he himself amended the motion (he was the first speaker) in order that North Kildare was substituted for Maynooth. Cllr. Griffin was the fifth speaker to the amended motion, supported it and demanded that Kildare County Council, give the north of the county a fair share of the facilities under their authority.

It is also true that various councillors over the past few years have sought to have finance made available for the construction of a pool in the north of the county. It is high time that Cllr. McGinley started to tell the truth about these meetings and stop misrepresenting the views of others in order to show himself in good light.

Maynooth Development Plan

Engineering reports on the Lyreen and Meadowbrook rivers are due to come before the area councillors at their next meeting. It is expected that the cost of the Lyreen will be in the region of two million pounds and that the cost of work for the culverts on the Meadowbrook will be substantial. The findings of these two reports will have a bearing on the final outcome of the considerations of the area committee. The plan is expected to be ready to go on display at the end of July with the area committee having completed their work by the end of June.

Moyglare Road

The Senior Executive Engineer of Kildare County Council has assured Cllr Senan Griffin that the traffic calming measures overdue on the Moyglare Road will be put in place before students return to school this year.

Ballygoran Cross to Pikes Bridge

A proposal from Cllr Senan Griffin to the Traffic Technical Committee "that a speed restriction of 40 mph" be put in place along the Pikes Bridge road has been accepted. This restriction will be in place for the duration of the construction of the new link road connecting Celbridge and Intel to the motorway. The Traffic Committee is of the opinion that when the link road is completed the volume of traffic using the Pikes Bridge road will reduce significantly.

Moneycooley Road

Cllr Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to carry out a survey of the Moneycooley Road following the current thrust boring for the supply of a Gas main to the new Business Park at the motorway intersection. The road, in its present state is extremely dangerous and repairs should be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Recycle-reduce and energy recovery

At a recent Fine Gael meeting in Maynooth, Cllr Senan Griffin urged people who avail of the various bottle, clothes and can banks to refrain from depositing their plastic bags and other cardboard boxes in the vicinity of the recycling units. Recently Maynooth Fire Brigade was called to "put out

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a fire" at the public car park, he said where some inconsiderate person/persons set fire to the rubbish left behind. Cllr Senan Griffin said it does not make sense to bring bottles, cans etc to the recycle units and leave rubbish scattered around the units.

"It is very wrong he stated and should be discontinued."

Cllr Griffin appealed to people to stop and think about this issue and he told the meeting that there is no such place as "throwing it away". Actions such as these, affect everyone in the community, the evidence can be seen in any ditch within a mile radius of Maynooth. We can all play an active part in eliminating this headache from our town.

North Kildare rejects the Nice Treaty

On June 7th the people of North Kildare gave a clear verdict on the Nice Treaty by casting a narrow, but stunning, majority NO vote of 50.68%. This was a citizens' victory whereby people refused to be bullied into voting for a flawed treaty by the 'great and the good' of Irish society. The combined might of the political, business, media and church establishment was no match for the common sense of the electorate; the longer the referendum campaign went on the less they liked of what Nice had to offer, especially voters who previously supported EU referenda. The low-level campaigns by the local political organisations (posters only) indicated grass root's distaste for the Treaty and the potential for a NO win was realised with many principled members and supporters of all parties joining in the gathering momentum to reject Nice.

Reactions from establishment figures to the electorate's verdict have ranged from the amusing to the outrageous: Des O'Malley, ex PD leader, blamed both the Mc Kenna Judgement (which prohibits the Government from spending millions of taxpayers' money of a Yes-only campaign) and the Referendum Commission (which gave Yes and No sides of the argument to assist voters to make an informed and balanced choice). Ruairi Quinn's reported reaction that "the Taoiseach should hang his head in shame" can but prompt the suggestion that the Labour leadership (with the honourable and effective exceptions of John Rogers and Fergus Finlay) should feel less than proud of its role in abandoning opposition to deeper EU integration and Irish neutrality.

What is to be done?

The National Platform believes the Government should:

- Accept and respect the decision of the electorate.
- Inform our EU partners of the Irish people's refusal to ratify Nice, that the Treaty is dead and that the process must now cease.
- Reject any attempt by EU bosses to attach Declarations and Statements to Nice with a view to presenting a 'Nice 2' with new spins for another referendum within 18 months.
- Begin a thorough going process of national and local dialogue with the Irish people, including the various No to Nice campaign groups, to formulate a consensus on Ireland's relations with the EU, the United Nations and on Ireland's role in working to share the world's wealth, thereby helping to ensure peace and progress on a global scale.
- Press for the speedy accession of the Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia and Malta into the EU (subject to their peoples' wishes), as provided under the Treaty of Amsterdam.

Finally, I wish to thank and congratulate the small group of people which distributed PANA/Irish CND leaflets in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge - we can proudly say that we played our part in helping to achieve an historic victory for Irish and European democracy.

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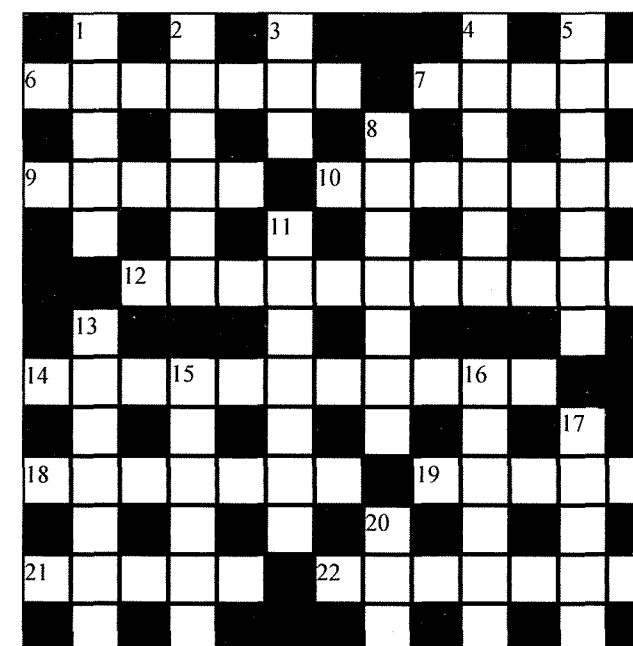
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Crossword No: 159



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Across:

- 6. Advantage (7)
- 7. Comely (5)
- 9. Cape (5)
- 10. Coherence (7)
- 12. Gloomy (11)
- 14. Scenic (11)
- 18. Undress (7)
- 19. Vault (5)
- 21. Stance (5)
- 22. Exalted (7)

Down:

- 1. Response (5)
- 2. Feast (6)
- 3. Attach (3)
- 4. Strain (6)
- 5. Vanity (7)
- 8. Quick look (7)
- 11. Attribute (7)
- 13. Communication (7)
- 15. Beat (6)
- 16. Disorderly (6)
- 17. Foam (5)
- 20. Embrace (3)

Solution to Crossword No. 158

Across: 6 Display; 7 Ruler; 9 Jar; 10 Reference; 12 Complaining; 15 Discourtesy; 17 Impudence; 19 Sly; 21 Gnash; 22 Flaccid.

Down: 1 Vital; 2 Opt; 3 Wane; 4 Quietness; 5 Rescind; 8 Depart; 11 Concourse; 13 Paused; 14 Diamond; 16 Plait; 18 Call; 20 Act.

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Party Political

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News

This months article will be somewhat shorter than usual due partly to holidays and partly to it being a particularly busy month. I will start with a quick rundown on the events which will be coming up in the next 4 - 5 weeks, some of which once again will be over before this issue of the newsletter is out on the stands. However for those events we will have a report on what happened in the next issue, while other events we will be able to give you advanced notice of here.

Saturday 9th June - Walkabout with Minister Charlie McCreevy T.D. and Cllr. Paul Kelly.

On this Saturday, the Minister and local Councillor will be continuing their normal routine walkabouts in the Maynooth area. This time we hope to reach on Carton Court, Leinster Cottages and possibly Greenfield though this is liable to change according to time constraints. The Minister will also be visiting the Golf development taking place in Carton Estate and meeting with Mr. Conor Mallaghan along with Cumann members.

Tuesday 19th June - Public Meeting addressed by Minister of State Mr. Eamon O Cuiv T.D.

This meeting will be addressed by Mr. Eamon O Cuiv T.D. for Galway West organised by Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann, in the Glenroyal Hotel at 9 p.m. It will mark the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of Fianna Fail - founded by his grandfather Eamon De Valera. Minister O Cuiv will give a brief overview of the history of the Party from its foundation to the present day, examining its role, values and contributions over the expanse of this timeframe. As with all previous Public Meetings which the Cumann have organised, all are very welcome to attend on the night.

Friday 6th July - visit by An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern to Kildare North Constituency.

The visit by An Taoiseach Mr. Bertie Ahern to the Kildare North Constituency will take place all day on Friday 6th July. It is a great honour and pleasure for the Maynooth Cumann to host part of this visit when An Taoiseach will spend some time with the residents of Maynooth in the Glenroyal Hotel sometime later that evening. At time of writing the itinerary is not yet complete but please keep an eye on the local press leading up to that date when we will publicise the

timescale and list of events. We do expect the Taoiseach to turn the sod on the Business Park currently being constructed on the Straffan Road, near the exit from the Motorway. Later we also expect that the Taoiseach will present Certificates of achievement to long serving and loyal supporters and workers for Fianna Fail in the immediate area.

Wednesday 11th July 2001 Minister of State Ms. Sile De Valera T.D.

On the above date Minister of State Ms. Sile De Valera will be launching "The Book of Maynooth" in the Glenroyal Hotel. The Cumann expect to host a small reception for the Minister to meet with local members sometime around 6 p.m or 6.30 p.m

The Comhairle Dail Cheanntair of Fianna Fail to organise 75th Anniversary Conference in the Kildare North Area.

The above Conference will be organised sometime around September or October this years. Events to be decided yet, may centre around Speeches, Barbecue, Workshops etc. Again all will be advertised in the local Press as the time approaches.

Fianna Fail Ard Fheis 2001

The original Ard Fheis was organised for April but of course was cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. This annual event has now been organised for October 12th and 13th and again the Maynooth Cumann will be well represented at all the events centring around this greatly looked forward to event.

Swimming Pool - North Kildare

Local Fianna Fail Councillor Paul Kelly recently addressed the Maynooth Cumann Meeting on the issue of the sought-after Swimming Pool for the North Kildare area. Cllr. Kelly is of the view that the provision of such a Swimming Pool is long overdue and feels that either Maynooth or Leixlip would be the areas for such a pool to be situated to best advantage for all residents of the North Kildare area. Leixlip has the largest population in the area while Maynooth has the largest youth and student population. Cllr. Kelly told the Cumann that work will be undertaken to upgrade facilities at other public swimming pools in the county and the County Manager has given a commitment to look at the feasibility of locating a pool in the North of the County.

Party Political

(Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News contd.)

Capital Assistance Scheme Grants for Maynooth

The Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal Mr. Bobby Molloy T.D. has recently written to Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy notifying him of the allocation of the following grants under the Capital Assistance Scheme to the local Maynooth bodies.

Saint John of God Trust (Ireland)	
50 Silkenvale	
Maynooth	£212,000.00 made available
Saint John of God Trust (Ireland)	
92 Castledawson,	
Maynooth	£212,000.00 made available

Sports Grants for County Kildare

The Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy has written to the Cumann detailing the allocations for the County under the Sports Capital Programme 2001 amounting in total to £3,035,000.00

These Grants cover a number of organisations throughout the County of Kildare but the following are those which directly relate to the areas in North Kildare and which may be of interest directly to our readers.

Kilcock Hurling and Football Club	£200,000.00
Barnhall Rugby Club, Leixlip	£100,000.00
North Kildare Club	£60,000.00
Celbridge Community Centre	£40,000.00
Clane GAA Club	£100,000.00
St. Marys GAA Club, Leixlip	£200,000.00
Rathcoffey GAA	£200,000.00
Maynooth Town AFC	£100,000.00
St. Wolstans Community School	£250,000.00

Minister McCreevy stated that the allocation of these grants are a clear signal of the Government's commitment to sport on a nation wide level. This years allocation is the largest single allocation for sporting and community facilities ever. They are designed to increase participation in sports and recreational activities. Minister McCreevy praised the level of commitment to sport which is shown throughout the country by people who give their own time voluntarily and this should be acknowledged and rewarded, therefore the Government's contribution must reflect their acknowledgement of the vital role played by voluntary workers in developing local communities. In areas such as Kildare, which are growing at such a rapid pace, this is particularly important and hence the substantial nature of the grants.

Once again should anyone wish to contact the Cumann please phone Gearoid Lohan Chairman at 01-6289187 or myself Brid Feely at 01-6286647.

Brid Feely,
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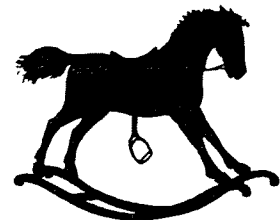
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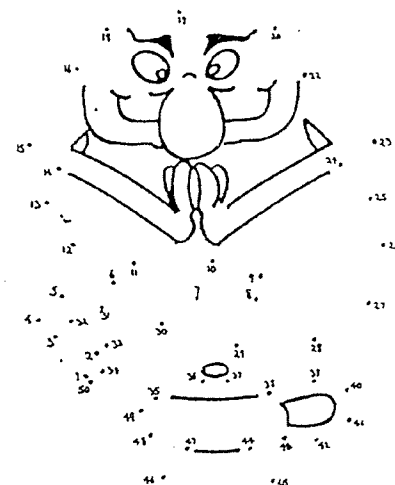
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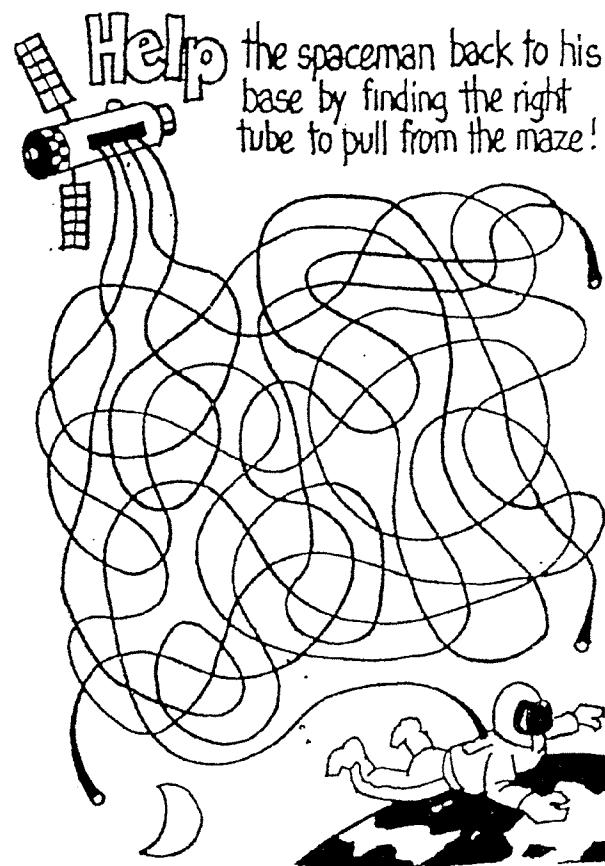
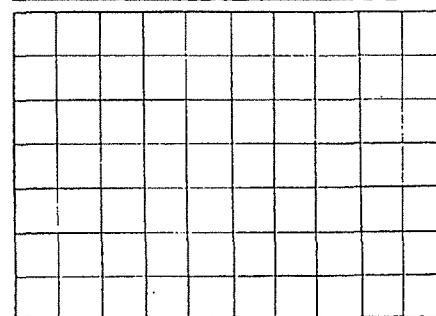


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Parklands Residents Association

During April this year a new committee was elected at our A.G.M. in Straffan Lodge. The first priority on the agenda was to "Spring Clean" the estate. On May 26th it began. With skips galore dolled in the various locations, with shovels and spades, sprays and trimmers a concerted attack was made on weeds, litter and overgrown areas. Teamwork, determination and hard work by a number of residents during Saturday and Sunday showed considerable success.

Flower beds were revived by weeding, mulching and a final application of bark.

The children in the estate were rewarded with sweets, crisps and soft drinks and prizes were also given to some enthusiastic adults.

It is the committee's resolve to have regular clean-up days, to maintain a clean and tidy Parklands and promote a community atmosphere. Like all organisations we need more people to participate in keeping our estate a place in which we are proud to live.

A family day of fun is planned for June 30th.

A Parklands resident, Sue da Nymph has written the following verse to describe the hard work and fun we had on our clean-up day.

Community Clean Up Day

Well, I scutched and I skimmed and I skivvied
I lopped and I skipped and I dumped
I weeded and I kneaded and I pleaded
I bled and then I fed and exhausted, I collapsed
into bed

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in the fun!



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Back: Laura Bennett, Laura Daly, Jessica Whelan, Elaine McDonald & Karen Corrigan
Front: Marcho Umpkins, Eimer Flynn, Laura Judge, Helen Downes, Shonagh Crosbie, Karen Bracken, Sharon Lyons & Deirdre Mulcahy



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L/R Shonagh Crosbie, Deirdre Mulcahy, Eimer Flynn, Karen Bracken, Helen Downes & Sharon Lyons



Sports Day in the Presentation Convent
L/R Becky Gisbey, Aine O'Neill, Fatima Diallo, Melissa Ridge & Emma Dalton



Sports Day in the Presentation Convent
Shauna Barrett

Maynooth Summer Project Programme 2001

WEEK 1

Day/Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue
Monday 9th July	11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Fort Lucan £6.00
Tuesday 10th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Quiz £1.00
Wednesday 11th July	11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling in Coolock & visit to St. Annes Park £6.00
Thursday 12th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Bingo
Friday 13th July	11.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Film Liffey Valley £5.00

WEEK 2

Day/Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue
Monday 16th July	11.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling in Tallaght £6.00
Tuesday 17th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Quiz £1.00
Wednesday 18th July	11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Kidzone £6.00
Thursday 20th July	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Bingo £1.00
Friday 20th July	9.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Clara Lara £12 includes cost of Gold Band

Registration for all activities will take place on
Tuesday 3rd July - 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. - ICA Hall

All children must be 7 before 1st July 2001
If you are available to help during the project please give your name on Registration Day
Fees £3.00 per child or £6.00 per family
All other information available on Registration Day
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Town Football Club Notes

As another successful season draws to a close the executive of Maynooth Town F.C. would like to thank all the sponsors, managers, parents and players for their efforts throughout the year. A special mention to Eddie Power and Sean Fagan who's under 13 team lifted their league title. Also well done to Mick Dempsey's senior Saturday team who were also crowned league champions and were unlucky losers in their League Cup Final. In what was at times a frustrating season through bad weather and the foot & mouth scare players from 6 years of age through to senior level represented Maynooth with distinction in their various leagues.

The highlight of the season off the park was the coming on stream of the new facilities on the Rathcoffey Rd. It's far from Wembley but with the support of the parents and the wider community and the recent grant allocation of £100,000 from the Sports Capital Programme we are in a strong position for the future. The club would like to thank Charlie Mc Creavy TD for his assistance in obtaining this most welcome grant aid. The funds will be used to install drainage and an all weather pitch on the Rathcoffey Road site. The hard work now begins to raise the matching funding of some £30,000 locally to proceed with the project. All support would be most welcome.

In the meantime we hope our managers, parents and players enjoy a well-earned summer break and we look forward to further success both on and off the park in the coming season.



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Maynooth Town F.C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caulfield's Lounge Main St Maynooth

DATE	NUMBERS	JACKPOT	3 X £25 WEEKLY WINNERS		
6-May-01	2,11,17,24	£2,850	ROSEANNA BYRNE	BARRY McMENAMIN	CIARA MURRAY
13-May-01	14,15,24,28	£2,900	N. DONOVAN	D. BRADY	M. LYNCH
20-May-01	3,15,18,23	£2,950	LAURA DOOGAN	DAVE FOLAN	MARIE DUNNE
27-May-01	2,10,20,24	£3,000	NOREEN DOOGAN	SIMONE LEAVY	MICHAEL FORDE

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

Our outing to Kilcock Golf Club was held on Friday 25th May. Out of a field of 41 players Terry Moore came out on top to secure his second overall in as many as three outings. Well done to Terry and all prize winners on the day.

The Society would like to thank Barretts of Maynooth for their generous sponsorship towards this outing.

Overall Winner:	Terry Moore	38 pts.
2nd	Don O'Sullivan	45 pts. (N.Q.)
3rd	Dave Donnelly	39 pts. (N.Q.)
4th	Mick Flynn	37 pts (Back 6)
5th	Sam Feeney	37 pts.
6th	Tom Flatley	36 pts.
7th	Liam Farrelly	34 pts.

Front 9	Willie Moore	19 pts.
Back 9	Owen Byrne	17 pts.

Nearest The Pin Don O'Sullivan

Visitors	Gerry Donnelly	35 pts.
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Twos Club	Terry Moore - Gerry Donnelly
	Emmet Savage - Liam Farrelly
	Gerry McTernan - Dave Donnelly

Shay Moore Memorial Outing

Our annual Shay Moore Memorial Outing was held on Saturday 9th June to Athlone Golf Club. This outing was well attended with a total of 36 players. The course as ever was in excellent condition but also proved very testing. Tom O'Haire triumphed on the day beating Barry Desmond on the back 9 with a total of 33 pts. The Society would like to thank the Moore family for their very kind sponsorship towards this outing. Congrats to Tom and all prize winners on the day.

1st Overall	Tom O'Haire	33 pts. (Back 9)
2nd	Barry Desmond	33 pts.
3rd	Sean O'Connell	31 pts. (Back 9)
4th	Tom Flatley	31 pts.
5th	Terry Moore	30 pts. (Back 9)
6th	Mick Flynn	30 pts. (Back 6)
7th	Emmet Savage	30 pts.

Front 9	Gerry Reilly	17 pts.
Back 9	Owen Byrne	19 pts.

Visitors	Andrew Tuite	39 pts.
	Andrew Fay	36 pts.

Nearest The Pin	Terry Moore
Twos Club	Joe Moore - Sean O'Connell

Our next outing will be held on Friday 6th July to Woodlands Golf Club

Our Captain's (Mick Flynn) will be held on Sunday 22nd July to Kileen Golf Club. Soft spikes are required for this outing.

John Saults
P.R.O.

Laraghbryan Golf Classic

On Friday 1st June, the Laraghbryan Cemetery Association held its first Golf Classic at Kilcock Golf Club. it was very well attended with 25 teams playing on the day. We would like to thank Kilcock for putting the course at our disposal for the day and, also to the catering staff who provided the golfers with a terrific meal afterwards.

We would like to thank everyone who played on the day and especially the businesses and individuals who sponsored teams, tee boxes and holes on the day. Without that much needed sponsorship it would be very difficult to run what turned out to be a very successful day. Thanks are also due to the very hard working committee who went out to get this sponsorship. We must also say a special word of thanks to House Pride who sponsored the overall prizes for the day.

The presentation of prizes was held that night in Maynooth GAA Club where everyone had a great night. The following are the prize winners:

1st (92 pts.)	B. Desmond, L. Farrelly, S. Feeney.
2nd (90 pts.)	M. Hegarty, S. Groarke, T. O'Connor
3rd (80 pts.)	B. Carty, J. Kilsenan, M. Griffin
Front Nine	

(33 pts.) D. Heffernan, F. McGuinness, P. Nevin.

Back Nine

(49 pts.) B. Cleary, A. Davidson, L. McCarthy

Nearest the Pin: P. Maleady

Longest Drive: E. O'Muircheartaigh

We hope that everyone enjoyed both the day and night and, hopefully we will see all of you again next year.

The Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee.



L/R: Sam Feeney, Liam Farrelly
and Barry Desmond

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Glenroyal Hillwalking Club

We are now back in full swing after the Foot and Mouth restrictions. Our membership gradually increasing, with a number of experienced walkers joining our group. We have members from Westmeath, Kildare and Dublin. We are now gearing ourselves up to conducting walks at different levels to meet all needs. Occasionally we are in a position to complete two grades of walk on the same day. During the summer we hope to complete a number of evening hikes mid-week some of which may be easy and aimed at newcomers. Keep an eye out in next months issue.

On May 27th we completed an easy hike on Howth peninsula taking in the coastal paths, the high points of the area and a birdseye view of the Rhododendron Garden at Howth Castle. On June 10th we completed both an Easy and Moderate hike in the mountains east of the Blessington Lakes finishing up for liquid refreshments at the village of Ballyknockan.

Members of the group have just returned from a week in the Austrian Alps in the Tirol region. Next month other members of the group are visiting the French Alps and Mount Blanc with our hillwalking friends from the Commeraghs.

On Wednesday 4th July we plan to travel to Clonsilla on the train and walk along the canal to Maynooth a distance of 13 Kms, 8 miles. The meeting point for this hike is the Railway Station, Maynooth at 7 p.m. We would expect to be back in Maynooth by 9.30 p.m. There is always the possibility of picking up a 66 bus at Louisa Bridge, Leixlip.

For the rest of June we will be conducting a number of more difficult hikes in the Wicklow mountains. Unfortunately we have to limit these to more experienced members.

An easy hike is planned for July 15th in the Glendalough/Laragh area. This hike will be on the open mountainside, taking 3 to 4 hours. See paragraph 8.

Club membership details available on request.

Again it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, and overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year. There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. Those not properly equipped for

the nature of the hike will not be permitted to attend.

Mountain Safety Note:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact members 6285367, 6290294, 086-2703348 or E-mail: glenroyalhillwalking@hotmail.com
E-mail queries can be answered with information on Club up to date activities.



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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns join forces with Royal Canal Amenity Group on FAS Community Employment Project

The Maynooth Environmental Group is the title being adopted by the two groups who are jointly promoting a new Community Employment Project in the town. Both the Royal Canal Amenity Group and Maynooth Tidy Towns have previously promoted individual projects. The Royal Canal has a current project up and running and Maynooth Tidy Towns will be joining this project. Mr. Tom Flatley will continue as Supervisor on the new combined project. The merger was welcomed by FAS Community Services who are keen to combine projects where possible in an area. Both groups are happy that as voluntary groups that they will work well together. The two groups will continue to operate separately in all other endeavours.

Tidy Towns welcome Carton Avenue maintenance plan

Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes the recent announcement by Cllr. Senan Griffin that Carton Demesne will maintain Carton Avenue. Maynooth Tidy Towns had been in contact with Conor Mallaghan from Carton Demesne to clarify some details. Mr. Robert O'Reilly, Chairman, Maynooth Tidy Towns attended a meeting with the head groundsman of Carton Demesne on site to appraise him of the difficulties.

For almost a decade Maynooth Tidy Towns has maintained this area with both a community employment scheme and in the last three years on a totally voluntary basis. Special thanks must go to our Chairman Robert O'Reilly who gave up to six hours a week keeping the grass cut so that the people of the town and visitors could enjoy the use of this amenity area. We are delighted with the support from Carton Demesne and full credit to all involved.

Maynooth Tidy Towns seek local partnerships

In keeping with recent years we look forward to the active support of local groups, residents associations and commercial interests in presenting the town in the best possible condition for the National Tidy Towns Competition judges. The judging can take place anytime from the end of May to the end of August. Everybody is welcome to get involved in the efforts as we try to bring the Maynooth score up sixteen points to the magical 200 marks.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Collection a success

Our annual collection took place on the weekend of

8/10th June 2001. We are very pleased with the support that we received from the public and please accept our appreciation. However, for anybody that missed the collection, please feel free to donate at any time of the year as we depend fully on voluntary donations.

Special Thanks to the following people who collected for us Robert O'Reilly, Margaret Howe, Dorin Goyvaerts, Bernadette Duffy, Mary Fitzgerald, Patricia Sweeney, John Sweeney, Des Matthews, Mary Farrell, Richard Farrell and Noelle Croghan.

Maynooth – A splash of colour

On the June Bank Holiday weekend the plans to erect hanging baskets around Maynooth began in earnest. Prior to that the community affairs department in Intel (Ireland) Ltd had produced completed hanging baskets under instruction for display in Maynooth. Maura Baxter from the Maynooth Flower and Garden Club tenderly cared for the displays for over a month and indeed was sad to be parting with them. Maura got the opportunity to determine the good homes that her foster plants could go to. John Dolan and myself set about hanging the hooks which were generously donated by Joe Buckley from Ua Buachalla's. The last link in this chain is the people in the town centre that will keep these beautiful floral displays watered during the Summer. Thanks to Intel for the initiative and to everybody else involved in bringing this project to a success completion.

Paul Croghan
Secretary
Maynooth Tidy Towns

P.S. Please note that Recycling Facilities have returned to Tesco Ireland, in Maynooth.

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Maynooth Planning Alliance

There are three huge challenges facing the Ireland of the Celtic tiger over the next decade or so. Firstly there is the increasing need to preserve environmental quality on which so much of our present prosperity is based. Secondly there is the obvious need to provide a transport infrastructure which enables people and commerce to be moved around the island efficiently. Thirdly we must as a nation address seriously the urgent task of reducing the presently horrible regional imbalance in wealth and employment in Ireland which threatens to undermine any efforts to resolve the other two problems. It is only by successfully tackling all of these that the benefits of economic growth can be realised. It is only by successfully resolving these major problems that the quality of life for the ordinary citizen in Ireland is not sacrificed on the altar of wealth creation for a few. All of these objectives however depend on an enlightened and radical approach to planning. Yet it is the planning process which has been most tarnished in recent years by the adverse publicity of the various tribunals and political interference in planning which has most identified with the stench of corruption which has permeated public life over the past few years.

For the future, only if everyone pulls together can the situation be turned around. The time for catering for vested interest groups to the detriment of the community as a whole must be left behind. The necessary changes firstly require a bottom-up approach to planning which recognises the needs of the community.

How far along this road does the Draft Maynooth Development Plan take us? Are our local councillors prepared to engage in meaningful partnership with the community of Maynooth? At first sight the omens are not good. At County Council level, regional planning guidelines emanated from the Department of the Environment have been ignored and it could be argued that developer and special interest groups appear to have been dominant over community concerns such as traffic and schools.

But let us give our councillors the benefit of any doubt. Maybe we are too judgmental? A simple question will resolve the matter. Are our local councillors sensitive to community concerns? If yes they will surely give a positive answer to the following proposed amendment to the Draft Maynooth Plan. Let us call it the Community Planning Commitment.

The Community Planning Commitment

"Conscious of the serious traffic consequences of new residential developments, it shall be the policy of the Council to consider planning applications in any of the new residential areas proposed in the Plan as premature pending completion of the proposed ring road for that area."

This can produce two answers. A 'yes' will be greeted with delight by most residents of Maynooth. If received, *Maynooth Planning Alliance* will publicly congratulate our councillors in the next Newsletter and throw its support behind them in implementing the plan. If on the other hand you hear silence or equivocation, you can draw your own conclusions about how much commitment exists to tackle the local problems, far less the national problems mentioned in the first sentence.

Maynooth Local History Exhibition for Maynooth Community Library

Maynooth Community Library, with the co-operation of **Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum**, is preparing an exhibition relating to the history of Maynooth. It is planned to open the exhibition on a small scale later this summer and to add to it as more materials become available.

The Library extends an invitation to anyone who has relevant **photographs** or other materials (i.e. **letters or documents**), which they would like to contribute to the exhibition. These can be donated, or loaned for copies to be made and the originals returned. The Library guarantees that great care will be taken of all contributions.

Please bring your photographs/letters/documents to the Library desk. There you will be issued with a receipt noting the nature of the donation or loan and the conditions on which you are making it.

If you have any queries about this subject, please do not hesitate to contact the staff at **Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth** either in person or at **6285530**, or e-mail us at **maynoothlib@eircom.net**.

We are available on **Mondays and Thursdays between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.** and on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.**



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

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

NOVENA TO THE ST. MARTHA

O St. Martha, I resort to thee and to thy petition and faith. I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays. Comfort me in all my difficulties. Through the great favour thou didst enjoy when our Saviour lodged in thy house, I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favour I asked (say what you need). Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for in all our necessities. I ask thee, St. Martha, to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast at thy feet. Say one Our Father, three Hail Marys and light a candle every Tuesday and make this prayer known with the intention of spreading the novena to St. Martha. Thanks, St. Martha and Sister Marcoline R.I.P. Paul.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Karen Tracey, 7 Beaufield Green, Maynooth, who took part in the Kildare Fleadh Cheoil held in Clane on May 20th and won three gold medals, winning the U.12 Tin Whistle, Flute and Flute Slow Airs Competitions. She and her uncle, Kevin Tracey, came in second place in the duets O/18 competition. Karen will represent Kildare in the Leinster Fleadh which will be held in Kilcormac, Co. Offaly on the weekend of July 14th/15th.

Well done Karen, your family and friends wish you the best of luck in the Leinsters.

"Party Persona"

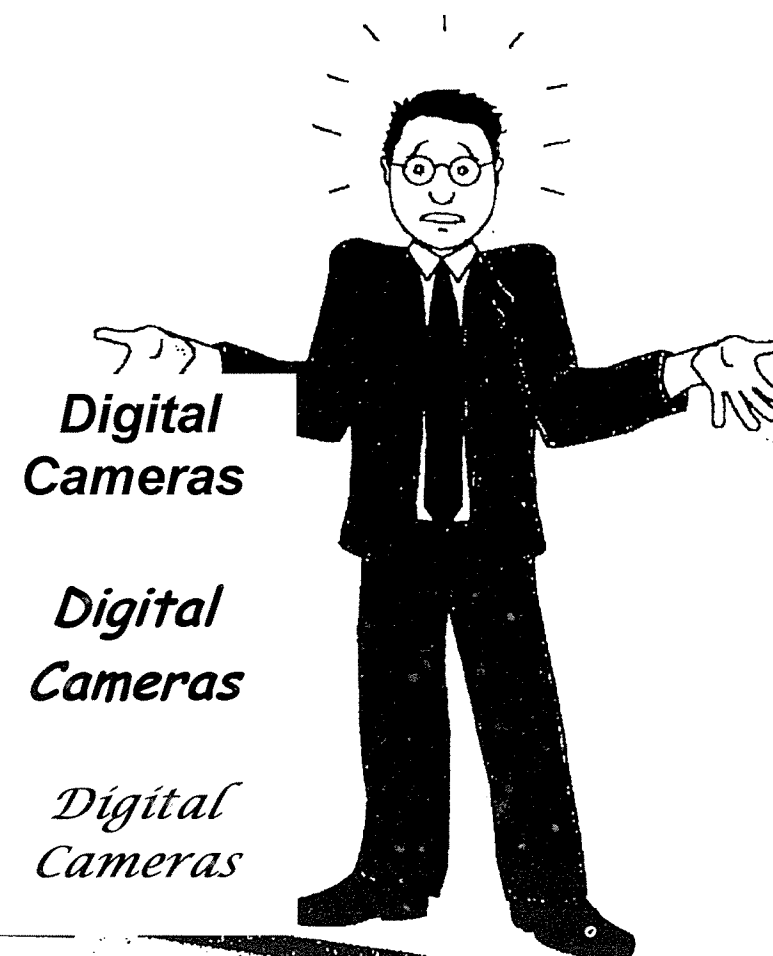
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