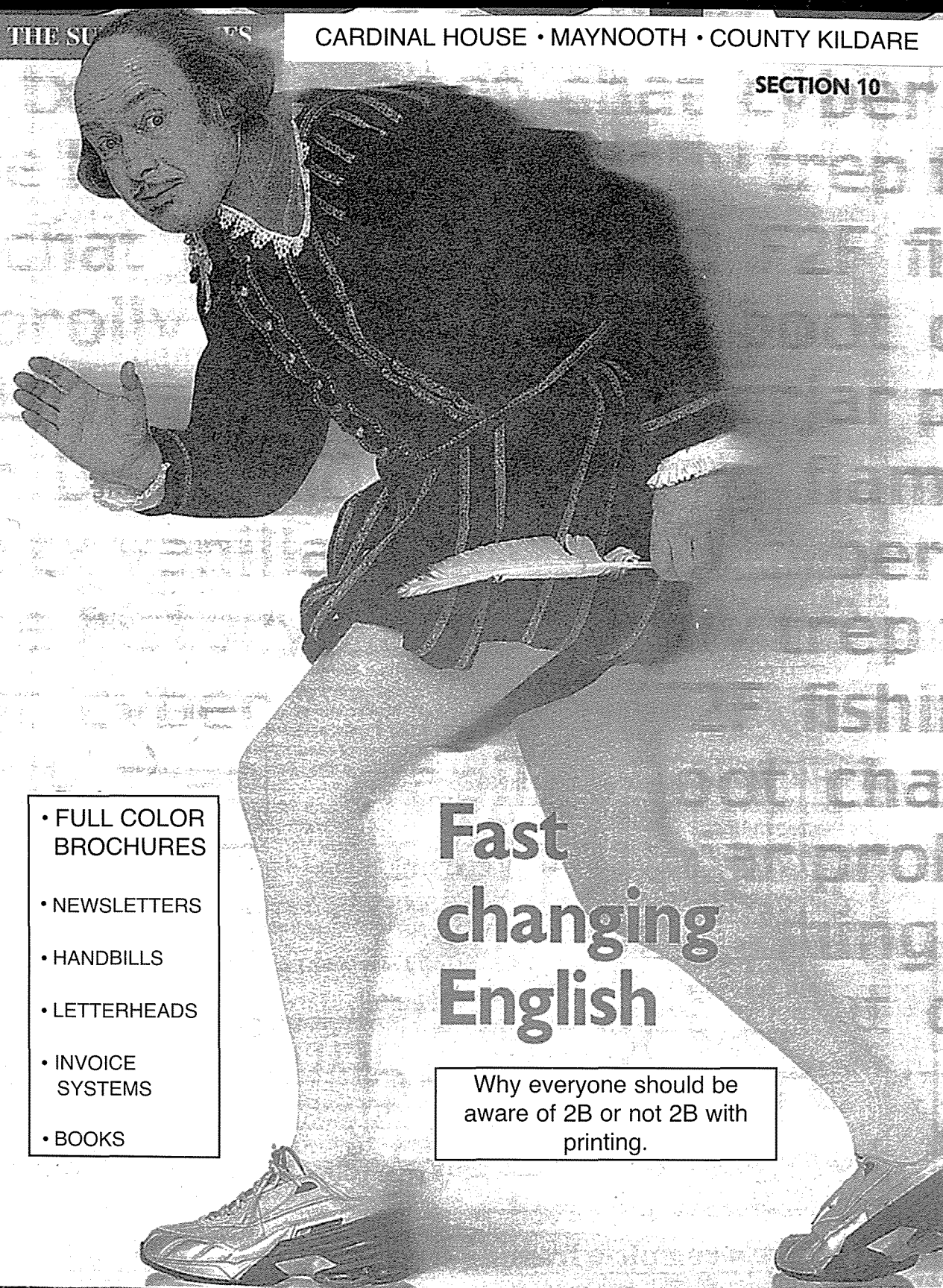


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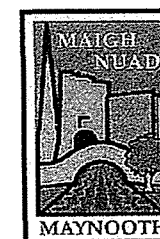
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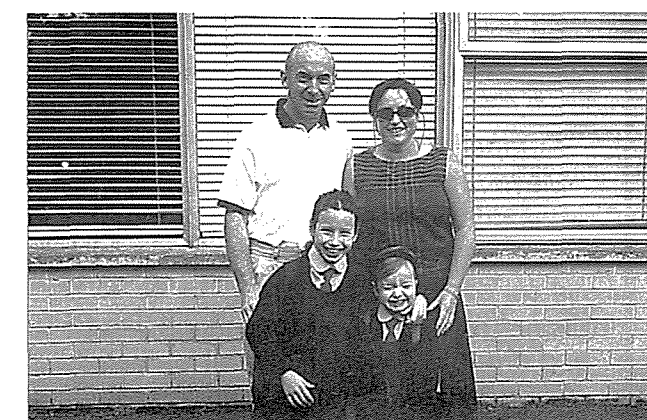
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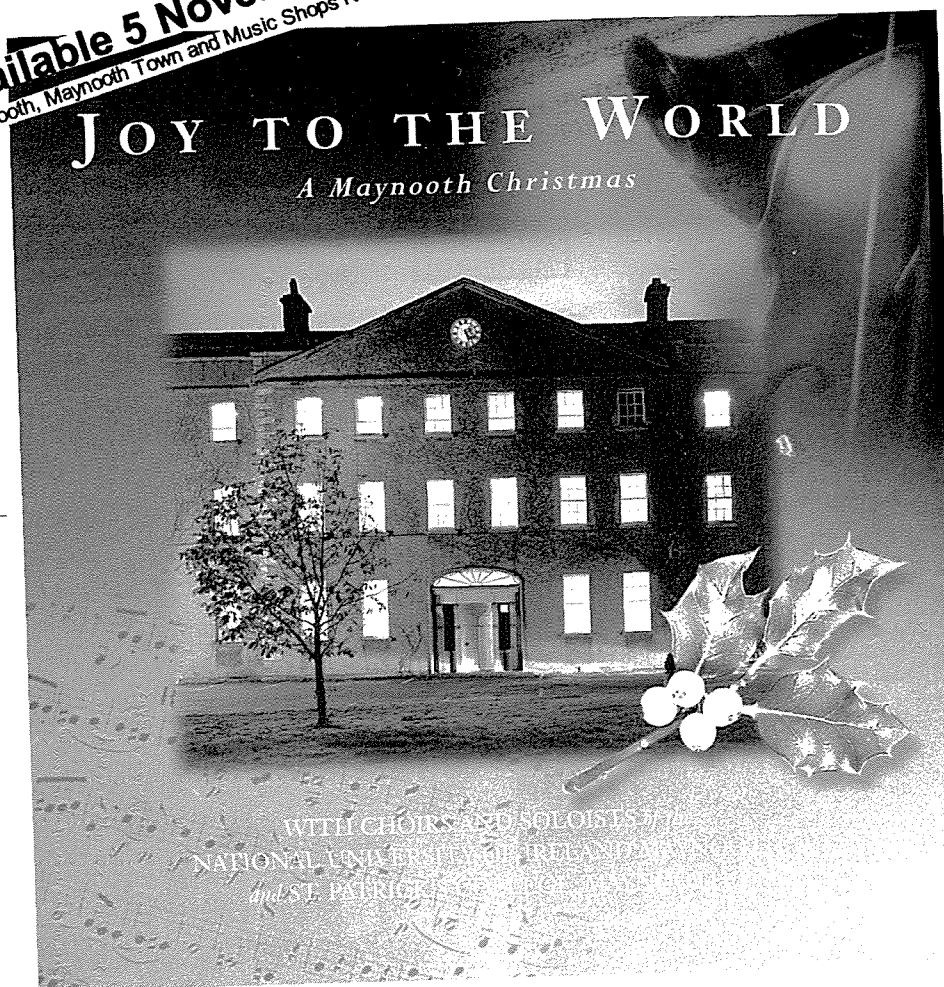
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Editorial

The world is still coming to terms with the aftermath of September 11th. It would seem that our own little world may never be the same again and this has shown up the fragile nature of the fledging Irish economy. Slowly the repercussions reverberate around the country with even the national air carrier at risk. This Celtic Tiger economy may be seriously injured and there is still so much that needs to be completed around the country. Let us hope that the good years have not been frittered away with little or no infrastructure to show for them. We are still facing roads clogged with traffic, a dreadful public transport system, little or no social housing and a health service that seems incapable of catering for the ever-lengthening queues. It is to be fervently hoped that we have not missed the particular boom as the results of our affluence can be seen in its negative guise.

At a local level, despite the obvious improvements to the town centre in particular so much has not been achieved heretofore at any rate. Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road are still in the planning stage, we are drowning in vehicular traffic and the public transport has not much improved. The town has taken a huge increase in students and permanent residents within the past 5 years and Maynooth groans to cope with the onslaught. There has been no increase or improvement in the necessary infrastructure. Let us hope that there is little or no increase in either population until some changes and developments take place.

The draft development plan indicates the presence of playing fields and even a public park for Maynooth and these are to be welcomed but there is still no perceptible movement in the area of the Harbour Field and it may be the case that even if this is moved on successfully that the funding available for such projects over the past number of years will no longer be so easily acquired. It may be too late for the swimming pool and/or sports complex that the community so desperately needs and that some have worked hard to achieve.

Finally, as Hallowe'en, Samhain, the festival of Chaos approaches, be careful with bonfires, fireworks and pet owners – keep in the dogs and cats in particular. Some people out there have a warped sense of fun.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As Chairman of the Board of Management of the Presentation Girls' Primary School, Maynooth, it was with some surprise that I read in the Liffey Champion of 28th July, and again in the September issue of the Maynooth Newsletter, Councillor John McGinley's suggestion that the Girls' Primary School be relocated on the Rathcoffey Road.

I believe that the Councillor's suggestion was well-intentioned and aimed primarily at ensuring the safety of the children entering and leaving our school. The Councillor is correct in drawing attention to the importance of safety for our pupils and in identifying traffic problem areas in the town.

I would like to assure the Councillor that we, the Board, also consider the safety of our pupils as an absolute priority. Indeed, we have been in correspondence with Kildare County Council for over two years with regard to the unsatisfactory situation at the school entrance. Our proposal to the Council that they permit bus bays at the entrance to the school thereby enabling safe and easy access as yet awaits a serious response.

The question of possible relocation of the school has never been raised either by the Department of Education & Science nor by the parents. Indeed there are plans well underway with the Department to extend the capacity of the school at its present location.

I should add, for the information of parents, that the question of co-education has never been raised as a live issue with the Board.

With kind wishes,

Yours sincerely,

**Monsignor Alex Stenson, P.P.,
Chairman Board of Management.**

Dear Editor,

We have been trying for the past year to get the College authorities to prune the trees on the College land opposite Parson Street. These trees are blocking the light to our houses and as a result our quality of life is suffering.

We carried out a survey of all the houses in Parson Street in September 2000 and they unanimously agreed that they wanted the trees pruned. We advised the President of the College, Monsignor Dermot Farrell of this.

Unfortunately, no action has been taken by the College so far. We hope that this letter may get a positive result.

Yours faithfully,

Concerned Residents of Parson Street.

P.S. We were disappointed to hear that the College refused permission for The Newsletter to be sold outside the College Chapel while St Mary's was closed for repairs.

Dear Editor,

"The Friends of St. Brigid's Hospice & Home Care Service in Kildare would like to thank all those who donated so generously to the recent nationwide Hospice Coffee Morning. The day was a great success with further substantial contributions to the Hospice Fund. We are greatly encouraged by the continuing interest in the Hospice and our sincere appreciation goes to all those who support our fund-raising efforts." Thank you for your help. If there is a problem or query I can be reached on tel: 6285504. Maura Murphy

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The Community Council meeting was held on the 8th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Flag Day Collection

The collection which took place over two days was a great success this year.

Treasurer Willie Sauls thanked all involved.

Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns Committee was congratulated on a very good result this year in the Tidy Towns Competition.

Their prize night will take place on the 15th October in the Glenroyal Hotel. Paul Croghan thanked Coonans for their sponsorship during the year.

Traffic Lights

Claire O'Rourke felt that some traffic coming from the Straffan Road to the Town were going through the red lights.

However, it was stated that the pedestrian crossing at the Bank of Ireland is to go and new lights to be put in place at Parson Street.

It is now estimated that this will be at a cost of £130,000.

New lights are also needed at Parklands and these would serve traffic coming from the Train Station.

New Street Signs

Again this issue of the long awaited street signs was raised. It was stated that it will be another three months before they are ready.

It was generally felt that there was great disappointment with Kildare County Council, it is like facing a brick wall trying to get improvements done it was stated.

Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that things are changing in Kildare County Council. He envisaged a new and modern approach taking place.

It was decided to write to Kildare County Council about all our outstanding local matters.

Bond Bridge

Bond Bridge design stage is just ready and plans are being finalised stated Cllr. John McGinley.

However some members felt that the bridge was still a very real danger in its present state. Pdraig O Murch  wanted some safety measures put in place now.

He suggested putting traffic lights on the bridge. Cllr.

John McGinley felt it would take too long to get lights. It was felt that a short term plan should be put in place. Peter O'Connell suggested putting ramps in to slow traffic. It was decided to go with the ramps suggestion.

Flooding in Maynooth

John Doogan raised the very worrying problem of further flooding.

All estates on the Rathcoffey Road are in real danger of flooding. It is hoped that measures will be put in place to stop this dreadful problem.

It was also stated that the stream in Parson Street is in a dreadful state with rubbish. People living in Parson Street are worried again about more flooding. They wanted the wall to be repaired

Maynooth Development Plan

The amended Maynooth Development Plan goes to the full Council for approval on the 22nd October. The Plan is on display in the Library as well as the Carton Avenue Plan.

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The next Community Council meeting will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel on 12th November 2001.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth BNS News

As you saw from last month's cover pictures the boys in Junior Infants have settled in well to school and are enjoying the work and all their new friends. The school is a hive of activity and as well as all the school work there are many extra activities going on.

Irish Dancing

Rita Doyle is back teaching all the boys from Infants to Fourth how to dance their jigs and reels. She also takes classes on Wednesdays from 2 - 3 p.m. for Infants and from 3 - 4 for older children. Pupils from other schools are welcome to these classes.

Basketball

Over one hundred boys are taking Basketball as an after school activity with an International Basketball Coach. In addition Mr. Grundy's lunchtime leagues are well underway.

Gaelic Games

The first term has been a busy one on the GAA front with Mr. Downes, Mr. Murphy and Mr. O'Connor putting teams into inter-school competitions. No silverware this year so far but Mr. Downes' football team did very well indeed reaching the county semi-final where they were narrowly beaten by Monasterevin.

Tree Week

First Class with their teachers Ms. Gunn and Ms. Brosnan went for a guided walk in Donadea Woods to mark the occasion.

Parents' Association

The AGM of the Parents' Association was held on 16th October and was a very busy meeting. The parents also organised a very successful Social Evening in the GAA on Friday 19th October.

Fr. John Sinnott

All the pupils, staff and parents want to wish Fr. John every success in his new job in Bonnybrook in Dublin. Fr. John was Chairperson of the Board of management for the last 4 years and worked tirelessly on behalf of the school.

Computer Courses

There are 2 computer courses on in the school every week run by Ms. Carr and Mr. Grundy for parents of children in the school. They are helping the mums and dads to get to be as good as the children at computers.

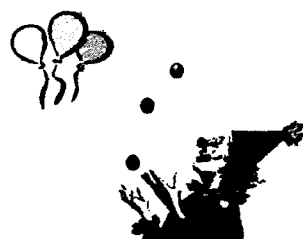
Chess Club

The Chess Club is back in action every Thursday under the watchful eyes of parents Gerry McCann and Pat McCarthy. The boys did well last year in tournaments and this year hope to equal, if not better their efforts

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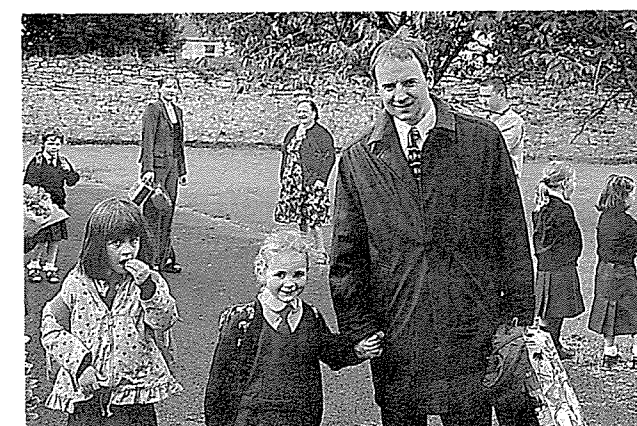
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Danielle Shearer with Dad



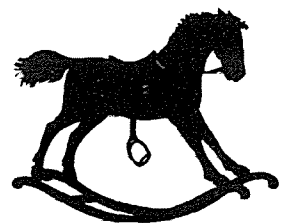
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Bríge Sweeney with Dad
Ciara Sweeney (not related)



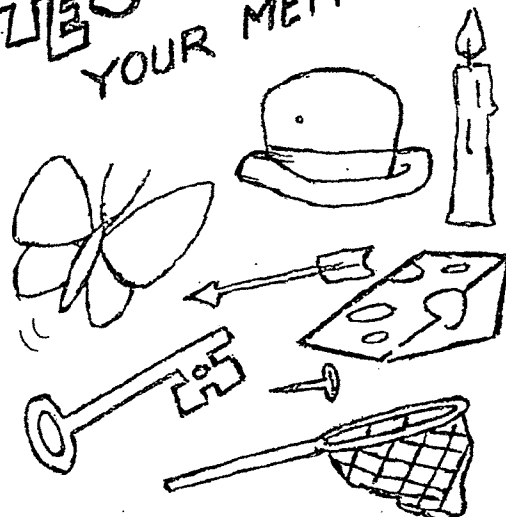
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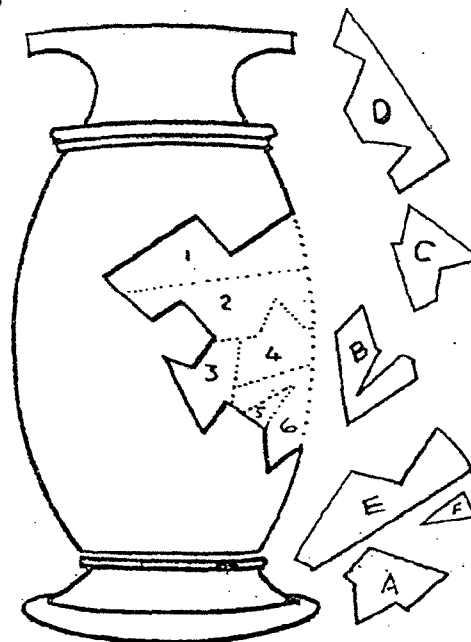
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Traditional Christmas Cake

You will need:

9 oz plain flour
1/4 level teaspoon salt
1 level teaspoon mixed spice
12 oz stoned raisins
12 oz sultanas
12 oz currants
2 oz candied peel, chopped
3 oz glace cherries, quartered
2 oz almonds, blanched and chopped
8 oz butter
8 oz soft brown sugar
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 1/2 level tablespoons black treacle
2 tablespoons brandy

Cooking time:

4 hours

Oven setting:

150c / 300f / Gas mark 2

140c / 275f / Gas mark 1

Method:

Line base and sides of a 8-inch round cake tin with a double layer of greaseproof paper, then tie a double band of brown paper 1-inch wider than the depth of the tin, round the outside. Sieve flour, salt and spice into a large bowl. Cream butter and sugar until pale and creamy. Beat in a little egg at a time.

Stir in treacle, then flour, dried fruit, peel, cherries and almonds. Turn mixture into prepared tin and bake in a cool oven for 3 hours, then reduce oven to very cool and bake for 1 1/2 hours, or until the skewer inserted in centre comes out clean.

Leave cake to cool in tin for 10 minutes, then turn it out to a wire tray; remove paper. When almost cold turn it upside down, pierce with a skewer and spoon brandy over. When completely cold wrap in greaseproof paper and foil, or store in an airtight tin.

Before almond pasting spoon a little more brandy over the top of the cake.

Christmas cake icing

You will need:

For the almond paste
12 oz ground almonds
6 oz caster sugar
6 oz icing sugar, sieved
3 egg whites
Few drops almond essence
3 tablespoons apricot jam, sieved
For the royal icing:
4 egg whites
2 lb icing sugar, sieved
4 teaspoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons glycerine

Method:

Mix almonds and sugar in a bowl, then blend in egg whites and almond essence to make a soft paste. Knead until it is smooth, divide in three equal portions. Roll one piece on a sugared board to a 8-inch circle. Roll remaining two-thirds to a strip the same depth as cake, and long enough to go all the way round edge. Brush sides of cake with apricot jam. Place long strip round sides and press firmly to join. Place circle of paste on top of cake. Allow to dry for at least 3 days before icing.

Whisk egg whites for royal icing until they become frothy. Add sugar, a tablespoon at a time, and beat well after each addition. Finally beat in lemon juice and glycerine. To prevent the icing hardening, cover bowl with a damp cloth.

Spread icing thickly over top and round sides of cake and draw it up in peaks with the handle of a teaspoon. Leave for a day to set then place decoration on top.

Christmas Pudding

You will need:

6 oz self raising flour
1 level teaspoon mixed spice
1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 level teaspoon ground nutmeg
8 oz fresh white breadcrumbs
12 oz dark brown sugar
1 x 375 packet currants
1 x 375g packet raisin
1 x 375g sultanas
4 oz mixed cut peel
4 oz cherries, washed, dried and halved
2 oz chopped almonds
Finely grated rind of 1 orange
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon
8 oz margarine, melted and cooled a little
3 large eggs
2 tablespoons brandy, rum or whiskey
1/2 pint Guinness



Beaten together

Method:

Have ready two 2 pint / 1 litre pudding bowls then grease and base line each bowl with a circle of greaseproof paper. Cut large circles of double greaseproof paper for the tops and grease well. Make pleats crosswise in the paper. Cut a large circle of foil for each bowl and make pleats as for the greaseproof paper.

To make pudding

Sieve the flour and spices into a large mixing bowl. Add the breadcrumbs, sugar, prepared fruit, nuts, orange and lemon rind, then mix thoroughly. Make a well in the centre then pour in the melted margarine and beaten egg mixture. Mix thoroughly with a wooden spoon. Cover and leave to stand for 3-4 hours

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Mix again very well then divide the mixture evenly between the bowls and smooth the tops. Cover tightly with the greased greaseproof paper and tie down securely, under rim of bowl. Cover with foil and tie down again. Put a loop of string over the top to facilitate removing pudding when cooked.

Boiled or Steamed Christmas Pudding

Method:

Prepare the puddings and tie down as directed above. Stand the prepared puddings on upturned saucers in large saucepans and add 3 inches of **boiling water** to each saucepan. Cover with tight fitting lids and steam for 6 hours. Keep the pressure of steam up all the time topping up with **boiling water** when necessary. When the puddings are ready remove carefully from the saucepans and allow to cool completely. Remove the original covers and recover with double greaseproof paper (not greased) then store in a cool dry place. On Christmas day re-cover with greased greaseproof paper and foil and steam for another 2 hours.

Brandy Butter

You will need:

4 oz softened butter
8 oz icing sugar and 2 tablespoons brandy. Rum may also be used. Mix well together. Serve with hot pudding.

Festive Mince Pies

You will need:

8 oz plain flour
2 oz icing sugar
5 oz margarine
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon ice-cold water
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Filling: 12 oz mincemeat

Oven temperature:

Pre-heat to gas mark 6 / 400f / 200c

Shelf: Middle

Method:

Remove margarine from fridge about 1-2 hours before using. Sieve flour and icing sugar together. Place half the flour mixture in a mixing bowl, together with the margarine and beaten egg mixture. Cream with a fork until well mixed. Add the remaining flour and mix to a firm dough. Knead lightly until smooth. Place in a polythene bag or wrap in cling film and leave in refrigerator for 1 hour.

To cook mince pies:

Have ready 12 ungreased tartlet tins. Roll out two-thirds of the pastry thinly on a lightly floured table. Cut into rounds with a fluted cutter a little larger than the tins. Line the tins with these rounds sealing to the tins with the fingers. Place one heaped teaspoon of mincemeat in each. Roll out remaining pastry and cut into round, with a slightly smaller cutter to fit the tops. Brush round the pastry edges of the tarts with water and place the smaller rounds on top. Seal with fingers. Mark two little slits in the centre. Lightly beat the left-over egg white with a fork, brush over the pies and sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 15-20 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

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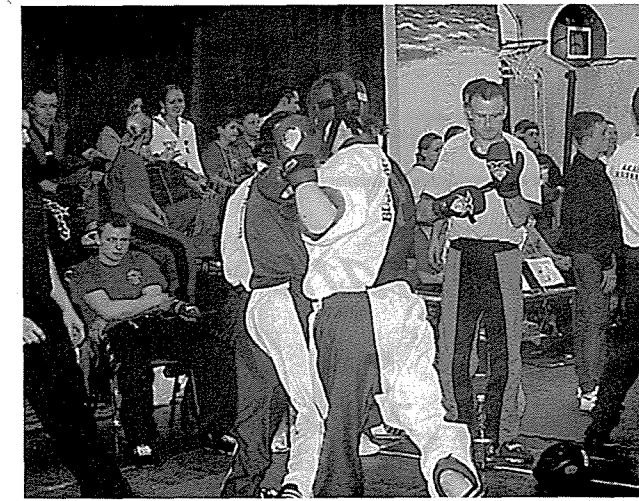
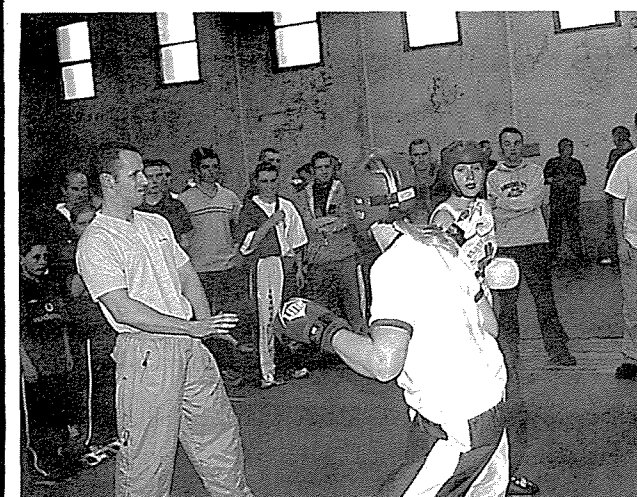
KICKBOXING

Maynooth Kickboxing Club has become very popular in the area. Trained by professionals there are boys and girls in the club from 5 years old onwards. It is a very safe sport for the children but it teaches great discipline and the children seem to enjoy themselves.

In Maynooth we have a World Champion in David Tarpey from College Green and the club is booming.

On Sunday the Parish hall hosted an All Ireland Tournament with clubs from Cork, Derry, Donegal, Clare, Monaghan, Lough and many clubs from Dublin.

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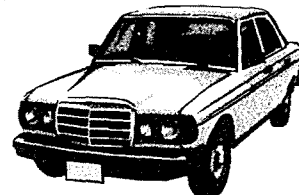
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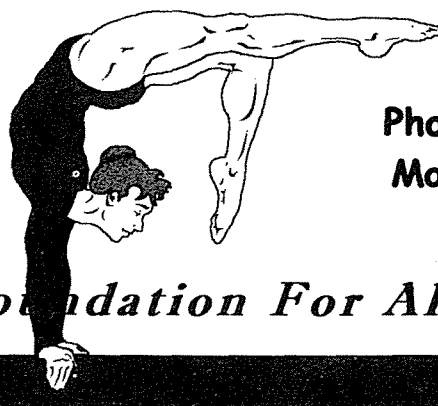
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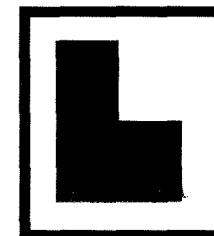
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS FOR GYMNASTICS SCHOOL.

Leonard's School Of Gymnastics has been in operation for a relatively short period of time. Yet in that short period of time the Gymnasts that have represented the school have dominated both the local and the County Championships of the Community Games. Last year the Gymnasts competed in the National Finals in Mosney and competed with distinction taking one gold and one bronze medal. Gymnasts representing Leonard's School Of Gymnastics competed in County that competed in the competition this year were much more prepared and showed their skills and talents by taking gold medals in practically all the age groups from Under Eight up to Under Fourteen. All of the Gymnasts trained very hard during the Summer months and a lot of credit is due not only to them but to their parents and also to the coaches involved namely Ailing Bhattacharya, Janeann Goff and Katelyn Beattie who put in a lot of time and effort into the children also. However this year in the under eight competition Leonard's School Of Gymnastics were absolutely delighted when Connor Malone and Shannon Martin both took silver medals in their respective under 8 competitions. Danny Cooney, who was the national champion in the Boys under 8 for last year, became champion again this year in the boys under 10. Danny's club mate Jeff Rellis took the bronze medal in the boys under 12 while Dane Tarnsey took gold in the boys under 14. That brought the total to five medals which is a huge result for any sports school. The School begins its new term on September 3rd in the various areas. The School has also had the honour of being approached by five different Principals from different Primary Schools to teach Physical Education and Gymnastics in the schools as part of their curriculum. Owing to this the fact that the children have loved the sport so much they have continued outside school hours and began training in the sport. From the 3rd September onwards the School takes on new membership. Owing to this it is important that members or potential new members should contact Leonard as soon as possible to book a place within the School. For further information the School can be contacted on 087-2462885. It is important to remember what Gymnastics has to offer. Please book early and new members are always welcome.



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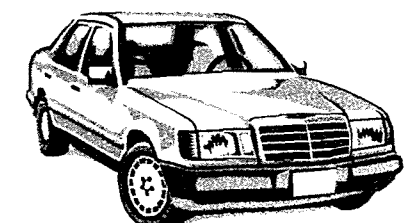
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Caring for a person with Alzheimer's

In Ireland we have a strong tradition of the extended family and of caring for the vulnerable within the family structure. This is an enriching and positive aspect of our culture. However it also means that about 22,000 people are currently caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia at home, often with little or no support.

In the past people's attitude to Alzheimer's Disease was very negative. So far, there isn't a cure for the disease and as it is a progressive degenerative condition, the symptoms tend to obscure the person inside. It's important to remember that people with Alzheimer's Disease are still people. The person with the disease is the same as they always were, even if their communication skills may become severely eroded or their behaviour totally out of character at times.

It is vital and urgent that care for this most vulnerable group should be provided in a manner that is appropriate and based on their particular and individual needs. It's also important to remember that not all people develop dementia in their 40s and 50s, and their needs are quite different to those of older people with dementia.

People with dementia need dementia specific care, whether that is provided at home, in the local community, or in a long-stay facility.

Carers do a huge and valuable job which can be very difficult, often carried out at a huge personal cost. Carers need recognition for the service they provide. They also need support to continue caring for their loved one at home. Emotional, practical and financial support are essential.

Alzheimer's society operates the Alzheimer National Helpline - freephone 1800 341 341 - which is open 10am - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Please come to Saint Patrick's College on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm. to support a very worthy cause. See list of speakers in this issue.

Our Common Christian Heritage

A Discussion Group was formed in St. Mary's Parish, Maynooth almost two years ago. Last Autumn the group ran a series of stimulating sessions on various issues concerning the Bible, Church Teaching and Morality at Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip.

This Autumn, in association with the Irish School of Ecumenics and the Reverend Adrian Wilkinson, rector, Church of Ireland Parish, Maynooth, a series of mini-seminars have been organised to give people and opportunity to reflect on the way in which the several Christian Churches give witness to the presence of Christ in the world.

The series which will take place at Maynooth Post-Primary School will begin with two sessions on the historical background to the Reformation and then look

at each of the main Christian Churches in turn, focussing on historical origins, place within the Christian Community and the way in which each bears witness in the 21st century.

It will end with two sessions on general ecumenical matters.

We are most grateful to our ten presenters for helping us with this project. We are also deeply grateful to Mr. Sean Ashe, Principle, and the Kildare Vocational Educational Committee for making the Maynooth Post-Primary School available to us.

We hope all who attend will benefit by prayerful listening, reflecting, questioning and contributing to discussion.

Gabriel Martin (6285357) Tom Scally (6285078) Msgr. Alex Stenson, P.P. (6286220) & Rev. Adrian Wilkinson.

PROGRAMME:

Thursday 8th Nov: The Presbyterian Church
Speaker: Reverend Katherine Meyer,
Moderator of the Dublin and
Munster Presbytery.
Chaplain to TCD.

Thursday 15th Nov: Ecumenism-Whither?
Speaker: Pamela Stotter,
Irish School of Ecumenics.

Thursday 22nd Nov: Ecumenical Progress
Speaker: Dr. Andrew Pierce,
Irish School of Ecumenics.

Medieval Ireland 1150-1550;

'Medieval Ireland 1150-1550', a new permanent exhibition at the National Museum of Ireland, documents, for the first time ever in a major exhibition, life in Ireland from the period of church reform and the English or Anglo-Norman invasion in the 12th century to the Reformation in the mid 16th century. This was the age of cathedrals, monasteries and castles; the colonisation of Ireland by English settlers and the foundation of most of our towns, when a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society emerged. It was an age of frequent warfare, which ended with the Reformation and with the increasing power of the English monarch in Irish affairs with the establishment of Henry VIII as Lord of Ireland. In this way the later Middle Ages set the pattern and pace of events for the succeeding 500 years of Irish history.

In conjunction with this exhibition, eminent Irish scholars will give a series of public lectures in the National Museum of Ireland, Kildare Street.

Admission is free.

Lunchtime lectures will be of 30 minutes duration.

Evening lectures will be of 1 hours duration.

Wednesday 7th November 2001 1.00 and 6.30

Goldsmithing in Later Medieval Ireland.

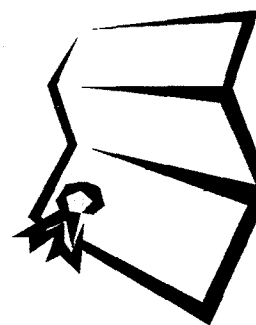
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Medieval Ireland 1150-1550; (cont'd)

Wednesday 14th Nov. 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm
The Regalia of Medieval Gaelic Royalty.
Dr. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Department of Archaeology,
N.U.I.Galway.
Wednesday 21th Nov. 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm
'And some loquacious Vessels were' :Pottery in
Medieval Ireland.
Clare McCutcheon MA, Freelance Ceramic
Researcher.
Wednesday 28th November 2001 1.00pm and 6.30
Masons, Monks and Bishops: the Architecture of
Medieval Ireland.
Professor Roger Stalley, Department of History of Art,
Trinity College, Dublin.
Wednesday 5th December 2001 1.00pm and 6.30pm
The europeanisation of the Irish church in the 12th
Century.
Dr. Marie Therese Flanagan, School of Modern
History, Queen's University, Belfast.
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Memories in Sport

The eighties were a very exciting time in Ireland for the sport of cycling. Kelly and Roche were on everyone's lips. People spoke of Van der Pole, Greg Lemond, Delgado and Fignon the same way as they now speak of their overpaid soccer heroes.

In the 70s Sean Kelly signed as a domestique (a rider who is there only to help the no 1 rider to win) for £6000 a year. The posers in soccer now earn that a day.

Kelly, a bricklayer and farmer is still recognised in Europe as the toughest cyclists of all time. He was world points champion for numerous years and won the Green Jersey in the Tour de France several times.

He won his first Classic in 1983 with the Tour of Lombardy in which four riders were within a foot of each other Kelly winning by one inch from Le Monde six from Van der Pole and twelve from Kuiper.

Known as King Kelly and is recognised as the greatest cyclist never to have won the Tour de France.

Then along came Stephen Roche, 1987 was his year of fame. Not noted as a brilliant mountain cyclist Roche held the Yellow Jersey to the bottom of the climbs. Delgado took over the Yellow and was expected to lead well when the big climbs were over. Delgado was known as the "Goat" because of his power in the mountains. These mountains make McGillacuddy look like a little hill. Delgado took a good lead and looked to have broken Roche and crossed the stage line triumphantly but to the amazement of the crowd following close behind was Roche who had cut the deficit to 29 seconds. More trouble, he collapsed and the sight of him with oxygen being pumped into him was frightening. He was rushed to hospital but was back on his bike next morning for some lesser climbs. He had cut the deficit to 21 seconds and with the time trial to come the race was his. Already having won the Giro in Italy he went into the World Championship in Austria. Against team regulations Roche and Kelly rode for each other with Kelly winning being the plan. Towards the end Kelly realising he was not well enough to win told Roche to go for it which he did and won the race by 20 yards. Outside the Belgian Eddy Mercks, Roche was the only rider to win the three main classics in one year. One cannot finish on cycling in the 80s without mentioning the bravery of Greg Le Monde. The first American to win the professional road race at world championships. That was in 1983.

In 1987 he was in a shooting accident where 60 pellets were fired into his back and side collapsing his lung. His liver and kidney were also hit and two pellets were lodged in the wall of his heart.

A lot of pellets were left in there. He was ditched by his team PDM but he signed for ADR with a big cut in wages. That was at the start of 1989. He started badly but later he came second in the final stage of the Tour of Italy.

The tour came down to the final day the time trial with Fignon well ahead. So confident was Fignon that he did not wear his helmet letting his long hair blow in the breeze. Le Monde clocked an average of 34 mph the fastest time ever in the tour time trial and duly won the race.

This is just an example of some of the hardest men in what is recognised as the hardest sport in the world.

Pius Kelly.



Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/1623	Michael & Patricia Brennan	174 The Rise, Rockfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	31/08/01	sought for conservatory to rear and first floor bedroom extension	174 The Rise, Rockfield, Maynooth.
01/1684	Bernard Bonfill	2 Gleans Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7.	P	12/09/01	sought to demolish bungalow and erect a single storey Health Clinic with a 2 storey entrance block, attic storage, car parking and associated site works	2 Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1669	Brian McHale & Grainne Butler	"Meadow View", Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	05/09/01	sought for dormer bungalow, domestic garage & secondary effluent treatment system	Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1707	Patrick Comerford	Little Hintock, Greenfields, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	17/09/01	sought for a lower level, ground floor & first floor extension to rear of	2 Pound Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1698	Shane & Patricia Clynne	24 Woodview, Lucan, Co. Dublin.	P	17/09/01	sought for construction of a 5 bedroom, 2 storey, dormer style dwelling house and double garage with associated site works, (including new vehicular entrance way off public road and biodisc sewage treatment unit and percolation area).	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1539	Pat Comerford	Little Hintock, Greenfields, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	16/08/01	sought for the demolition of existing two storey building and the construction of new two storey office	Double Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1528	Aidan Burke	Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	15/08/01	planning permission is sought to construct dormer bungalow and biocycle waste water treatment plant	Taghadoo, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1479	Jennifer Reddy	35 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	08/08/01	sought for dormer bungalow and septic tank	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Planning Permissions contd.

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/1560	Patrick King	Mariaville, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	A	20/08/01	sought for new two storey with roof storey apartment block containing 12 apartments, with car parking to front and widening of vehicle access	Mariaville, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.
01/1574	Leatron Developments Ltd.	Millrace manor, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	21/08/01	sought for residential development comprising of 18 no. 1 bedroomed apartments and 72 no. 2 bedroomed apartments in 6 no. 3 storey blocks, together with vehicular access/egress through Parson Lodge, pedestrian access/egress to Parson Street etc.	Parson Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1585	John Gallagher	Taghadoe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	23/08/01	sought for dormer bungalow, septic tank, percolation area, entrance from public road and associated works.	Taghadoe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1576	Jane Flood	Clonfert House, Clonfert, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	24/08/01	sought for two storey house and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Clonfert North, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1600	Connie Larkin	8 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	27/08/01	sought for first floor extension to side of house	8 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1601	David O'Reilly	7 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	27/08/01	sought for first floor extension to side of house	7 Parklands Place, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
01/1626	Carton Demesne Ltd.	Carton Demesne, Carton, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	31/08/01	sought for revisions to approved tourism/leisure development scheme. PA Ref 441/91 and An Bord Pleanala PL 9/5/88418. The revisions include the change of use from office to bedroom accommodation of the first floor of the kitchen wing, etc.	Carton Demesne, Moygaddy, Maynooth



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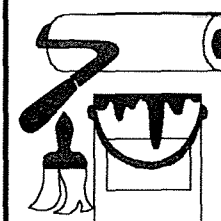
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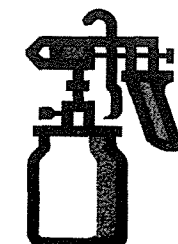
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Features

Where does your surname come from ?

Douglas Hyde was a noted Gaelic scholar and the following article gives his ideas on the Irish language and surname. Hyde was born in 1860. In 1939 he became the first President of Ireland.

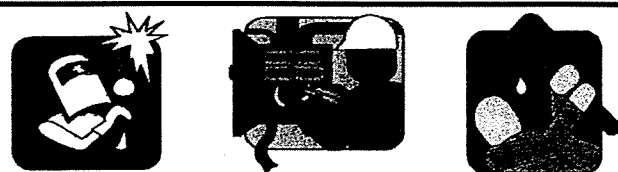
In America the first Chauncey who went to, I think, Maryland, in the middle of the last century, and who had twelve sons, who called themselves Chauncey, and from whom most of or all the Chauncey in America are descended. I know people who have translated their names within the last ten years. This vile habit is going on with almost unabated vigour, and nobody has ever raised a protest against it. Out of the many hundreds of O'Byrnes - offshoots of the great Wicklow chieftains - in the city of New York, only four have retained that name all the rest have taken the Scotch name of Burns. I have this information from two of the remaining four, both friends of my own, and both splendid Gaelic scholars, though from opposite ends of Ireland, Donegal and Waterford.

Of two brothers of whom I was lately told, though I do not know them personally, one is an O'Gara and still condescends to remain connected with the patron of the Four Masters and a thousand years of a glorious past, whilst the other (through some etymological confusion with the word Caraim which means 'I love') calls himself Mr Love! Another brother remains a Brehony, thus showing his descent from one of the very highest and most honourable titles in Ireland - a Brehon, lawgiver and poet; the other brother is John Judge. In fact, hundreds and thousands of Irishmen prefer to drop their honourable Milesian names and call themselves Grogins or Duggan or Higgins or Guthry or any other beastly name, in preference to the surnames of warriors, saints, and poets; and the melancholy part of it is, that not one single word of warning or remonstrance has been raised, as far as I am aware, against this colossal cringing either by the Irish public press or public men.

But it is the last sixty years that have made most havoc with our Milesian names. It seemed as if the people were possessed with a mania for changing them to something - anything at all, only to get rid of the Milesian sound. 'Why' said O'Connell, once talking to a mass-meeting of Lord Chancellor Sugden. 'Yet he never uttered a word of remonstrance at the O'lahiffs, O'Brollahans, and MacRorys becoming under his eyes Guthrys, Bradleys, and Rogerses. It is more than a little curious, and a very bad augury for the future independence of Ireland, that men of education and intelligence like Carleton the novelist, or Hardiman author of the 'History of Galway' and the 'Irish Minstrelsy', should have changed their Milesian names, one from that of O' Cairellan, who was ancient chief of Clandermot, the other from the well-know name of O'Hargadain.

In Connacht alone I know scores of Gatelys, Sextons, Baldwins, Foxes, Coxes, Footes, Greenes, Keatings who are really O'Gatlies, O'Sesnans, O'Mulligans, O'Shanahans, MacGillacullys, O'Trehys, O'Honeens, and O'Keateys.

The Hennesys are Harringtons, the O'Kinsellaghs, Kingsleys and Tinslys, the O'Feehillys Pickleys, and so on. O'Donovan, writing 1862, gives a list of names which had recently been changed in the neighbourhood of Cootehill, Co Cavan. These Irish names of MacNebo, MacIntyre, MacGilroy, MacTernan, MacCorry, MacOscar, MacBrehon O'Clery, Murtagh, O'Drum, ect., were becoming or had become, Victory, Victoria, Callwell, Freeman, King, Nugget, Gilman, Leonard, Godwin, Goodwin, Smyth, Golderich, Golding, Masterton, Lind, Crosby, Grosby, Crosse, Corry, Judge, Brabacy, Brabazon, Clarke, Clerkin, Cunningham, Drummond.



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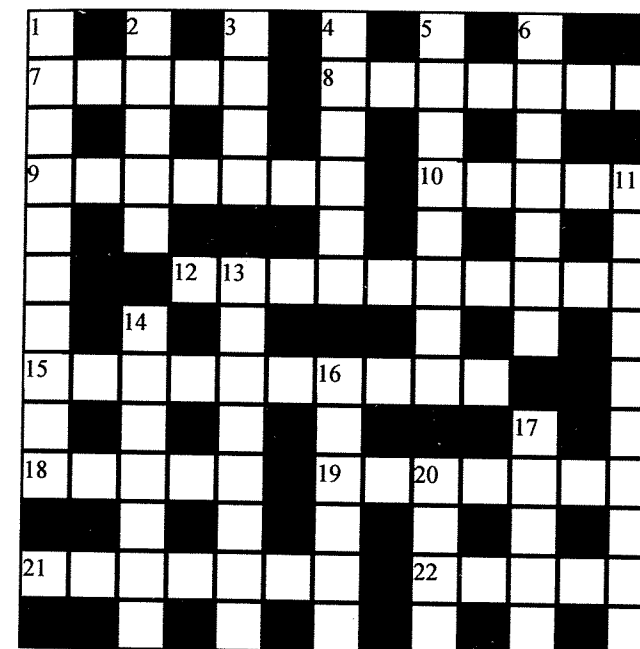
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8. Feign (7)
9. Pardon (7)
10. Bury (5)
12. Praise (10)
15. Agree (10)
18. Door catch (5)
19. Provisional (7)
21. Anger (7)
22. Find out (5)

Down:

1. Histrionic (10)
2. Search (5)
3. Sense (4)
4. Maintain (6)
5. Insurrection (8)
6. Pagan (7)
11. Withdrawal (10)
13. Impend (8)
14. Guard (7)
16. Hurt (6)
17. Smash (5)
20. Incline (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 160

Across: 6 Imperil; 7 Tutor; 9 Sleek; 10 Gratify;
 12 Derangement; 14 Quicksilver; 18 Receive;
 19 Store; 21 Sever; 22 Frailty.

Down: 1 Imply; 2 Delete; 3 Hid; 4 Custom;
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D.D.S.L. Under 9A1

Confey (1) 1 v Maynooth Town (0) 1

Maynooth Town Under 9A1 sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Main St. Maynooth

Defending league and Cup champions Confey found Maynooth a real handful in this under 9A1 clash. The large crowd were treated to a real dingdong contest between two fine sides. End to end football and plenty of goalmouth incidents were the order of the day. Maynooth keeper Cian Egan proved a fine last line of defence with some top class saves. Ciaran Kearney proved fully recovered from his recent injury with a star performance. John Comerford, Conor Glynn and Chris Hobbs arrived with Confey leading 1-0 and just shading a tight contest on merit.

On the resumption Maynooth upped a gear to grab the initiative with a fine team performance. Garvan Dowling proved a rock of strength at the back in the second period. Confey were now on the back foot as Maynooth strove for an equaliser. Substitute Andy Foxe proved up to the task as he determinedly fought his way into a scoring position and found the net with a fine shot. Not satisfied with a share of the spoils Maynooth fought hard for victory and were unlucky not to achieve their goal with some near misses. This was a wonderful committed performance by both teams and a great advert for schoolboy football form both teams.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, Chris Hobbs, Shane Hawthorne, Conor Glynn, Garvan Dowling, Cian Egan, Ciaran McCourt, Mark Donnellan, John Comerford

D.D.S.L. Under 9A1

Maynooth Town (1) 2 v Rathcoole Boys (1) 2

Maynooth Town Under 9A1 sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Main St. Maynooth

This was a keenly fought contest between two well matched sides. Both teams displayed a panache for passing, attacking football. Both sides strove hard for dominance and early exchanges proved terse and exciting. Rathcoole were first to break the deadlock midway through the first half with a well worked goal. This sparked the Maynooth lads to greater efforts and they were rewarded with a penalty for handball. Conor Glynn duly tucked the spot kick away to leave the half time score 1-1.

The second half resumed in a similar vein with plenty of goal mouth incidents and fine attacking football. John Comerford stuck the crossbar with a fine effort. Shane Hawthorne and Andy Foxe linked well with Ciaran Kearney only for Andy to fire just wide. The efforts of the visitors were rewarded with a fine opportunist goal by Mark Donnellan. Rathcoole boys would not be denied though and strove hard for an equaliser. Their efforts were rewarded when the Maynooth defence failed to keep a tight reign on one of the Rathcoole forwards. His simple tap in tied the match 2-2. Though Maynooth could have won they game this was a fair enough result under the circumstances.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Conor Glynn, Garvan Dowling, Cian Egan, Ciaran McCourt, Mark Donnellan & John Comerford

Brefner NDL Under 17B

Maynooth Town 3 v St. Pauls Artane 2

Maynooth Town Under 17's sponsored by Maxwell Mooney Solicitors Main St. Maynooth

Maynooth Town u/17s played their first home game of the season against St. Pauls Artane. Maynooth started brightly and played some excellent football with Gary McMahon and Mark Newton in midfield taking control

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(Maynooth Town F.C. contd.)

and spraying lovely passes to the two wide players Neil Dempsey and Brian Downey. Despite all the pressure from the home side, it was the visitors who took the lead after some indecision in the Maynooth penalty area. The second half began with Maynooth pushing forward looking for the equaliser but they got caught on the break and conceded a second goal. Despite this setback the home side continued to create some excellent scoring chances with Alan Brennan coming close a number of times. Justice was done when Gary McMahon scored the first of the Maynooth goals with a wonderful header from a corner. The second soon followed with Brian Downey lobbing the St. Pauls keeper with a beautiful chip from twenty yards. Ten minutes from time the winning goal that Maynooth thoroughly deserved came when Neil Dempsey after striking a corner kick, saw the visiting goalkeeper fumble the ball into his own net. St. Pauls came forward looking for the equaliser but some staunch defending by James Keegan and Ciaran McCullagh ensured that Maynooth secured the three points that they deserved.

Maynooth from: S.Healy, D.Rooney, A.McMahon, C.McCullagh, J.Keegan, G.McMahon, L.Fagan, B.Downey, M.Newton, A.Dempsey, A.Brennan, B.Shields N. Dempsey, D Nelson, N Dunne and M. Mahoney

Brefner NDL Under 17B

Mid-Sutton 2 v Maynooth Town 6

Maynooth Town Under 17's sponsored by Maxwell Mooney Solicitors Main St. Maynooth

Maynooth Town U/17s travelled to beautiful Malahide Castle for this clash with Mid-Sutton but spent little time admiring the scenery before setting about the task of winning this game in a professional and clinical manner. After conceding an early goal, Maynooth raised their performance and carried the game to their opponents with the midfield pairing of Gary McMahon and Lorcan Fagan in fine form. The home defence were kept busy by the darting runs of Mark Newton and Brian Downey on both flanks and it was no surprise when, five minutes later, Maynooth equalised through Lorcan Fagan. Maynooth added two more goals before the break, both coming from excellent finishing by Alan Brennan, to one goal from Mid-Sutton. At the restart Maynooth suffered a setback with the injury of James Keegan who had been having an excellent game at centre half. Forced to reshuffle their forces, with Alex Dempsey moving to mid field and Brian Shields coming on up front, the visitors actually lifted their performance to a higher level and completely dominated the remainder of the match. This second half display was capped by three more Maynooth goals of the highest quality. The first from Gary McMahon was a wonderful strike from thirty-five yards that left the Mid-Sutton goalkeeper grasping at thin air. Man of The Match, Alan Brennan, then snatched another two, to bring his total to four. Mid-Sutton, to their credit, continued to press forward, but staunch defending by Alex McMahon, Ciaran McCullagh and Declan Rooney denied them any clear chances. Another encouraging aspect of this game was the performance of new goalkeeper, Stephen Healy.

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2-Sep-01	1,7,16,22	£3,700	S. HAWTHORNE	C. BRETT	J. STRICKLAND
9-Sep-01	5,13,17,21	£3,750	JOHN GANNON	COLLETTE Mc MAHON	B. KAVANAGH
16-Sep-01	4,5,9,15	£3,800	SEAN LYONS	JOHN O' REGAN	Mrs GILTON
23-Sep-01	4,13,16,19	£3,850	CLAIRE FAULKNER	PAT HARTY	IMELDA DOWLING
30-Sep-01	1,7,22,23	£3,900	MARY Mc COURT	MARY LETTIS	KAREN O' HANLON
7-Oct-01	1,22,24,26	£3,950	PAUL MAY	KEVIN DALTON	JOHN HAWTHORNE

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Maynooth Tidy Towns 2001

Review of 2001 and Plans for 2002

Overview

What we are:

- ♦ We are part of a National Movement that has been in existence for over 40 years.
- ♦ Our role of Tidy Towns is to enhance our town in co-operation with the local authority and other voluntary effort to take part in the National Tidy Towns Competition.
- ♦ The role is also to raise awareness of environmental issues as they impact on our community.

What we are not:

- ♦ We are not a local clean up group.
- ♦ We are not a group that substitutes for the work of the local authority. We depend on them.

Activities in 2000 - 2001

Disappointments for 2000 - 2001

- ♦ Failure to see any impact from Kildare County Council's Parks Department funding.
- ⇒ We requested that any funding this year would focus on two areas O'Neill Park and the Straffan Road near the Straffan Court Hotel.
- ⇒ Weeds on the Straffan Road are becoming unsightly and need to be included in the work of the local authority.

Positive developments for Tidy Towns

- ♦ Green Town 2000 award Certificate and £500 prize.
- ♦ Special Merit Awards win in the National Tidy Towns Competition - for the highest increase in marks in Co. Kildare. Very positive report from the judges this year.
- ♦ New Community Employment Project with Royal Canal Amenity Group known as the Maynooth Environmental Group to enhance Pound Park.

Positive developments in Maynooth

- ♦ Bus Turning Points
- ♦ New Roundabout at Business Park which will become the focal point at the entrance to the town.
- ♦ Very attractive developments particularly in the back lanes.
- ♦ "Intel Involved" hanging baskets project.
- ♦ Other projects supported by Intel are trees at Straffan Lodge, Shrub beds at the Church and spring bulbs in Pound Park.
- ♦ Seven Day street cleaning (cleaning over seven days rather than seven days cleaning)

Positive Contributions from the people of Maynooth

- ♦ Ongoing support for Tidy Towns Annual Collection.

Special thanks to people not involved in Tidy Towns.

- ♦ Mary Fitzgerald, Dorin Goyvaerts, Patricia Sweeney, John Sweeney, Bernadette Duffy and Des Matthews and Margaret Howe.
- ♦ The staff of Kildare County Council, Maynooth without whose hard work would not have been so successful this year. All doing many tasks but especially associated with the following.
 - ⇒ The Trees in Main Street (Shay Corbally)
 - ⇒ Illegal Signage (Mick Dempsey)
 - ⇒ Litter Control (Leo Shannon)
 - ⇒ Also Ciaran Leavy, Seamus Reilly with the support of Donie McCormack, area Supervisor and Ailish Murray the area Engineer.
 - ⇒ Litter Warden (Phil Baxter)
 - ⇒ Kildare County Councillors for their support, together with the local Dail Deputies and Minister McCreevy.
 - ⇒ The Schools for their litter awareness, recycling initiatives and other support.
 - ⇒ Joe Buckley and John Dolan for their support in the sponsorship and erection of the hanging baskets as well as the people who nurtured the flowers and allowed us to erect them on their premises. Eddie Treacy, Fiona White and the Library staff for the care of the planters outside the library.
 - ⇒ Maura Baxter who co-ordinated the flower displays this year and got her hands dirty.
 - ⇒ Residents Associations for their estate cleanups and maintenance which always helps the scoring. This mark remained static this year, but will hopefully increase next year.
 - ⇒ Businesses in Maynooth who through their efforts help to increase our marks.
 - ⇒ Maynooth Community Council for their ongoing support.
 - ⇒ Maynooth Action Strategy for their success in achieving the funding (£100,000) for the Carton Avenue project. Maynooth Tidy Towns had maintained this area for almost ten years, through schemes and in the last four years through the efforts of Bob O'Reilly.
 - ⇒ Michael Gaffney and family for maintaining the verge outside Charter House.
 - ⇒ We welcome the support of Conor Mallaghan and Carton House in their commitment to maintain this area into the future. It is a great relief to our burden. Cllr. Griffin was instrumental in getting this arrangement in place. Also Mr. Willie Carroll and Eileen Quinlivan both from Kildare County Council Enterprise Office who are the project managers and are putting significant time and effort into this project and Minister McCreevy for the money.
 - ⇒ Mr. Cliff Murphy and Family for the maintenance of their attractive garden in Parson Street.

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⇒ Holy Spirit Convent, Moyglare Road, for their support.

Plans 2001 - 2002

- ♦ Progress with the Pound Park through the Maynooth Environmental Group with the ultimate aim of handing the maintenance over to Kildare County Council. Thanks to Tom Flatley and the crew for their work to-date.
- ♦ Create a surface on the bank of the Royal Canal in association with MAS and the Local History group in an application to the Kildare Sports Partnership.
- ♦ We have applied for Litter Awareness Funding to provide in association with others segregated bins for bottles, cans and papers in an effort to link litter with recycling.
- ♦ Recycling facilities exist in the town and we would encourage their use. There will be a recycling facility in Kilcock and we will encourage the use of this facility.
- ♦ Focus our activity on the approach roads to the town. We would welcome more local partnerships in our "Adopt a Spot" plan.
- ♦ Work closely with Kildare County Council in Maynooth and the Environment Section in Naas.
- ♦ New Members/New Ideas are welcome. The marks have increased from 159 (1996) to 200 (2001) target for 2002. An increase of 26%. A very successful record.

Paul Croghan,
Secretary,
Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy towns

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- 1 Ua Buachalla
- 2 Lanigan's Pharmacy

Best Estates Competition 2001

Most Improved Small Estate

Parson's Hall

Best Small Estate

- 1 Castlebridge
- 2 Parson Lodge

Most Improved Large Estate

Kingsbry

Best Large Estate

- 1 Rockfield
- 2 Parklands

Best Wildlife Area

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Best Special Features

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November

Thursday 1st

Flash Harry - A Tribute to Queen

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For almost nine years Flash Harry have been bringing their Queen tribute to fans all over Ireland and the UK. The band have impressed all who have seen them with sheer brilliance of their show. The performance incorporates all the elements which were Queen's trademark: extravagance, excellence in musicianship, professionalism, humour and of course the icing on the cake, Harry Hamilton whose portrayal of Freddie is nothing short of breathtaking. The show features all of the greatest hits including 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'We Are the Champions', and 'I Want to Break Free' as well as some of their lesser-known ballads. You are guaranteed to have your socks rocked off.....

Wednesday 7th

The Film Club

Butterfly's Tongue

£5(€6.35)

PATSY CLINE

Music & Memories

Thursday 8th

Patsy Cline - Music and Memories

featuring Sandy Kelly, George Hamilton IV and cast

£12.50 (€15.87)

Although it's been a generation or more since her death, the passing of the years have diminished neither the legend nor the music. Patsy Cline is, truly, one of the real "late great" of the entertainment world, with her music remaining as popular as when the world first became aware of it in the late 1950s and early 60. Patsy was a trendsetter and, during the few short years when she recorded her songs and appeared before audiences, her music made an impression that remains as fresh today as it did back then. Narrated by George Hamilton IV, with Sandy Kelly as Patsy, this performance proves that Patsy Cline's music remains as popular as ever.

Friday 16th

Niall Toibin

£17.50 (€22.22)

A household name in Ireland. Niall Toibin has spent over forty years as a actor and comedian in radio, theatre, and tv throughout the world. His theatre highlights include a performance as Brendan Behan in The Borstal Boy, as well as roles in The Iceman Cometh,

Hamlet and Brian Friel's Lovers. More recently his clerical role in Ballykissangel has further enhanced his reputation. Niall has devised fifteen one man shows which he has performed in Ireland and all over the world from the USA to Australia. His appearance in Newbridge is guaranteed to be a side-splitting occasion

Friday 23rd

Quartet for the End of Time

£10/8 (€12.70/10.16)

Ib Hausmann on clarinet heads this quartet of musicians comprising Mathias Lingenfelder on violin, Andreas Arndt on cello, and Peter Orth on Piano. Hausmann has toured extensively in Europe, Japan and America and is a former principal clarinetist with the Radio Symphony Orchestra in Leipzig. The programme for this evening performance include, Debussy: Premiere Rapsodie for Clarinet and Piano, Fauré: Piano Trio in D minor Op. 120, Milhaud: suite Op. 157 for clarinet, violin & clarinet, Violin & piano, and Messiaen: Quartet for the End of Time. Quartet for the End of Time is a Music Network tour funded by the Arts Council and sponsored by the ESB.

SEAN KEANE

Saturday 24th

Sean Keane in Concert

£12.50 (€15.87)

With four solo albums and collection of favourites since 1994, Sean Keane has firmly established himself as one of Ireland's most esteemed and talented singers. He has been voted 'Performer of the Year' by the public for four years in succession, a testament to his popularity with his audiences. He has become renowned not only for his voice, which is unique, but also for his wit, humour and charm. As a member of one of Ireland's most celebrated musical families, traditional songs sung in a traditional style were a mark of his earliest performances. With his innate charisma and charm combined with his unique voice, his live shows are fast becoming legendary and he is gaining a reputation as one of the best live performers in Ireland.

VISUAL ARTS EVENTS

8th to 10th November

Exhibition of paintings by the Rose Cottage Art Group

15th to 17th November

Exhibition of paintings by the Pinewood Art Group

22nd to 24th of November

Exhibition of paintings by the Ivy Cottage Art Group

During the month of November three local art groups will be displaying the fruits of their artistic talents in the Riverbanks gallery spaces. This promises to be an annual event for art groups throughout County Kildare, enabling the broad range of county-wide amateur artists to exhibit their work to the public.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

The Senior Citizens Club reopened last September after the summer recess. Our club which is held in the I.C.A. hall meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning at half past ten for game of cards or bingo and chat over tea and cake. We always give a warm welcome to new members so if you would like to come and join us.

We would like to thank all those who helped to raise funds for us over the past few months, the time and effort that you put in is very much appreciated and the money will be put to good use over next few months.

Our Halloween party took place in the hall at Maynooth Post Primary on the 21 October. Afternoon tea was followed by dancing and talent of our club was not only displayed on the dance floor but also in the design of the wonderful costumes.

Sunday November 18th 2001 is an important date to mark into your diary. Our Sale of Work and Wheel of Fortune will take place in the Parish Hall Maynooth in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens Fuel and social Fund. The support of the people of Maynooth over the past years has been outstanding and this year we appeal to all our friends for any of the following items. Bottles for the bottle stall gifts for the wheel of fortune, or items for our stalls, white elephant, books hand crafts, plants and produce. We look forward to seeing you all on the 18th of November at Maynooth Parish Hall.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of all our Senior Citizens who have died over the past few months. May they rest in peace

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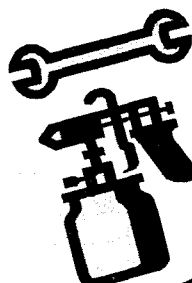
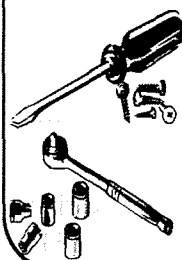
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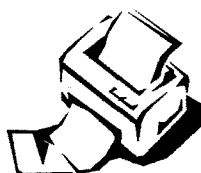
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Question

Question

I believe there has been some changes in the rules covering tax relief for third level fees. Can you please give the details?

Answer

For the academic year starting on the 1st August 2001 the restrictions and exclusions which previously applied to full-time and part-time undergraduate and post graduate courses have been removed. Tax relief is now available to those who already hold a third level qualification and to those repeating a year. It is also available for a wider range of courses in EU member states and for postgraduate courses in certain non-EU countries.

Tax relief for third level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in both private and publicly funded third level colleges in the state (previously undergraduate courses in publicly funded third level colleges were eligible only if they were part-time).
- Undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in publicly funded and duly accredited private third level colleges in any EU member state. This includes courses in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and teacher training which were previously excluded from undergraduate courses.
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) operated by colleges in any EU member state providing distance education in the state.
- Postgraduate courses in certain private and publicly funded third level colleges in non-EU countries.
- Information technology and foreign language courses resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance).

Tax relief, which is at the standard rate of income tax i.e. 20%, is only available where the net tuition fee is £250 or more. The maximum relief is £1,000 per courses. Applications forms (IT 31) are available from the Revenue Commissioners Tel: 01 8655002.

Further information is available from your own tax office, the Revenue Commissioners Central Telephone Information Office Tel: 01 8736100 and the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 01 6285477.

I heard that there have been some changes to the National Fuel Scheme. Has there been any change to the means test?

Answer

Yes, the income threshold has been increased and the period for which the scheme operates has also increased. However, the amount of the allowance remains the same.

The National Fuel Scheme is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or health board payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra £5.00 (euros 6.35) per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra £3.00 (euros 3.81) per week for smokeless fuel, but only if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. From October 2001 you and the members of your household cannot have more than £40 (euros 50.79) (was £30) per week combined income over the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension rate or savings/capital of £30,000 (euros 38,092.14) or more to qualify. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of £89.10 (euros 113.13) per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed £89.10 plus £40.00 i.e. £129.10 (euros 153.13).

However, if you are already on a means tested payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance. Where two or more people living in the same household would qualify for the allowance, only one allowance will be paid.

The allowance is paid for 29 weeks (was 26 weeks) from early October to mid-April.

Further information is available from your Social Welfare Local Office and from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

The Social Insurance contribution and tax year will only be 9 months this year, rather than a full 12 months. I am working at present but I wonder how will this affect my eligibility for a Social Insurance benefit in the future?

Answer

Moving the start of the tax year from April to January resulting in a short tax or contribution year this year should not affect your eligibility.

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For most Social Insurance benefits you must satisfy two conditions:

- You must first have a minimum number of weeks of Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contributions paid since you first started work.
- Secondly, you must have a minimum number of weeks of PRSI contributions paid and/or credited in the Relevant Tax Year.

As this year is a short year, you will be automatically awarded 14 additional contributions giving you a total of 52 contributions as in other years.

Currently, the Relevant Tax year is the last complete tax year before the Benefit Year in which you make a claim for a benefit. The Benefit Year is almost the same as the calendar year and starts on the first Monday in January. However, from 2003 the Relevant Tax Year will be 2 years before the Benefit Year as follows.

Benefit Year	Relevant Tax Year
2001	1999/2000
2002	2000/2001
2003	2001
2004	2002

Further information is available from your Social Welfare Local Office and the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I may not be able to cash a few of the orders in my social welfare Child Benefit book before the end of the year. Will I still be able to cash them next year following the introduction of the euro?

Answer

Yes, you will still be able to cash them and you will not lose any money.

On 1st January 2002 euro notes and coins will be introduced. From then until 9th February 2002 you will be able to use both euros and Irish pounds in shops and you will be able to exchange your Irish money for euros in banks and post offices.

All social welfare payments from the 1st January 2002 will be made in euros, including any arrears that are due. All claimants will be notified of the euro equivalent of their 2001 payment this year and rate increases effective from 1st January 2002 will be announced on 5th December 2001 in the Budget.

Social welfare payments due from 1st January 2002 onwards will be converted from Irish pounds (IR£) to euros (€) using the rate 1 equals IR£0.787564, and then rounded up to convenient 10 cent figures. This

will be to the claimant's advantage. However, any orders dated before 31st December 2001 that are cashed after 1st January 2002 will be paid the direct euro equivalent of the Irish pound amount, including odd cent amounts. They will not be rounded up. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 6285477

The Carers Association

Maynooth Outreach Centre opens for information and support for family Carers on Thursdays from 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Citizens Information Centre Office, Dublin Road, Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

The committee of the Maynooth Summer Project would like to offer thanks to the local Businesses and Organisations for their generous donations. The donations helped greatly to insure that as many children as possible benefit from the project. The committee would also like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time with the children to make the project a success.

Paula Tracey
Secretary

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Features

BOGGUS GAAGA

What It's Called

John Joe, Jimmy Joe, Ambrose, Aloysius, Eamon Ned, Con, Jacko, Micko, Donno, Sonny (even if fifty years of age), etc.

Where it's Found

Usually found hob-nobbing with various GAA officials and the obligatory priest at football and hurling matches on a Sunday. Leaps off the sidelines when a player is injured, and waddles across the pitch with a sponge in one hand while its other hand stops its jacket from flapping about.

What it Wears

Green blazers with the GAA cross on the breast pocket and with (sometimes) a pioneer pin or *fainne nua* jostling for attention upon the lapel. Wears a tightly-knotted tie which always manages to be totally askew, while its nylon shirt invariably becomes dislodged while it's trampling across the football field, revealing a string vest and an acre of pasty skin which hasn't seen the sunlight in donkeys years. When it stands in as umpire it wears what resembles an artificial inseminator's white coat. On trips to Dublin it wears its best "Sundah suit" (circa 1940), the trousers of which are trendily hoisted to chin level with the aid of elasticated braces. Always sounds like there's a pound in halfpennies clattering around in its pocket.

About Its Family

Has a clutch of daughters in the Civil Service, the Mater Hospital or studying to be Rural Science Teachers. has strained relationship with sons, however, as none of them have made the county team, despite years of 'encouragement' from the da.

What It Says

At a match: "on ya boy, ya"; "up de yard"; "Yeowwwwww!"; "ah jaysus ya couldn't have dat"; "fair play, fair play"; "he wouldn't run to de bar in de pub"; "g'wan, g'wan, g'wan!". At GAA functions it always manages to get in the owl *cupla focail*. During post mortems of matches it played brilliantly in - from the sidelines - it can be seen perching its belly on the bar-counter and pontificating about unfit players.

What It Works At

Works in local government, as a national schoolteacher, a publican, or the local garda sergeant. Some members of the species are travelling reps. for companies which manufacture roasted peanuts or toilet bowls, and usually have a GAA Centenary sticker on the back window of its Mondeo.

Its Politics

Boggus Gaaga is basically entrenched in Civil War politics, and has inherited from its ancestors the instinctual habit of always voting for Fianna Fail.

Holds severely reactionary views on abortion, divorce, pluralism, the corrective use of the birch, or whatever Father Doody ("a great footballer in his day") tells him to think. Believes de Valera was a Saint, with Jack Lynch not far behind. "Has a lot of time" for Charlie Haughey - one of the few 'jacks' it does have any time for. Is full of half-baked tales when full of porter, e.g. that Dan Breen once hid from the black and tans in a bread-bin in its mother's house.

Leisure Activities

Always picks youngster from its own parish when it gets to be a minor selector for the county team, and arranges trips to New York for them to play the Mother Macree XV in Brooklyn. Its family has a great devotion to the Holy Rosary, and it's also a member of the Knights of Mary at Knock, a member of SPUC and the local Fianna Fail Cumann. Has recently been spotted staring into space down in Ballinspittle.

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Features

SPECIALUS BRANCHUS

What It's Called

Pat, Mick, Seamus or Ned by other *Specialus Branchus*, Sierraman by the members of the sub species, *Gardai Uniformi*, Ess Dee You Dee Oh, by senior members of the tribe, and Brancherb*****d by its natural prey, *Subversivis Provis*.

What It Wears

Leather bomber jacket, beard or moustache, jeans and a Walter pistol in a shoulder holster. Mature specimens wear herring-bone brown tweed sports jackets, brown flared trousers, brown nylon tie, brown brogues and a Walter pistol in a shoulder holster.

Where It Works

In Block Tow at the Puzzle Palace in Harcourt Square where it is to be found in great numbers writing reports, mostly explaining how its overtime is justified. Also found in blue Avengers and Ford Cortinas cruising the streets, glaring at drivers at traffic lights and eyeing girls in tight skirts. Congregates in large numbers near political gatherings or demos where one can spot its unique habit of extending its neck by six inches and staring at faces for hours on end.

Where It Lives

In Bray, Lucan, Swords and other less salubrious parts of Dublin suburbia, until it reaches maturity when it moves to Blackrock, Howth or outer Killiney with its accumulated overtime pay and its portion of cash from the sale of its family farm. Its lair, which it seldom frequents, has a scruffy garden, peeling paint and six children who are terrified when it makes its irregular appearances.

What It Says

Four letter words about Larry the Wren, 'Pope' John Paul McMahon and its immediate superiors. A favourite expression is: "It's your round, Pat." Also says, in whispers: "Who's that fella in the corner, Tom. Did ye have him in the Bridewell?" Believes Charlie Hockey is a Provo and all media people, except Conor Brady, are subversives.

What It Watches

Football matches on pub TVs, The Russian Embassy, Parnell Square, Blessington Street and Gardiner Place. Likes TV programmes about the North where it can practice its habit of spotting faces. Also watches all other customers in pubs where it drinks, usually through a mirror so that its staring eyes cannot be seen by the object of its attention.

Where It Drinks

In pubs around Dame Street (which it still frequents despite its move from the Castle to Harcourt Square), Blooms Hotel and the Royal Dublin (which is convenient to Sinn Fein HQ in Parnell Square). Also

drinks in the Day Room at Harcourt Square when on night duty.

What It Hates

Static duties at the British ambassador's residence where hospitality is notoriously less forthcoming than at politician's homes like Haughey's Kinsealy mansion or Sir Garret's Palmerston pad. Also hates High Risk Escorts (Post Office cash deliveries) which preclude the chance of *refreshments* i.e. a quick drink.

What It Likes

Pints of Guinness and short ones; overtime; talking to provos with their arm up their back in an interview room; watching subversives i.e. anybody with a Northern accent or a Vote Haughey sticker, looking down its nose at uniformed members of *the GS* (as it calls the Garda Siochana); and its Walter P2, which it calls its *equipment*.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Hillwalking Club

Our Club has reached another limelight in its short career. Because of difficulties of interested parties identifying our location it has been decided to change our club name. As you can see above we are now known as the Maynooth Hillwalking Club. This may reduce some of the confusion experienced so far.

In September we completed our hardest hike for this season. Ten members completed the circuit of Mount Leinster on a beautiful Sunday (23rd September), covering a distance of 14 miles with almost 300 ft of ascent. With a short break for lunch at around 2 p.m. we completed the hike in seven hours at a nice modest pace. We were accompanied by a number of Mountaineering Council of Ireland members. Our next challenges will be attending the Nire Valley Walking festival in mid-October and the Wicklow Autumn Walking festival on the bank holiday weekend at the end of October. This latter festival has a night hike on the Friday in the Glendalough area. Now is the time to think of starting the easier hikes and build up the more difficult ones in 2002. It is surprising how quickly someone can progress through the different complexities of hiking if they are consistent in their outings. We have a number of examples of this in the club.

Our next easy hike for October 21st will depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 a.m. We will report on this hike in the December edition of the Newsletter.

The easy hike dates to plan for the rest of 2001 are:- Sunday November 18th Hollywood/Donard area of West Wicklow. A nice little trek over tracks, bog roads, open mountainside and forest tracks a distance of 13 kms/8 miles with total ascent of 1,000 m. We will take in part of the newly created St. Kevin's way. This route follows in part an old pilgrims trail which ran from Holly wood (Co. Wicklow) to Glendalough via the scenic Wicklow Gap. We will walk the first three miles and then turn into the open mountainside towards Church mountain and Donard village.

Sunday December 9th - Bull Island to visit the Interpretative centre for an audio visual show followed by a 12 kms/7.5 miles walk around the 200 year old sandbank island in the middle of Dublin Bay. Some believe the Battle of Clontarf was fought so many years ago in the area here this island now stands. At this time of year there should be in the region of 40,000 birds of numerous species there. they would have migrated from the cold arctic regions for the winter months. Even at sea level at this time of year it may be cold, wet and or windy. So proper clothing is essential.

We are now into the colder, seasons of the year so it is important that proper footwear and clothing is worn on our activities. A good quality rain jacket is essential as well as over-trousers. We will have to restrict attendance's to those properly equipped for the season.

Again I would like to remind those interested that the hillwalking year runs from November 1 to October 31st. We will be renewing membership and taking new memberships over the month of October. If you are interested why not complete one of our easier hikes between now and Christmas.

Club membership details available on request.

We will continue to conduct activities throughout the winter months. As well as the easier hikes we will be conducting more difficult hike which have to be restricted to members of the club and MCI members. It is also planned to conduct Map, Compass and mountain skills training for club members during the dark winter evenings followed up by a number of practical exercises in the mountains. The possibility of members attending Mountain Skills courses with accredited training establishments is being examined. Weather conditions may restrict our activities but will not stop us. We will make the necessary adjustments to our plans. We hope to commence planning for next years activities during the next few months. We plan to have a number of weekend activities next year. A number of Hillwalking Festivals during 2002. Perhaps we will visit new areas for a change.

Again, it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year.

There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. please note that itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand with one of the contact numbers below.

A number of questions you might ask in relation to hillwalking may be answered from the following.

- a Because we transit across private property where animals may be grazing, we cannot permit dogs on our activities.
- b Litter is unsightly and dangerous to animals. even bio-degradable items like orange peels and banana skins take years to break down. Please bring your litter home. Do not bury litter in the mountainside as animals will pick up the scent and dig it up.
- c A brief guide to Hillwalking requirements for a day trip:-
 - 1 Day rucksack, Raingear - raincoat, overtrousers, hat and gloves, extra sweater or fleece.
 - 2 Lunch for mid-day and snack for later, flask with hot drink.
 - 3 Hiking boots. (No runners). Wear a light pair of socks under the heavy socks and this generally prevents those dreaded blisters.
 - 4 Light warm clothes - two layers better than one bulky layer. Tracksuit bottoms or trousers. Remember no denims or jeans.
 - 5 Camera.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Hillwalking Club contd.)

- 6 Torch and reflective bands.
- 7 A small personal first aid kit.
- 8 Bivi bag.
- 9 Map and compass can sometimes make the hike more interesting and maybe you will learn a thing or two.

Please Note: Do not attempt to go wandering into the open mountainside unless you are competent with the map and compass. Irish weather can change so quickly.

Mountain Safety Notes:

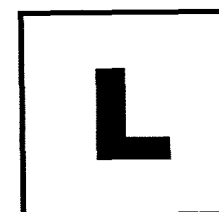
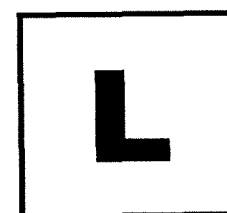
Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of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

Contact:- Jim (01) 6285367 (01) 6290294 or Mobile 086-2703348.

Castle Keep Art Group

The Castle Keep Art Group has resumed its meet and paint sessions Monday nights 7.30 to 9.30 at the Fly Fishing Club House on the Dunboyne Road. Welcome back to our existing and new members and of course we would like to hear from anyone who would like to join the group. It is an informal gathering with the emphasis on enjoyment.

We will be launching our annual exhibition in the Spring, further details will be given nearer the time. In the meantime some tuition will be organised for the group. We would like to wish one of our instructors Jim Doolan every success with his forthcoming exhibition of landscapes and still-life works in oil. The exhibition runs from 13th to 26th October at the Pig Yard Gallery, Selskar Street, Wexford. Jim has exhibited with the Royal Hibernian Academy and the Royal Ulster Academy and United Artists Groups at various venues throughout Ireland. His works are in private collections in Ireland and the UK and he has given great inspiration to the members of the Castle Keep Group. We are looking forward to meeting him again. We hope to take up Kildare County Council's art tuition grant again in the coming year. These classes are held in the public library. So get painting! Anyone wishing to find out more about the group should contact Susan 6289349 after 6pm.



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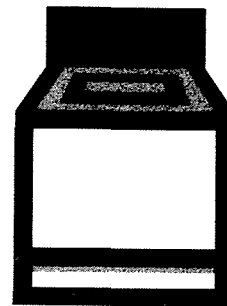
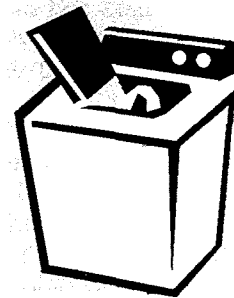
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Features

Hallow'een

The festival that we now know as Hallow'een was known in earlier times as Samhain, one of the four Celtic festivals of the year. The others are Imbolg (now Brigit's Day), Beltene (Mayday) and Lughnasad (1st August). These are separate and not coincidental with the solstices.

Samhain marks the beginning of real winter that lasts until Brigit's Day and the traditions and customs today are still reminiscent of this change in the seasons. The basic division of the year is two-fold, one half beginning in November and the other in May. People tended to stay inside, no battles are fought and this was the period of storytelling. It is said that the Fianna used to spend this time with the settled community in contrast with the second half of the year when they wandered the countryside.

This is a time charged with a strange energy where the normal order of the universe is suspended and the barriers between the natural and the supernatural are temporarily removed. It is one of the few opportunities that humans have of gaining access to the otherworld of the *síd* (fairy mound):

There was the danger of chaos during Samhain, the fairy-mounds opened, the *púca* travelled the land, fires were lit from a ceremonial bonfire and the souls of the dead could return and become visible. People should not look behind them if they heard footsteps – it was the dead following. This was further emphasised by boys dressing as girls and visa versa to confuse the fairies. The general disorder is intensified by mischievous pranks with ploughs, carts, gates and other belongings being thrown into ditches or moved elsewhere. Doors were bombarded with cabbages, chimneys were blocked and smoke was blown through keyholes.

There was an extraordinary amount of divination and prophecy to find out who would die or marry during the next year and who the prospective spouse might be. These continue in the games that children and some adults still play at this time. The fruits of the season are used, nuts and fruit in particular.

The sagas refer to huge feasts taking place at this time of year, particularly the great Feast of Tara. Samhain is also associated with Mongfhinn (Fair-hair) who was the wife of a king of Tara. She prepared a poison for her brother but drank it herself and women petitioned her at at eve of Samain. The literature mentions Samhain many times as a time when chaotic, even catastrophic events may take place. One tale, *The love-sickness of Cú Chulainn* tells of the festival celebrated by the people of Ulster at this time and the strange occurrences involving poor Cú Chulainn losing his speech and ability to move due to the attacks of two otherworldly women. It was Samhain the following year when he recovered and spent a while in the otherworld with the women.

This is a liminal period of time where this world and the otherworld blend, melt and collide and where the impossible can occur. In the tale *The Adventure of Nera*, the main character Nera tries to tie a with around the foot of a hanged captive, the man is between life and death and the dare is reminiscent of walking through a graveyard at Hallow'een. Also a time of mischief and confusion as shown by the tale of the death of the prehistoric king Muircheartach son of Earc. His death extends over 7 seven days with Hallow'een in the middle. His death is brought about by a vengeful woman taking revenge for Muircheartach's murder of her father some years since. She persuades him to get rid of his wife and children and to take her in, she plies him with alcohol and works magic until he eventually dies. Many others died at the same time. Cú Chulainn killed his enemy Cú Roí at Samhain with the connivance of Cú Roí's wife Bláthnad (little flower) who was then killed by a poet, throwing her over a cliff. Fionn Mac Cumhaill fought off the monster Aillén son of Midhna who burnt Tara each year at Samhain. Aillén breathed fire on Fionn who then beheaded him. Cú Chulainn himself dies at this time of the year and another king, Diarmaid Mac Cearbhaill, died a threefold death at Samhain. Diarmaid is wounded, the house burns around him and he is drowned in a vat of liquor.



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Early Irish Society

Adoption

Alongside fosterage the early Irish had a limited system of adoption. Three cases emerge: the person whose kinship is uncertain; a person not related to the kin in any way and thirdly the child of a woman of the kindred - a matrilinear kinsman. This is a sister's son. The adopted son could be the child of a defective union. The rule that the father could acknowledge him during his lifetime without paying the adoption fee suggests that some adoptions were of children whom fathers had not acknowledged - possibly because they died before they could do so. Where a woman has a child by a foreigner, the paternal kindred can have nothing to do with the child, as it is understood that they are still in another country. One law indicates two different type of foreigners: the *cú glas* 'grey wolf' who is an alien from overseas such as a Briton or Scotsman and the second is the *ambue* 'non-native' who is not really an alien but came from another kingdom within Ireland.

In this situation the *Máithre* (maternal kin) takes the position of the paternal kindred. This is partly voluntary but it would also be considered a disgrace if they were seen to neglect a son of a woman of their kin. This child is entitled only to a limited inheritance but he can receive movable property from a particular member of the mother's kin. This was normally given to someone who undertakes the care of the aged.

Marriage

The term marriage in early Ireland would be better explained by the use of the term union. The first step in marriage was *airmaidm* (betrothal). Marriage was the norm for most men and women unless they entered the church. Even in that case, many clergymen had spouses whether properly united or not. The basic concept of this union was quite different from today. For example there was no church ceremony and the betrothal was probably more important than the marriage itself. They did not have the notion corresponding to English 'husband' or 'wife'. They had a notion of a sexual union and of the man and woman who were the partners in such a union, but there was no conceptual divide between those unions which might count as marriages and those which might not, and therefore, no divide between partners who had the status of husband or wife and those who did not. Their equivalent to 'wife' was *ben* (woman) and to 'husband' *fer* (man). A sexual union was thus a 'pairing of conception', namely a union capable of procreating children.

One type of union could be a contract, carefully and publicly organised in front of families and witnesses. But rape was also a 'pairing of conception'. They concentrated on the facts rather than the law. From a rape a child could be born and they legislated for this child. Rape would also be punished but it is still a 'pairing of conception'. They simply legislated for whatever could occur.

Relationships were arranged in a hierarchy from the most highly regarded at one end to the most contemptible. They ranged from the unions where the bridegroom gave gifts to the bride's family to the 'union of recognition' in which the woman's family had no part. Then there were unions where the woman gave herself to a man without the permission or involvement of her family and also the case of rape where she did not consent.

Scholars debate the relative equality enjoyed by women under early Irish law and particularly within marriage. It appears that their position improved drastically in the seventh and eighth centuries but the cause is still a mystery. The original legal incapacity of women had been very largely modified and women had been conceded extensive rights. We know most about the married woman; in medieval societies generally most women were married and most married young.

The families arrange the marriages and the betrothal. The contract was witnessed by securities from both families. The betrothal was the public recognition of the wife of a man and any children she has after this are publicly recognised as his. The brideprice paid by the man gives him legal rights over her children (whether they are actually his or not). He is trying to ensure that his heirs are physically his own offspring. The amount of the brideprice is not clear from any text and varied amounts are mentioned. There is no discussion of a dowry and no Old Irish word for this. It seems to be a secondary development. The saga material describes large, elaborate feasts to celebrate marriage but the law texts do not mention such at all. This arrangement ensures that if a woman has a son by another man it is still seen as her husband's child. The law says: 'Every cuthold has a right to his son, until he be purchased from him'. It was presumed that the *pater*, socially accepted father, is also *genitor*, the begetter.

Sometimes woman and *máithre* have complete control within a marriage. An alien man could be completely dependant on his wife, even dependant on her honour-price. Having an alien father could be detrimental to the child. But having an alien mother does not seem to effect the status of a child, the same inheritance rights etc. are not at stake. We have the odd example of the alien mothers of famous and powerful men: Mael Mura daughter of Cinaed son of Alpin (Scotland) married Aed Finnliath (Cenél nEogain, Ailech) and she was the mother of Niall Glúndub (Black Knee) * 919. Cres called 'slave' of the Uí Mhaine married Muirchertach (Cenél nEogain, Ailech) and she was the mother of his son Flaithbertach who was king of Ailech and died 1036.

Polygamy was also allowed although the Church obviously tries to outlaw it. One law text says, trying to justify the practice from Biblical sources:

'There is dispute in Irish law as to which is more proper, whether many sexual unions or a single one: for the chosen people of God lived in plurality of unions, so that it is not easier to condemn it than to praise it.'

Features

The History of Trams in Dublin

The Origin of the tram can be traced back to the heavy timber planks used in mines and quarries to ease the passage of the horse drawn wagons. These planks were known as "trams". Even when wood gave way to stone and then iron and steel the word 'tram' still persisted. it wasn't until 1823 when Frenchman, Stanislas Baudry, operated in Nantes under the Latin fleetname "Omnibus" meaning 'for all' that public transport really took off. The name soon became a generic description for all public transport.

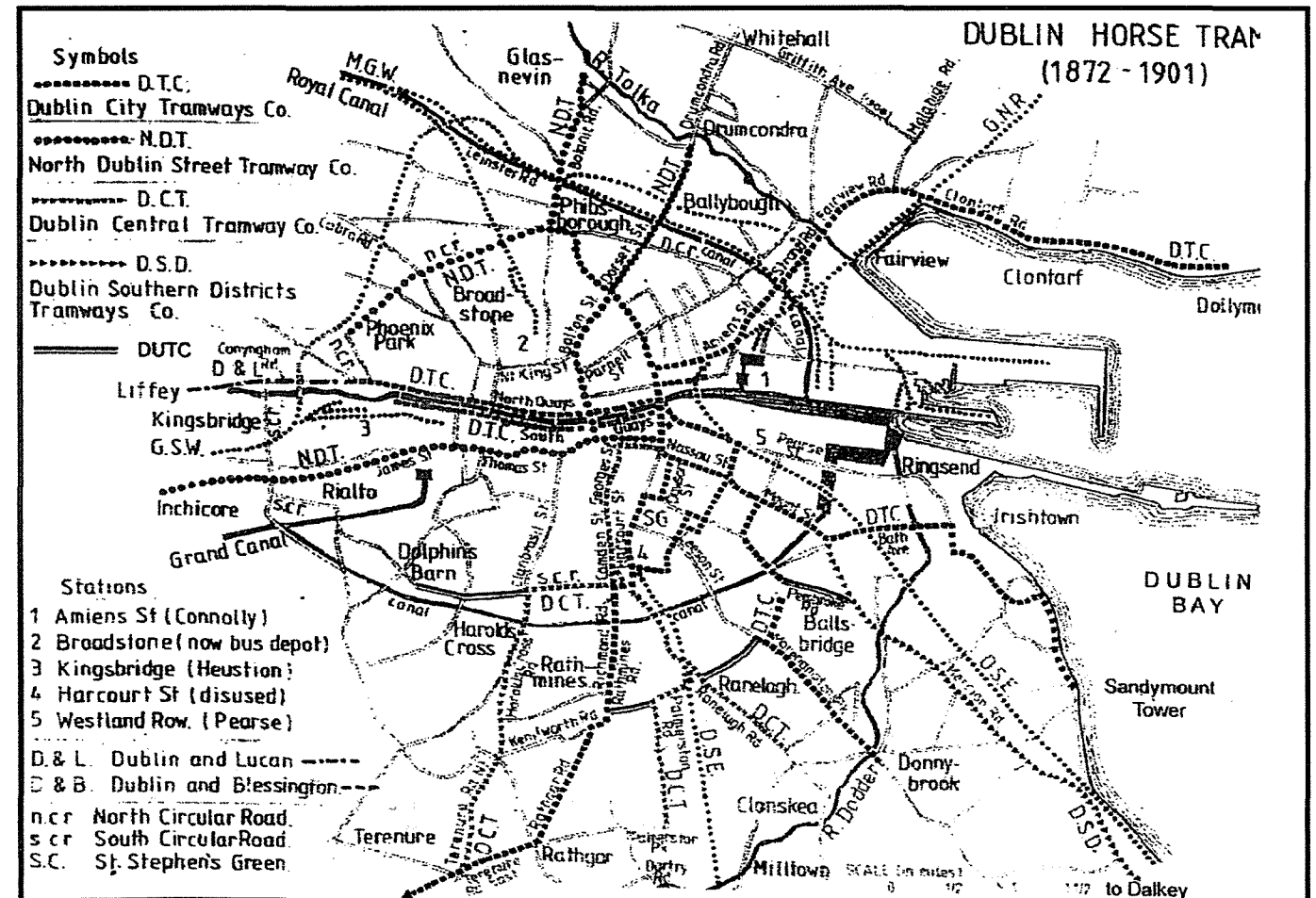
It was an Irish coach builder, John Stephenson who in 1832 designed the first horse drawn carriage which travelled on rails laid on the streets of New York. The line travelled from New York to Harlem. Soon this new concept, which provided a smoother ride for the passenger and easier draught for the horse, was adopted by cities in Europe and Britain.

In Dublin in 1834, a number of enterprising businessmen began to operate their own service to the city and a new system of routes was announced. The private hire vehicle operators, the jarveys successfully undertook opposition to the new service, and a public transport system was not afforded to the people of Dublin until 1848.

In the early days three tram companies served the citizens of Dublin. These were then amalgamated into one called the Dublin United Tramway Company. The 1870's were a boom time for the construction of horse drawn tramways. The first electric vehicles were battery operated, but it was the development of a practicable dynamo by Werner Von Siemens in 1879 that paved the way for electric traction by generating power at a fixed point and supplying it to a line by conducting rail or overhead wire. The first line, using overhead wire, to go into operation was the Bessbrook to Newry line in 1885.

The Dublin United Tramway Company served the transport needs of Dubliners up until the formation of Coras Iompair Eireann in 1945. Trams as a mode of public transport were abandoned in 1949. Ten years later the last tram, used as a visitor attraction, from Sutton to the Hill of Howth closed.

Some forty years later Dublin is about to see the re-emergence of the tram. The new generation of spacious, quite and pollution free trams will soon grace the streets of Dublin. These vehicles, however, will be modern state of the art vehicles giving a totally new concept to what people envisage as trams.



Party Political

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News

Ard Fheis

At time of writing, The Cumann members in Maynooth are busy having just attended the 65th Ard Fheis of the Fianna Fail Party which this year was held in the City West Hotel, Dublin on 12th and 13th October.

Two aspects of the Ard Fheis which were particularly related to the Maynooth Cumann were:

- A Cllr. Paul Kelly made a televised contribution on Saturday during a Workshop on Health and Children, speaking in support of a motion before the attendance calling on the Minister for Health to introduce Medical cards for all children under 5 years of age. Cllr. Kelly complimented the Minister on his recent introduction of medical cards for all those over 70 years of age and commented that the introductions of cards for children under 5 years would ensure the most vulnerable, both young and old, would be well catered for an looked after under the present Government.
- B The Chairman of the Maynooth Cumann Gearoid Lohan was successful in being re-elected onto the Party's influential Committee of 15, in fact securing one of the highest votes for the position. No doubt this was directly attributed to Gearoid's hard work and ability, aptly demonstrated by his record at all Meetings of the body over the past year.

A number of outstanding issues dealt with at the Ard Fheis included the threat to Ireland and its citizens posed by the recent developments planned by the British government in relation to **Sellafield**. Bertie Ahern clearly and emphatically stated that any such attempts by the British government would be vigorously fought and rejected by his government and would be pursued through all legal channels available. Such a development was totally unacceptable according to the Taoiseach.

In relation to the local problems being experienced by **Aer Lingus** the Taoiseach re-iterated his determination to do all in his power to save the national airline, hence ensuring no return to a monopoly situation which had previously existed.

State Funeral of Kevin Barry and 9 Volunteers

The State funeral of the 10 Volunteers took place to Glasnevin Cemetery on Sunday 14th October and again some of the Maynooth Cumann members attended. The occasion was dignified, stately and emotional and an honourable testament to the debt the nation owes these men for their contribution to our freedom. The occasion was aptly placed in the context of our Nations confidence in the on-going Peace process by both our Taoiseach who gave the

graveside oration and by Cardinal Cahal Daly, who celebrated the funeral Mass.

Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D.

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann has welcomed the recent announcement by the Minister, Charlie McCreevy of his allocation of £8.2 million for an extension to **Naas General Hospital**. This phase of the development will ensure the provision an additional 62 beds in the Hospital. Minister McCreevy informed the Cumann that since becoming Minister for Finance in 1997, he has regarded the issue of Naas Hospital as one of the most important issues in Kildare. In December 1997 Minister McCreevy was responsible for a Revised Phase 11 Development Brief for Naas Hospital which provided for enhanced rehabilitation services and ensured a more effective and efficient discharge planning of patients.

The Minister informed the Cumann that the latest figures released last week by the Minister for Health, Michael Martin T.D. showed that waiting lists were indeed declining and vowed that this government would continue to focus on such waiting lists, while also paying particular attention to ensuring that services are available and accessible to those who most need them.

Gearoid Lohan replying to the Ministers information and announcement stated that with the good use of the funding available by the Hospital, the distribution of the resources would ensure that Naas Hospital would be in a better position to cater for the future needs of the rapidly growing population of County Kildare.

Cllr. Paul Kelly

a Amended Maynooth Development Plan

The above amended Plan will have been before the full Kildare County Council on 22nd October. Cllr. Paul Kelly has stated that he welcomes the reduction in rezoning on the Rathcoffey Road side of maynooth and feels that these lands can only be developed after flood relief works have been carried out.

b Rathcoffey Road Realignment

At time of writing the Cumann have just learned that Stanley McAdam have been appointed Contractors.

c Carton Avenue

County Architect, Mr. Brain Swan attended Maynooth Library on Monday 15th October to discuss the plans proposed for Carton avenue with all interested residents, the project being possible since Minister McCreevy's recent allocation of monies for this particular purpose.

Features



An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D., Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy with Mrs. Eileen Kennedy, Maynooth Fianna Fáil



Maynooth members who received Certificates of Honour alongside the Officer Board of the Cumar together with An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D., Minister for Finance Charlie McCreevy T.D. and Local Councillor Paul Kelly.

Party Political

(Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann News)

d Recycling Bins

The Cumann have congratulated Cllr. Paul Kelly on his recent highly successful initiation of the provision of **new recycling bins** at the entrance to the Library in Leixlip. Cllr. Kelly proposed the provision having noted their use while visiting the canteen in Intel.

The bins are particularly used for the recycling of old newspapers and magazines, and are emptied once a week by the suppliers, a Belgian based company called Indaver and are useful for both household and business generated paper waste.

According to Cllr. Kelly a weeks supply of paper waste from one family adds up to a substantial amount of waste and with landfill costs in Kildare equating to almost £60 per ton, the paper recycling bins are a cheaper and more environmentally friendly alternative.

Cllr. Kelly is currently focusing on how such a system can be introduced in Maynooth.

Taoiseach's Visit to Maynooth

Below we print a number of photographs taken during the Taoiseach's recent visit to Maynooth where he met with a large number of Maynooth residents and representatives of Community Groups and bodies.

The visit included the official opening of the **Maynooth Science and Business Park** on the Straffan Road which undoubtedly will have very positive implications for increased employment in Maynooth and lead to locally generated economic development.

The Taoiseach was accompanied by **our local T.D. Charlie McCreevy, Minister for Finance, and local Councillor Paul Kelly**, on his walkabout through the town and up to Tesco Shopping Centre.

Finally the Taoiseach attended a **Reception in the Glenroyal Hotel** at which he presented Certificates recognising life-long and outstanding service and contribution to Fianna Fail in the Kildare area. Among the Maynooth representatives who were honoured were the following:

Michael Caden, Peter Finan, Eileen Kennedy, Conor McManus, Michael Kelly, Tom Kavanagh, Paddy Foy, John Gillick, Sean Cronin, Jim Gilton.

Cairde Fail Dinner 7th December 2001.

The annual Cairde Fail Dinner Dance will be held in the Burlington Hotel on Friday 7th December and the Cumann would like anyone who wishes to attend to contact any of the members listed at the bottom of this article.

Extension to Scoil Dara, Kilcock

The Fianna Fail Cumann have been informed by the Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. that the Minister for Education, Mr. Michael Woods, T.D. has now approved and accepted the tender for the planned **extension to Scoil Dara in Kilcock**. The tender has been awarded to Dunnes Building Services Ltd for the extension which will cover 1,897 sq. meters.

The extension will consist of **8 General Classrooms, 1 Science Laboratory, 1 Art and Craft Room, 1 Woodwork Room, 1 Metalwork Room, 1 Computer Room, 1 Mechanical Drawing Room, 1 Home Economics Room and 3 Social Studies Rooms**. In addition a **new Administration Office, Toilets, Cloak and Locker Room areas and stores will also be built**.

Dr. Michael Woods has informed Minister McCreevy T.D. that the Building Unit of the Department of Education will be in close communication with the School authorities on this matter.

Maynooth Cumann Chairman Gearoid Lohan has thanked Minister McCreevy for the constant representations he made to Minister Woods with regard to the extension to Scoil Dara.

Vote of Sympathy on the Atrocities of 11th September 2001

At our recent Meeting the Cumann Committee passed a Motion of Sympathy to the victims and their surviving families of the barbaric attacks of 11th September on the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon. The Cumann voted unanimously for the forwarding of a donation to the fund set up to aid survivors and members of the New York Fire Department and NYPD.

Finally, we look forward to the events planned during the next month by the Cumann and hope to keep you all advised in the next issue of the Newsletter.

To contact the Cumann about any matter or enquire regarding membership or forthcoming events, please phone our Chairman Gearoid Lohan on 6289187 or myself Brid Feely on 6286647 or 087-2052649.

**Brid Feely,
Maynooth FF Secretary and PRO**

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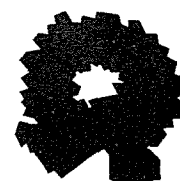
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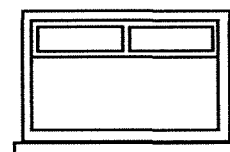


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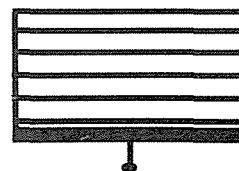
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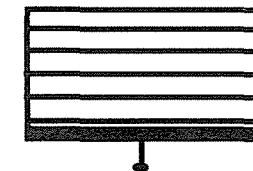
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Maynooth Labour Notes (cont'd)

the estimated cost was £25,000.

The Council have engaged consultants to carry out a feasibility study and they will make a presentation to the December Meeting of the Area Committee. In the meantime the Council are carrying out traffic counts at the Roost and the Square Junctions.

5 Bond Bridge:

The Consultants have been asked to increase the size of the Bond Bridge culvert so as to reduce further the risk to flooding in the Meadowbrook area. It is expected that this will not lead to any significant delays and that the tender process will begin shortly.

6 Meadowbrook Link Road to the Straffan Road:

All difficulties have been resolved and it is expected to go to tender soon for this much needed relief road. Council engineers estimate that it will take a year to construct the new road. In Cllr. McGinley's opinion constructing a road such as this from a green field site should take no longer than six months. When it is completed the road will mean greatly reduce traffic on Parson Street, Main Street and on the Straffan Road.

7 Carton Court and Cluain Aoibhinn Roads:

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

"That resurfacing of the roadways, begun in Carton Court and Cluain Aoibhinn Estates in 2000, be completed using the 100,000 Euro allocated for housing estate roads in 2002. (This is in line with the motion agreed at the Area Meeting on 5 February 2001)."

This was agreed at the Area Meeting on 5 October and the Area Engineer will take this into account when she is deciding on which estate roads to resurface.

8 New M4 Slip Road on the Straffan Road:

The delayed opening of the new slip road and the roundabout has been brought about because the NRA and the Council have problems on safety grounds with the developers work. Hopefully this can be resolved soon as the tailback onto the motorway at peak times from the existing slip road is itself a safety hazard. Under the terms of the planning permission granted, the Glenkerrin Group are conditioned to put traffic lights on the northern junction of the bridge (Maynooth

side), which will require the construction of a right turn lane. This will facilitate traffic coming from the Straffan direction to turn right onto the motorway, and allow for through traffic to proceed to Maynooth. A structural assessment of the bridge in the light of these changes is awaited from the developer. It is Cllr. McGinley's view that a much better solution would be to construct a similar roundabout at the Maynooth side of the bridge.

9 Exiting from the Railway Station and Parklands:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Area Committee: "That traffic signals be installed on the Straffan Road, Maynooth in order to facilitate traffic exiting from the railway station and furthermore that these signals should also facilitate traffic exiting from Parklands Estate"

Readers will recall that this was agreed to over two years ago as a result of another motion from Cllr. McGinley. However, getting action from Kildare County Council is not easy, one has to keep wearing them down. Residents can be assured that Cllr. McGinley will not give in on this one.

10 Car Parking Shortage at the Railway Station:

In order to alleviate this serious problem Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Area Committee:

"That permission be sought from the OPW for the public use of their car park at the Harbour, Maynooth, during weekdays, in order to facilitate train users."

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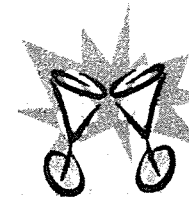
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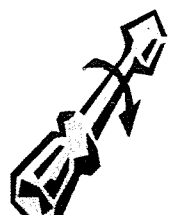
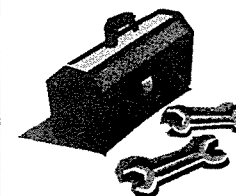
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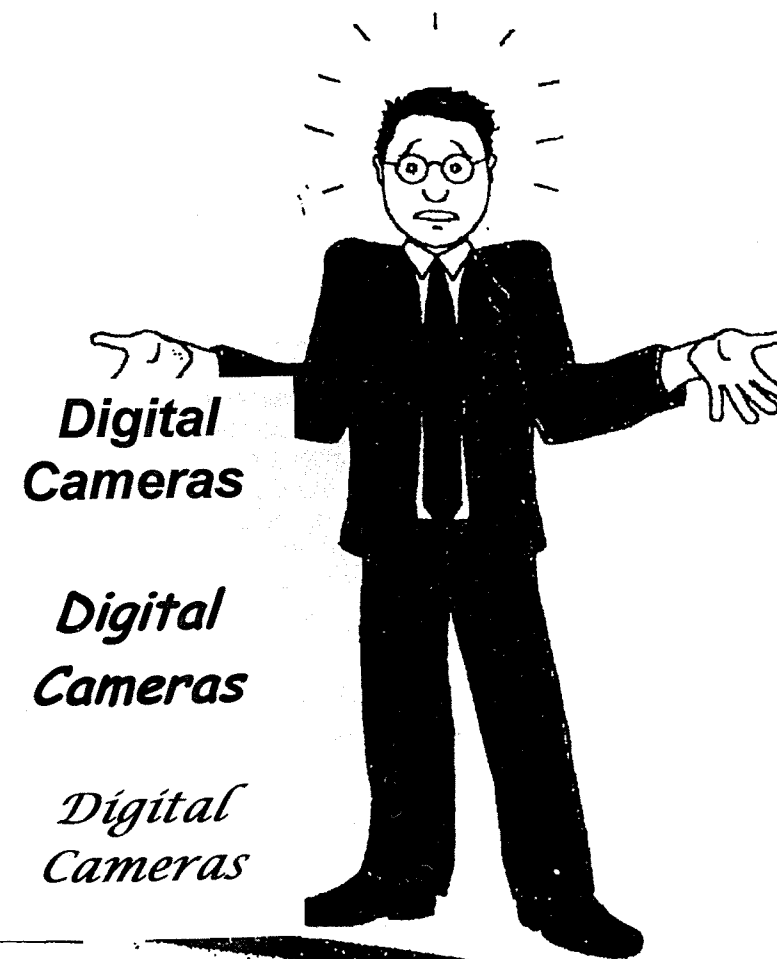
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