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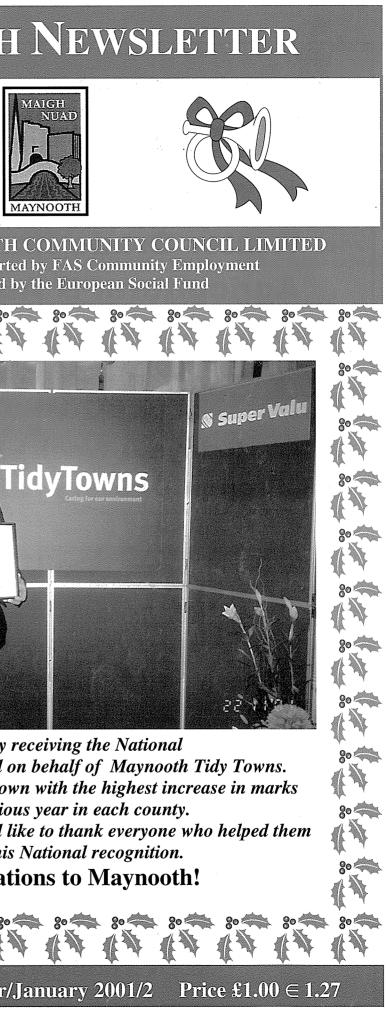
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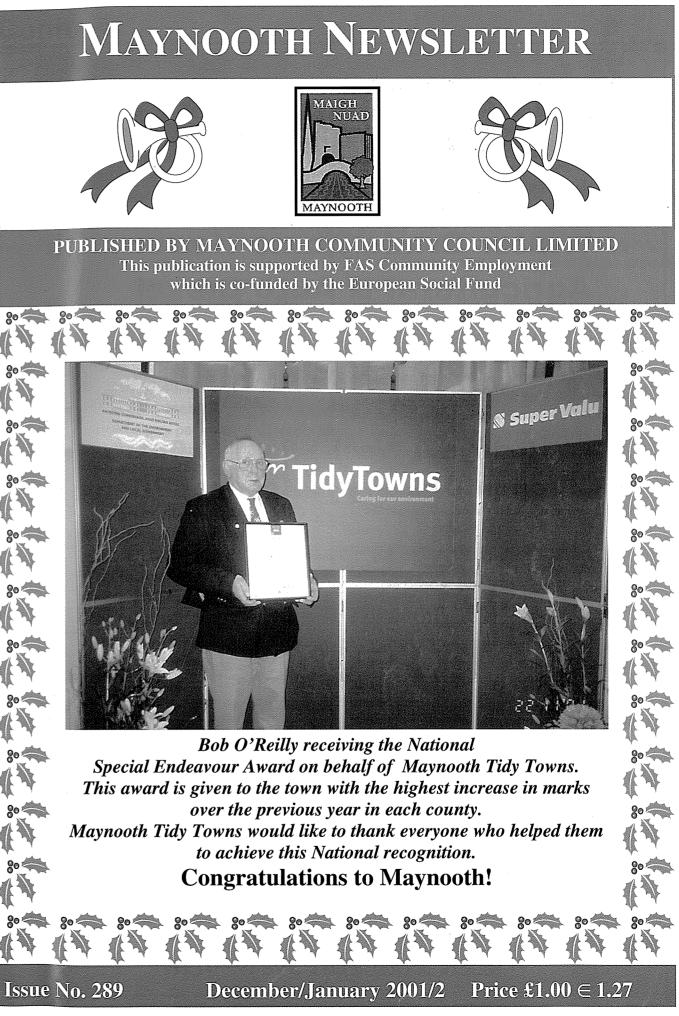
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Editorial

As we end the year 2001 there has been a considerable change in world, national and local affairs. The so-called 'War on Terror' is producing repercussions worldwide. Job losses continue to rise but the future looks relatively bright for Maynooth with the nearly completed Business Park, the golf courses in Carton House and the new proposals for Kavanaghs Mills. Let us hope that work on the long-awaited Meadowbrook Link and Bond Bridge begins in 2002 as expected.

There are further serious issues still facing the town. There has been little or no action taken on the flooding that made life so difficult for some residents last November. The report published here outlines some very important steps that should be taken but little has been carried out so far.

But the Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to mention the liquidation of Cardinal Press who printed this publication for many years. We regret the passing of this local business and commiserate with both Joe Wall and his employees. This issue has been printed because a new printer was prepared to produce it at the last minute and it is hoped that the Newsletter will continue to appear.

However, it is becoming more and more difficult to produce such a product. The Community Council is still sponsoring a Community Employment Scheme against all the odds. The overheads for such a scheme are rising yearly and the fundraising necessary can become crippling. The Council may decide at a future date not to continue with the project and this would endanger the future of the Newsletter. The Project participants carry out most of the work with some voluntary input.

We would like to thank the contributors and advertisers for their support during the year. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind our readers that we need your contributions to keep this publication alive and pertinent to the community in general. This is after all, a community Newsletter, we welcome and need your articles, opinions and ideas. Without them – we are irrelevant.

Finally, we wish our readers a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year in 2002.

Letters to the Editor

The Editor Maynooth Newsletter

Re: Primary Schools in Maynooth

Dear Editor.

I welcome the positive comments of Monsignor Alex Stenson PP in the November issue of the Maynooth Newsletter.

However, there seems to be some misunderstanding in relation to the suggestion that consideration be given to relocating the Presentation Girls Primary School.

During discussions, last April, on the Maynooth Development Plan I put forward the suggestion that consideration be given to changing the location of the school to a new site south of the canal. It was agreed by all four County Councillors that the existing school location contributes significantly to traffic congestion as it is too far removed from the main population centres and this results in cross town traffic. One of the other Councillors suggested going a step further and making the new school co-ed and that changing the boys school also to a co-ed would make an enormous difference to traffic levels at peak times. It was agreed that the Council should write to the Principals and Board of Management of both schools seeking their views.

What the Maynooth Development Plan will do is to facilitate the movement of the school to a new location provided that the parents, the Board of Management and the Department of Education are in agreement. Indeed, since my suggestion last April the zoning of land in the Maynooth Development Plan has changed so much that the argument for relocating the school is no longer as valid. The Amended Draft Maynooth Development Plan 2001, which was agreed by Kildare County Council on the 5th November 2001, has 44.5 acres of land rezoned for housing in Doyle's land (opposite the Mart) which is very close to the Girls School.

This will probably result in 350 new houses in the five year lifetime of the Plan and as they are likely to be occupied by young families there is a need for a nearby school and the Girls School of course serves this purpose. However, the question of whether or not the existing primary schools will be able to cater for an expanding Maynooth population needs to be addressed. I believe that the day of using prefabricated buildings as classrooms should be long gone and that the construction of a new modern co-ed primary school should be seriously looked at by the Boards of Management and the Department of Education.

On the question of safety at the school I agree totally

with Monsignor Stenson that bus bays must be provided at the entrance to the school. Kildare County Council are in discussion with the owners of Charter House with a view to getting the necessary land to accommodate the bus bays. I can assure the parents that I will be doing everything possible to speed up the early provision of these bays.

Yours sincerely, Cllr. John McGinley.

> Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare

Dear Editor.

The tragic death of Fr. Boylan RIP has left us all asking many guestions.

Here is a young man, taken in his prime.

Torn from our midst, in a sudden and bloody manner. By any standards, a model of a man.

Six foot tall with inches to spare. Gifted with a pleasing and joy bearing personality.

He had a lot to give and was unstinting on giving it. We are desperately clutching at wisps of reasons to understand.

And it may be, that the word "reason", is at the very heart of our problem.

It has now reached such proportions, that we no longer have a church of faith, but a church of reason, no longer Divine but human only.

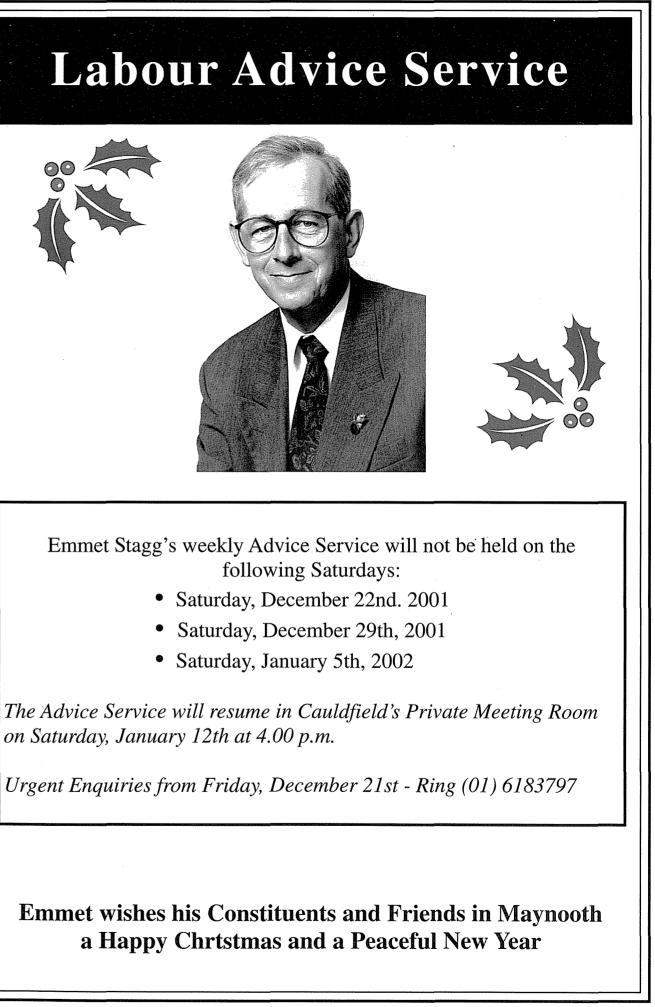
Our human intellect tells us, it is wrong, that a man such as he, should be taken and man responsible for his death left. But Christ's voice echo's back. "I rejoice not at death of wicked man but at his conversion! His love is such, that He wishes for salvation of all. This is God's wisdom, foolishness is in our eyes!

It is the sane wisdom and love which prompted Christ when on earth to sternly warn the obstinate sinner, so as to save him from eternal damnation. Cuteness and wisdom of the world frowns on this. It seems we would rather sit back and cynically watch wrongdoers proceed to his .

We parcel Christ up and present a mutilated form to the world.

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

Cut down in his prime. Surely there is the shadow of Calvary here. Was Christ himself not cut down ruthlessly in his prime? His going a great annihilation! Were His followers not shell shocked at His going. But in this, the darkest hour, was not the greatest victory ever achieved. Death was conquered!



on Saturday, January 12th at 4.00 p.m.

Letters to the Editor (contd.)

Fr. Boylan's death is certainly mirrored in this.

Pope Paul VI told us in 1966 that smoke of Satan had entered the church. Much of what has happened, negatively in the Church, since then, is reflected in that statement. That smoke has wafted its way around the world. Attacks have manifested themselves in many forms. Chief among these are attacks on the sacraments, particularly the mass.

Destruction of the priesthood itself is Satan's most prized target, as it is through the priest, that Christ still communicates His life and graces to the world.

This means that houses of formation for priesthood come in for special attention.

How else can be explained the willingness of a newly ordained priest to pose nude for a calendar? Or for that matter the tolerance of erotic pictures in clerical dormitories? Is this not mockery in the face of Christ words-"To look lustfully at a woman is to have committed adultery with her" Is the very system itself not falling down here?

We know where sin abounds so also does grace. When all seems to be falling apart God raises up men outstanding in holiness and truth.

Let it be proclaimed and written down for posterity, so that history may record, that such was the case.

Let generations yet unborn acknowledge their role. May Fr. Boylan (together with Fr. Supples & Fr. Coogan) be stewards of the sacraments. may they be messengers to all priests, of vows they took in Holy Orders. May they communicate the reality that they are empowered with same powers of Christ in administering the sacraments. May their brother priest's know that no unnecessary substitution of the mass should be tolerated. No good can come of it, no matter how appealing the alternative may seem. Let not the sin, of what we have failed to do, torment them at last.

Exercise your great intercessory powers (Fr. David) You are no longer bettered by time and space

Your priesthood has merely expanded You range the globe Whenever the sacraments are threatened Your presence is left No Satanic powers can reach you Your friends in Maynooth and Crumlin Know where to find you In the secret recesses of the heart Or rest gently in your jovial company

Oh Death you thief of the night It could never be you would have the final say You could never stay such a spirit Or hinder its progress Oh Death! Where is your victory? Oh Death! where is your sting?

John lyto

P.S. Attached are the words of Archbishop William Walsh R.I.P. of Dublin on value of a single mass well heard.

Of all the prayers of loving hearts from the beginning of the world, and all the seraphic worship of the thrones and principalities of heaven, and the burning devotion and love of the Virgin Mother of God, and the million voices of the universe, of all creatures of heaven and earth and sea, were offered up in one universal and harmonious act of praise and adoration, they would not equal, or even approach, in value and efficacy the infinite worth of a SINGLE MASS.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The Community Council meeting took place on the 12th November in the Glenroval Hotel.

Tidy Towns

There was a brief discussion on Best Estate Competition. It was felt that more information and advice should be given here. It was also wondered what constituted a feature.

Maynooth Tidy Towns will receive their Special Merit Award on the 22nd November. Congratulations.

Newsletter

A plea was made some months ago for more people to come forward for the Editorial Board. The Editorial Board became nearly non-existent. Mary Fitzgerald felt that the Editorial Board is still there and is not disbanded. She felt that the Board's monthly meeting should start again.

It was suggested to increase the price of the Newsletter, however it was decided not to do this.

It was also stated that there should be more local report. It was generally felt that the Newsletter needed more local interest. John Doogan stated that if the P.R.O's of Residents Associations, Clubs and Societies sent in their reports this would fill a huge gap.

The Newsletter is now of a high quality it was felt. Tesco will not sell the Newsletter because it is not bar coded. This would be a good outlet for the sale of the Newsletter.

Flooding in Maynooth

John Doogan stated that it was this time last year that the flooding took place. Some maintenance has been done, but was not sufficient as his garden has now being flooded again. He felt that if the stream was cleaned of all the rubbish it would help a lot. He felt that this work may not be done for a further 4 - 5 years. he suggested that Maynooth Community Council write to Kildare County Council to get some work done now. Cllr John McGinley stated that an independent report was done on the flooding problem (see Hydrological Investigation of the Meadowbrook River further on in this issue).

This work is estimated at £4m. There is 100% funding for the flood work. Again it was felt that strong pressure should be put on Kildare County Council. The work should be implemented straight away and be done while Bond Bridge is being completed.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that the water passage in Parson Street is very narrow. There is a dreadful lot of rubbish in it and it is only a few feet wide in places. He said this should be cleared. Cllr. Griffin also said that there will be 57% chance of flooding again, 22% even if work is done. He also stated that the culvert from Bond Bridge to parson Street should be cleaned immediately. The question was raised as to where to get sand bags if needed.

This is Kildare County Council's emergency phone no. 1890 0500333 (24 hours).

Ann Burns "Parson Lodge" said that ditches are being filled in by builders and where will all this water go. it was stated it is illegal to interfere with water flow.

Hugh Gallagher felt that Maynooth could get the name of having a flooding problem. He also felt that getting insurance could be a big problem for people that have made claims already.

Development Plan

Cllr. John McGinley said the Plan goes on display for one month, also the Action Area Plan which includes the Harbour Field and the Carton Lime Walk. It was suggested that a plan should be put in place as to what the community want done with these areas.

Maynooth Action Strategy are going ahead with their own plan, a sub-committee of the Community Council was put in place to look at the Action Area Plan. John Doogan thanked the four Area Councillors for all their work on the Plan for Maynooth.

Cllr. Senan Griffin informed the meeting that Kildare County Council propose to build a childrens play ground and signalled that it should be put in Newbridge, the councillors objected to this and Cllr. Griffin felt that it should be placed in Maynooth, possibly something with a lock-up facility.

Local Matters

Peter O'Connell raised concern as to whether Buckley's house was listed, he was informed that it was preserved.

Gerry McCann "Moyglare Village" said he was very concerned about speeding on the Movglare Road. He was informed that speed ramps are to be put on the Moyglare Road. He also stated that the 18.20 train has been withdrawn from Maynooth, it does not stop any more. He also said people on Saturday using the 17.05 train were not allowed to get on board, he feels it is to get people to get a later train. He requested Maynooth Community Council to write to larnrod Eireann on behalf of the residents.

It was also pointed out that there are too many cars parking at the station. Cars are being blocked in and it is not possible to get one's car out. Paul Croghan felt that there should be a charge for parking in the OPW area and it would make people who only needed to park use it.

Special Olympics

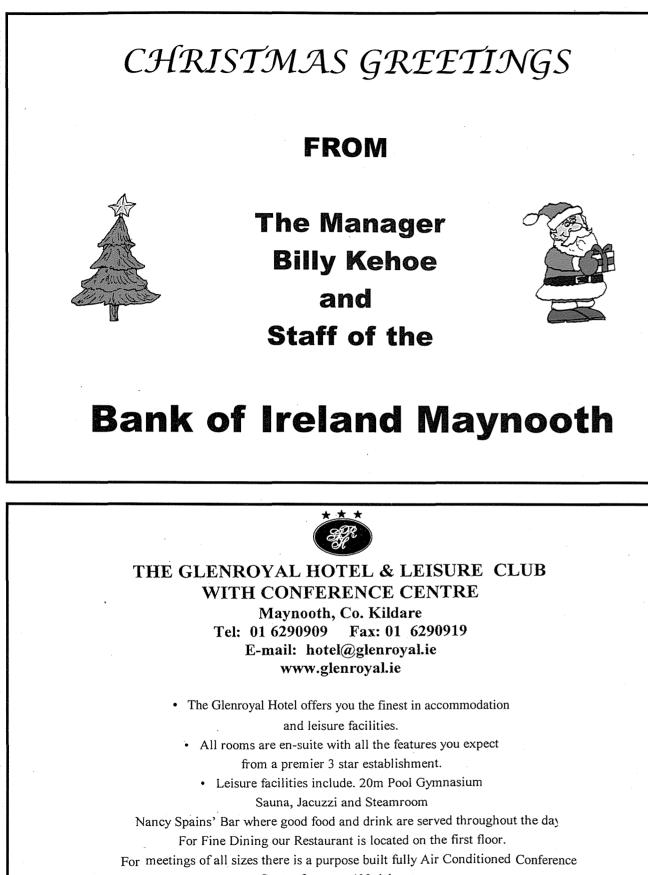
It has now been decided that Maynooth has been chosen as a Host Town for the Special Olympics 2003. Maynooth will be Host Town to Brazil.

This is a great opportunity for the community of Maynooth to come together and welcome the athletes from Brazil in 2003. They will stay with us for four days/nights. This is the first time this huge event has been held outside the U.S.A. Maynooth is proud to play it's part in this special event.

Marie Gleeson

P.R.O.

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Christmas Messages

From Rev. Adrian Wilkinson

For a child has been born to us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

These words are regularly read at our church services over the Christmas period. The prophet Isaiah fore told the coming of a righteous king that would have all of these qualities. Christians believe that this king did come in the form of a baby born in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ.

This year the title, the Prince of Peace, ascribed to this king is particularly striking and poignant. We see on our television screens pictures of war. As a result of the evil actions of a small group of terrorists which killed several thousand people in the United States, we now see a global conflict that will cause death and suffering of many thousands of innocent victims.

Jesus Christ was himself a victim of circumstances. He was born in humble surroundings and forced to spend his early years as a refugee as he fled the persecution of King Herod. This Christmas we think of all those who like him are refugees. In particular we remember the innocent people of Afghanistan who have suffered much in recent times. Many of them may die as a result of starvation and cold as well as due to the effects of bombing raids. Please take time this Christmas to not only pray for them but also to do all in your power to relieve their suffering by donating to the charities working for their relief.

The third verse of one of the popular Christmas Hymns 'It came upon a midnight clear' seems to sum up many people's prayers at this time.

> Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong: And man at war with the man hears not The words of peace they bring: O listen now, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing!

May we welcome the Prince of Peace into our hearts, homes, community, country and throughout the world this Christmas.



From Monsignor Stenson.

It is with guite mixed feelings that we prepare ourselves to celebrate this first Christmas of the third millennium. Our world was brutally shattered by the horrendous terrorist attacks in the United States last September and the consequent loss of innocent life. Suddenly we found ourselves on the verge of another World War - this time against terrorism. A spin off effect was the abrupt stoppage of the Celtic Tiger in its tracks. We glimpsed, perhaps with a new intensity, the thin membrane of civilisation that covers our planet - a membrane that can so easily be ruptured with devastating consequences. The huge outpouring of prayers on the National Day of Mourning and the packed Churches spoke volumes of our deep need to connect with God at times of serious crisis.

Christmas is a time of reassurance and hope. We believe that God *loved* the World so much that he sent his only Son. Now we celebrate not only our Saviour's birth at Bethlehem, but also his life, ministry and death on the Cross all of which reveals his love for us. This love mirrors the Father's love whereby God reconciles us to Himself.

St. Paul tells us that through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of God is being poured continuously into our hearts whereby we can call God Our Father and Jesus our Brother. Through the Holy Spirit we form the living Body of Christ of which Jesus is the head. This is the Good News we celebrate in a special way each Christmas.

It is my prayer that Jesus the Prince of Peace may bring abundant blessings to you and yours at this time as together we journey in hope into the coming year.

Alex Stenson, P.P. Christmas 2001





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Hydrological Investigation of the Meadowbrook River, Maynooth.

Section 6 Conclusions

6.1 November 2000 Flood

6.1.1 The storm that occurred on the 5th and 6th November 2000 had a 24 hours duration return period of approximately 70 years at Casement Aerodrome. This storm caused extensive flooding of the Meadowbrook Stream North of the M4 motorway, flooding the M4 itself, the Meadowbrook housing estate, sections of Newtown-Rathcoffey Road and Parson Street.

6.1.2 The extreme nature of river flows in both the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers can be attributed to the relatively rare storm event compounded by wet antecedent conditions producing high runoff rates. averaging close to 40% runoff over the storm duration.

The causes of the flooding in the affected areas are outlined in order of merit as follows:

6.1.3 Meadowbrook Estate

- 1 The lack of flow capacity in the Royal Canal Aquaduct, the Railway Culvert, the Newtown-Rathcoffey Road Culvert, and "Old" Greenfields Road Culvert.
- 2 The accumulation of debris at the many culvet security grills in the Meadowbrook estate causing serious blockage to channel flow.
- Flood flow contribution from the Lyreen River via the M4 drainage system. A rough estimate of this flow contribution is between 0.5 and 1 cumec.
- Poor condition of certain sections of the 4 Meadowbrook channel, the section between the M4 and Brookfield Avenue and the section from Old Greenfields Road to the Railway Culvert.
- Inability of storm runoff from the paved areas to 5 drain effectively to the Meadowbrook as a result of the high flood levels there, with possible back flow.

6.1.4 M4 Motorway

- The M4 was flooded as a result of flood waters backing up from both the Meadowbrook.
- 2 High floow levels in the Lyreen resulted in flood waters entering the motorway storm drains and upwelling out onto the road pavement via the gully connections. This was compounded by the inability of the motorway runoff to drain away, resulting in it flowing along the pavement surface towards the Meadowbrook.

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6.1.5 At Newtown-Rathcoffey Road

- 1 Overflow from the meadowbrook River out via the entrance to the Meadowbrook housing estate onto the Newtown-Rathcoffey Road.
- Inability for surface runoff to discharge effectively to the collecting drains due tof the high flood levels in these drains, thus causing surface pondina.
- Backwater effects from the Meadowbrook River 3 on the Newtown-Rathcoffev Road open drain system.

6.1.6 At Parson Street

- 1 Inability of local storm runoff to discharge to the Meadowbrook River due to the high flood levels in the channel.
- Possible back flow onto the street from the river via unflapped gully outfalls. River flood levels were above street levels at the lower sections of Parson Street.
- 3 River walls generally not very watertight allowing possible seepage of flood water onto the street.

6.1.7 Contribution from existing Urban Development.

It is important to state here that urbanisation in terms of faster runoff and the increased impervious area did not contribute to the November 2000 flooding. This flooding was caused by a prolonged rainfall event allowing the entire catchment to contribute to the peak runoff.

6.2 The Design Flood

6.2.1 Analyses of both short duration urban storms and longer duration catchment storms were carried out to determine the design flood flow at Bond's Bridge. A design flood of 8.1cumec was calculated for a storm duration of 19 hours using FSR ungauged catchment characteristic methodology. The design flow represents approximately a 100 year return period flood. The design flow represents approximately a 100 year return period flood. The design flow includes for the fproposed future urban development north of the M4 as described in the draft Maynooth Development Plan, July 2000.

6.3 Urban Development

6.3.1 The study found that the critical urban storm duration is 45 minutes producing significant flow rates at Bond's Bridge of 5.33cumec for the existing urban development and 6.95cumec for the proposed future urban development. These magnitudes are 66 and 86% of the design flow magnitude resspectively. Consequently, the proposed flood relief works to the Meadowbrook channel will accommodate these flows.

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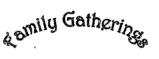


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(Hydrological Investigation cont'd.)

6.3.2 In the longer termf there is a real likelihood that the short duration urban storm will produce a flood peak that exceeds the present design flood. In the interest of the long term urban development a policy of storm water attenuation should be introduced for all new developments.

6.3.3 It is estimated that future urban runoff from the west region will produce a peak flow rate of 2.75cumec which discharges via a series of open ditches along the Newtown-Rathcoffev road to the Meadowbrook. This system of ditches will require considerable upgrading if it is to accommodate such flood flows (both existing and future).

6.3.4 The proposal of allowing urban storm runoff from developments lands east of Straffan Road to discharge directly to the Meadowbrook River should not be allowed without full storm water attenuation being provided. This activity without attenuation would increase the urban flood peak by approximately 0.85cumec producing an overall urban storm runoff peak of 7.8cumce, which brings it very close to the design flow.

6.3.5 The number of culvert crossings of the Meadowbrook River between the Royal Canal and the M4 is 15 including the M4 culvert and the royal Canal Aquaduct. This is over a total distance of 900m. This poses a serious maintenance difficult particularly if all crossings are fitted with security grills, as is often desirable for safety reasons in residential areas.

Section 7 Flood Alleviation Measures

7.1 Short-term Measures

7.1.1 Maintenance. Implement Clean-up of Channel and Culverts from M4 to Parson Street. This will involve channel dredging, removal and/or replacement of damaged security grills, removal of obstacles such as fallen trees, barrels, etc. Implement regular program of channel monitoring and maintenance.

7.1.2 Royal Canal Aquaduct. Investigate whether the Aquaduct at Bond's Bridge is blocked and if so free it. This may involve either a CCTV or a Diver investigation.

7.1.3 The Newtown-Rathcoffey Road Ditch. This ditch needs to be properly regarded, in places widened and cleaned out with gully connections flapped and a number of completely undersized pipe culvert sections beneath road entrances to properties replaced.

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Chef on Duty All Day - Full Catering Service Full menu available on request by fax, email or in Rowans 7.1.4 Parson Street. Remove fallen tree obstacles. clean up channel, flap all gully connections to prevent backflow at times of high flood waters and repair damaged/leaky sections of river wall.

7.1.5 M4 Motorway. Flap the motorway storm outfalls to both the Lyreen and Meadowbrook Rivers so as to prevent backflow from these rivers at times of flood.

7.1.6 Storm Runoff Attenuation. Implement policy of storm runoff attenuation for all new developments.

7.1.7 Flood Monitoring. Maintain automatic water level recorders and implement programme of flow measurement to establish a rating curve for the downstream site.

7.2 Medium Term Measures

7.2.1 Bond's Bridge Replacement Culvert. The major flood relief measure under this heading is to construct a new culvert at Bond's Bridge as part of the Bond's Bridge Road Improvement Scheme.

Two culvert length options were investigated:

Option A: - 495m long culvert from the "New" Greenfields Road crossing downstream to the entrance to Parson Lodge. The recommended minimum culvert size for Option A is a 3m wide by 1.4m high box culvert.

If Option A is implemented the following additional measures are required.

- Provide inclined security grill at culvert entrance and exit.
- Upsize/remove upstream culverts.
- Replace all vertical security grills on remaining culverts with inclined grills so as to reduce the effect debris accumulation on channel flow.
- Implement systematic monitoring and cleaning of culverts and channel.

Option B:- 1020m long culvert from the Brookfield Avenue downstream to the entrance to parson Lodge. The recommended minimum culvet size for Option B is a 3m wide by 1.5m high box culvert.

If Option B is implemented the following additional measures are required.

- provide inclined security grill at culvert entrance and exit.
- Remove under capacity field crossing upstream ٠ of culvert between M4 and Brookfield Avenue.
- Implement systematic monitoring and cleaning of culvert securtity grill and channel upstream and dowstream of culvert.

Hydrological Investigation (cont'd)

7.2.2 Parson Street

- Investigate possible pumping or diversion of local storm water runoff from Parson Street to river at times of High Flood levels so as to avoid ponding.
- Identify and close off all sources of backflow in storm water drainage / gully connections to the river.
- Flood proof river walls along lower sections of Parson Street.

7.2.3 M4 Motorway

Implement the Recommended Lyreen Flood Relief Measures.

Courtesy of Cllr. John McGinley

Moyglare Manor Hotel

A Kildare property has scooped a top accolade in RAC's annual awards to the UK and Ireland hospitality industry. The awards recognise the increasingly high standards achieved by hoteliers and are widely recognised as the Oscars of the hospitality industry.

An RAC Blue Ribbon marks hotels demonstrating a consistent commitment to high standards. Restaurants demonstration quality of food and the complete dining experience are recognised by an RAS Dining Award.

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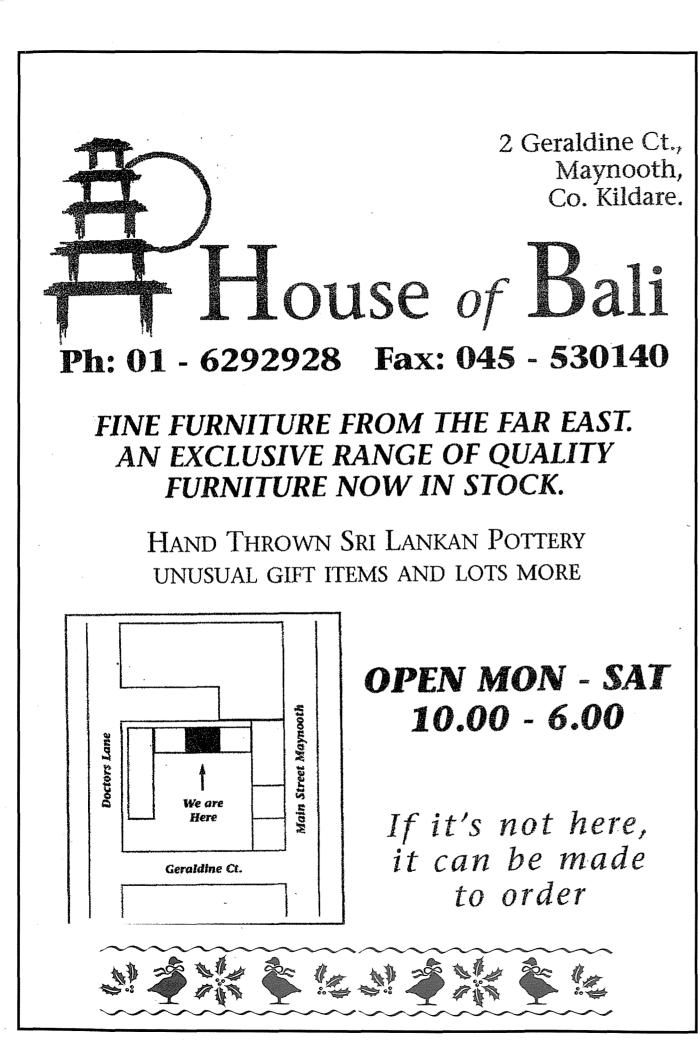
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Junior Band News

The St. Mary's Brass & Reed Junior Band gave their first public performance in Maynooth College Chapel on Sunday 4th November. In all there are 24 members consisting of girls and boys from Maynooth and have been very busy rehearsing over the past months for their first performance.

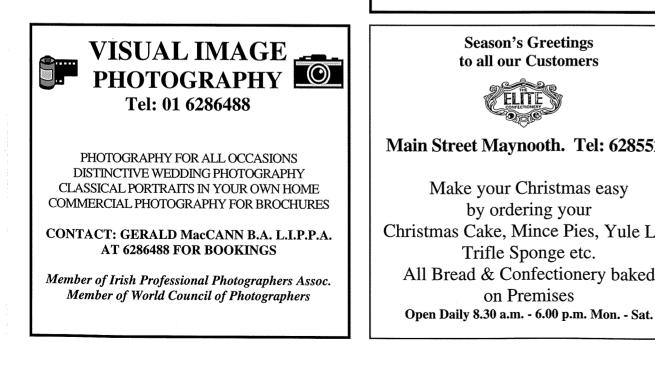
They played as part of the St. Mary's senior band annual mass for deceased members and gave a very fine performance.

The idea of setting up a junior band was first thought of 3 years ago when beginner's classes started in the Band Hall in Maynooth. After learning the rudiments of music the students progressed on to instruments such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, cornet and percussion. They received tuition in the Maynooth School of Music which is run by the band's conductor Niall O' Connor.

The junior band is very fortunate to have received sponsorship from the Maynooth Credit Union. This sponsorship was very important, as the costs associated with running a band are guite considerable. It will help to upgrade some of the instruments as well as fund a uniform.

All the junior band members are looking forward to various Christmas performances and very importantly playing at the official opening of the new premises of Maynooth Credit Union on Saturday 17th November.

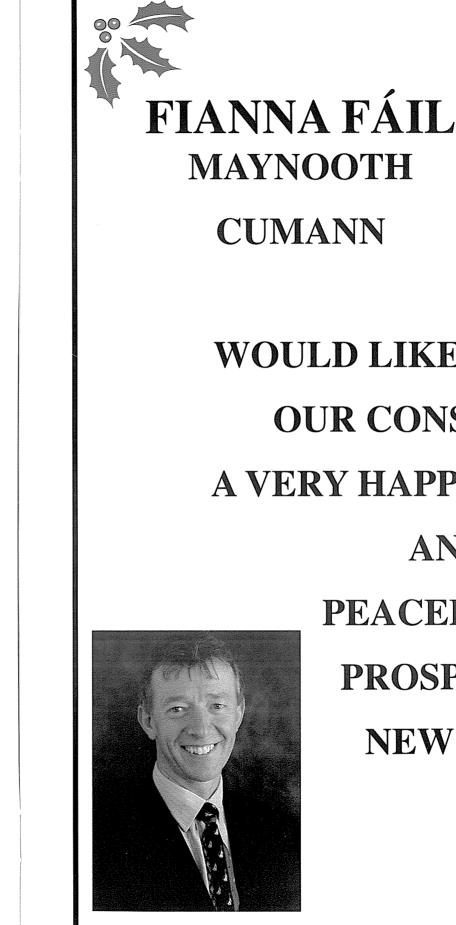
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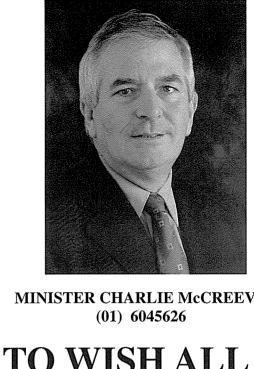
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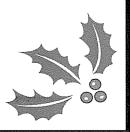
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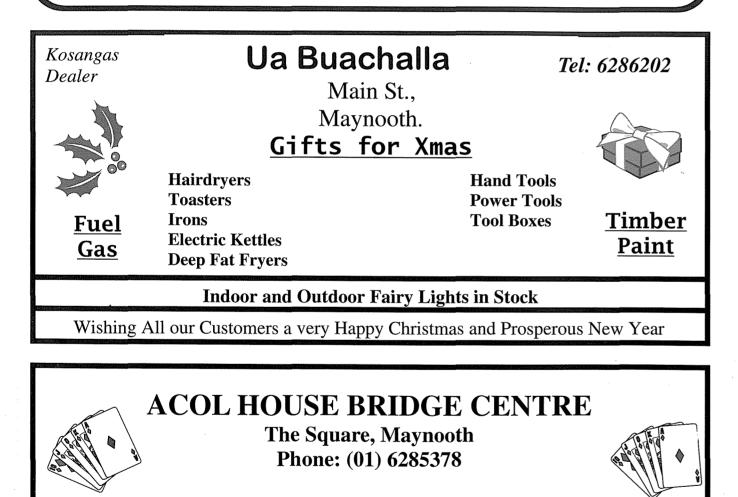
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01/1732	Margaret & John Doyle	12 Parson Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	20/9/01	sought for detached bungalow, detached domestic garage, septic tank, connection to mains water supply & site entrance to all at	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1739	Sean Flaherty	23 Silken Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	21/09/01	sought for 2 storey extension to side comprising T.V. room, breakfast area, 2 bedrooms & ensuite	23 Silken Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1759	M. & N. Dempsey & Patricia Penny	283 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	28/09/01	sought for 2 semi- detached dormer bungalows and 1 detached dormer bungalow and accommodation driveway in the rear garden	283 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1831	R & T Payne	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	11/10/01	sought to erect dwelling house with new entrance including part demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate driveway & relocation of existing entrance	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1835	Miriam & Gerry Ormond	65 Rockfield Lodge Rockfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	11/10/01	sought for conversion of garage to living room	65 Rockfield Lodge Rockfield Maynooth
01/1882	Annette Nolan	87 Shelbourne Village Ringsend Road Dublin 4	Ρ	18/10/01	for change of use from retail unit to cafe on ground floor	Fagans Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1874	Noel & Janice Wilson	23 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	19/10/01	sought to build an extension to the front, side and rear elevation of existing house	23 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1910	Colm & Lorraine Keogh	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	30/10/01	to convert garage to bedroom, side entrance and utility room and construct bedroom to rear at ground floor, together with 2 bedrooms and ensuite bathroom over at first floor level	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare

Maynooth Hillwalking Club

We are now approaching the festive season and the end of the calendar year. We would like to wish all the readers of this column a Very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2002. To those who indulge in the pastime of hillwalkiing whether with the maynooth Club or with other organisations, may we wish you all a safe and enjoyable 2002 and perhaps we may see you with us on our events next year.

A number of our membership had an enjoyable weekend of walking in the Nire Valley in mid-October at a hillwalking festival organised by the Peaks Hillwalking Club from Clonmel. Our easy hike to the Blessington attracted twenty people from several countries. With a foggy start the day turned out very interesting and successful. Towards the end of our hike we witnessed the Department of the marine helicopter conducting a mercy mission to recover a hang-glider who had an accident on the side of Blackhill. Our paths had previously crossed with the hang-gliders routing to their launch area one hour previously. Later on when we were relaxing in Zellers of Lackan, the Mountain Rescue team involved in supporting the rescue mission also called in for refreshments. Our next outing for the month of October was to Glendalough for the Wicklow Autumn Festival. The club was represented on the Friday night hike and the Sunday hike.

Our next Easy hike for November 18th takes us from Hollywood (Co. Wicklow) to Donard, a nice little trek over tracks, bog roads, open mountainside and forest tracks a distance of 13 kms/8 miles with total ascent of 1,000 m. We will have to wait till the next issue to report on this outing.

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

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

For those who are planning to become more active in their new year resolutions, we are planning an Easy hike along the Royal, Milltown Feeder and Barrow canals on Sunday 13th January 2002. This covers a distance of 11 miles on the flat taking in canal towpaths and road. We will depart from the front of the Glenroyal leisure Centre at 9 a.m. as usual. As it is

quite likely to be chilly for this hike we will attempt to complete it at a steady brisk pace.

We are now established in a new hillwalking year which runs from Nov 1st to Oct. 31st. If you are interested in taking up hillwalking and can stick the pace, why not complete one of our easier hikes between now and Christmas.

Club membership details available on request or from our website.

It is just over a month since we changed our name to the Maynooth Hillwalking Club. Our location is easier to identify. In the meantime we have created a web page (address below) and established a new e-mail address. It will take time to build up the web page but we are working on it. At the moment it contains our activities, information on the club and some photos of our exploits. Since we started out web site, we have had a steady flow of visits and a good number of enquiries. WHY not pay us a visit.

we will continue to conduct activities throughout the winter months. As well as the easier hikes we will be conducting more difficult hike which have to be restricted to members of the club and MCI members. We have started a basic Map, Compass and mountain skills course for club members which will continue through to February or March which is covering theory, practical exercises in the classroom and practical training the the mountains. The high point will be a weekend of practical training in the Mourne mountains in February or early March. The possibility of members attending Mountain skills course with an accredited training establishments is being examined skills courses with an accredited training establishments is being examined.

Weather conditions may restrict our activities but will not stop us. We will make the necessary adjustments to our plans. We hope to commence planning for next years activities in January. We plan to have a number of weekend activities next year including the attendance at a number of hillwalking festivals. A number of areas are under consideration. We also plan to attend a number of Hillwalking Festivals during 2002. Perhaps we will visit new areas for a change. Again, it should be noted that walking boots with good ankle support and grip are essential when going off road. Always wear suitable clothing for the outdoors and carry spare warm clothes at all times. Jeans and denims should be avoided at all times. A waterproof jacket, overtrousers, headgear and gloves are essential irrespective of the weather on starting out. This applies throughout the four seasons of the year. There is a three degree temperature drop per thousand foot of climb and a further chill temperature drop with high winds. Please note that itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand with one of the contact numbers below. Please Note: Most of our easy Hiking activities cove at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes as is the case on the 13th January '02 on our canal outing. Anyone attending our outings can expect to

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to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete and activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car.

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

Keep an eve out in future editions for further information.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Christy Kenny Memorial Cup

Our week-end outing to The Heath and Abbevleix Golf Clubs took place on the week-end of 5th and 6th October. Our first day brought us to The Heath Golf Club. Played in strong winds and heavy rain Pa Conway emerged as overnight leader taking a five stroke advantage into the second day's play.

After an early night we set off to Abbeyleix Golf Club. Conditions were much more favourable to us with plenty of sunshine. Pa stretched his lead for the week-end finishing strongly on the back nine. Congrats to pa and all prize winners on the week-end. Our thanks to Joe Conway for sponsorship towards our outina.

Finally we would like to thank Tess Kenny for presenting Christy's cup to our overall winner. Results are as follows.

1st Overall	Pa Conway	70pts
2nd	Liam Farrelly	59pts
3rd	Tom O'Haire	57pts(Back 9)
4th	Sam Feeney	57pts
5th	Terry Moore	56pts
6th	Matt Carroll	51pts
7th	Paddy Foy	48pts
Front 18	Gerry McTernan	29pts
Back 18	Tom Nolan	24pts
Visitors	John Doogan	
Nearest the Pir	n Terry Moore - Matt Car	roll
Par 5	Gerry Kelly	
Par 3	John Saults - Ray McT	ernan

Joe Murray Memorial Cup

Our final outing of the year brought us to The Edenderry Golf Club on Saturday 27th October. Thirty eight players turned out for this ever popular outing. Tom O'Haire secured top spot bringing in a score of 37 pts. Matt Carroll came second with 35pts closely followed by Mick Fahy with 34pts. The Society would like to thank Martin Doyle for sponsorship towards this outing. Finally we would like to thank Marie Murray and family for their continued support of this outing. The following are the results.

1st Overall	Tom O'Haire	37pts
2nd	Matt Carroll	35pts
3rd	Mick Fahy	34pts(Back 9)
4th	Gerry Reilly	34pts(Back 6)
5th	Mick Hegarty	34pts
6th	Norman Kavanagh	33pts(Back 9)
7th	Pa Conway	33pts
8th	John Tiernan	32pts(Back 9)
9th	Don Sullivan	32pts
10th	Sean Moore	31pts





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MAYNOOTH G.A.A.; A SHORT HISTORY

The Early Years:

Maynooth is one of the oldest clubs in the country. Hurling was played in Maynooth in 1875, nine years before the founding of the G.A.A. in 1884. Maynooth 'Crom-a-Bu' won their first Kildare Championship in 1896 and represented Kildare in the Leinster Championship that year. The team captain was Domhnall Ua Buachalla who subsequently took part in the 1916 Easter Rising and afterwards was sent to Knitsford Jail and Frangoch Camp. He was elected to the first Dail in 1918 and he was the last Governor General of Ireland. he died in 1963 at 98 years of age.

The playing of Gaelic Football in the town can be traced back to the same year that hurling started in the town. A number of challenge games within the parish have been recorded before the foundation of the G.A.A. and since the start of official games within the county the club has never failed to affiliate a team. Our club has achieved success in every official competition sponsored by the County Board. The footballers achieved their first success in winning the County Junior Football Championship in 1913, with a replay win over Castledermot. This team went on to win the club's only Senior Football championship in 1914, beating old rivals Kilcock 2-1 to 1-1. When Domhnall Ua Buachalla marched to the GPO in 1916 he took a lot of Maynooth 'Crom-a-Bu' with him, so the club had difficulty in building on this win. Further success was denied to the club until they won the Minor Football Championship in 1927.

Team Colours:

The Club Jersey (black with a white sash) originated from a tragic accident in 1889. A young Maynooth player Thomas Cullen was fatally injured in a game against the 'Blunts' of Monasterevan on 21st May. A monument was erected to his memory over his grave and the club jersey was changed from it's original green, orange and black to commemorate this great Gael.

The Geraldines:

In 1958 Maynooth G.A.A. Club set up a separate club - the Geraldine Schoolboys' Club - to cater for boys aged 10-16 years in Football and 10-18 years in Hurling. The Geraldines won the County Minor Football Championship in 1960, the County Juvenile Hurling Championship in 1963 and the County Minor Hurling Championship in 1965.

Many of the players involved in the 1960 Minor success were on the victorious 1965 Intermediate Football Championship winning team.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.; RECENT SUCCESS

In 1976 the club won the Junior Hurling league and the Junior 'B' Football Championship. The footballers went on to defeat St. Kevins in the Jack Higgins Cup Final, taking this trophy to Maynooth for the first time. The next major success came in the G.A.A. Centenary year, 1984, when the club again won the Junior 'B' Football Championship and the Junior Football League. The early 1990s saw a resurgence of hurling in the club, with both the Minor & Under 16 Hurlers winning their leagues in 1991, 1992 and 1993. The Minors also added the Championship and the Junior Footballers also won the Junior Football league.

In 1994 the Junior Hurlers won the Championship and the Minors won their league. Undoubtedly 1995 was a proud year in the club's long history with the club being named Co. Kildare Club of the Year. Maynooth gained both the June gained both the Junior 'A' and Junior 'B' Football Championships and opened their new clubhouse.

The ladies Footballers came to the fore in 1996 in winning the County Championship and the All-Ireland 'seven-a-side' competition.

1997 was also a very successful year for the club. In this year Maynooth won their first U21 Football Championship when they defeated St. Laurences in the Final after a replay. the clubs hurlers also won the U16 and Minor Championship and League.

1999 was undoubtedly the most successful year in the clubs history. The club's Camogie team brought the first silverware back to the town with their unique Junior League and Championship double. The Intermediate Hurling and Football teams won their respective championships. The Intermediate 'B' Football team achieved their League and Championship double. The undoubted highlight of 1999 was the 'Crom Abu' being named again as Co. Kildare Club of the Year.

(Maynooth G.A.A. contd.)

The year 2000 saw somewhat of a lull in the club's fortunes with the Senior Football team being relegated from their new found status and success on the fields being confined to underage teams.

This past year, 2001, saw the club's Senior Hurling team reach the semi final of the championship for the first time in over fifty years! In fact we beat the eventual winners, Naas in the league section. The U14 and the U16 hurlers won their leagues. The Senior Football team were beaten in the semi final of the Intermediate championship, and reached the knock out stage of the league. The Minor Footballers brought some silverware back to the town when they won the Division 2 league.

We look forward in anticipation to further success on the playing fields of Kildare in the future.

Club Facilities:

The Club now boasts a fine clubhouse with purposebuilt changing rooms, office, a committee meeting room, a large function area with full bar/lounge facilities. These were all added during the chairmanship of Mick Gillick over his ten vears in that position, and are a testament to both his dedication and the foresight of those who went before him.

With a fine playing pitch, a training pitch and recently built indoor handball court at St. Mary's Park on the Moyglare Road the club seems well equipped to deal with the challenges of the new Millennium.

The priority for the club in the coming years is the acquisition of additional pitches to cater for up to twenty five teams in football, hurling, camogie and ladies football.

The Club is anxious to play its role in integrating newly arrived residents to Maynooth and welcomes new members of all ages

Johnny Nevin P.R.O.

Maynooth Golf Society (contd.)

Front 9	Willie Moore	18pts	
Back 9	Paddy Foy	18pts	
Visitors 1st	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	44pts	
Visitors 2nd	Martin Doyle	39pts	
Visitors 3rd	Derek Murray	33pts	
Nearest the Pin	Martin Doyle		
Two's Club	Martin Doyle - Emmet Savage		

A Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all our members and supporters.



Pa Conway (overall winner) with Tess Kenny and family members



Marie Murray presenting Joe Murray Memorial Cup to Tom O'Haire (overall winner)



Mick Flynn, Tom O'Haire, Tom Nolan, John Tiernan (Vice-President) at presentation of prizes on Vice-President's Day



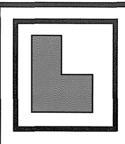
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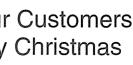
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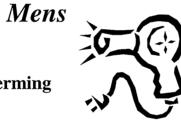


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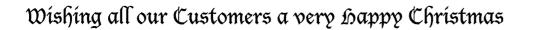
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MAYNOOTH CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED

The new Citizens Information Centre, at the Dublin Road, Maynooth, was opened on the 5th November 2001 at 2.00 p. m., by Mr. Dermot Aherne T.D., Minister for Social Community & Family Affairs. Afterwards the Minister officially launched The North Kildare Citizens Information Service in the Glenroval Hotel. The Citizens Information Centre provides an important service by delivering an extensive range of information including citizens' rights and entitlements, in an independent and impartial manner. The service is free and confidential.

The Citizens Information Centre in Maynooth was registered and approved in May 1986 by the National Social Services Board (now Comhairle). The Citizens Information Service is funded by Comhairle and supported by its very comprehensive training programme and information database. This is updated daily to provide accurate information by trained personnel.

Until recently, the centre was supported by a FÁS Community Employment Project. The centre is now staffed by a Development Manager, two Information Officers, one full-time and one temporary and 15 volunteers. The Centre in Maynooth is open Monday - Friday, 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. The Centre provides an outreach service in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth College. Currently there are plans to develop an outreach service in the Kilcock area.

The North Kildare Citizens Information Service is committed to the provision of a professional, client-orientated and accessible service. The new office in Maynooth coupled with the outreach offices will help to better serve the expanding population of North Kildare. Over the past six months, the profile of queries from clients using the service reveals the following:

- 40% of all enquiries were social welfare entitlement queries with particular reference to maintaining entitlements and secondary benefits when returning to work.
- 15% related to family matters particularly in relation to marriage breakdown and separation
- a consistent high proportion of queries

- 10% other

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



Murray Piggot, Mr. Dermot Ahern T.D., & Breda Gormley



Breda Gormley & Mr. Dermot Ahern T.D.

15% of gueries were issues for lone parents e.g. access to accommodation, education, work have remained

10% were students gueries, in relation to accommodation, grants and local social information

10% reflected a growing trend in the number of gueries, from our immigrant and refugee population.



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Why Should I make a choice for a sustainable lifestyle?

Current human activity, through its wasteful and inefficient use of natural resources, has the potential, if left unchecked, to inflict permanent damage to the capacity of the planet to support future societies and plant and animal life.

Problems have begun to emerge on a global scale, e. g.

- Global Warming or Climate change
- Depletion of the Ozone Layer
- Decline of the tropical forests
- Species loss
- Unequal distribution of wealth both between countries and between different social groups within countries.

While these problems are global in scale, action must be taken at all levels, i.e. world wide; at continental, national, regional and local levels and by individuals.

We must think globally and act locally.

Development must not deplete the natural resource base - this is particularly important for Ireland.

The link between economic growth and increased environmental pressure must be broken.

Sustainable environmental and equity considerations must be taken into account in every policy and action and not just the more immediate environmental aspects.

The national and international framework to facilitate the change has been put in place and is continuously being updated and refined to reflect emerging needs.

Individuals must now take action. We cannot continue as we are doing now.

Fundamental changes in our lifestyles are therefore required.

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

There are options and choices that have to be made. Our lifestyles will create the heritage of generations to

Our lifestyles will create the heritage of generations to come.

Everyday activity counts.

What is "Sustainable Development"?

The term "Sustainable Development" reflects the interdependence of environment and development in the pursuit of a better quality of life for everyone. Sustainability requires the present generation to leave the environment in as good, or better, condition that it found it. Development recognises that human living, material well-being and economic activity must

continue and grow. While these activities unavoidably have some impact on the environment, sustainable development policies seek to manage and control them as to respect the environment and use natural resources in a sustainable way.

The term "sustainable development" has been in use since the early 1970s. It has survived because both developers and environmentalists now realise that there is much common ground between them. Their concerns are not mutually exclusive.

Perhaps the best and most understandable definition of sustainable development is that provided by the World Commission on Environment and Development in its Report - "Our Common Future" in 1987, more commonly know as the Brundtland Report.

"Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

This definition recognises that economic activity is necessary to meet present economic and social needs while demanding that we refrain from squandering today the scarce and precious resources that will be needed by our children and grandchildren.

Other definitions have been proposed, e.g.

"improving the quality of human life while living within the carrying capacity of the Earth's supporting eco-systems"

based on the idea that

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

in "Caring for the Earth; a Strategy for Sustainable Living", a report published by the World Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN); the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); and the World Wildlife Fund (WWW) IN 1991.

A Question of Balance

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

How we produce and how we consume resources at present places a heavy burden on our environment and effects the distribution of wealth. The difficult, but not impossible, task facing us, in partnership with all concerned, is to find more environmentally friendly and equitable methods of meeting economic and social demands.

Sustainable development seeks a balance between social and economic development and environmental protection, so that human activity does not undermine the long-term productivity of supporting ecosystems.

A Question of Integration

Integration of environmental considerations into other policies is widely acknowledged to be a key means of



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

Change of Lifestyles is an Evolutionary Partnership

The pursuit of sustainable development is not the sole responsibility of Government or any particular organisation or individual. The solution must be a partnership arrangement. It is also international experience that the process of change is an evolutionary process rather than revolutionary process.

Ireland's Ecological Footprint

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

In preliminary calculations by the UCD Environmental Institute, based on a standard methodology, the average size of Irelands ecological footprint is 2.38 hectares per person, or a total of 86,325 Km² - some 1.23 times the size of the State (70,394 Km²).

Features such as low population density and a high percentage of productive agricultural land have allowed Ireland to retain a relatively small footprint for a developed country. However, as this preliminary footprint measurement includes only four categories of domestic consumption (i.e. fossil fuels, built up land, food and forestry), the results may be regarded as presenting a conservative illustration. Given that substantial socio-economic development needs remain, ecological footprinting provides a means of demonstrating the importance of sustainable development considerations in relation to lifestyle and consumption patterns.

WHAT CAN I DO?

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







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Dorin's Recipes

Glazed Ham

You will need:

1 piece ham (boned and rolled) weighing 10 lb

For flavouring:

- 1 large onion, peeled and halved
- 4-6 cloves
- 2 carrots, washed and scraped
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 peppercorns
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 wine glass cider vinegar

To decorate ham

Cloves to insert in fat of ham

Honey and Mustard Glaze

You will need:

5-6 tablespoons honey 3-4 tablespoons mild ready made mustard Mix together and use as directed

To cook ham:

Check weight of ham to calculate cooking time. Cover the ham with cold water and steep overnight then rinse well. Place the ham, skin side down in a large saucepan and cover completely with cold water. Bring slowly to boil then add all the flavouring ingredients. Bring slowly to the boil then reduce to simmering point. Cover and simmer gently until the ham is cooked allowing approximately 20 minutes per lb. Top up with boiling water, if necessary. Turn off heat and remove ham after 15 minutes.

To finish ham

Strip the rind carefully using a sharp knife. (the rind or skin should peel off easily when the ham is fully cooked). Score the fat in a criss cross design and stud with cloves. Place the ham in a roasting tin lined with foil. Spread or pour the glaze over the decorated fat of the ham and bake in a pre-heated oven, Gas Mark 6 / Elc. 400f / 200c, for 15 minutes until the surface is nicely glazed and golden. Relax the ham before carving and carve against the grain. This ham is also delicious served cold.

Brussels Sprouts with Chestnuts

Method:Peel 1 lb chestnuts, put in cold salted water with 1 bay leaf, bring to the boil and cook for about 3/4 hour. Meanwhile, prepare and cook 2 lb fresh or frozen sprouts. In a pan melt 3 oz butter, add chestnuts and sprouts, well drained, cook slowly until sprouts and chestnuts are heated through, season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Transfer to a warm dish, sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve immediately.

Serve also any veg of your choice. Also roast potatoes and potato croquettes.

Trifle

You will need:

Strawberry jam

13 cherries

2 eggs

For the custard:

1 oz caster sugar

For the topping:

1/2 pint double cream

1/2 oz almonds, split

then spread it over trifle.

coffee and brandy, mix well.

Coffee Punch

1/2 pint milk

Method:

6 small sponge cakes

flavoured biscuits with almonds)

5 tablespoons sherry and fruit juice

1 tablespoon juice from cherry bottle

Split the sponge cakes in half and sandwich them

serving dish and sprinkle the Ratafia biscuits in

together with the jam. Arrange in the base of a 2 pint

between. Sprinkle the sherry, chopped cherries and

juice over sponge cakes. Blend together egg yolks

and sugar in a bowl. Warm the milk then pour it on to

egg mixture. Stir well, return the custard to pan and

cook over a low heat. Do not allow it to simmer or it

will curdle. When it is thick enough to coat back of a

wooden spoon remove from heat. Strain custard over

sponge cakes and leave to set. Just before serving

whip cream with egg whites until it forms soft peaks,

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few grain sugar, 1 small sliver orange peel, hot black

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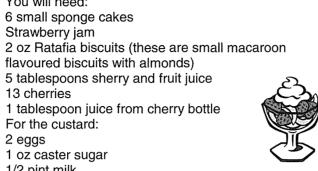
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Dorin's Recipes

Prawn Cocktail

You will need:



- 1 1/2 lb small fresh or frozen prawns 1/2 pint mayonnaise 2 or 3 tablespoons ketchup 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 2 teaspoons brandy Sea salt
- Paprika 2 or 3 tablespoons double cream 1 lettuce heart
- To serve: lemon wedges

Method:

Wash the prawns, cook them in boiling salted water for 5 minutes, drain, shell and devein them. Mix the mayonnaise together with the ketchup. Worcestershire sauce, brandy, salt, paprika and double cream. Put the lettuce leaves, sliced lengthwise, in the bottom of 4 goblets or serving glasses, add the prawns, putting 24 aside to use as decoration. Pour the mixture over the prawns, and garnish each goblet with prawns set around the rim of the goblet and one whole lettuce leaf on one side. the goblets can be served as they are or set in crushed ice on a serving dish.

Smoked Salmon



Put the smoked salmon on a serving dish,

garnish with black olives (if liked) parsley or lettuce leaves. Serve it with toasted white bread slices covered with a napkin (to keep them warm), butter curls and lemon halves on separate dishes. Add a pepper mill so that everyone can grind their own pepper at the last moment.

Roast Turkey



12 lb oven ready turkey Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 5 oz margarine, softened 6-8 tablespoons of oil, for roasting

To flavour body cavity:

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 sprig thyme and parsley 1 oz margarine

Oven Temperature:

Pre-heat to Gas Mark 7 / Elec. 425f / 220c for first half hour. Reduce to Gas Mark 4 / Elec. 350f / 180c for remaining time. Shelf: Second from the bottom. Approx. Cooking Time 4-4 1/2 Hours.



Celery, herb and Nut Stuffing (sufficient to stuff the breast of 10-12 lb turkey)

You will need: 4 oz margarine 1 onion, finely chopped 2-3 sticks celery, finely chopped 1 level teaspoon dried mixed herbs 8 oz fresh white breadcrumbs Grated rind of 1 lemon 3 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 4 oz mixed chopped nuts

Method:

Melt stork in a saucepan, then add onions and celery and cook over low heat for 5-10 minutes until they soften. Do not allow to brown. Stir frequently with wooden spoon. Add remaining ingredients, mixing well. Leave to cool then use as directed

Method:

Make stuffing as directed then cover and leave in fridge. Remove giblets and keep to make stock (if liked). Remove any loose fat, then check inside body cavity to make sure it is well cleaned. Wash turkey inside and outside under running cold water. Drain and dry with kitchen paper. Discard paper after use.

Season body cavity with salt and pepper, then place herbs and 1 oz margarine in body cavity to add flavour. Free the skin gently from the breast by working your hand down under the skin, from the neck end. Fill the breast cavity with the stuffing immediately prior to cooking. Do not pack stuffing too tightly.

Truss, tie or skewer the turkey (not too tightly) to close the neck and to hold the legs and wings in place. Weigh the turkey and calculate the cooking time, allow 20 minutes per 1 lb and 20 minutes over. Spread the breast and leas of the turkey with the softened margarine and season all over with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Heat the in a large roasting tin in the pre-heated oven. Place the prepared turkey breast side up, in the tin and baste with the hot oil. at the higher temperature for first half hour, then reduce heat for remaining cooking time. Cover with foil at this stage. Baste frequently during cooking, turning the tin around in the oven to ensure even cooking. Half an hour before end of cooking time, test by piercing the thickest part of the leg, juices should run clear and golden. The legs should wiggle in their sockets and there should be brown turkey juice in the pan. If not cooked it is most important to continue cooking until you are satisfied the turkey is fully cooked. Remove the foil for the last half hour to crisp the skin. When done, place turkey on heated dish and remove trussings. Leave the turkey for at least 20-30 minutes to relax and firm up as this will make carving easier. Meanwhile make gravy and bread sauce, as required. If using a frozen turkey it is important to allow plenty time for thawing. Serves 14-16.

Early Irish Society (cont'd from last issue)

There is little mention of virginity in the laws but it must have been important, as paternity was such an issue. However as woman married more than once, it is obvious that it was not as cherished as in other countries. Dreadful penalties in other countries for women found not to be virgins. One text implies that the first or chief wife was expected to be a virgin. The wisdon text arranged in triads says 'the three drops of a *cétmuinter* (chief wife), a drop of blood, a drop of sweat, a tear-drop'. Another says 'What is the best sort of wife? Not hard: a good woman whom a man has never known before you'.

The partners are expected to be of the same class in the formal unions. The strong farmer is expected to marry a strong farmer's daughter and so on. If not, the lower family bears the heavier burden of payment, if the farmer's son marries the lord's daughter, the farmer's family supplies two thirds of the cattle. If the lord's son marries the farmer's daughter, her family supplies two thirds of the cattle.

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Murder of the month – November Mary Read – female pirate

This is not a murder story in the strict sense of the word but the saga of Mary Read is quite, quite extraordinary. She was born in the 1690s to a mother whose husband had been away at sea for more than a year. The mother had a son already but the birth of another child, obviously conceived out of wedlock was going to create an enormous problem. When she discovered that she was pregnant she left London and went to the country. In due time Mary was born but shortly afterwards the little boy died. Now the mother had only one child but she was the wrong gender of course.

After some time news came to Mary's mother heard that her husband had been lost at sea. This relieved her of one problem but her mother-in-law wanted to see her little grandson! She had no idea of the events that had taken place. For a period of four years Mary's mother managed to survive in the country but eventually it became difficult to find a job and she decided to return to her mother-in-law in London because she had a small business and could support the two of them. But there was the small problem of Mary's gender! Therefore, her mother decided to pass her off as the dead little boy and dress her as a boy. At that age it was easy to deceive everyone involved. But this set Mary Read's behaviour for the remainder of her life. Some life it turned out to be.

Mary was quite happy with the change in life and as she got older she realised that being a boy in a man's world was better than being a girl. She became a footboy but running messages was not to her liking so she ran away to sea. She didn't like this either and eventually joined an infantry regiment and ended up in Flanders and fought in England's campaign against France at the time. She found it very difficult to achieve a commission and transferred to the cavalry but again she was denied promotion. Up until this there was no complication with her hidden gender. Then she made the mistake of falling in love with a Flemish soldier and tried to impress him by risking her life constantly. Her companions thought that she was crazy, as did he. Eventually she told the secret that she had kept to herself for so long. He was intrigued by this twist of events and returned her interest. But Mary insisted on conventional marriage and at the end of the campaign she declared herself as a woman, much to the surprise of her companions. and they married publicly. Both of them left the army and took a public house near the Dutch town of Breda. Their best customers were their ex-comrades. But Mary was not destined to live in happiness. Her husband died not long after the wedding, peace was declared and she lost her customers. Mary decided to move on and, dressing again as a man, she returned to the army. The same problem of promotion arose and eventually she left for the West Indies. But pirates attacked the ship and she joined them.

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Murder of the Month (cont'd from last issue)

Later she maintained that she had been coerced but this seems doubtful. After some time she availed of the king's pardon but shortly afterwards she took up piracy again. The governor of Providence Island fitted some private ships to attack Spanish ships and Mary joined them. The sailors mutinied and took over the ship and Mary joined them in piracy again. She eventually joined the crew of Captain John Rackham, a famous pirate also known as 'Calico Jack'.

John Rackham's mistress was a woman called Ann Bonny and she took a fancy to the cross-dressing

Mary! Rackham saw her as a rival and threatened to cut her throat. Mary had no option but to tell both of them the truth and she was allowed to stay on board. Eventually Mary fell in love again – with a prisoner taken from one of the ships that they had plundered. She was prepared to fight to the death for him but fortunately was not required to do so. But her captain was to disappoint her and let his ship down. The governor of Providence Island realised that Rackham's ship was anchored off his shores and he sent a ship to capture it. Rackham himself and many of his men hid below leaving the two women fighting off the captors. Their efforts were in vain and they were taken to Port Royal. Most of the pirates were sentenced to death on November 28th 1720.

B oth Mary and Ann Bonny claimed pregnancy and Mary's execution was postponed until after the birth of the child. But she died in prison from a fever before the decision on her future could be decided.

Placename

M odern day Dublin comes from *Dub Linn* (Blackpool). There is also the name used in Irish – *Baile Átha Cliath* which means the town (*baile*) of the ford (*áth*) of the hurdles (*cliath*). This is the most famous instance of the name that appears in other places in Ireland also.

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Old Songs

As we had two "country" songs in previous issues of the Newsletter, I'm told it's only fair that we include the odd "Dub" song in the repertoire. Here's one that never fails to get everybody going - especially if you're half gone already!

Dicey Reilly

Chorus

Ah! poor old Dicey Reilly she has taken to the sup Poor old Dicey Reilly she will never give it up For its off each morning to the hock And she nips in for another little drop Ah! the heart o' the rule is Dicey Reilly.

She walks along Fitzgibbon Street with an independent air And then it's down to Summerhill, at her the people

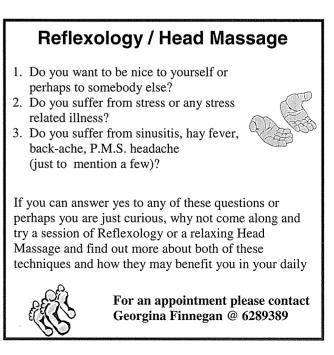
stare She says it's nearly half past one so I'll nip in for another little one

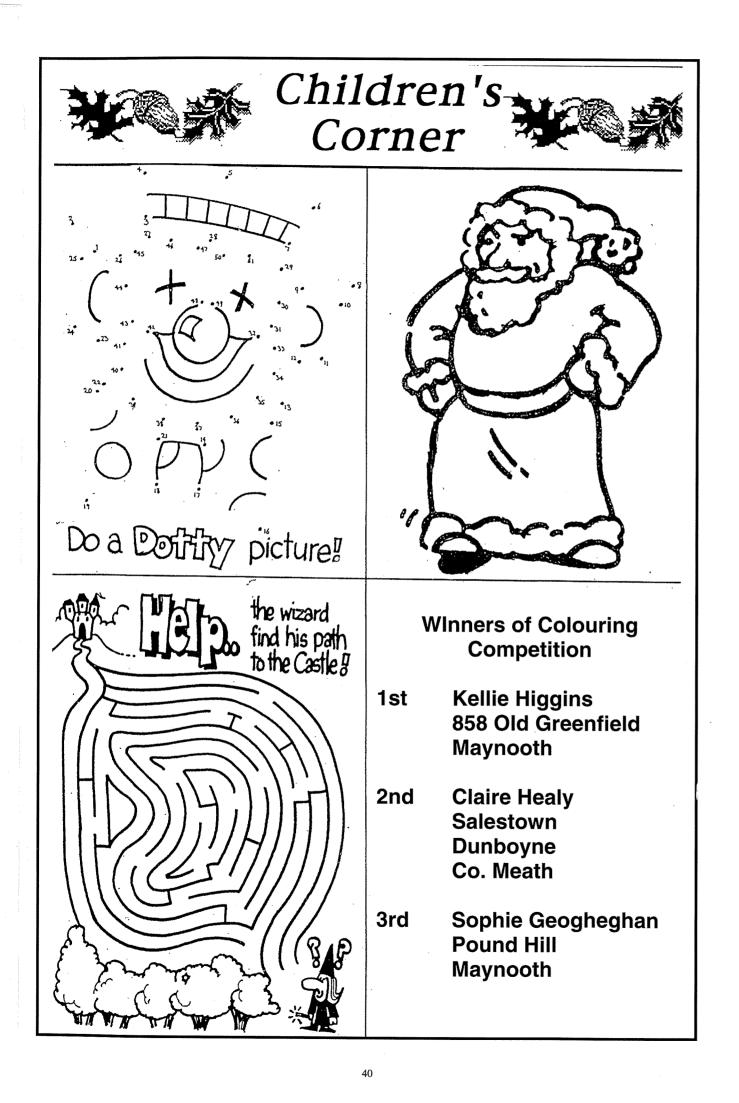
Ah! the heart o' the rule is Dicey Really.

Chorus

She owns a little sweetshop at the corner of the street And every evening after school I go to wash her feet She leaves me there to mind the shop While she nips in for another little drop Ah! the heart o' the rule is Dicey Really.

Chorus







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NORTH KILDARE GROUP TO SUBMIT PAPER TO NATIONAL FORUM ON EUROPE

On June 7th the electorate of Ireland and this constituency gave a clear verdict against the Nice Treaty. In the aftermath of the people's verdict our group, which worked for a NO vote in north Kildare, called upon the Government to:

•Accept and respect the decision of the electorate.

- •Inform our EU partners of the Irish people's refusal to ratify Nice, that the Treaty is dead and that the process must now cease.
- •Reject any attempt by EU bosses to attach Declarations and Statements to Nice with a view to presenting a 'Nice 2' with new spins for another referendum within 18 months.
- •Begin a thorough-going process of national and local dialogue with the Irish people, including the various No to Nice campaign groups, to formulate a consensus on Ireland's relations with the EU.
- •Press for the speedy accession of the applicant countries into the EU (subject to their peoples' wishes), as provided under the existing Treaty of Amsterdam.

Regretfully, the Government's response has been one of gross irresponsibility.

Following the people's decision to reject the Nice Treaty the Government did not say to its EU partners, as it should have, that Ireland did not intend to ratify the treaty and that therefore theyshould not proceed with their national treaty ratification processes. Instead the Taoiseach and Foreign Minister told them that they should continue with that process as if nothing had happened, and that they would put the Nice Treaty to referendum a second time in Ireland, with a view to reversing the democratic decision of Irish voters. This second Nice referendum will be on exactly the same Nice Treaty as the first. It will probably take place in October or November 2002, by which time the other 14 EU Member States will have ratified the treaty. This process will be used to put pressure on Irish voters in an attempt to induce them to reverse their No vote of last June. It is of course by no means certain that this ploy will succeed. A general election must be held in the Irish Republic before next summer, so that a new government will be in office in late 2002. The Republic will have joined the eurozone by then, and it is unclear whether the abolition of our national currency will make voters more or less europhile in the meantime. Moreover, key issues in Ireland's second Nice referendum will be respect for the Irish Constitution and the integrity of the constitutional referendum process and for the right of the Irish people to say No to an EU Treaty. The actual details of the Nice Treaty itself (on which the Irish people have already voted)

will be viewed as 'old hat'. The Government's

behaviour of encouraging its fellow EU Members to press ahead with their Nice Treaty ratification processes when there is no guarantee that Irish voters will permit Nice's ratification in a second referendum (in which case the Treaty must fall, as EU law requires each country to ratify), must be regardedas reckless. We do welcome the Forum on Europe, althhough the Government would undoubtedly like this Forum to help it in its plans to subvert the Irish people democratic decision on the Nice referendum. The Forum's Chairman, Secretariat and Steering seem genuinely to want to encourage a proper national debate on the future of Europe and Ireland relation to it

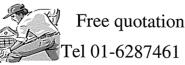
It also provides a valuable opportunity for those who wish to uphold the people's verdict to put their point of view to the other representatives and to the wider public. The National Forum on Europe web-site, on line shortly, is <www.ForumonEurope.ie>; Its e-mail address is <info@forumoneurope.ie>; Its Chairman is Dr Maurice Hayes and its Secretary-General is Mr Walter Kirwan. The address of The National Forum on Europe is State Apartments, Dublin Clastle, Dublin 2; Tel: Dublin 6705900/6705831; Fax Dublin 6705877 We are currently compiling our submission and hope to publish it in the near future. We would welcome contributions from the public either to the below or direct to the Forum.

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Maynooths Drama Group are back in action after the summer break and rehearsals are well underway for their 2002 pantomime,"Robin Hood". 2001 saw the group have a very successful run with the pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Factory Girls" by Frank McGuinness. The pantomime this year will take place in the Aula Maxima in St Patrick's College on Saturday January 20th and January 27th at 3pm and 7.30pm and Sunday January 21st and 28th at 3pm.

Those of you caught last year's pantomime will have a good idea of what to expect this year. There are plenty of larger than life characters and all sorts of intrigues and confusion. I mean isn't it just a little confusing that Maid Marion (Triona Cahill) has a mad maid who is call Marion? Is it concievable that the urban revolutionary, Will Scarlett (Noel Wade), would have a cousin who is also a revolutionary called Scarlet Williams(Aisling Byrne)? Is Little John (Trevor Best) really the man of steel the legend speak of? And how on earth in the middle of Sherwood Forrest did he marry a woman called Lily White(Ann Kelly)? Could there ever have been a Sherrif guite as wicked as the Sherrif of Nottingham (John Bean)? And where did he find a side-kick quite as slimy as his assistant Globuke (Mark Watson)? Who is the singing stranger in the religious garb(Mary Higgins)? Why is there a witch (Bridget Keon) in the story of Robin Hood? Is Robin (Darren Crawley) capable of leading a band of Merry Men or could he do with a management retaining course?

Would you have confidence in a band of Merry Men who have members called Much(Niamh Higgins) and Not Much(Aoife Dunning)? What on earth happened to Goliath the Giant(Sean Sinclaire)? And what is that pesky creature(Martina Murphy) that keeps popping up all the time To find the answers to all these and other riveting questions you will just have to come along to the show to find out! Martin Higgins has excelled himself in the script writing yet again and it is easy to see why the Gaiety Theatre holds on to him each year for their own pantomime. Grace McGrath is doing a wonderful job bringing out the hidden dance talents of so many of the cast - some still can"t believe that they can really trip the light fantastic! Colin Sloan, our musical director from last year, has returned to us by popular demand and has us singing our hearts out

Tickets will go on sale in early January so keep a eye out for posters with all the details and, Whatever you do, don't miss the show - its great entertainment for young and old and it gives local people an opportunity to put their talents on display. Please come along and support us and we'll send you away with a smile on your face

Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Friends and members of the clubs had a verv enjoyable evening on Tuesday 16th October in the Glenroval Hotel when we hosted our Christmas Gala. Clive Moorhead was the demonstrator for the evening. He came over from Devon and he was going on to Cork to demonstrate there Friday. Clive is also a teacher and a judge. He show his many talents as he created his displays with a Christmas theme. The evening was huge success and the 200 plus audience had a relaxing and idea filled evening. After refreshments, which were much commented on as being a really lovely selection of eats, we had the raffle. Moira Baxter the Chairperson was very happy with the evening and the club will be forwarding a cheque to our designated charity, the Arthritis Foundation.

Clive Moorhead also gave a Day School or as he preferred to call it, Workshop, in St Mary's, Maynooth College the next day,the 17th . The theme for this was "New Trends". It gave great scope for the group of ladies enrolled for the day to stretch the boundaries of their floral artistry skill. Of course fun was a requirement of the day also. We came away with strange and wonderful creations and lots of ideas for our next club night. By the time you read these notes we will have had our November club night with Lorcan Bourke from Absolutely Fabulous Flowers in Celbridge.

Next club night: Tuesday 11th December in Loftus Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth At 8.00pm Demonstrator: Carol Bone

Competition: **A Christmas Wall Hanging** Space: Not to exceed 75cm in length Artificial Material allowed Plant Competition: 1 Stem of Coloured Bark

All meetings are held at 8.00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth (except where otherwise stated). Visitors Welcome

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I was recently awarded a reduced Old Age (Contributory) Pension as I only have a yearly average of 17 social insurance contributions. I was also awarded a reduced Qualified Adult Allowance (QAA) even though my wife has no income. My neighbour continues to get a full QAA even though he is also received a reduced pension. Why am I treated differently?

Answer

Since 6th April, 2001 new claimants with 19 or less yearly average contributions will only receive a reduced payment for their spouse. Those who were awarded their reduced pension before then will continue to receive the full QAA as long as their spouse is under 66 years of age.

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

Yearly Average Contributions	Claimant	Qualified Adult Allowance (Under 66)	Qualified Adult Allowance (Over 66)
48 or over	£106.00 (∈ 134.59)	£68.20 (∈ 86.60)	£79.60 (∈ 101.07)
20 - 47	£103.90 (∈ 131.93)	£68.20 (∈ 86.60)	£79.60 (∈ 101.07)
15 - 19	£79.50 (∈ 100.94)	£68.20 (∈ 86.60)	£72.60 (∈ 92.19)
10 - 14 Self Employed & Pre 53 Pensions	£53.00 (∈ 67.30)	£68.20 (∈ 86.60)	£72.60 (∈ 92.18)

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15 - 19	£79.50 (∈ 100.94)	£51.20 (∈ 65.01)	£59.70 (∈ 75.80))
10 - 14 Self Employed & Pre 53 Pensions	£53.00 (∈ 67.30)	£34.10 (∈ 43.30)	£39.80 (∈ 50.54)

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 01 6285477



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Question

My local shop is displaying its prices in both pounds (IR£) and euro (\in). Sometimes the price shown in euro is wrong. What Should I do?

Answer

If you feel a price displayed in your shop has not been converted to euro correctly you should first of all bring it to the attention of the shopkeeper.

A National Code on Euro Changeover was launched last December. Suppliers of goods and services to the public who subscribe to the code or to similar codes of practice, drawn up by business organisations and approved by the Director of Consumer Affairs, commit to carrying out the changeover to the euro fairly using the six digit conversion rate (1 - IR £0.787564).

To convert a pound amount to euro you divide it by the conversion rate and round the result to two decimal places i.e. to cent. Where the third figure after the decimal point is 4 or lower, the second figure after the decimal point remains unchanged (e.g. 3.174 rounds down to 3.17). Where the third figure is 5 or higher. the second figure after the decimal point is rounded up (e.g. 6.328 rounds up to 6.33).

Subscribers to the Code or similar approved code are entitled to display a logo devised by the Directors of Consumer Affairs which indicates they are committed to carrying out the changeover fairly. If your local shop displays the logo and continues to display inaccurate euro prices after you have brought them to their attention, you should contact the Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs. If the shop fails to take whatever remedial action it is directed to do, the Director can withdraw the shop's entitlement to display the logo and may also publicise the decision to do so. If your local shop does not display the logo and continues to display inaccurate euro prices, you should take your business to a shop that does display the logo.

Further information is available from the Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs, 4/5 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 402 5555 (Lo-Call 1890 220229) from outside the 01 area) and from the Citizens Information Centre. Tel: 01 6285477.

Question

I believe it is possible to get employment under the Social Economy Programme. Could you please give details on the type of work available and who is eligible?

Answer

The Social Economy Programme, which is operated by FAS, was launched in September 200. It aims to

support the development of social economy enterprises that benefit the economic and social regeneration of communities. Funding for the development of business plans, employee grants and other costs is available to enterprises that deliver services into disadvantaged communities and create job opportunities for long-term unemployed people.

The enterprises are in wide variety of services including community childcare, community waste services, community media, estate management, transport for the disabled, care for the elderly, traveller persons services, environment and landscaping services.

The Social Economy Programme provides support for up to three years for the employment of the long-term unemployed, people with disabilities, members of the traveller community and other disadvantaged persons. The eligibility criteria for grant supported employees is broadly the same as the eligibility criteria for the Community Employment Part-time Job Option.

Time spent on Community Employment, Job Initiative, a recognised training course or time spent in prison can count as part of the eligibility period. Ex-offenders need not be signing on the Live Register at time of recruitment.

Casual workdays of up to 90 days, in the previous three years are allowed.

The work may be full or part-time and grant supported employees may be eligible for Family Income Supplement.

Further information is available from your FÁS office and the Citizens Information Centre. Tel: 01 6285477.

Question

My employer has told us that a number of employees may be redundant. Can you please let me know what I am entitled to?

Answer

What you may be entitled to under legislation depends on how long you have worked for your employer, your age and your normal weekly earnings. However, you may negotiate a redundancy payment that exceeds the minimum entitlement under the statutory redundancy scheme.

Redundancy arises where an employee's job ceases to exist and he/she is not replaced for such reasons as the financial position of the firm, because of reorganisation or lack of work or the firm closes down. Employees with two years service should receive at least two weeks notice of redundancy, rising to eight weeks for those with at least 15 years service.

The Redundancy Payments Act, 1967 - 1991 oblige employers to pay redundant employees their "statutory redundancy entitlement". To be eligible you must be between the ages of 16 and 66, in continuous employment for at least two years with your employer, paying Class A social insurance contributions and normally working at least 8 hours per week.

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The lump-sum redundancy payment is calculated as follows subject to a maximum week's pay of £400 per week:

- A half week's pay for each year of reckonable employment between the ages of 16 and 41 vears.
- A week's pay for each year of reckonable employment over the age of 41 years.
- Plus an additional week's pay.

In calculating reckonable employment ordinary sick leave over and above 26 weeks, occupational injury over and above 52 weeks, maternity leave over and above 18 weeks and career breaks over 13 weeks in a 52 week period are excluded.

There is no tax payable on the statutory redundancy lump sum.

Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65A Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: 631 3131 (Lo-Call 1890 201615) from outside the 01 area) and the Citizens Information Centre. Tel: 01 6285477.

Library and Arts Development Plan 2002 - 2006

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Kildare Libraries and Arts Services proposes to publish a Five-Year Development Plan (2002 - 2006) in 2002.

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Submissions/proposal should be made to the undersigned by Friday 14 December 2001.

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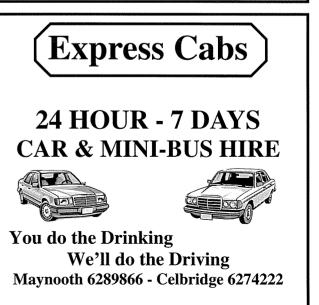
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MAYNOOTH TOWN AFC

Maynooth Town (2) 3 Ballybrack Boys (2) 5 DDSL Under 9A1

Maynooth Town's under 9A1 squad are sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Maynooth

This match in the Harbour Field was a fine example of fast, open attacking football between two fine sides. As a top of the table encounter, it provided great entertainment for the large crowd. Maynooth raced to the initiative go grab early dominance with two fine goals from Shane Hawthorne and Conor Glynn. Rather than driving home the advantage, however Maynooth eased off somewhat. This allowed the visitors greater scope for attack and take over control of the game. Ballybrack was now playing the better football and they deservedly tied the match 2-2 by half time.

The visitors then took the lead early in the second half. Things now looked ominous for the home side as too may of its players failed to perform on the day. Neither their tackling nor passing was crisp enough on the day. Conor Glynn however did supply a flicker of hope as he tied the match at 3-3 mid way through second half. His fine determination got him on the end of a fine in swinging corner from Andy Forte to force the ball home. This was but a momentary lapse by the visitors however. Ballybrack again resumed control as the Maynooth challenge faded. Maynooth totally lost their shape and made it easy for the visitors to score two more goals and run out 5-3 victors. Taking nothing away from a good Ballybrack side who fully deserved to win, Maynooth must ask themselves why they did not compete fully and make the opposition work harder for their victory.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Maynooth Town (1) 2 Hillview Utd (0) 0 DDSL Under 9A1 Maynooth Town's under 9A1 squad are sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Maynooth

Two fine sides provided the large crowd to wonderful entertainment in the Harbour Field this morning. The Hillview attack and midfield proved hard to break down a determined Maynooth side. Cian Egan, David Murray and Chris Hobbs were called upon to clear their lines on numerous occasions. The match was evenly balanced as both sides strived for dominance. First blood went to the home side as half time approached. David Burgess calmly finished a long clearance out of defence to put Maynooth 1-0 at the interval. The second half started in a similar vein with both sides punching each other's defence. Ciaran Kearney, Conor McCourt and Garvan Dowling were now coming more into the game for the home side. Then what looked a totally harmless long large shot on the Maynooth goal was watched by everyone as it found the net. Maynooth now entered a sleeping period and were lucky to retain purity. Mark Donnellan, John Comerford and Conor Glynn knuckled down bravely in search of a winner. They were still finding the visitors a tough nut to crack however. Mark Donnellan then produced a fine piece of skill to clinch victory with a long-range shot. Victory was achieved through a refusal to give up.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

St Joseph's Boys (0) 0 Maynooth Town (2) 3 DDSL Under 9A1 Maynooth Town's under 9A1 squad are sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Maynooth

Long journeys are no obstacle to this fine Maynooth side. Their determination, skill and commitment proved too much for a fine St Josephs side and saw them establish control right from the start. Defenders Conor McCourt and Garvan Dowling were aided by goalie and captain Cian Egan in providing a strong foundation for this victory. Midfielders Conor Glynn and Mark Donnellan supported the attack and defence tirelessly. Strikers Shane Hawthorne and Andy Foxe were a constant danger to the home side. Two confident and deadly finishes by Shane Hawthorne saw Maynooth lead 2-0 at the interval. Maynooth made changes at half time but the script remained unaltered. Ciaran Kearney and David Murray proved to be strong defenders and kept the home side at bay. John Comerford and Chris Hobbs ran midfield

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with great aplomb. They also finished in a fine passing movement that ended with Conor Glynn scoring goal number three. David Burgess also worked tirelessly when coming on. Indeed he was unlucky not to score.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Manortown (0) 0 Maynooth Town (0) 3 DDSL Under 9A1 Maynooth Town's under 9A1 squad are sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Maynooth

The Murky foggy conditions this morning failed to dampen the spirits of those two fine sides. Good passing movements and goalmouth incidents in plenty were the order of the day in the first half. The Manortown goalie made a strong claim for man of the match status with some wonderful saves during the match. Although the half-time score was 0-0 the Manortown goals survived a charmed existence. Maynooth must have stuck the

crossbar and uprights at least half a dozen times in the first half. Changes were made at half time but the script remained unaltered as Maynooth continued to dominate. Ciaran Kearney and Mark Donnellan ran the show from mid-field. Andy Foxe displayed great skill and determination to score a brace of goals in the second half. Mark Donnellan also displayed no shortage of skill when scoring a fine individual goal. This was a fine committed performance by all the Maynooth lads.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Maynooth Town (0) 2 Ballyfermot Utd. (0) 1 Snickers F.A.I. Youth Cup (2nd Round) Sponsored by Maxwell Mooney Solicitors Maynooth

For the first twenty minutes of this U/17 F.A.I. Cup match it looked as if Maynooth might suffer their first home defeat of the season. Ballyfermot Utd. carried the game to their opponents in impressive style, creating a number of scoring chances in the process, while the home side were finding it difficult to get to the pace of the game. But then Maynooth began to settle down, playing some neat football, and slowly but surely, led by their captain Gary McMahon, took control of the game to the point where Ballyfermot were fortunate to reach the half time break without conceding a goal. Maynooth began the second half in style, with Neill Dempsey and Brian Downey on the wings making good use of some excellent service from central mid-field, while at the back, the defence was impressively marshalled by Ciaran McCullagh. In the 65th minute, the home side were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area which Gary McMahon dispatched into the back of the visitors net. This lead, however, lasted only three minutes, before Ballyfermot equalised .The remainder of the game was a nail-biting contest of end-to-end football and goal-scoring chances falling to both sides. The deciding goal, scored again by Gary McMahon, came after Maynooth were awarded a penalty that was hotly contested by the Ballyfermot players. The visitors pushed forward looking for the equaliser but great work by the home defence and especially goalkeeper, Stephen Healy, ensured Maynooth's progress into the next round of this cup competition.

Maynooth from: Stephen Healy, Alex McMahon, Declan Rooney, Ciaran McCullagh, Daniel Adderley, Neill Dempsey, Brian Downey, Gary McMahon, Lorcan Fagan, Alex Dempsey, Mark Newton, D. Canning, Brian Mahony.

Maynooth Town (1) 1 Ballybrack Boys (0) 0 DDSL Under 9A1 Maynooth Town's under 9A1 squad are sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Maynooth

A closely fought contest between two well-matched sides provided plenty of excitement for the large crowd. Both sides provided plenty of goal-mouth incidents and displayed no shortage of skill. End to end football was the order of the day as both sides strived for dominance. Cian Egan, Garvan Dowling and Conor McCourt were strong defenders of the Maynooth goal. Strikers Shane Hawthorne and Andy Foxe were unlucky not to have breached the Bosco defence on a few occasions with some fine inter changing and passing. Midfielders

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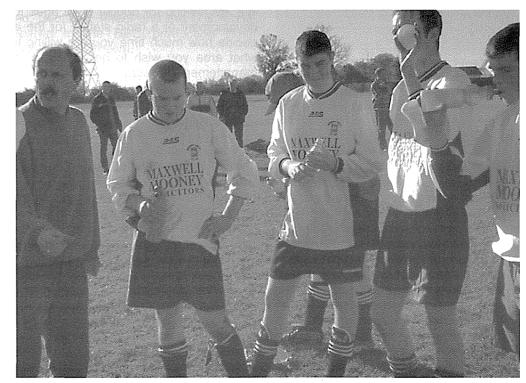
Mark Donnellan and Chris Hobbs worked tirelessly protecting their defence and creating chances for their strikers. One such opening created by Mark's clever foot work saw him score a fine goal to leave the half time score 1-0 to the visitors.

Ciaran Kearney, David Burgees and Conor Glynn entered the contest at the break and they contributed handsomely to a fine contest. David Burgess was a rock in defence and helped snuff out any threat from the Bosco attack. Ciaran Kearney worked resolutely in midfield supporting his strikers and helping his defence. Conor Glynn displayed fine attacking gualities and was unlucky not to score. A fine determined display by the home side.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, John Comerford, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Shane Hawthorne, Cian Egan and Conor Glynn

Seasons Greetings to All from the management and players of Maynooth Town F.C.

23-Sep-01	4,13,16,19	£3,850	CLAIRE FAULKNER	PAT HARTY	IMELDA DOWLING
30-Sep-01	1,7,22,23	£3,900	MARY Mc COURT	MARY LETTIS	KAREN O' HANLON
7-Oct-01	1,22,24,26	£3,950	PAUL MAY	KEVIN DALTON	JOHN HAWTHORNE
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21-Oct-01	9,12,26,27	£4,050	SHOT' c/o Brady's	EAMON CARTY	COLM FAHERTY
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4-Nov-01	17,20,23,25	£4,150	SARAH RYAN	MARIE c/o Powers	COLM BRETT



Half-time team talk during Maynooth's 2 - 1 win over Ballyfermot United in the Snickers F.A.I. Youth Cup

National Gallery Millennium Wing

The construction and design of the National Gallery of Ireland's 4,000sq m Millennium Wing is now nearing completion. To manage the final critical stages of the project, it will be necessary to close the Gallery to the public for a period of two months prior to Christmas, ahead of the opening in January 2002. This period will allow for a re-hang of the collection and an opportunity for the redecoration of the existing galleries.

The new wing is designed by the award winning architectural firm, *Benson & Forsyth*. The firm was selected from a shortlist of ten in an international competition launched in 1996, which attracted over 90 entries worldwide.

It will provide the Gallery with a spacious entrance for the public at Clare Street, in the heart of the city. It will also incorporate two suites of galleries dedicated both to travelling international shows and domestic exhibitions. Other facilities will include a Centre for the Study Irish Arts, a Yeats Archive, a Multimedia Facility, and a Winter Garden. Retail facilities will include a spacious Shop and two Restaurants. The scheme is project managed by the Office of Public Works. Visitors can see an architect's model of the new wing on display in the foyer of the Gallery.

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Buy goods and packaging that are made from recycled materials or are recyclable.

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3) Buy reusable shopping bags.

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- 5) Don't litter and don't tolerate those who do.
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- 8) Leave the car at home from time to time.

9) Save energy. Use it sparingly.

10)Choose energy efficient labels A and B.

Community Radio Public Announcement

Proposal

To apply to the IRTC for a community broadcast licence covering the geographical communities of Celbridge, Straffan, Lucan, Leixlip and Maynooth.

Location

The radio station already exists (without transmission) in the Performing Arts Centre in St. Raphael's, Celbridge.

What is Community Radio?

Community Radio is operated by the community on a voluntary basis. It differs from a commercial station as it is non-profit with content devised and controlled by the community it serves.

Who is involved?

We have a small group of representatives from Celbridge, Lucan and Leixlip who over the last six months have put ideas forward but at this stage we would like to hear from anyone interested in being involved in any capacity.

Radio Programmes

We hope to broadcast a mix of music, drama, talk shows, public information, news, religious and political affairs. Content will cover local issues and promote social and business development in the area.

How can I become involved?

We are looking for people of all ages to assist in the development of a radio station for the area. You can decide how much time you are willing to commit and what area you wish to become involved in such as management, research, technical, production or presentation. There are no specific requirements only enthusiasm.

To help us compile information on the type of radio service the community needs, please answer the questions and send them to; Community Radio Station, Performing Arts Centre, St. Raphael's, Celbridge, Co.Kildare.

- 1] What type of radio programme would interest you?
- 2] What time of day would you listen to local radio?
- 3] Would you like to get involved (please include an address) ?

Features

PERFORMING ARTISTES TRUST SOCIETY (P.A.T.S.) AWARDS 2001. HONOUR RONNIE DREW OF THE DUBLINERS.

Congratulations to Ronnie Drew on his selection as recipient of the Performing Artistes Trust Society's Entertainer of the Year Award. Ronnie was born in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin in 1934. He has been described as the singer with the voice that sounds like "coke being crushed under the door". Interested in music from an early age, he was a rather late optrant to the optertainment business. On his

late entrant to the entertainment business. On his return from a teaching job in Spain in 1962, he formed the "Ronnie Drew Folk Group" together with Barney McKenna, Luke Kelly and Ciaran Burke. During a rehearsal, the name was changed to The Dubliners on the suggestion of Luke Kelly who was reading a copy of James Joyce's "The Dubliners" at the time.

Over the following years, Ronnie and "The Dubliners" achieved national and international acclaim touring extensively at home and abroad, recording and enjoying increasing media exposure.

R onnie took a break from The Dubliners in 1974, during which period he recorded two solo albums, and performed at numerous concerts, both solo and with other bands. He rejoined The Dubliners in 1979 and for another 16 years continued as before, touring again at home and abroad and recording and enjoying more media exposure. His own show "Ronnie I Hardly Knew Ya" with Mike Hanrahan has met with great success, winning critical acclaim in Ireland, England, Scotland, Israel and the U.S.A. He has also appeared in the BBC production "The Ambassador", with his son Phelim.

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

ttending the ceremony to honour Ronnie were such celebrities as Al Banim, Monica Bonnie, and singer Ann Bushnell, who is just back from a stint in Las Vegas, Noel V. Ginnity, Comedian (who had us all in stitches), Sonny Knowles and many more. My partner Eugene Macari who is a brilliant guitar player was a member of the orchestra on the night along with Chris Kenevey, Musical Director/keyboard player, Des Lacey on drums and Tommy Donohue on bass. Everything went without a hitch and a great time was had by all.

BERNIE COLGAN.



Bernie Colgan with Ronnie Drew



Bernie Colgan with Noel V. Ginnity



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



THE CANDIDATE. From Jane Austens': §

From Jane Austens': Sense and Sensibility.

They called on Mrs. Dashwood. Mrs. Palmer was several years younger than Lady Middleton, and totally unlike her in every respect. She was short and plump, had a very pretty face, and finest expression of good humour in it that could possibly be. Her manners were by no means so elegant as her sister's, but they were much more prepossessing. She came in with a smile, smiled all the time of her visit, except when she laughed, and smiled when she went away.

Her husband was grave looking young man of five or six and twenty, with an air of more fashion and sense than his wife, but of less willingness to please or be pleased. He entered the room with a look of selfconsequence, slightly bowed to the ladies, without speaking a word, and, after briefly surveying them and their apartments, took up a newspaper from the table and continued to read it as long as he stayed.

"Oh! my dear Miss Dashwood", said Mrs. Palmer soon afterwards, 'I have got such a favour to ask of you and your sister. Will you come and spend some time at Cleveland this Christmas? You cannot think how happy I shall be! It will be quite delightful!: My love,' applying to her husband, 'don't you long to have the Miss Dashwoods come to Cleveland?' 'Certainly,' - he replied with a sneer - 'I came into Devonshire with no other view.' 'There now' - said his lady, 'you see Mr. Palmer expects you; so you cannot refuse to come.'

They both eagerly and resolutely declined her invitation. 'But indeed you must and shall come. I am sure you will like it. Mr. Palmer is always going about the country canvassing against the election; and so many people come to dine with us that I never saw before, it is quite charming! But, poor fellow! it is very fatiguing to him! for he is forced to make every body like him.'

Elinor could hardly keep her countenance as she assented to the hardship of such an obligation. 'How charming it will be,' said Charlotte, 'when he is in Parliament! - won't it? How I shall laugh! It will be so ridiculous to see all his letters directed to him with an M.P. - But do you know, he says, he will never frank for me? He declares he won't. Don't you, Mr.Palmer?' Mr. Palmer took no notice of her. 'He cannot bear writing, you know,' she continued - 'he says it is quite shocking.' 'No;' said he, 'I never said anything so irrational. Don't palm all your abuses of language upon me.' 'There now; you see how droll he is. This is always the way with him! Sometimes he won't speak to me for half a day together, and then he comes out with something so droll - all about anything in the world.'

She surprised Elinor very much as they turned into the drawing room by asking her whether she did not like Mr. Palmer excessively.

'Certainly,' said Elinor, 'he seems very agreeable.'

What Fascinates me are Mountains

What fascinates me are mountains I stand high up in the far breeze I can see all around me far and wide From the valleys to the seas.

What fascinates me are mountains I can hear birds from the nearby trees A furry rabbit hops away From a fox who loves to tease.

What fascinates me are mountains The rivers that cascade down the slope, free Poppies, colourful and bright Send their scent into the air around me

What fascinates me are mountains The higher peaks adorned with snow I scrape my hand against the rock As I sit down to watch the sun sink low.

What fascinates me are mountains Though many people don't agree I can taste car fumes in my mouth They're destroying the mountains for me.

Siobhán Albrecht.

How Times Change!

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

No man is now christened by Gaelic name, nor no woman neither'. Such common Irish Christian names as Conn. Cairbre, Farfeasa, Teig, Diarmuid, Kian, Cuan, Ae, Art, Mahon, Eochaidh, Fearflatha, Cathan, Rory,Coll, Lochlainn, Cathal, Lughaidh, Turlough, Éamon, Randal, Niall, Sorley and Conor, are now extinct or nearly so. Donough and Murrough survive in the O'Brien family. Angus, Manus, Fergal, and Felim are now hardly known. The man whom you call Diarmuid when you speak Irish forces you to call Jeremiah when you speak English. In like manner, the indigenous Teig is West-Britonized into Thaddeus or Thady, for no earthly reason than that both begin with a T. Donough is Denis, Cahal is Charles, Murtagh and Murrough are Mortimer, Dómhnall is Daniel, Partholan, the name of the earliest colonizer of Ireland, is Bartholomew or Batty. Eoghan (Owen) is frequently Eugene, Félim is Felix, Finghin (Finneen) is Florence, Conor is Corney, Turlough is Terence, Éamon is Edmond or Neddy, and so on. In fact, of the great wealth of Gaelic Christian names in use a century or two ago, only Owen, Brian, Cormac and Patrick seem to have survived in general use.

A hundred years later many more boys bear the names that were nearly extinct in 1901.

A JANUARY TALE.

On this sunny January morning there had been enough snow overnight to turn the world white, and I could see the long, long road to the Hardwick farm threading its way through a glittering frostiness until it reached the farm whose faded red roofs were just visible as I drove up to the first gate. I looked around at the wide landscape, silent and peaceful, and blessed my good fortune.

Seb and Josh Hardwick were attacking a mountain of turnips, forking them onto a cart in the farmyard. Despite the cold, their faces gleamed with sweat as they turned smilingly to me.

'Mr. Herriott, grand morning.' They were typical dales farmers - quiet, polite - I had always got on well with them.

'How are the calves today?' I asked. 'Lot better,' Seb said. 'Thank 'eavens. We were worried.' I was relieved too. Salmonella is a nasty thing-highly fatal to young animals and dangerous to humans-and when I had seen the calves a couple of days ago the whole picture had looked ominous. I went into the fold yard with the brothers and over to the big pen at one end where my patients, twenty in all, were standing, and I felt a glow of satisfaction. Two days ago, there was an air of doom over that pen, with the little creatures listless and dejected, but now they were brighter and livelier, looking at me with interest. "Well, that's fine,' I said, climbing into the pen. 'I'll repeat the injections, and you must carry with the powders.'

After the injections Seb waved me towards the house. 'We'll all want a wash, and it's time for our ten o'clocks, anyroad.'

Later, in the kitchen, as I sipped my tea and bit into a homemade scone, the two attractive young wives chatted to me and, as I sat in the warmth of the fire with a baby crawling round my feet, I felt that I could have stayed there all day, but my other work was pressing.

In the yard, we made our farewells and I put my hand on the car door, but the handle wouldn't move. I was locked out. My little beagle, Dinah, was the culprit. I had brought her with me, as usual, and while I was treating the calves I had heard her barking at the farm dogs, which was one of her hobbies. In the process she threw herself at each window and her paws had pushed down the knobs which locked the doors. I called to the brothers. 'I can't get into my car.' 'Oh aye, what's happened?' I explained the situation and Josh looked at me in surprise. 'You allus carry that little dog with you, don't you?' 'Oh yes.' 'But you don't take your keys out when ye leave the car?' 'No...no...I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to give me a lift home to get my spare key.' Seb's mouth fell open. 'Back to Darrowby?' 'Afraid so.' I tried not to think of the ten miles. 'We'd better get started.' Seb turned to his brother. 'I'll ave to leave it to ye Josh.' The road to Darrowby seemed very long and longer still on the way back. At the farm Seb opened the car door, gave me a hasty wave and trotted away to find his brother.

Dinah was in transports at my return but, driving away, I felt that I wasn't so popular with the humans I had left. When I made my final check on the calves a week later, all seemed to be forgiven. The Hardwick brothers greeted me smilingly-although when I got out of the car both men shouted, '**Hey, don't forget your keys!**'

A few days afterwards, Helen met me with a strange message on my return home. 'I've had a funny phone call from a Mrs.Hardwick. She says you've pinched her husband's spectacles. 'I don't know that you're talking about.' 'Well, they've searched high and low for those spectacles. They're not in the house and the only visitor they've had was you. 'What the devil would I want with them?' 'I've no idea, but Mr. Hardwick wants them badly. You'd better have a search.' 'This is crazy I said, but I went to my working coat and began to go through the pockets. And there, among veterinary odds and ends, was the spectacle case, which closely resembled my thermometer case. I rang the farm and apologised. I was embarrassed, and the feeling hadn't left me three days later when I looked in the appointment book and saw that I had another call to the Hardwicks' farm.

The brothers seemed surprised to see me. 'I've come to see your lame cow,' I announced cheerfully. 'We haven't no lame cow,' Josh said. 'But...there was a call from you this morning.' They looked at each other expressionlessly, then back at me. 'Well...there must be some mistake. May I use your phone?'Seb led me into the kitchen and as I dialled the surgery I saw him lift his spectacle case from the table and slip it into his pocket. I found that I should have gone to the Borthwicks' farm, only half a mile away. Why did I have to keep making a fool of myself here?' I lifted the ballpoint by the phone, wrote the name down, then turned to the two wives. 'I'm sorry. I'm always being a nuisance to you.' I was about to leave when one held out her hand. 'Could we have our pen, Mr.Herriott?' Hot-faced, I took it from my pocket and fled. As I drove away, Seb and Josh, side by side on the cobbles of the yard, raised their hands gravely in farewell. I could read their thoughts. Poor old Herriott. Not a bad chap, really. so sad to see him losing his mind.

Taken from Every Living Thing -



Features

Maynooth Post Primary School trip to Paris and Switzerland

Groups of friends huddled together next to piles of luggage, too excited to notice the early morning cold. Giving cheerful goodbyes to worried parents. The buses arrive and the crowd begins to feel butterflies in their stomachs, it's all about to begin. Six days without parents, six days with only seven teachers in charge of sixty-six teenagers, six days of fun. The Maynooth Post Primary annual fifth year school trip was about to begin.

On the bus, we happily discussed the upcoming fun and freedom in Paris and Switzerland. As the buses drew up next to the airport, a cheer rose up and the already excited teens became restless. We were one step closer to Paris.

We checked in and boarded without much difficulty and were soon on our hour and fifteen minute flight. On arrival at Beauvais airport, we simply collected our bags and boarded our coach to immediately begin sightseeing in the beautiful city of Paris. Our first stop was the L'Arc de Triomphe after which we walked down the famous Parisian main street towards the Eiffel Tower. At the Eiffel Tower , we were able to climb the monument. The view was breathtaking even just from the first level. A moonlit cruise along the river Seine followed our dinner in Flunch.

After a good nights sleep in Paris, we set off on our ten hour coach journey to Switzerland. We arrived at Bern at about seven o'clock local time, to see the Bern bear pit. Our journey from Bern to Merringen was uneventful. Upon arrival at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, we were provided with a three course meal before retiring to bed in our comfortable rooms.

The next day, we once again boarded the coach which was slowly becoming home. Upon reaching our destination, we boarded cable-cars and began our journey up the Alps. After four cable-car journeys we arrived at the top, at a revolving restaurant and lots of purewhite snow which was soon used to pelt teachers and students alike. The more adventurous students walked along an icy path to the edge of the mountain and looked down at the rocks and snow below. On return to our hotel, we were informed that the teachers were kindly planning to bring us to a nearby nightclub. At the nightclub, the excited students began to chant "Ireland, Ireland" and proudly wove the Irish Flag, when the DJ played U2's "Elevation"

On Saturday, we visited a transport museum, went shopping in a nearby city and a few students chose to go to the "Glacier Gardens". Sunday was spent hiking up a mountain and once again we were allowed to shop. That night we began our journey to Eurodisney, Paris. We spent one day in Disneyland where a lot of fun was had by all. One teacher described "Thunder Mountain", a popular rollercoaster, as "crazy". The day was spent going on rides, watching parades, shopping and meeting childhood heroes. The tour was an amazing success and the teachers were very kind to us the opportunity to see new sights and have fun with our friends. We all arrived home late on Monday night, tired but happy. It was an event which we will all remember for years to come.



The Fifth Year Tour Group in Switzerland



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Monday 17th

Kildare Youth Theatre in performance $\pounds 8/6$ ($\pounds 10.16/7.62$)

In association with Crooked House Theatre Company, Kildare Youth Theatre will present their first performance of the season. This will be a new play devised by the teenagers themselves and directed by KYT leaders Yvonne O'Hara and Darren O'Donohue

Wednesday 19th

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The Kildare Reminiscence Theatre project presents their first showcase performance of the year with a selection of drama, poetry, story-telling and music featuring our senior citizens

1st to 21st December Imprint

An exhibition of prints by the Leinster Printmaking Studio and the Seacourt Print Workshop. Artists from two print shops, one from Bangor Co Down; the other from Clane, Co Kildare, get together to show us the best the print medium has to offer. Following its run in the Riverbank Arts Centre, the Leinster Printmaking Studio and the Seacourt Print Workshop are bringing this collaborative venture to the island Art Centre in Lisburn in the New Year. Both studios are notable for environmentally friendly, or 'green' prinmaking techniques

Maynooth Man Walks In South Africa

Martin Byrne will remember the Autumn of 2001 when he and over fifty other men and women walked in the vicinity of Cape Town in South Africa to raise much needed funds for the Irish Heart Foundation. The walk took them to the rich fertile country around Paarl, to the agricultural area of Ceres, to Saddlebok grape groves to Table Mountain and to Saldanah Bay - all a long way from the Wicklow hills where Martin walks each weekend. He has already walk in China with Maynooth man Michael Quinn

The trip would not be possible without the interest shown by his dad Seamus, his brother James, his sisters Jennifer, Margaret, and Helen and all his extended family and friends. They helped him with table quizzes and bucket collections to raise £3,500 sponsorship in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.

The group met at Dublin airport to fly with BMA to Heathrow and onwards with British Airways on the twelve-hour journey to Cape Town. Martin says that it is an ideal way see a new country as their coach driver drove for up to an hour to the start of their trail. The walkers were graded according to ability, and balmy breezes in temperatures from 25-35 were perfect for striding out. Martin led the A group of experienced walkers along native trails and up mountain tracks to nearly two thousand feet, while the B and C groups went at a pace suitable to them. They halted to eat their way to their well-deserved prepacked lunches and admire the scenery and then made their way to their hotels. There was plenty of time for discussions and diversions. Martin remembers the fish barbecues and walking along the beach at daybreak. They stayed in five different hotels and spent a night in a beach chalet. It was an unforgettable holiday.

Would you like to follow in Martin's footsteps? Age and level of fitness need not deter you. There are variety of walks to exotic locations in aid of other charities. None of us know when we may need the assistance of the Irish Heart Foundation, or any of the other groups! Martin is already planning his next trip so when he is looking for sponsorship be generous

WELL DONE MARTIN

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

Twenty-five members attended the November meeting in the ICA Hall on the harbour. The ecumenical remembrance service was organised by Eilis O'Malley and we were delighted to welcome Rev Adrian Wilkinson, Rector Maynooth. Teresa Brennan seconded Margaret Houlihan's vote of thanks to Ms O'Malley and Rev Wilkinson. Supper was served afterwards.

The inter-guild craft day at Maynooth is on Saturday 1 December. The Christmas party night will be on 20 December. Mary McNamara and the assistant secretary represented the members at the official opening of the CIC. Flower arranging classes are on Monday evenings. Badminton continues in the parish hall twice weekly. Wednesday is craft evening. Are you new to Maynooth, or have you some time on your hands, well join us at the next meeting on Thursday 6 December when new members will be welcome at our last guild night of 2001 a Christmas kinder party.

The ICA are involved with the series of talks, in aid of the Alzheimer's' Association, in St. Patrick's College on the first Tuesday of each month. Dr Seamus Caulfield who has had a lifetime involvement in the Ceide Fields Project in north Mayo was a very interesting speaker. he entertained us with music, video and a depth of knowledge. The Mayo sculpture trail was the brainchild of a Maynooth resident. A booklet is available to guide one through the fascinating works that enhance the landscape of County Mayo. Did you know that the riverdance show emanated from a Mayo 5000 concert in the National Concert Hall? Jean Butler and Michael Flatley (both of Mayo backgrounds) were guest artistes. From that meeting the show was compiled with Bill Whelan.

The talks continue, so if you want to learn about Tiffany glass come along to the College on Tuesday night 4 December at 8 o'clock when the guest speaker will be Mary Sheehan. A £5 donation towards Alzheimer funds will be appreciated.

Raffle winners:

1. Eileen Flynn, 2. Irene Mathews, 3. M. Farrell

Competition results

- 1. Teresa Brennan, M.Deane, Imelda Delaney, Betty Farrell, Eileen Flynn, Margaret Houlihan, Irene Mathews, Bernadette Raftery.
- 2. Viva Kerins, Jo O'Connell, Nell McLoughlin.
- 3. Anne Broughan, Helen Doyle, Grainne Kelly, M. Farrell.

Details of Lecture

Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848 - 1933) was the most famous of all stained glass artists in America and his reputation for experimentation and artistry in stained glass techniques was unsurpassed.

Tiffany Studios began producing glass in the early 1880's and continued to do so until the studio closed in the 1930's. The studio built its reputation from its stained glass window commissions, lamps and decorative glass objects. A century later, Tiffany glass is as renowned worldwide as it was when first available.

A medieval craft, the technology of stained glass making in American underwent transformation as did so many other industries in the mid - nineteenth century, and Tiffany was an important innovator, investing in experimentation throughout his career in the industry. The output from his and other studios did much to promote stained glass as a decorative art. The relationship between glass of different colours, its density and the effect of light - all combine to create the luminescence and vibrancy in the medium - however subtle. That is the forte of Tiffany glass.

This illustrated lecture will feature the stained glass windows, lamps and decorative glass objects made by Tiffany Studios and is organised by the Maynooth Branch of the ICA. The third in a series of six lectures in aid of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, the lecture will be delivered by Mary Colette Sheehan, former curator of a private collection that included Tiffany glass in Chicago, USA.

December 3rd, 2001 at 8pm St Patrick's College Physics Hall Maynooth





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Maynooth Labour News

Amended Draft Maynooth Development Plan 2001 Adopted

The Amended Draft Maynooth Development Plan 2001 was adopted unanimously at the Council Meeting on 5th November despite the best efforts of ClIrs. Paul Kelly, Fianna Fáil, and Senan Griffin, Fine Gael, to scupper it. When Deputy Emmet Stagg outlined the history of their Parties getting funding from landowners and developers at the Council Meeting on 22nd October they went ballistic (There is no other word to describe their reaction) and the Fianna Fáil Chairman adjourned the meeting. The truth certainly hurt them.

When Deputy Stagg repeated his comments at the November Meeting, Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael Councillors had calmed down somewhat and ordinary business followed. But not before Cllr. Kelly stated that he abstained when the decision was being taken on the Plan at the Area Meeting, despite the agreed Minutes showing otherwise, and then he went on to go the full circle by seconding Cllr. John McGinley's Motion that the Plan be adopted.

Deputy Emmet Stagg, Cllr. John McGinley and Cllr. Catherine Murphy believe that the Plan is good for the people of Maynooth. Some of the significant community gains are as follows:

- 10 acres of land for the GAA
- 10 acres of land for the Soccer Club
- 8 acres of land for the schools for playing pitches
- 5 acres for a new Gael Scoil
- 53 acre public park at Carton Avenue
- 7 acre public park at Carton Court/Greenfield Drive
- The original Fianna Fáil/Fine Gael proposal for 280 acres (2,800 houses) has now been reduced to 150 acres Residential Zoning.
- Ring roads to take traffic out of the centre of town. The new road to service the proposed new houses off the Moyglare Road has to be in place before the houses are built.
- No development to take place in Newtown until flood relief measures are in place. The extraordinary thing concerning Newtown is that Cllr Griffin has stated in the *Liffey Champion* and the *Maynooth Newsletter* that he does not expect the flood relief measures to be in place within the next five years or maybe the next ten years. Residents in Meadowbrook, Newtown and Parson Street can be assured that Deputy Stagg, Cllrs. McGinley and Murphy will be demanding immediate action by the Council. It would be wise for the residents who suffered from the flooding to question Cllr. Griffin's support on this very serious issue.

Recycling Policy to be implemented in 2002

On the insistence of Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley the Waste Management Plan for the County has a recycling policy of door to door collection of separated waste in all large urban areas and £100,000 was set aside in the 2001 Estimates for this purpose. This is about enough to carry out the service in one large town and the Leixlip Area Committee was advised at its Meeting on 2 November that the service would begin in Leixlip early in 2002. The allocation in the Draft Estimates for 2002 has been increased to £500.000 and this should enable the service to be extended to the other large urban areas including Celbridge and Maynooth. It is unfortunate that the public have had to wait over a year for this policy to be implemented, but it is better late than never.

Each house will be issued with an additional recycling bin for magazines, papers, cardboard, plastic etc. and the bin will be collected once a month. This is a similar system to that in operation in Dublin where there is a take up rate of 85%.

Bond Bridge

Cllr. McGinley has asked for a monthly update on this project and he was advised of the following at the November Area Meeting:

"HGL O'Connor Consultants have been requested to review the size of the culvert associated with the bridge in view of the findings of the Meadowbrook flooding report. It is anticipated that this review will be completed within the next few weeks at which time the contract documents for the Bond Bridge Project should be completed. It is proposed to go to tender and commence construction of the new bridge as early as possible in 2002."

Cllr. John McGinley also had the following motion debated at the Area Meeting:

"That two or three **temporary ramps** be put on Bond Bridge in the interest of safety"

The Engineer present at the meeting stated that the statutory process for installing ramps would take too long and in view of the imminence of construction work on the new bridge it would be better to refresh the lining and lettering on the road. This was agreed and the Engineer stated that it would be done in a couple of weeks.

Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. McGinley has been given the following progress report on the construction of this much needed road: "The land required for the road has been purchased. Consulting Engineers DBFL have been engaged to prepare the contracts for the road project. The

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consultants have confirmed that the contract documents will be finalised within the next four weeks. It is proposed to seek tenders and commence construction of the road as soon as possible in 2002." Cllr. McGinley has asked the Engineers to speed up the project as progress is going at snails pace at present. He has also asked for a summary of the contract document so that he can check whether or not all of the issues agreed in the Planning Process (Part X) are included.

Meadowbrook Flooding

As a result of his Motion at the October Area Meeting, Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the November Area Meeting:

"As you are aware consulting engineers have prepared two reports outlining flood alleviation measures for the Lyreen and Meadowbrook. The total cost of these alleviation measures is approx. £4M. Discussions have been held with officials of the OPW, and Kildare County Council are now making a formal request to the OPW for the necessary funding. Under Better Local Government surface water and flooding issues will now be dealt with by the Sanitary Services/Housing Directorate."

Cllr. McGinley has again asked that the Meadowbrook and Joan Slade rivers be cleared of debris immediately. He has also asked for details of the remedial work for which funding has been sought in order to satisfy himself that everything necessary is included. He pointed out that the complete rebuilding of Parson Street wall at the Joan Slade river was not mentioned in the report and it was essential that this be carried out.

Car Parking at Maynooth Rail Station

In order to alleviate the serious car parking shortage at Maynooth Railway Station Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Area Committee:

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

will now seek permission from the OPW.

Condition of the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth.

Maynooth is the envy of most towns with its tree lined Main Street. It is essential that they be kept healthy In order to ensure this Cllr. John and intact. McGinley's motion, "That a survey of the trees on Main Street, Maynooth be carried out with a view to drawing up a programmed replacement where necessary" was agreed at the November Area Meetina.

Improvements on Main Street, Maynooth.

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Council are going to reline the cycle lanes on Main Street, Maynooth as they are invisible at present. They will also refit loose paving slabs and will also consider installing more appropriate seating. The existing seats are uply and they are litter traps.

Geraldine Hall, Maynooth.

The Council's Conservation Officer reported to the November Area Meeting on the status of the Geraldine Hall. The building is at present owned by Carton Properties Ltd. and they wish to hand it over to the Council for community use. Carton Properties also want to hand over the Harbour Field to the Council, however, in order for this to happen the existing trustees must relinquish their trusteeship.

It is the Conservation Officers view that the back extension of the Geraldine Hall is in a dangerous condition and needs to be demolished to make the building safe. She also stated that this extension has no architectural value, however, the front old section building (the school) is of significant importance and it is essential that it is preserved. The Area Committee stated that the Council should immediately place warning signs at the building so that the community, especially children, would be aware of its condition.

The Conservation Officer also advised that 80% Construction Grants were available if it was agreed to develop the building as a community centre and its location, beside the Harbour Field, makes it ideal for The County Secretary will contact this purpose. Mary Cullen (Acting Secretary, to the existing trustees of the Harbour Field) outlining the various options for both properties.

Cllr. McGinley asked that every effort be made to get early agreement as Maynooth is in dire need of centres for Recreational. Social and Amenity use.

Green Area Outside the Geraldine Castle, Maynooth.

The OPW recently finished work on the first phase of refurbishing the Geraldine Castle. As residents will know, they cut up the green opposite during the course of the work and they have left without carrying Cllr. John McGinley has out any reinstatement. written to the County Secretary requesting that he demands that the OPW reinstate this green and that they repair any other damage done in the area outside the castle.

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Further rejection of apartment proposal at Parson Street

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the rejection by Kildare County Council of the revised proposal for 90 apartments at Parson Street, Maynooth and re-iterated that the provision of any structures in this historical area of Maynooth above two storey would be entirely inappropriate.

The previous proposal involved 6 four storey blocks and the revised proposal now rejected by the Council sought permission for 6 three storey blocks.

Commenting on the reasons for refusal Deputy Stage stated that the Council guite rightly rejected the proposal as being premature whilst awaiting the preparation of an Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area which bounds Leinster Street, Parson Street and The Harbour. Deputy Stagg further stated that the three storey proposal was resolutely rejected on the basis of the impact the development would have on the adjoining two storey houses, which would have led to serious overlooking of existing dwellings and a loss of value to these properties.

Most importantly, this proposal was rejected on the basis of the impact the development would have on the historical townscape of Maynooth with its core being Maynooth Castle, the College and St. Mary's Church. Views of the Harbour Area would also have been seriously affected by the proposal.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley congratulated the Parson Lodge Resident's Association on their success in the rejection of the proposal and indicated that if the developer appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála that they would also take them on in that forum.

Government refuse further works at Maynooth Castle

Deputy Emmet Stagg again questioned Minister de Valera in relation to the funding of Phase 2 of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle.

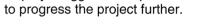
In her Dáil response the Minister has more or less washed her hands of any further restoration works by stating that in 2002 the facilities will be assessed to make a determination as to the level, if any, of additional works required to ensure the successful operation of the Castle. Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that this is a disgrace given the historical importance of Maynooth Castle and what we now have is a half baked proposal.

Phase 1 f the restoration works involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2, which has now been abandoned by this Government, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

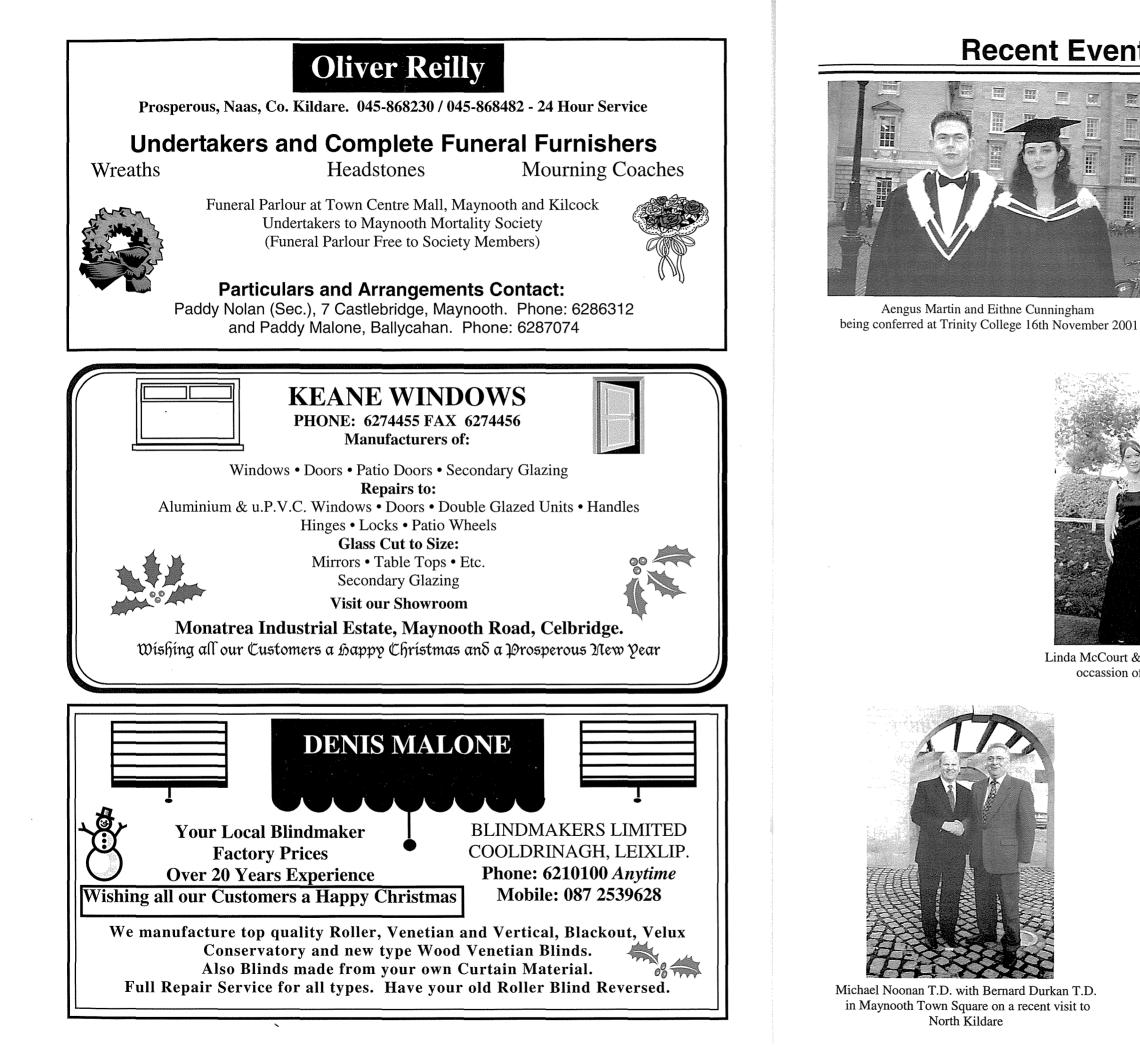
Deputy Stagg will continue to apply pressure on Minister de Valera in relation to Phase 2 of the restoration works.

Maynooth Post Primary School – Extension

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by County Kildare VEC that they have now submitted the Developed Sketch Scheme for the required extension to the school to the Department of Education. Deputy Stagg will now press the Minister for Education







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Recent Events in Maynooth



Ashley Ledwith and Rachel Cunningham - graduation night November 2001



Linda McCourt & John Keohane on the occassion of the graduation



Emer Kilduff, Suzanne Tyndall, Jenny McTeague & H Gill with Michael Noonan T.D. on his recent visit to Maynooth



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Maynooth to host Brazil in the Special Olympics 2003

O n Sunday 18th of November, Maynooth was honored with the announcement that it achieved the host-town status for the 2003 Special Olympics. At the National Presentation in the R.D.S., Maynooth was presented with Brazil Special Olympic team. This means that Maynooth will host the Brazilian athletes in the town for the four days (16th-20th June 2003) preceding the actual Olympic event. The team will consist of 150 athletes participating in a number of disciplines.

P lans are already underway with the local committee on the hosting of the Brazilian team in our community. The University and a number of local clubs have already committed themselves to providing facilities for the necessary pre–Olympic training for these athletes. Maynooth will also provide local accommodation for all our guests for the four days before the athletes move on to Olympic villages scattered around the Dublin area.

At this time we would like to thank all who have given us their support in the preparation of the submission document for this event, without their help we would have never reached this stage.

A public information meeting will be held in January explaining how the whole community can get involved, followed by a launch in the local Bank of Ireland. The local committee has already contacted the local schools from whom they have received full support where the hope is that Maynooth's young people will be involved in this event.

As part of any major project, fundraising is an essential to ensure success is reached to the highest level possible. The local committee, along with the central organizing committee has established a collection point in the Bank of Ireland for all currency before the EURO changeover. It is important to note that all moneys collected in the local branch will stay in Maynooth. We would hope all our guests leave Maynooth with *memories that will equal their effort on the Olympic field.*

If you wish to have further information from the local committee please contact Ronan Barry,01-6286304 of Elaine Bean, 01-6291880



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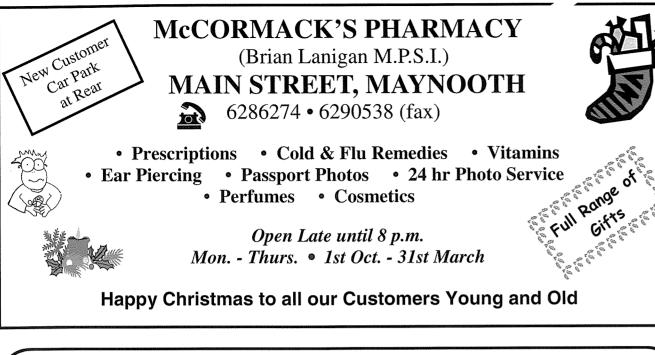
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MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL NEWS

This issue of the Maynooth Newsletter will be going to the Shops just before the arrival of Christmas 2001 and so the Cumann would like to take this opportunity to wish all the citizens of Maynooth and surrounding areas a happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

In this issue I am going to give an outline of the events which have taken place since our last article in the November issue and maybe a brief list of forthcoming events and plans also. As usual we will also document issues of concern which our local T.D. Minister Charlie McCreevy and our local Councillor Paul Kelly have been dealing with on behalf of the residents of North Kildare generally, but particularly Maynooth.

MINISTER CHARLIE MCCREEVY T.D.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE - " Turas Le Cheile "

The Minister for Finance launched a new Bereavement Support Service on 11th October in Kilcock, which caters for the people in North Kildare and South Meath. The Irish translation as listed above translates to " Journey Together ".

The service is a voluntary service which is available to anyone who has been bereaved and needs help or counselling. About 20 counsellors have been trained to deal with people experiencing problems through bereavement by Josephine Murphy and Liam McCarthy of the Personal Counselling Institute.

Since the service opened in September already over 15 people have been availing of the help available.

Speaking at the official opening of the Service, Minister McCreevy spoke of the help being offered to people to help them understand their grief and cope with the issues that arise. Minister McCreevy detailed that the origin of the support service being set up was a seminar on suicide which was held last year in Scoil Dara. The Minister spoke of his awareness of the increasing and high rate of suicide in Ireland today and how it is now a major public health issue, being particularly prevalent among young males. He congratulated the group who had set up a voluntary service and spoke of the invaluable help it provided to society in general. Regular confidential counselling support will be available on Thursday nights in Auburn House on the Courtown Road, Kilcock and people can phone 01-6287605 or 01-6287640 to speak to Carmel Smith between 9a.m. and 5p.m. Monday to Friday.

GARDA UNIT TO TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN MAYNOOTH/CELBRIDGE.

Following representations made by the Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. to the Garda authorities on behalf of problems being experienced

generally in Maynooth and Celbridge, and also specifically noted by the Castledawson Residents Association in relation to anti-social behaviour involving drink and drugs, the Chief Superintendent Sean Feely has informed the Minister that he has been consulting with Gardai in Maynooth and has set up a unit to address this problem in both towns. The unit is complied of 4 gardai based in Naas and is particularly focusing on the drug problem in the North Kildare areas.

Chairman of the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann welcomed the Superintendents action and thanked the Minister for his help in making representations on behalf of the residents of Castledawson. Gearoid Lohan explained that issue arose around garda manning levels in Maynooth in relation to the number of drug abuse cases and the growing numbers of drunken and disorderly youths in the towns.

It is planned at time of writing the the Castledawson Residents Assoc. will meet with the Minister, Mr. McCreevy T.D. and local Councillor Paul Kelly to update on the current position and discuss the problems in more detail before our regular Cumann meeting on Monday 12th November 2001 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

MORE UPGRADING OF THE NORTH KILDARE TRAIN SERVICE

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. recently informed the Cumann members of his delight at the recent action by larnrod Eireann to once again upgrade their Maynooth-Dublin rail service. This involves two peaktime train services in the morning and evening being given additional capacity to meet the growing demand from commuters. The additions will provide 350 extra commuter seats each day.

COUNCILLOR PAUL KELLY – NOTES

GERALDINE HALL AND HARBOUR FIELD

Cllr Paul Kelly informed the Cumann that the extension to the rear of the Hall is in poor repair, and the Councils Conservation Officer has recommended that it be sealed off, and that in the meantime notices warning of danger to people entering should be erected. The Council is to try and speed up the hand-over of the property and agree leases with the Trustees. Even though the building is a protected structure, the Conservation Officer feels that there should not be a difficulty with replacing the present extension, with a new structure in the future.

PARSONS STREET

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



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Maynooth Fianna Fail News (cont'd)

STREET NAME SIGNS

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

BOND BRIDGE

Councillor Kelly has indicated that while work is awaited on the realignment to start, the Council will provide extra road lining and signage to highlight the danger on this very busy bridge. Ramps could not be provided here for safety reasons.

TREE SURVEY

A Contractor is to be engaged to carry out a survey of the trees lining the Main Street, Maynooth. We need to maintain the very pleasant atmosphere and appearance the trees give to the Main Street so the preparation of a survey is a welcome first step.

OPW – CAR PARK

The O.P.W. are to be asked to allow the Car park at the harbour to be used by commuters using the train station in Maynooth to help alleviate the chronic shortage of parking in that area. Now that the new train service has been introduced and is proving successful, the need for additional parking around the station has been highlighted and so Cllr. Kelly is hopeful that the OPW will respond in a positive and helpful manner.

MINOR FLOOD RELIEF WORKS MAY BE FUNDED IN MAYNOOTH

The Minister of State at the Dept. of Finance, Martin Cullen T.D. recently stated in the Dail that reports of last Novembers flooding in Maynooth had been forwarded to the Office of Public Works and that consideration for minor works will be given subject to the availability of funds in the OPW at the relevant time. Action to alleviate this problem is included in the recently agreed Draft Development Plan for Maynooth.

CUMANN NEWS AND NOTES

ESB BILL PAYMENT CONTRACT

The Cumann has welcomed the announcement by the ESB that it is to award a contract for the provision of bill payment facilities to the Post Office Network. From next March its 1.6 million customers will be able to pay their bills at the 1900 post offices throughout the country. The President of Maynooth Cumann, Michael

Caden who had raised the issue of the viability of the Post Offices network said, "This announcement is a vote of confidence in the post office network and I hope it receives support. ".

Cllr Paul Kelly also welcomed the decision saying he was satisfied that the ESB contract represents just the latest in a list of new business areas moving to the post offices nationally.

COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR MAYNOOTH -

A Community Centre for Maynooth was raised at a recent meeting of the Cumann with Minister Dermot Ahern.

Cumann member John Dolan speaking after the hour long meeting expressed satisfaction and said that the Minister will support the Community in any way he can so that Maynooth can have a centre which will be used for all the people of Maynooth. This was the first meeting in a line of meetings to be held over the coming weeks to increase the publics awareness of the need for a Community Centre. Next week the Cumann will meet Minister Charlie McCreevy and Cllr Paul Kelly at which the Cumanns main objective will be to place the Community Centre as a priority. Minister Dermot Ahern said after the Meeting that he would meet the Cumann Committee in the new year to discuss developments.

MINISTER NOEL DEMPSEY IN MAYNOOTH COLLEGE.

The Minister for the Environment Mr. Noel Dempsey T. D. visited NUI Maynooth on Thursday 1st November to launch the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA). This will be a major innovation in relation to the manner in which the State can influence the patterns and types of development that may arise over the next 20 years. Professor Jim Walsh, Chairman of the NIRSA will make a major contribution based on research undertaken at NUI Maynooth. The NIRSA has been established in Maynooth along with researchers in 5 Institutes of Technology. Another of its aims will be to inform policy development and analysis at national, regional and local level.

MINISTER DERMOT AHERN OFFICIALLY OPENS THE CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE AT DERROON HOUSE, DUBLIN RD, MAYNOOTH.

The Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs visited Maynooth on Monday 5th November to officially open the new offices which in effect have been in operation since October 2000. The service offered by the office is free and confidential and involves the giving of an extensive range of information including citizens rights and entitlements in an independent and

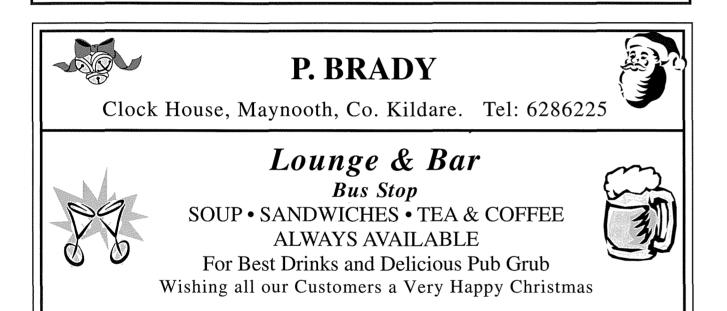
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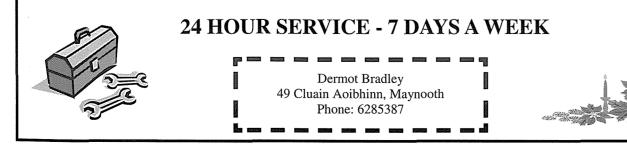




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impartial manner. Currently the Centre is staffed by a Development Manager, two Information Officers, one full-time one temporary and 15 volunteers. The Centre opens from 9.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. Monday to Friday. Telephone No. 01-6285477.

FIANNA FAIL MEMBERS DRAW 2001

The Fianna Fail members draw will take place on 12th December 2001 and tickets are available from Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187 or Brid Feely at 087-2052649 should anyone be interested in being included. Prizes include 1st prize of £20,000., 2nd price of £10,000. Etc etc

CAIRDE FAIL DINNER 7TH DECEMBER 2001

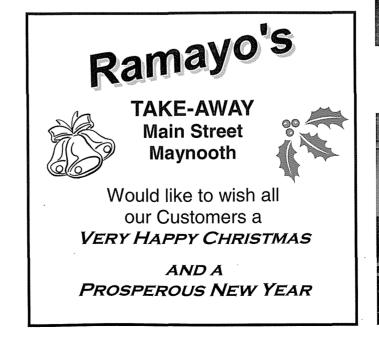
The Cairde Fail Dinner Dance attended by an Taoiseach and almost all Cabinet members will take place this year in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin on 7th December. Anyone wishing to attend should please contact the above numbers as soon as possible.

Finally, I enclose a few recent photos taken of Cumann members on the visit of an Taoiseach Mr. Bertie Ahern T.D. to Maynooth on 6th July 2001. Among the members are Mr. Michael Kelly, Mr. John Gillick, Mrs. Paddy Foy and Mr. Michael Caden.

SYMPATHY

The Cumann would like to sincerely sympathise with our President, Mrs. Eileen Kennedy on the sudden death of her daughter-in-law Mrs. Bracken-Kennedy of Leixlip, a member of a long-standing and esteemed family of Fianna Fail supporters.

Brid Feely, Maynooth Fianna Fail.

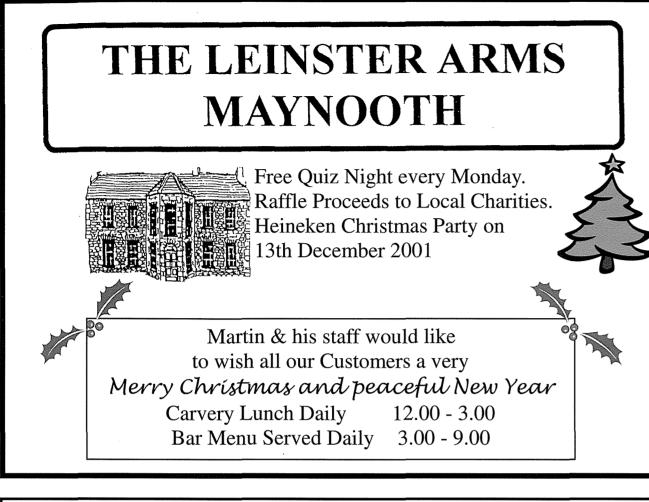


Maynooth members who received Certificates of Honour together with An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D. Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D. and Local Councillor, Paul Kelly.











Maynooth Tidy Towns

2001 has been a good year for Maynooth Tidy Towns. This year we won our first National Tidy Towns Award. The Kildare endeavour award was presented to Bob O'Reilly and Mattie Callaghan on the 22nd of November in Castletown, Portlaoise.

Below you will see photographs from our awards night sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Group Maynooth.

We would like to thank the Maynooth staff members of Kildare County Council, our FAS community employment workers on the Maynooth Environment Project for all their work in 2001.

We will in our next edition outline our programme and plans for 2002.

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



Best Shop Front Winner 2001 (Ua Buachalla's) Bob O'ReillyTidy Towns, Joe Buckley Ua Buachalls's & Andy Ellard Glenroyal Hotel



Mary Farrell presenting the "Internation Year of theVolunteer" Award to Bob O'Reilly



Bob O'Reilly, Moria Baxter winner "Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year" & Andy Ellard Glenroyal Hotel



Members of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee Paul Croghan, Mary Farrell, Bob O'Reilly, Richard Farrell & Mattie Callaghan



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





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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Scór na nÓg Talent Competition

Scór na nÓg is a talent competition run by the G.A.A. for children under 17 years of age to promote Irish Culture. There are eight events and one competes against different G.A.A. clubs within Kildare.

On Thursday November 10th Maynooth held the FIRST EVER local Scor competition in the G.A.A. Club on the Moyglare Road. The club was packed with competitors, spectators and Mums and Dads cheering and shouting encouragement to the participants. Over 80 children came along to display their talents. We had competitions in Céilí-Dancing, Solo Singing, Instrumental Music Group, Novelty Act. Recitation/story-telling, Ballad Groups and Set-Dancing. Children from as young as two got up on the stage and performed. We had a great nights entertainment. Everyone who participated on the night was awarded a specially designed medal. The presentation was made to the club Chairman Mr. Fergus Deveraux.

We now have children representing Maynooth Football, Maynooth Hurling and Maynooth Camogie at both semi-finals of the Kildare Scór to be held in Rathcoffey on Friday November 16th and in Allenwood on Saturday November 17th. The winners from these two nights will go forward to the County Final which will be held on Friday November 23rd in Allenwood.

May we wish all the competitors the best of luck and we will have a full report in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Maynooth Football Team

Céilí Dance Team

Megan Dunne, Karen Feehan, Jennifer Feehan, Catherine Coyle, Aisling Farrell, Deirdre Mulcahy, Maartje Oomkens, Laura Bennett.

Solo Singing Jade Gahan

Recitation Storytelling Caitriona Higgins

Novelty Act Grace Lavelle, Maria Lavelle

Question Time Michael John Fay, Daire Heneghan, Chris O'Connell

Ballad Group Megan Dunne, Claire Cowhie, Susan Fay, Ailbhe Flynn, Jade Gahan.

Set Dancing

Aisling Farrell, Catherine Coyle, Karen Feehan, Megan Dunne, Jennifer Feehan, Katherine Oliver, Aisling O'Connor, Ailbhe Flynn.

Maynooth Camogie Team

Solo Singing

Aisling Dunne

Recitation/Story Telling Laura Daly

Question Time Fergal O'Keefe, Myles Behan, Pete Murphy

Maynooth Hurling Team

Céilí Dancing

Eimear Flynn, Aisling Dunne, Aisling O'Connor, Anna Piggott, Karen Bracken, Ailbhe Flynn, Katherine Oliver

Solo Singing

Ruth Harness

Instrumental Group Anna Dunne, Karen Tracy, Katherine Oliver

Recitation/Story Telling

Aisling Byrne

Novelty Act

Ben Finnegan, Kevin Molloy, Ross Cullinane, Ellen Stack, Elaine Pollard, Ailbhe Lenehan, Sarah Oxley, Jenny Dornan

Set Dancing

Eimear Flynn, Sharon Lyons, Anna Piggott, Laura Bennett, Deirdre Mulcahy, Karen Bracken, Aisling Dunne, Maartje Oomkens

Question Time

Eoin McNutt, Sean Danery, John Devine

May we wish all the competitors the best of luck and maybe we will reach the Leinster Final.

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

Rita Doyle

Maynooth Scór Co-ordinator



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Early Irish Society

(Marriage continued from last month)

Early Irish law describes ten different types of unions for early Ireland but really only three of these could really be described as marriages in modern terms. There were also different categories of wives. Although the texts differ regarding the terms used most recognise the 'principle wife' (cétmuinter) most probably married to a man in the first three types of marriage. Then there was the 'recognised woman' (ben aititen) who was recognised and betrothed by her family. She is later called by the church an 'adulteress' (adaltrach) or 'concubine' (dormun).

Here follow the ten different unions as described by the Law of Unions (Cáin Lánamna):

'a union with joint property' (lánamnas comthinchuir)

'a woman with a man of property' (ben for fertinchur) 'a man with a woman of property with service' (fer for bantinchur for fognam)

'a woman receiving inducement' (ben for airitin nurala)

'a man who frequents without service, without inducement, without performance, without bringing property' (fer thathigthe cen urgnam, cen urail, cen tarcud. cen tinol\

'a union by abduction' (lánamnas foxail)

'a union of wandering mercenaries' (lánamnas amsa for faeniul

'a clandestine union' (lánamnus tothla/táide)

'a union of force (rape)' (lánamnus écne)

'a union brought about by mockery' (lánamnus genaige)

There is then discussion of only 9 of these in the text, leaving out the union of wandering mercenaries either accidentally or on purpose it is unclear.

The first three of these are marriages, with properly recognised wives whose standing and authority depended entirely on the that wealth they bring with them. The others are more irregular union, even rape but they tried to legislate for what happens between the sexes, particularly to protect the ensuing children.

They also practiced polygyny in certain cases; often when the first wife was unable to have children, sons in particular. In this case a second woman could be brought in but the first wife remained at the head of the household. A man could have a wife in the first form of marriage and another woman whom he visits with the consent of her kin in the fourth form of marriage. Sons of both these unions would have rights of inheritance but the mothers do not have equal status.

In the 'union with joint property' both parties contributed land, cattle, and household equipment in accordance with the accepted scale - the wife, if of equal rank and standing as the husband, was described as being of 'equal lordship' (bé cuitchernsa) but not every principle wife was a woman of equal lordship, it was limited by considerations of family, status and property. She had to have exactly the same status as her husband.

Neither party can make contracts without permission

of the other, except those that were good for the partnership, like jointploughing with another suitable family. If the husband makes bad contracts the wife could stop him and her sons or sureties could dissolve them. They did not consult each other on such arrangements as hiring land, getting food and drink for the lord's entertainment or celebrating church feasts and getting tools or equipment. Each however retained private possession of what they brought with them and it is said that all business dealing with property must not neglect that of the other. The wife has her own personal private property and she may buy, sell and lend up to a certain amount. They can sell and lend up to their honour-price. But this restricts the woman because hers is only half that of the husband.

It has been defined as 'a union by gift of kin in which the land came by agnatic inheritance at the death of the groom's father'. Both the bride and bridegroom's bring movable wealth, principally cattle. This type of union was probably formed by the noble classes in particular. The men need cattle to become noble and to bestow as fiefs and he can use his wife's cattle to this end. Although her property remains her own it could be given as as fiefs. Her status increased with that of her husband. Cattle were of the utmost importance and this is clear in the rules governing divorce.

There is some evidence that this type of union goes back to Gauls on the continent, Caesar seems to refer to such a marriage where men match the herds which their wives bring as dowries and an account is kept of the profits which suggests that each kept ownership of what they brought with them.

There are strong similarities here with marriage in late Roman law as interpreted by Pope Leo the Great (+461). A letter of 459 says women must have a dowry, that the spouses must be equal, born free and that the marriage should celebrated publicly. The system used by the Romans included giving two payments one by the man and one by the woman, the dowry distinguished the marriage from concubinage. Church writers of the 7th century stress dowry, public celebration of nuptials and some of these texts found in the Irish collection of canons. It is now thought that this Irish marriage is the highly innovative product of legal thinking with the Christian church shaping Irish social institutions far more successfully than we thought heretofore.

In the union of 'a woman with a man of property' the man's family provided the land or prospect of land and the woman brought little apart from domestic goods. This was probably the standard commoner marriage. Normally again the kindreds were of equal status and approximately equal wealth. The cattle would come as a fief from the lord. If the woman were of equally good family she would be a principle wife. She, or her sons for her, could dissolve the husband's bad contracts or have them dissolved on her behalf by her sureties.. He did not have to consult her except that he could not sell clothes or food, cattle or sheep without her

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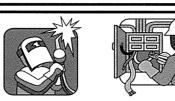
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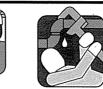
consent. She has certain legal rights over assets that do something to protect her interest and give her some security. The law distinguishes between the two types of wives; principle wife and the recognised wife. The recognised wife had less rights than the other, her brideprice is forfeit to the principle wife and she has to pay the 'honour-price' of the principle wife. Some believe that this is the oldest from of regular marriage. The wife with the fullest rights at law is the first or principle wife who is equally good and of equal birth.

In the union of 'a man with a woman of property with service' we have the reversal of the above. The woman's side contributes the land and the cattle come from the lord as fief. This could be the marriage of a landless man or sometimes an alien marrying an heiress. He only has a managerial interest in the land and does not acquire ownership. He cannot make valid contracts, buy or sell without her permission, he can impugn his wife's bad or unprofitable contracts and have them dissolved. The Law of Unions says that ' the man goes in the place of the woman and the woman goes in the place of the man'. He may be dependent on her honour-price. This woman may be a 'female heiress' (banchomarbae) with no brothers. In this case a man's inheritance was divided between daughters or one daughter. This occurred in about one of five families and was not rare. But these women only inherit a life interest in her father's land and it reverts to her father's nearest male relatives. On occasion she may be married off to a relative, safeguarding her children's future. These could be parallel cousin marriages that were relatively common, first or second cousin. The Church disapproved of these marriages but Irish lawyers used Old Testament evidence to prove that such marriages were allowed. These men could possess property of their own also but it is unlikely that they had much. Women could inherit land as a gift from her father that he owned personally and she could also inherit 'land of hand and thigh'. Canon law also states a father in certain circumstances could be obliged to give his daughter an estate in land amongst her brothers.

(Marriage contd. in the next issue)







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Murder of the Month

U nfortunately December with the Christmas festival has a high crime rate world- wide. The strain of families coming together and having to spend enforced time together can cause enormously horrendous crimes. This particular case reveals these strains – a woman who kills her own children, a phenomenon becoming more common within recent years. There have been 19 instances of this terrible crime within the past two years in Ireland - an average of 10 a year in contrast with 2 a year before that. It has been shown in surveys in America that 80% of mothers who kill their own children have been suffering from serious mental illness. Lisa Marie Smith of Richardson, Texas, was no exception.

Firefighters got a call on December 29th and the crime rate was so low in the area that they had no reason to suspect anything so serious as the scene that awaited them.

Lisa Marie had split from her husband and after a terrible court battle their divorce came through. Initially she had custody of their two sons, five-year-old Cody and three-year- old Tristen. Her salary as a worker in the local Elementary School was not enough to pay the rent on her house, she felt that the maintenance that she received from her husband Brit Smith were too low and she was permanently short of money. To save money she temporarily allowed her husband to have their two sons for a year but he soon filed for custody and the judge had given them to him. She could not fight him in the court as she had not the money.

She became depressed and phoned a local doctor to ask him how many pills it would take to kill herself. He was so concerned that he phoned the local police and she was advised to get medical help. This she did and was put on anti-depressants. Regardless, her husband allowed her to have the children over Christmas. To add to her troubles, on December 22nd, just before the dreadful incident the judge refused her request to allow them home and raised her payments to her husband to 700 dollars a month – leaving her with very little to live on.

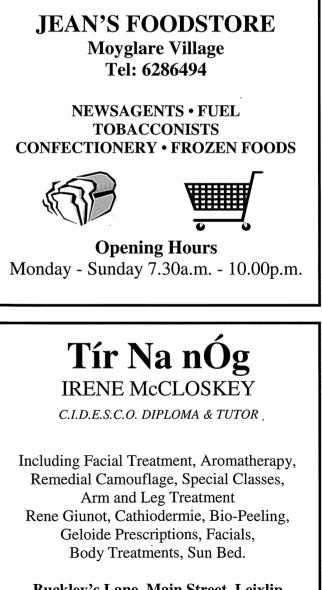
It seems that they had a lovely Christmas and she put herself even deeper in debt by buying them wonderful toys such as a Lego castle and new matching pyjamas. On Boxing Day she took the two boys to the cinema after having them in the park. They ordered in a pizza and they were asleep with exhaustion some time afterwards. As soon as they slept Lisa Marie took her favourite scarf and went into the bedroom. She strangled both of them as they slept. According to her own account they did not even wake up. It took her a full day to try to kill herself also. She took 100 painkillers but apparently she could not keep them down. Failing this, she tried to cut her wrists with a broken glass but did not manage this either. Finally in trying to gas herself with the cooker she blew the house up and thus the fire brigade was called.

It would appear that Lisa Marie deeply resented the

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fact that the children could not stay over the New Year. Her hatred of her ex-husband ran deep and she wanted him to feel the loss of his children. She could not stand the fact that he had taken them from her, the empty, silent house. A psychiatrist who examined her after the event said that she was suffering from severe depression and stress resulting in a psychotic episode. Her shocked husband said that he had ignored the symptoms and that he had not believed her when she said that she would kill herself and the children. She was not given the death penalty but was sentenced to 40 years behind bars.

This and many other similar events should teach the public that depression and such illnesses should be considered seriously and sufferers need the support of their families.



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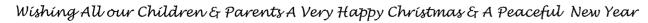
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OFFICIAL OPENING OF MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

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It was officially opened by Jim McMahon, President of the Irish League of Credit Unions and opening prayers were said by Monsignor Alex Stenson, P.P. and the Rev. Robert Heaney Church of Ireland. A reception was held afterwards in a marquee at the rear of the building and later in the Straffan Court Hotel. Maynooth was served by Leixlip Credit Union for years using the I.C.A. hall and later their own premises in Leinster Street.

In 1987 a special meeting was held in the Parish Hall and a decision to form Maynooth Credit Union was made. Maynooth Credit Union came into being 9 months later on 22nd February 1988. The eight founder members were Marie Kelly, Anne Higgins, Bridie Brady, Anne McGarry, James McMahon, John Read, Pat Harney and Owen Byrne.

A year later they purchased the premises in Leinster Street and with the gradual increase in members it was necessary to purchase the adjoining building.

From a lowly beginning with all voluntary staff it became essential to employ full-time staff and a chief clerk in the '90s.

As business expanded greatly the Leinster Street premises were not adequate and luckily the Post Office building on Main Street came on the market and the Board decided to purchase it. A fine premises with all modern equipment it is perfect for the purpose.

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James McMahon, John Read & Matthew Doran



Monsignor Alex Stenson P.P. & Rev. Robert Heaney C. of I., blessing the premises



Staff with President of the I.L.C.U. Matthew Doran, Catherine Mulready, James McMahon, Margaret Flood & Ken Loane



James McMahon & John Read

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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Sympathy

To Declan Quigley, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, on the recent death of his mother, Catherine Quigley, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Emer Kavanagh, Railpark, Maynooth, who celebrates her birthday on the 19th December.

Happy birthday to Emma Teling, Finglas, who celebrates her birthday on the 22nd December from auntie Yvonne.

Happy birthday to Rachel Miller, 78 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip, who celebrates her birthday on 22nd December from her family and friends in Maynooth.

Happy birthday to Helen O'Reilly, 1173 Greenfields, who celebrates her birthday on the 28th December from the Newsletter staff.

Happy birthday to Graham Corcoran, Clane, who celebrates his birthday on the 30th December from his family.

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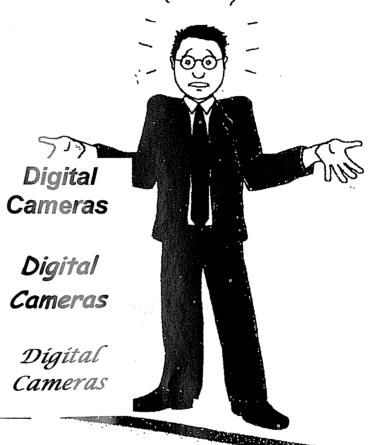
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Editorial

The Newsletter learned with great shock of the passing of Mary Fitzgerald just before Christmas. We share with all her friends and family a sense of real sadness and regret on the death of one of Maynooth's most dedicated residents and workers. This was palpable at the services held in the College Church when all gathered to say their last goodbyes. Some had just received Christmas cards from her and could not believe that her cheerful, happy face would never mix in their company again.

Mary shared her life with others, never thinking of herself. Her thoughts were always for the wellbeing of those around her and we never heard a word of complaint regarding her own health, although it was common knowledge that she was guite ill. This did not prevent her from becoming involved in all aspects of community life. She was an active member of Parklands Residents Association, a Community Councillor and a member of the Editorial Board of this publication and also the St. Patrick's Day Committee. She worked for the Tidy Towns committee and had just become involved in the newly formed committee to deal with the lack of facilities for the youth of the town. A perennial problem, but Mary was determined to forge ahead. She was often seen outside SuperValu or some such place collecting for whatever committee needed workers at the time. There was a word for everyone and all seemed to know her.

She was also a dedicated member of the Labour Party and kept the politicians in general aware of the concerns of Parklands and surrounding estates. One of her primary concerns was the policing of the town. She was not shy when it came to tackling the criminals herself and she did this on more than one occasion. After all her efforts, she was still dissatisfied with the level of policing and the problems caused by teenagers drinking and taking drugs openly on the green spaces. Tirelessly, she pursued this matter to the highest level, and a special Community Council meeting was held last September to discuss the problems. It would be the least that we could do to continue the campaign that she started.

The Community Council held a minute's silence in her honour at the January meeting and in the tributes that followed it was obvious that she had touched most of the people in that room at an individual and personal level. Many had their own anecdotes to tell and some were on the verge of tears.

We would like to send out heartfelt sympathies to her many, many friends, loved ones and family. She will be an irreplaceable loss to our community and we feel her loss greatly. Her friendship and contribution to the town of Maynooth will not be forgotten. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

Community Council Notes December Meeting

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The December meeting took place in the Glenroval Hotel on the 15th December 2001.

Co-options

Mr. Fergus Devereux Maynooth GAA Club was coopted on to the Council.

Newsletter

We now have a new printer for the Newsletter "Mullen Print". Printing costs are well down but we will still nedd more fundraising to keep a balance. Cllr. Senan Griffin complemented Cardinal press on it's long service to the town. The office staff were congratulated on the bumper Christmas issue.

Funding

It is estimated that £10,000 is needed to be raised to keep things going over the year. It is important that we have fundraising events like St. Patrick's Day Parade, Barperson of the Year and a Flag Day. John Mc Ginley stated that we need to do something on a big scale.

Sub Committees

Maynooth Youth Community Focus

Ann Burns stated that two meetings had taken place. She said they will write to all organisations, schools, clubs, gardai and will call a public meeting. Mary Fitzgerald raised the very serious issue of non nationals being harrassed and bullied in their own homes. Cllr. John McGinley said it was appalling that these people are being treated so badly. John also complemented a Leixlip Group for their determination in getting funding for this youth project.

Tidy Towns

Matt Callaghan stated that Maynooth has received a special Merit Award. This was for receiving 16 more marks this year. This was a huge improvement over all. It was also expressed that Clonakilty has received and International Award. It was also suggested that we should pay a visit to Clonakilty and maybe pick up some pointers. Tom McMullon felt that estates should get a report and more advice on how their estate did in the competition. Tom insisted that a report should be given. Paul Croghan said that if an estate wanted a report they could get one. It was also suggeted that a garden competition should be started. It was also noted that it is a voluntary group.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan stated that Community Games are doing well. There was a good turnout at their AGM. All looks well for 2002.

2003 Special Olympics

Ronan Barry stated that Maynooth will be hosting Brazil. We will have 150 athletes and coaches. It will take £100 approximately to fund each athlete. He also stated that money collected in the Bank of Ireland will stay in Maynooth. It was also stated that Maynooth would prove itself to be disability accessible as possible. Senan Griffin felt that this was the time to make Maynooth more accessible and make Kildare County Council aware of it. Mary Fitzgerald said that disability access in Maynooth does not exist.

Development Plan

The Plan is on it's final display in the Library. Fergus Devereux thanked all concerned with the Plan. He thanked the two local councillors for their work on behalf of the GAA club. Also John Doogan on behalf of the Soccer club.

Local Matters

Fergus Devereux presented the plans for the new clubhouse. He said the plans were at a very advanced stage and would be presenting formal planning application soon. It would consist of a full sized sports hall, multi functional for all sports. First floor members bar, gym, fully equipped. First floor accessible by disabled lift and stairs. He said this would be a community based project. The project will cost £2.5 million and they will be looking for Lotto funding. Other funding will include Race nights, Golf Classic Outings, 10 year members fee. He also stated that the fully developed gym which will be run by a sports administrator to be open all day. He then looked for support from the Community Council for the new development. This in turn was fully granted. he also stated he was very confident they can deliver with the support of the community.

Tom McMullon stated that leaves were very dangerous and the sweeper had not being around the estate.

Hugh Gallagher also felt that estates should be gritted.

A question about the new slipway for the motorway was asked. John McGinley stated it was waiting for a safety report. Also traffic calming Moyglare Road, this won't be done until February.

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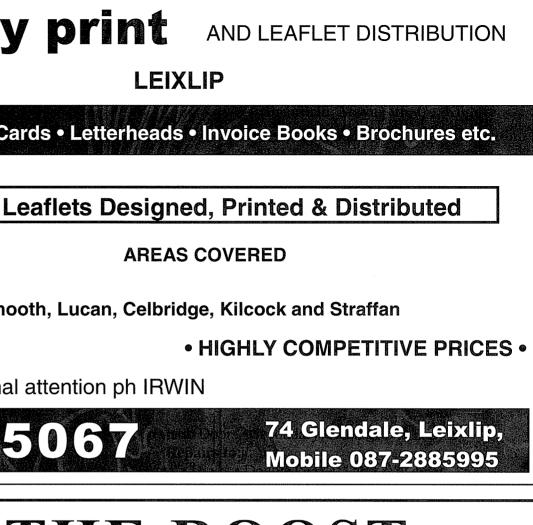
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Community Council Notes January Meeting

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The January meeting took place on the 14th January in the Glenroval Hotel.

Tributes were paid to the late Mary Fitzgerald. It was with an air of shock and disbelief that Mary was remembered at the January meeting.

Tom McMullon led the tributes, followed by John McGinley, Muireann Ní Bhrolchain, Senan Griffin, Paul Croghan, Hugh Gallagher, Marie Gleeson, Claire O'Rourke and many more.

Marv was a great community worker and showed this by being on so many committees. She was very involved in Parklands Residents Association and a great admirer of Maynooth Tidy Towns.

She was about to enter a new campaign namely to root out vandalism and to uphold peoples rights in her estate.

Mary had the art of bringing people along with her. Mary will indeed be missed by all that knew her. She left a gap that cannot be filled. Sympathy was extended to all her family.

A minute silence was then held.

Sympathy was also extended to the Murphy and Flanagan family on the very sad and tragic death of Leanne Murphy, Senan Griffin led the tribute, he said this was a terrible tragedy that went to the core of the community. He asked that sympathy and comfort be extended to the family.

Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall

Cllr. John McGinley informed the meeting that new progress was underway. He said it was agreed at the area meeting that the council would agree with the request of the owners of both properties to have them transferred to public ownership.

The next step will be agreeing on a lease arrangement for the community of Maynooth. He also asked that the County Secretary would meet with Mary Cullen. Acting Secretary of Maynooth Development Association soon to outline the option for both properties.

It was also pointed out that there are several new developments planned for the town, one on the Dublin Road, GAA, Post Primary School and the College.

Paul Croghan pointed out it was not possible for all groups to have their own place and whatever is put in place should be well used.

Peter Connell felt that the Action Area Plan should be looked at and Maynooth Community Council on behalf of the people of Maynooth should have a good idea of what should be done and put in place in the Harbour Field and Carton Avenue.

It was agreed to form a group to look into this with effect immediately.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

This committee has already met. It is hoped that all clubs and societies will take part in the parade. Again appeals are out for Marching Bands. This is one of the main fundraising events that the Community Council runs. Others like Flag Day, Barperson and running a Race night are all important fundraising events for the Community Council.

Special Olympics 2003

The date for the public meeting was January 22nd. It would be hoped to form sub-committees to look after the various needs of the athletes. This would include, fundraising, accommodation/catering, entertainment, medical and health, sports, transport, torch run, exhibitions and school liaison. As Portuguese is the official language of Brazil Ronan Barry stated we are looking for people who can help with interpretation. This is a great opportunity for Maynooth to get involved in this international event.

Maynooth Community Council **Community Employment Scheme**

There are now three vacancies in the office. This is a great back to work opportunity. This would include people over 25 and 35 in benefit. Contact the office 01 6285922.

A special thanks and good luck was extended to Christy Kavanagh who is leaving Maynooth to live in Mullingar. Christy has been a staff member for sometime and he will be badly missed. Also good luck to Yvonne Smith who finished on the scheme in January.

Bond Bridge

There is now a new problem with Bond Bridge. Waterways Ireland has now set out new conditions before work can start on the new bridge. They want the old bridge dismantled and re-built over the canal. As the bridge span covered the canal and the railtrack this would not be possible it was stated by Cllr. Senan Griffin.

The question of planning policy was raised by Ronan Barry. Ronan wondered had the Council a policy on upholding objections on behalf of local residents groups to planning. He was informed that there was no general policy and that each objection was taken on it's own merit and the good of the town.

Marie Gleeson, P.R.O.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th February at 8.30 p.m. in the Glenroval Hotel,

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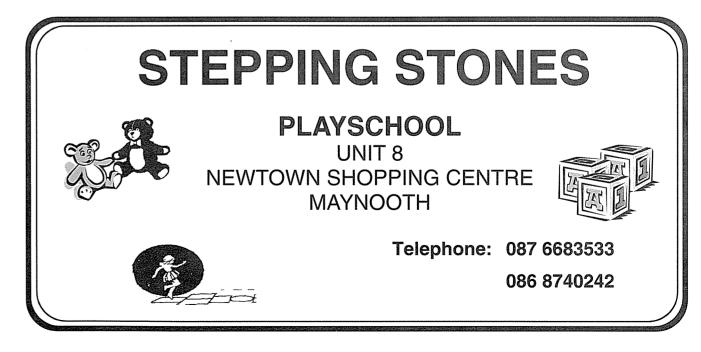
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01/1963	Dr. Liam Lacey	Straff Court Hotel Straffan Road Dowdstown Maynooth	Ρ	7/11/01	For a residential/ convalescent/respite Care centre of 80 bed spaces with ancillary outbuildings and car parking	Dowdstown Straffan Road Maynooth
01/1934	Seamus & Brigid Cummins	c/o Vincent Byrne Ballintemple Aughrim Co. Wicklow	Ρ	1/11/01	An extension to an existing dwelling	Crewhill Moyglare Road Maynooth
01/2003	TSB Bank Irish Life & Permanent Ltd.	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	13/11/01	For the replacement of existing fascia and signage with new signage	TSB Bank Main Street Maynooth
01/2027	Martin Doolin	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	15/11/01	To construct dormer type dwelling , Klargester effluent treatment system, garage, roadside entrance and all associated site works	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2032	Dr. Smyth (President) Seamus	National University of Ireland Maynooth Kilcock Road Maynooth	Ρ	16/11/01	For the construction of a single storey pump house building located over the new pumping station to be constructed within the curtlage of the North campus	National University of Ireland Maynooth Kilcock Road Maynooth
01/2055	M. Thornhill	46 Rathdown Park Terenure Dublin 6W	Ρ	21.11.01	For change of use from dwelling to licensed public house. Works to include the construction of new basement to accommodte store and toilets, reconstruction and extension of the ground floor for use as a licensed public house together with a new shop	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2074	Calenture Ltd.	T/A Cormacks Pharmacy Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	21/11/01	For demolition, alterations, modifications and change of uses to existing premises to include additional shop and anciliary usage on ground floor, new commercial unit on ground floor and additional residential usage on first floor at premises know as	McCormacks Pharmacy Main Street Maynooth
01/2060	A. Reilly	Hibernain Terrace Chapelizod Dublin	Ρ	22/11/01	For first floor office over existing shop	Finnerty House Dublin Road Maynooth
01/2073	Thomas O'Keeffe	c/o Ger Browne 18 Western Paryway Business Centre Ballymount Drive Dublin 12	Ρ	23/11/01	for the demolition of derelict buildings and the construction of 5 no. apartments	Maynooth Road Kilcock Co. Kildare
01/2220	RBK House Dulcedo Developments Ltd.	Irishtown Athlone Co. Westmeath	Ρ	18/12/01	sought for 7 years permission for dem. of habitable house & the construction of a mixed use retail/commercial/residential & leisure development with associated car parking & all associated site development works on 1.98hectares (4.9 acres) of land etc.	Mill Street Kilcock Road Maynooth
01/2226	Maynooth GAA Club	Maynooth GAA Ground Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	20/12/01	A new Club house with multipurpose Sports Hall, a Members Bar, a Meeting Room, Weights Room, Changing Rooms and ancilliary plant, Store Rooms and landscaped car park all situated	Maynooth GAA Grounds Moyglare Road Maynooth

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/2106	Conor & Sonja Brennan	c/o 18 Canterbrook Trim Road Navan Co. Meath	Ρ	28/11/01	To construct a two storey extension over existing converted garage to side	11 Parklands Lawns • Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2144	Sean Flaherty	23 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	29/11/01	For two storey extension to side, comprising TV room, breakfast area, two bedrooms and ensuite	23 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2121	Geraldine O'Kane	509 Newtown Road College Lands Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	30/11/01	For single storey extension to rear	509 Newtown Road College Lands Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2132	Ray & Catherine Fitzgerald	36 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	3/12/01	For retention of single storey domestic extension, conservatory and domestic storage shed all to rear of existing dwelling and retention of converted attached domestic garage to habitable accommodation. Also permission to construct two storey domestic	36 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2156	Desmond Kelleher	55 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	05/12.01	To construct a two storey extension to the side of my house and a conservatory to rear of house	55 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2209	Ray & Geraldine Murphy	69 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	14/12/01	For extension and alterations to existing dwelling and retention of front velux window, light and domestic shed	69 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare



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Addendum to the Hydrological Investigation of the Meadowbrook Report

(courtesy of Cllr. Senan Griffin)

Introduction 1.1

This addendum to the original report is to clarify the following queries raised by Kildare County Council in regard to the Meadowbrook hydrological study:

- The effect on future flooding of the proposed 1 zoning of additional lands in the Meadowbrook catchment.
- The existing and proposed flood risk. 2
- Clarification as to the need for storm runoff 3 attenuation.

Hydrological Impact of urbanisation 1.2

1.2.1 The primary effect of urbanisation on a catchment is to increase the percentage surface runoff, shorten the runoff time to the river and consequently increase the overall flood peak.

1.2.2 In the case of the Meadowbrook the increase in flood peak brought about by an increased urban area will depend on the tupe of rainfall event as follows.

1 Short Duration Storm Event (urban area contributes to the flood peak).

Increase in peak flow due to urbanisation is dramatic from 5.33 to 6.95 cumec for a 45 min storm event, this represents an increase of 30% in flood peak.

Longer Duration Rainfall Events (entire catchment contributes to the flood peak).

Increase in runoff from paved area is not as dramatic. as the natural catchment is saturated and will have a relatively high runoff rate in any case. The rainfall intensity is considerably lower than the urban storm and thus the runoff rate is lower. In the Flood Study ungauged catchment methods this effect is built into the urbanisation factor, which increases catchment percentage runoff and shortens the time to peak. For the Meadowbrook the effect of the proposed urban development (from 70.51ha to 112.9ha) will increase the flood peak by 5%.

This duration rainfall event is the critical storm that produces the maximum flows on which the design flood flow is based.

3 Freak Storm Event (Urban and rural flood peak coincide)

The effect of urbanisation could have a significant impact on flooding if the nature of the storm profile is such that a relatively high intensity rainfall event occurred at the end of storm event producing high urban runoff that coincides with the rural catchment peak.

Let us consider a 50 year return period 1 hr duration urban storm (30.6mm/hr) coinciding with the annual maximum rural flood peak of 3.2 cumec (Time to peak 11 hours). The return period for this event is difficult to quantify but is expected to be quite rare (well in excess of 100 years) given the rainfall patterns that occur in Ireland.

Existing Paved Area

70.51ha @ 40% runoff	=	2.40 cumec
85.40ha @ 10% runoff	=	0.73 cumec
Total Urban contrib.	=	3.13 cumec
Rural Peak Flow	=	3.20 cumec
Total	=	6.33 cumec

Proposed Paved Area

112.9ha @ 40% runoff	=	3.84 cumec
42.90ha @ 10% runoff	=	0.36 cumec
Total Urban contrib.	=	4.20 cumec
Rural Peak Flow	=	3.20 cumec
Total	= <u>7.4</u>	0 cumec

Represents an increase of 17% in flood peak due to the proposed zoning.

1.2.3 In terms of the 100 year design flood flow, the proposed rezoning of lands in the Meadowbrook area will increase the flood peak by 5%.

1.3 Flood Risk

1.3.1 Generally culverts and drainage works are designed to a return period of 100 years. The definition of return period (T) is that this magnitude of flood peak will be exceeded on average once every 100 years.

1.3.2 For flood management and urban planning it is more meaningful to evalutate the risk of one or more exceedances of the design flow over a period of say 25 years. The risk can be evaluated as follows:

Risk = 1- $\{ \}^{L}$

say, T the return period = 100 years and L = 25 years

$$Risk = 1 - \begin{cases} 1 \\ 100^{-1} \end{cases}^{25} = 0.22$$

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exceeded in the next 25 years.

If we require odds of 10 to 1 against (i.e. modest risk) then T = 237 years, and if we require odds of 20 to 1 against occurring in the next 25 years then T = 487 years.

1.3.3 The proposed Bond's Bridge culvert is designed to convey the 8.1 cumec, which is equivalent to the estimated 100 years design flood flow for Meadowbrook catchment including the proposed additional zoned lands. If this additional urban zoning was not to proceed then the 8.1 cumec design flow would represent a return period of approximatel 125 years.

Design Flow	Flow Rate	Return Period	Risk of being exceeded in the next 25 years
November 2000 flood	6.5 cumec	30 years	57%
including proposed additional Urban zoning	8.1 cumec	100 years	22%
Without proposed additional urban zoning	8.1 cumec	125 years	18%

The above table presents the risk of the November 2000 and the culvert design flood flow magnitudes being exceeded at least once in the next 25 years. This risk does not directly translate into a risk of flooding as other factors such as debris accumulation at security grills would have to be included for, which is not possible to predict (depends on the state of the river, time of year, etc). It might be argued that the real risk of flooding to properties if it was factored in is likely to be higher.

If the proposed flood alleviation works are carried out and additional lands zoned the flood risk based on the design flow being exceeded over the next 25 years will be reduced from 57% to 22%. If the additional lands were not to be zoned the flood risk would reduce to a 18%.

1.4 Storm Water attenuation

1.4.1 The design flow of 8.1 cumec used in sizing the Bond's Bridge culvert assumes no storm runoff attenuation from the proposed urban lands.

1.4.2 It is unlikely that attenuation in the case of the design flood flow will make any difference as storm water storage facilities are likely to be completely full prior to the arrival of the flood peak (storm duration 20 hours).

1.4.3 Where storm water attenuation makes a difference is in reducing the peak runoff for short duration urban storms. These storms for the proposed urban extent are not critical.



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Early Irish Society

(Marriage contd.)

We have seen the primary unions of early Ireland and that they are close to what we call marriage. The secondary unions listed by the law are guite different. They range from illicit affairs even to prostitution. There is some meagre legal protection offered to the women engaged in such relationships but her children are not legal in certain cases and do not belong to the father's family. Many of these were kept women receiving payments and the practice lasted into the later middle ages. It was seen as a bad contract if a man gave a prostitute an excessive payment. The law also states that if he gives a payment to another woman while he is still married that this goes to his first wife. This was probably intended to safeguard her family, the man and any ensueing children rather than the woman herself. There are various terms for prostitute, some native Irish like dormuin, echlach and bé nimruma and others like the surviving word merdrech from the Latin word meretrix). The terms appear to be interchangeable.

Firstly there is the 'woman receiving inducement' and the commentaries on the laws also call her an *airech* (a term whose meaning is uncertain). She is described as 'the woman who is with a man in the rule of marriage, who is received on his inducement'. The fact that payment is made for her suggests that her position is relatively superior but we have very little further information.

Then comes the 'man who frequents without service, without inducement, without performance, without bringing property' and in her case no payment is given and she is therefore inferior to the previous woman.

In the case of the 'union with abduction' the law says that her family take her assets and he takes her liabilities. This is where the man abducts his intended wife without the permission of either family and without all the legal procedures necessary.

In the 'clandestine union' it may be that these are woman who could be described as prostitutes because the relationship is described as being unknown to her family. She cannot look for help with the maintenance of her children and the law states clearly that 'every secret woman, or every woman who abandons her marriage without excuse, is a *baitsech*; her offspring shall not settle among the tribe without invitation.' There is none of the division of property that is associated with other unions. Another woman, described as echlach, also in a hidden union cannot claim compensation if she is abducted by force or violated when sleeping. Her children are not regarded as belonging to the father's tribe and the women cannot acquire property as a result of cohabitation.

Her son belongs to her family and has no claims to a share of the family's lands but the father is entitled to buy the child if he can establish paternity. In one place the commentary says that the bandéorad or foreign woman was treated like the merdrech.

Next comes the 'union of force' which is basically rape. In this case the only information is the compensation that the rapist must pay - full body price paid for an eligible young girl, a young nun who has not disowned her veil and the principle wife, there is half payment to the secondary wife.

Finally we have the 'union brought about by mockery'. This is described as a union of fools brought about by someone for a joke! Anyone not of sound mind was considered legally incompetent under early Irish law and therefore could not be responsible for any possible child that might be conceived. In this case the person who arranged this strange alliance was also responsible for the consequences of his actions. He would have to rear any child resulting and pay any offences and security.

There are different types of wives described in another text that deals with compensation. It divides the women into five classes. This clearly allows a secondary wife in certain circumstances as well as the principle wife who remains as the head of the husband's household. Her position is legal and lawful and most commonly occurred when the first wife was ill or unable to have sons. The secondary wife was always subordinate to her. These are the five categories: a principle/chief wife with sons, a principle wife without sons or a principle wife who is ill, a recognised woman, a woman who is recognised but who has not been betrothed and finally the woman who has been abducted in defiance of her father or her kindred.

In the case of the principle wife with sons, she has been properly betrothed by her kindred and is seen as a person of importance with definite standing, privileges and responsibilites. The funeral of a principle cétmuinter is one of the seven reasons for which a combat must be postponed. If she is raped the rapist must pay the husband full body-fine. She is often also a woman of 'equal lordship' who has complete control of her husband's contracts.

The principle wife without sons risks the possibility that her husband may marry a second wife. If he does she has the option to divorce him, or stay in her primary position in the household. She receives the brideprice of the second wife, even if the husband paid it out of his own personal property. The commentaries mention the principle wife in a sickbed. If she did not recover her health, the husband must maintain her as long as she lived. But he can take another secondary wife.

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(Early Irish Society contd.)

The wife of recognition or 'a woman who is recognised and who has been betrothed by her kindred' is one of the legally recognised wives. This is the term for the second wife who is married to produce sons. Her position depends on whether she produces children or not. She is also the woman who is termed adultress by the church and it is clear that her legal power is greatly restricted. She cannot make any decisions on her own. The first wife has the choice of divorcing her husband or staying with him - it could have been very difficult to leave and she probably stayed. If this woman is raped, in contrast with the first wife, the husband only gets half the fine. But her sons are entitled to inherit if she has any. The friction between the two wives is described thus in the law: "Both minor assaults and major assaults, even such as involve life and death, are permitted to a first wife during a period of three nights, and (only) half fine (is payable) in respect of such assaults) committed from the end of three nights (on). The second wife is free from liabilities during the first three nights, but full fine is payable by her for all other deeds (i.e. after that period), 'Or, the first wife is entitled to do anything until the end of three nights, save to inflict death'! Obviously life was not all peace and quiet in the early Irish household when the vounger woman was brought in! Some of the early Irish sagas also afford evidence of such behaviour and the uncomfortable position of the second wife and even of her offspring.

The final two categories are the woman who is recognized but who has not been betrothed and the woman who has been abducted in defiance of her father or her kindred. There are no specific rights associated with the first but there is quite a lot of information on the second. A child begotten within a month of abduction was the property of the mother's kin, and the father had the right to buy it from them.

A child begotten after the first month, before the parties had established a regular connection, is treated in the same way. But once the connection was regularised, children were treated as those of a lawful wife.

(Next issue - divorce early Irish style)

Weaver; 9) None; 10) The Ankle Amphibians; 7) The Silver Ghost; 8) Sigourney 1) A tail; 2) 174; 3) Hindus: 4) The maple; 5) Jenny: 6) Answers

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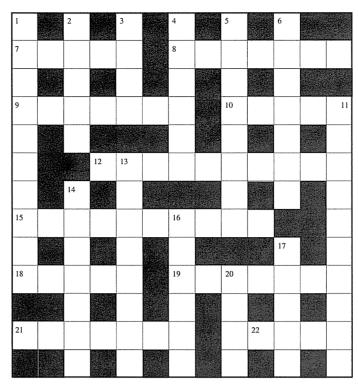


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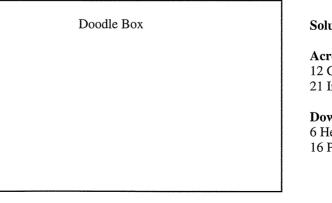


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- 7. Artless (5)
- 8. Graceful (7)
- 9. Foot-Pedal (7)
- 10. Similar (5)
- 12. Colony (10)
- 15. Irritate (10)
- 18. A dance (5)
- 19. Caller (7)
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- 6. Sailor (7)
- 11. Initiative (10)
- 13. Used (8)
- 14. Serious (7)
- 16. Gulch (6)
- 17. Peel (5)
- 20. Remain (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 161

Across: 7 House; 8 Pretend; 9 Absolve; 10 Inter; 12 Compliment; 15 Correspond; 18 Latch; 19 Interim; 21 Incense; 22 Learn

Down: 1 Theatrical; 2 Quest; 3 Feel; 4 Upkeep; 5 Sedition; 6 Heathen; 11 Retirement; 13 Overhang; 14 Protect; 16 Pained; 17 Break; 20 Tilt.

Murder of the Month

On February 26th 1931 the body of 38-year-old woman was found strangled in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, New York. It was found by a truck driver, Harry Francis and he called the police immediately. She was a very beautiful red-headed woman whose name was established as Benita Bischoff, also known as Vivian Gordan. After her body was examined it was found that she was half-drunk at the time of death. The police knew her well because of her record for prostitution and other crimes. But her death was about to unlease a series of events that would bring down some very prominent people in New York at the time.

The police searched her apartment in Manhattan and made a lethal discovery. Seven diaries. This brought the top policemen in the city to the location. She had names and addresses of some of the most famous people in New York in these diaries. The Acting Chief Inspector John J. Sullivan was faced with a dilemma when guestioned by the media and had to lie, saying that the diaries contained nothing important. The Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney was then brought to the scene. It emerged that there were 300 names in the diaries including that of a police vice squad detective Andrew J. McLaughlin. He immediately became a suspect along with the woman's ex-husband, John Bischoff.

John was a prison officer and he now lived with his second wife and children in Philadelphia. He said that he had not seen Vivian for years but that he had received a threatening letter from her before her death. This accused him of framing her eight years previously. He explained that after their divorce he heard that she was living with an ex-convict in New York with their daughter Benita. Vivian was convicted of prostitution shortly afterwards and John took custody of their daughter before she was released. This girl was now 16 and the case took a terrible toll on her. On March 3rd she turned on the gas in the kitchen of her home, put carpets under the doors, drew the curtains and wrote a suicide note. She died there. The note made it clear that she could not take the revelations that were emerging about her mother.

To return to the main story however. The police also visited the home of the named detective McLaughlin. They were astounded at the luxurious surroundings and the expensive antiques he possessed. His wife said that he was in Bermuda. It was impossible that he could afford such an apartment on his salary of \$3,000 a year. It emerged that he had received a letter from Vivian a month before, also threatening to expose him for the same frame-up. She advised him to contact her lawyer John A. Radeloff if he had anything to say in response.

Vivian had also written to Isidor J. Kresel, chief counsel of a committee that had been put together to

investigate the scandals allegedly happening in the city. She accused the two of them of framing her and having her sent to New York's Bedford Reformatory. The committee was investigating a stool pigeon's confession that he had been involved in framing women for prostitution and had worked with vice squad policemen. Some police had already been jailed so Vivian's accusations could have seriously damaged McLaughlin had she lived.

Her diaries had also accused the aforementioned lawyer, John Radeloff, and his sidekick, Samuel 'Chowderhead' Cohen of plotting to kill her for some unknown reason. Both said that they were innocent. Vivian was in love with her lawyer, Radeloff, but also had affairs with various other men. As the case developed she was revealed as an extraordinary operator. She was a blackmailer, she had been charged with shoplifting and drunken brawling and had escaped a charge of extortion only three months beforehand. The man who accused her was Joseph Radlow, a cousin of her lover Radeloff and also one of Vivian's many ex-lovers. He was released after guestioning. Both Radeloff and Cohen were kept in custody.

Two items taken from her body were to become crucial in the case. She wore a \$2,500 mink coat and a very valuable diamond ring. A cab that was seen abducting and carrying a woman just before the murder was eventually linked to a man called Leo Katz who was a former partner of Joseph Radlow, Vivian's ex-lover. The case was becoming a little clearer but a further twist emerged. The police began to round up all the men named in the diaries and there were rumours that they were protecting someone of great importance. The governor of the time, Franklin D. Roosevelt took the unusual step of demanding that he should be given a copy of all records in the case. This had never happened before. The man being protected was no other than James J. Walker, the mayor of New York. No wonder he fled on the 3rd March, suffering from 'nervous exhaustion'! Roosevelt was suggesting that an investigation take place into all of New York government. Others in the diaries included a Supreme Court judge, a fomer Secretary of State, a millionaire stockbroker and a multi-millionaire manufacturer of railway supplies. It also emerged that she had an affair with Henry McDonald Joralemon, a writer and philantropist who had died of natural causes. coincidentally, about the time of her murder. He was the man who had given her the coat and ring along with approximately \$30,000 in the year before her death.

Vivian's associates were wide-ranging as were her abilities to part men, and women, from their money. She was a business partner of Polly Adler, queen of New York's brothel-keepers. It was also said that she was linked with the gangster Jack 'Legs' Diamond and

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(Murder of the Month Contd.)

Vannie Higgins, a millionaire bootlegger. The police also tracked down a friend with whom she lived until 18 months previously, a woman by the name of Jean Stoneham. They had worked as a team but she was prepared to tell what she knew because Vivian had her arrested on a false charge of stealing her clothes.

Jean was now a married woman, the wife of a rubber company executive on Detroit. She called Vivian a shakedown artist, a blackmailer, her affairs were only designed to steal men's money although she did love the lawyer Radeloff. She added that she could well undertand why Vivian might have been murdered because of the way she blackmailed her male clients and others. She also told them how she used her mink coat and diamond ring to get money from clients. She would hide them, and then accuse her client of stealing and rather than cause a fuss he would usually pay up. She could threaten to tell his family where he had been if he refused to pay. She had put six girls in the Bedford Reformatory simply because they had annoved her.

Eventually in the April after her murder, a man called Harry Stein was arrested. He had a long history of arrests including two attacks on women, one of them he had tried to strangle for her diamond ring. Vivian had mentioned him in her diaries and the police trailed him. His girl friend was discovered to be wearing an expensive watch that Vivian had on when she was murdered. Stein had also taken the mink coat to a fence called David Butterman. Butterman admitted that this was the case and that Stein had also tried to sell him the diamond ring. His wife had not allowed him to take them because she suspected that they belonged to Vivian. Finally Stein and an associate of his called Sam Greenberg were arrested and charged with her murder. But they both produced alibis at the trial. Stein's sister said that he was with her the night of the incident and Greenberg said that he was obsevring shivah, a Jewish period of mourning because his mother had died six days before the incident. His sister and nephew supported him in this claim.

The police were absolutely disgusted when the jury accepted their stories and they were acquitted of the murder charge. Later they were charged with larceny along with the lover-lawyer Radeloff who was charged with extortion. As for the vice squad detective, Andrew McLaughlin, they could find no connection between him and the murder either. But he was fired from his job with the police when he could not explain where his wealth had come from.



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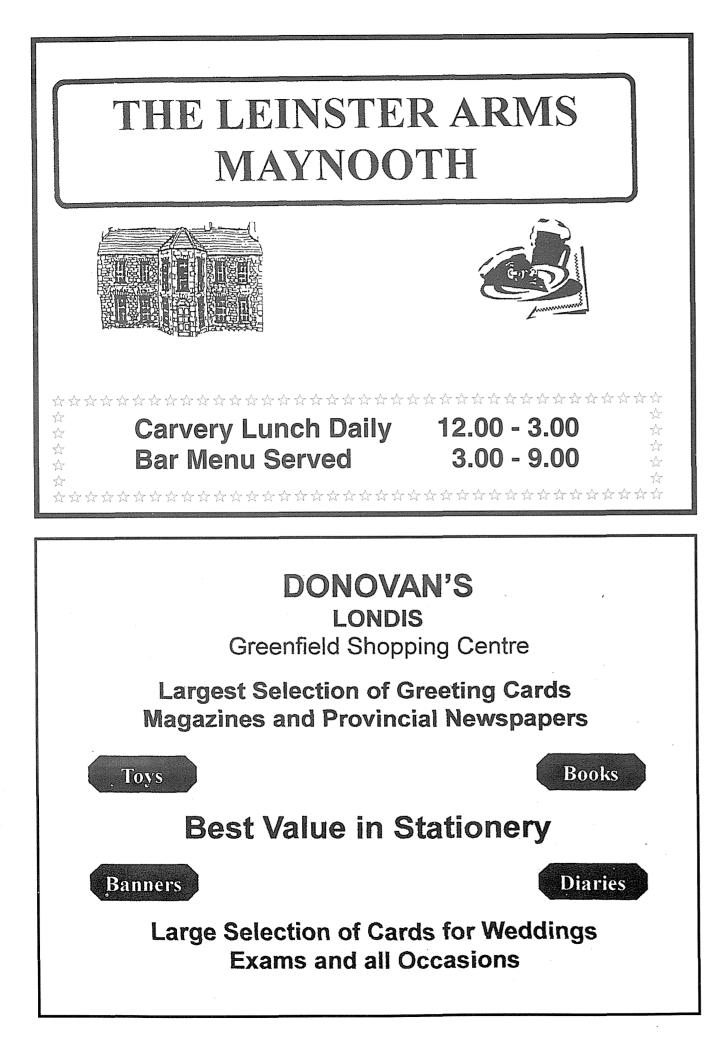
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South Africa

It was one of those wet June days and I longed to get away, not just down the country but somewhere foreign. I praved to my brother who had passed away recently and thought no more about it. as I made my way to my C.E. scheme that wet June day.

Lunch had just finished when Christina our supervisor announced she had some news for us.

Oak Partnership with funding from Fas were organising a trip to South Africa for 15 people in September. It was an 18 week course run by Optimum designed to help long term unemployed to get full time permanent work. It involved 6 week training here in Ireland, 6 weeks work experience in South Africa and finally six weeks placement back in Ireland. The course would also include the E.C.D.L. that would improve our work opportunities.

Six weeks later after meetings and interviews I arrived in Allenwood with 15 other women I had never met before to start on my 18 week adventure. We were all excited and nervous at the same time.

The next six weeks flew by in a flurry of personal development and computers, computers, computers. At least it seemed so to me, a 53 year old, with very little computer experience.

Still by the time of our departure to South Africa I had passed the exams for 3 modules of the E.C.D.L.

The group had got to know each other pretty well when we were whisked away for a weekend In Cootehill during the first phase of the course. We had great fun when dressed in wetsuits we took to the water where we spent more time falling off banana boats rather than staying on. The next day saw us climbing 30 ft walls and all kinds of competitions. By the time we returned we were all bonded as a group looking forward to our adventure in South Africa.

September 14th was D Day. We left Allenwood after tearful farewells to husbands, partners, kids, dogs, cats, and our beloved Ireland . After a 12 hour flight from Heathrow we arrived in South Africa at 6 in the morning. We were tired and bone weary after a sleepless night as dawn crept over the townships we passed on the way to our new homes. It was our first glimpse of the poverty and opulence we would find in this great cosmopolitan city of Capetown.

We were all thrilled when we arrived at our apartments. Veronica, my flatmate and I were over the moon when we realised our apartment was over a shopping mall. We settled into a comfortable partnership that would see us through our 6 weeks tenancy without as much as a cross word between us.

My first view of Capetown was in an open air bus

which took us around the city and surrounding areas. Table mountain loomed large over the city becoming a landmark that would orientate me if I was lost or confused. The first few days were spent settling in and making ourselves at home. I was assigned to Helen Keller, a nursing home for the elderly blind in a leafy suburb of Capetown. From the moment I arrived I knew I would love my time there. The next six weeks would be spent getting to know the staff and residents while I gained invaluable experience of social and office skills.

Our evenings and weekends were spent exploring the sights both historic and cultured. We saw whales, penguins, baboons, ostrich, seals and many more animals in their natural habitat. I stood on Table Mountain surveying all beneath me. Was touched by Robin Island and the history of Nelson Mandela, a man I greatly admire. Was moved to tears on my visit to the townships and the poverty of the locals, who still managed to be proud and dignified in their hardship. One particular lady Rosie fed 400 children every day. from a kitchen made from a haulage container before they went to school. In my mind she is up there with Mother Thresa and all the other great women of our time.

Evenings were spent mostly eating out at all the different restraunts were food from all cultures and nationalities from Africa and Asia were catered for. One particular highlight for me was an evening spent at the Drum Café Where we played the drums in the African Way till our hands were sore but our hearts beat to the rhythm of Africa.

The 6 weeks just flew by and before we knew it we were saying goodbye to all our friends we had met in work and socially.

At five in the morning we headed for the airport again passing the township as we had on our arrival, but now with a better understanding of the African people either Black Coloured or White. A nation of pride, dignity. and courage. They have achieved such great change and reconciliation in such a short time.

As we travelled home on the long 12 hour flight our thoughts turned to the rest of the course and the completion of the E. C.D.L. Hopefully this would lead to a choice of career for us and help us take control of our lives in a new more positive and motivated way.

As we landed, tired but happy I said a quiet prayer to my brother John, who in my mind with the help of Oak Partnership Fas and Optimum made the whole experience possible.

Cecilia Murray.

Tributes



Mary Buckley Fitzgerald (Fitzer 9/5/33 to 22/12/01)

Mary...She liked cats, plants, people and dogs... and not necessarily in that order. The eldest of seven boys and seven girls, her nursing career began in Dublin. She returned to her home in Tipperary at nineteen following her mother's death, which initiated the motherly instinct that lasted throughout her life.

Emigrating to Birmingham in the fifties like so many of her time, she became involved in Irish societies, especially through the seventies and eighties, when it was neither profitable nor popular to proclaim ones Irishness in Britain.

Returning in 1987, she quickly adapted to a changing Ireland. Her politics were local, and while never a Bond girl, she could shake and shape without stirring too much! She particularly enjoyed St. Patrick's Day, and warmly celebrated brithdays and other special occasions.

Mary's Religion was personal, with a strong Christian ethos. The privilege of reposing in Maynooth College chapel and a Garda Escort was no more than she deserved.

Proud to be from Tipperary, Mary was a Tip-Top person and a Top Tipp Person. Not just with fellow adults, but with younger generations. Her words of encouragement and practical support have impacted strongly not only within her own family, her nieces and nephews, but on the lives and careers of many other young people.

A kind word, a soothing plaster for every lame cat, broken branch or troubled spirit was always available at number ten, on the footpath, or in the local supermarket. When it came to giving out, giving out heart, honesty and humour, Mary was very generous. Giving was her forte. She enjoyed it; it was acceptable, largely because her agenda was to always to provide for someone else.

Last Christmas you gave your presents and good wishes away. This year you brought cheer and some tears, many will miss you and remember you now, and in Christmas to come.

This year's for you Mary. Happy Christmas and Thank You Mary.

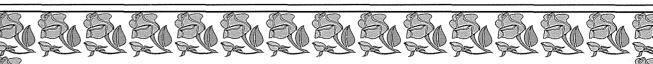
Dr. Christoper O'Rourke.

We would like to pay tribute to our friend and neighbour Mary Fitzgerald who died on the 22nd of December. The shock of her passing has left our community here in Parklands numb. Mary was a dynamic woman with tremendous character who gave up her time freely to become involved in community affairs. I got to know Mary when the first residents association was set up in 1996, and Mary continued her involvement throughout all the years making enormous contributions. Her latest project was the installation of flowerbeds, which now can be enjoyed by the residents of Parklands Square and anyone who uses the walkway between Parklands and Rock. Mary was Parklands PRO for the Community Council and was our link to airing concerns and issues and getting solutions for our community. Mary was also a person who could be counted on when it came to the organization of socials and raffles and anything else that would crop up in the line of committee work. In essence, she was an absolute rock, who will be missed dearly.

Mary Carter, Chairperson, Parklands Residents Association.



Feature



Auntie Mary, 9 Love Nou.

Mary Fitzgerald, we love you so much, There is no-one I know that you didn't touch. You were such a kind person, with a heart made of gold, Involved in absolutely everything, or so I've been told. There was the residence committee & the local newsletter, What ever you put your mind to, the results turned out better.

Your family & friends, from far away and near, Regarded you precious and ever so dear. But to me in particular, you stood out from the rest, As an amazing Auntie, one of the very best. You were always there for me, through the good and the bad, To getting my first pay-cheque to losing my Dad.

And now you have joined him, together with your brothers, And also your parents, your pets and many others. I don't want to be sad because you're with God up above, It's just that it's difficult losing someone you love. And I really loved you, dearest Auntie Mary, Even if you were sometimes contrary

I'll miss your smile, your chat and also your touch, But I'll never stop loving you, you mean way too much. You were an animal lover, of the highest degree, It didn't matter the sort, a stray or pedigree. They were all treated and loved, like one of the same, And you always christened them beautifully, with a wonderful name.

And then was the gardening, that was like another room, You enjoyed all the wildlife and every flower that would bloom. When God created you, he was very exact, All the wonderful things, in you they were packed. So based on this truth, I feel some what better And maybe someone else will too, after reading this letter.

For Mary, my Darling you were loved the world through, For no other reason but for just being you. So goodnight and God Bless, we'll soon meet again, I'll pray for you often, I promise Amen.

by Orla Ryan (Niece)

<u>RRRRRRRR</u>





The Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club

Alcohol abuse is not a recent phenomenon, but the extent of teenage drinking now causes some concern. It is probably best viewed, as part of the wider problem of alchol abuse generally in society, and it is something with which youth must learn to cope. To do so they need our help and guidance. Young people aspire to adulthood and tend to follow behaviour patterns, which they perceive, go to make up adulthood. Society's own behaviour and attitudes influence them greatly. If adults abuse drink, or make it appear over attractive, popular or necessary for enjoyment, thee are grave dangers that young people will do the same. Young people in turn greatly influence other young people and their behaviour as a result is sometimes unhealthy. However, if adults, individually and collectively, by their behaviour and attitudes were to demonstrate a lifestyle wherein alcohol was shown to be less important for socialising, enjoyment, popularity or fun, our young people would be greatly influenced to grow up with dignity, self esteem and at ease with themselves and others. The young people will also then unconsciously pass on these same values to their peers. The No Name! Club movement recognises the great potential, which both adult example and an enlightened peer group has to influence others. It tries to target and combine the two in a positive and practical way. The No Name! Club respects the individuals right to drink or not to drink. It demonstrates a lifestyle wherein alcohol is unnecessary and helps to organise, influence and support the very many young peoply who agree.

THE YEAR GONE BYE and what a year it has been

APPLICATION FORMS.

Our Christmas Disco was held on Saturday 15th December 2001 in the Usual Venue. Our DJ for that night was Robbie Chase of Freedom FM. What a great night that was I think that all who attended will agree, spot prizes were awarded on the night with mobile phone card vouchers and books.

Details of the next disco will be posted in Schools and at http:www.noname-club.com. NONAME ID REQUIRED OR COMPLETED

Some of the Coming Events for the Host & Hostess of the NoName Club

14th January 2002	Next Noname Meeting in the Arts Block of Maynooth College		
	The Noname Club AGM		
Final 11th April	Cabaret Competition		
	Host & Hostess of the Year		
Last date for entries 12th March 2002	Photography Competition		

THE AGM FOR THE NONAME CLUB WILL BE THE 26TH OF FEBUARY IN THE ARTS BLOCK IN MAYNOOTH COLLEGE



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KILLSHOT

The finals of the Maynooth Handball Christmas Tournament were held at the G.A.A. Club, Moyglare Road on Thursday 6th December 01. After 3 weeks of hard games the following players emerged as finalists: John O'Neill and Niall Leavey V Paul Ruane and Simon O'Donnell. The play off for 3rd place was between Paul Hand and Mick Galvin V Paul Moran and Sean Molloy. The first game of the night was for 3rd place. The experienced pair of Sean Molloy and Paul Moran got off to a great start with good serving and crisp killing they soon had a lead of 17-7 and looked like they were going to win the game with relative ease, however, Hand and Galvin clawed their way back into the game and soon were on level terms and continued to improve and ran out winners on a score line 31-26.

Paul Ruane and Simon O'Donnell got off to a slow start in the final against John O'Neill and Niall Leavey. Whereas O'Neill and Leavey got off to a flying start building up a comfortable lead. Leaveys' power packed game complemented O'Neill's relaxed style. Ruane and O'Donnell had no answer to this combination and had to settle for second place. The 13 point margin that O'Neill and Leavey had to spare was a true reflection of the game. The presentation of prizes were held at the G.A.A. club on Moyglare Road to Handball Chairman Pat Regan who travelled from Leixlip to present the prizes. He complemented the Maynooth Club for having run such a well organised Tournament. He paid a special tribute to Anthony Fingleton and Niall Leavey who ran the event. He also thanked Mavnooth Auto Suppliers of new and used cars and Londis for their generous sponsorship. A very enjoyable evening was had by everyone who attended. Paul Hand.

Tel: 6285870.



Maynooth I.C.A. for February Coga blain

Twenty-five members attended January meeting in the I.C.A. Hall on the Harbour. The president Mary McNamara welcomed the members to the first meeting for 2002. It is a significant year in the annals of Maynooth I C A as we count down our Golden Jubilee 1952-2002. Information will be posted on the Maynooth town web-site. New members are always welcome to join in the many and varied activities.

The first Tuesday night of the month talks at St Patrick's Collage, organised by Marian O'Donnell under the aegis of the guild, continue on 5 February with Dr. Barra Boydell's talk on Musical Instruments in Painting. Helen Doyle was sponsored for her walk in the glorious Slieve Bloom Mountains in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Forthcoming events in the calender for Spring 2002 are:

28 Febuary: Fedration Dinner Dance .

3 March: Council meeting, Glanmire, Co. Cork

22 March: Daffodil Day in aid of Cancer Research

Bird's Eye Table Quiz—three teams will represent the guild.

For the energetic there are set-dancing and waltzing competitions ;for artists there are art, Christmas card design and music competitions; and for children there is the Ready Brek competition. Badminton has resumed. Monday night is craft night.

The members expressed their appreciation of the assistance given by former secretary Ann Broughan. Congratulations to Betty Moore on her birthday. Expressions of sympathy were made to Nellie Dillon on her brother, and to Irene Matthews and Marv Deane.

Carmel Nolans judging of the slice Christmas cake resulted in 1. Eileen Flynn 2. Imelda Delanev 3. Rosemary Hanley

Raffle winners: 1. Eilleen Flynn, 2. Mary McNamara 3. Mairead Scanlan

In the Christmas Newsletter Martin Byrne of Maynooth told about his trip to South Africa in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. That set us thinking about New Year resolutions so here are some worthwhile challenges for 2002

March - Finland - Husky Dog Challenge along the remote Russian borders of Finland.

New Zealand - Wilderness Challenge - a taste of the magical South Island. Contact in aid of research into diseases of the brain (01) 8093046

Easter - Chain - Three Gorges Challenge on the Yangtze River Contact: National Council for the Blind in Ireland at (01) 8307033

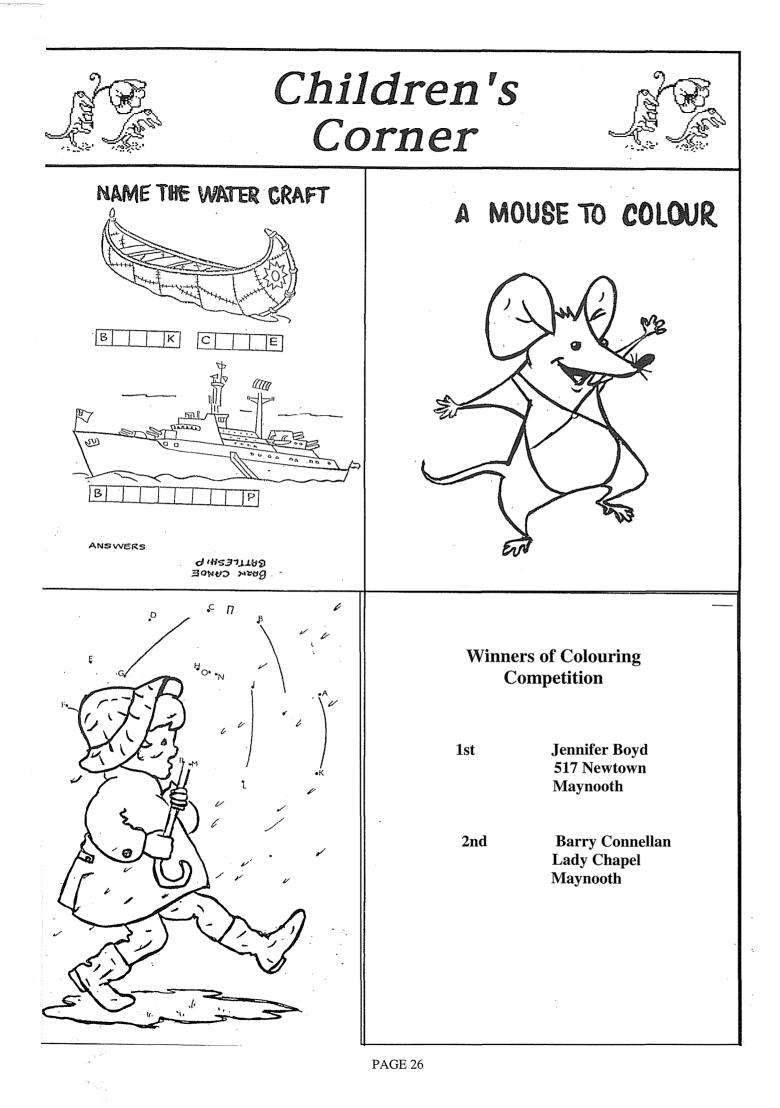
September - Canada - Niagara Falls cycling challenge. Contact: Childrens medical and research foundation, Crumlin Hospital at (01) 4096300.

So will it be 2002 in Canda, China, Finland or New Zealand, the choice is yours. Get on your bike, your sleigh or your walking boots! We would like to hear from you if you decide to travel





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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

I understand that in Budget 2002 it was announced that an income disregard is to be introduced for people receiving a disability payment who sell their home. Can you please give details?

Answer

Since April 1990, where a person over 66 years of age receiving either Old Age Non-Contributory Pension, Widow's/Widower's Non-Contributory Pension or One-Parent Family Payment sold his/her principal residence, the gross amount of money received from the sale, up to a maximum of £150,000 (\in 190,460.71) (since July 2000), has not been counted as means. To avail of this exemption the house must have been sold to enable the person to purchase or rent alternative accommodation or to move into a private nursing home.

In Budget 2002 a new circumstance under which someone receiving Old Age Non-Contributory Pension might avail of the sale of residence disregard was announced. From April 2002, if the person sells his/ her main residence in order to move in with a person who is caring for him/her and who is in receipt of a carer's payment or in order to move into sheltered or special housing, then he/she can avail of the £150,000

(∈ 190,460.71) disregard.

Similarly, from April 2002 a person receiving Disability Allowance or Blind Person's Pension can avail of the disregard providing he/she is selling his/her home for the same purpose. If the person sells his/her residence in order to purchase or rent alternative accommodation or to move into a private nursing home he/she is eligible for the sale of residence disregard.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.

Question

My car was registered in 1997 and I believe it will have to be tested before I can renew my motor tax. Will I be notified when my test is due?

Answer

If your car is due to be tested, you should be notified by mail approximately 6 to 8 weeks before the anniversary date of first registration of your car. If you do not have a valid Test Certificate you will not be able to tax your car.

The National Cart Test came into operation on the 4th January 2000. The testing of private cars (including second hard imports) has been phased in as follows:

- For the year 2000 it applied to cars first registered before 1st January 1992.
- In 2001 it applied to cars first registered between 1992 and 1996.
- For the year 2002 and onwards it applies to all 4 year old cars and eligible older cars i.e. pre-92 registered cars tested in the year 2000 will be eligible for testing again in year 2002 because testing is every 2 years.

All cars must be tested up to 8 weeks before the anniversary date of first registration of their car whether this registration was in Ireland or abroad. There is no link with motor tax or insurance expiry date. Cars classified as vintage cars for motor tax purposes can permanently based on islands not connected to the mainland by road or roll on roll off ferry are exempt from the test.

The National Car Testing Service (NCTS) contacts owners of eligible motor vehicles based on official vehicle records. However, there are a number of reasons why notification may not be sent e.g. the car has been out of tax for a number of months.

If you are not notified and your car is eligible for testing you should contact NCTS via email at bookings@ncts.ie or by phone at their LoCall booking line 1890 412413. If you are not notified and you are unable to renew your car tax you should contact their booking department and they will be able to give you a priority booking.

For further information contact the Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.

Question

I bought a jacket that reduced in the January sales. I discovered a problem with the lining and I am wondering if I have any rights since the jacket was reduced in the sales?

Answer

You have the same consumer rights when you buy goods in a sale as you would normally have i.e. they must be of merchantable quality, fit for their purpose and as described. Even if a retailer displays a notice refusing to exchange or refund you you still have rights under consumer law. Your rights are governed by the Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Act 1980.

You should return the jacket as soon as possible to the retailer as your rights are against the retailer (not the manufacturer). Leave the jacket lining as it is because tampering or attempting to repair it may affect your claim. Make sure you have your receipt or some other proof of purchase.

In some cases a shop may offer a credit note. You do not have to accept a credit note. Indeed, taking this option means that you cannot later demand a refund.

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In general consumers have a wide range of rights in relation to goods and services purchased, but the extend of the righs can vary depending on the sales contract.

Further information is available from:

The Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs, 4 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. Ph: 01 4025555 LoCall: 1890 220229.

The European Consumer Centre, 13A Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Ph: 01 8090600, The Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.

Question

My sister and I pay a woman to care for an elderly aunt. Are we entitled to any tax relief because we employ a carer?

Answer

You may be entitled to claim a tax allowance if you employ a carer to care for an incapacitated family member who is totally incapacitated throughout the tax year. The carer may be employed on an individual basis or through an agency but does not have to be employed for the full year.

Before 1999, only the person being cared for or the person's spouse could claim this allowance. Since April 1999, any member of the wider family who engages a carer may claim the tax allowance. The wider family includes a blood relative, a relative by marriage or a legal guardian.

The tax allowance is claimed at your marginal tax rate. The amount of the relief is the cost of employing the carer less any amount recovered from a Health Board, Local Authority etc. Where two or more persons employ the carer the allowance may be shared between them. For the tax year 2002 the ceiling on the amount that can be claimed has been increased from \in 12,700 (£10,000) to \in 30,000 (£23,627).

To claim the allowance you should complete Form HK1. If you are a PAYE taxpayer, your tax-free allowance will be increased to include the relief due. If you pay tax under self assessment, the Form HK1 should be attached to the tax return and relief will be given in your Notice of Assessment.

The allowance is not conditional on you registering as an employer. However, as it is necessary for you to employ a person to qualify for the allowance you will have certain obligations as an employer including registering as an employer, and deducting PAYE/ PRSI. In certain circumstance, where the carer is provided by an agency and the agency pays the carer directly, the agency will normally be responsible for deducting PAYE and PRSI. You will still be eligible for the allowance and should submit your claim on Form HK1 as usual.

For further information contact your local tax office or Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.



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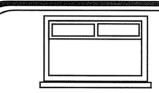
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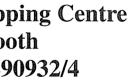




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Question

What are the new Medical Card income guidlines for 2002?

Answer

The Medical Card income guidelines are updated in January each year. The new income guidelines, effective from 1st January 2002, are as follows:

Medical Card Income Guidelines from 1st January 2002 (Weekly income limit (gross less PRSI deductions)

Age	Single Person Living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple
Up to 66 years	∈ 132.00	∈117.00	∈ 190.50
66 - 69 years	∈144.00	∈ 124.00	∈214.00
70 - 79 years	∈285.00	∈246.50	∈427.00
80 years or over	∈ 300.50	∈ 258.00	∈449.00

Allowances for each child under 16	∈24.00
Allowance for other dependants	∈ 25.00
Allowance for (rent, mortgage) excess over	∈24.00 per week
Allowance for cost of travelling to work in excess of	∈21.00 per week

For the year 2002 the guidelines have been increased by approximately 3.8% in all categories. For example, for a single person living alone, aged less that 66, this means an increase of \in 5.03 and for the age group 66 - 69 years an increase of \in 5.60. Similarly, for a married couple the increases are ∈7.02 and ∈ 8.30 respectively.

All persons aged 70 and over normally resident in Ireland are entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. This medical card is not means tested and covers the cardholder only. It does not cover their spouse/ dependants.

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.

Question

I heard it is possible to receive medical treatment abroad. Is this true?

Answer

Yes. It is possible in certain circumstance.

EU regulations provide that an individual from one member state is entitled to medical benefits on the same basis as nationals in another member state if authorised by the competent institution in his/her own state. The competent instutution in Ireland is the Health Board.

This authorisation may not be refused if

the treatment in guestion is among the benefits provided for in the home state's legislation and

the individual cannot be given this treatment within the time normally necessary for obtaining it in the home state, taking account of his/her current state of health and the probable course of the disease.

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The Department of Health and Children have issued guidelines to Health Boards that set out the conditions for authorisation. These guidelines, not binding legislation

- vour application must be assessed before you go abroad although some leeway may be allowed in extremely urgent cases
- a hospital consultant must provide medical ٠ evidence of the details of your condition and of the type of treatment envisaged
- the consultant must certify that
- а the treatment concerned is not available in this country
- there is urgent medical necessity for the treatment b
- there is a reasonable medical prognosis С
- the treatment is regarded as a proven fform of d medical treatment and
- the treatment abroad is in a recognised hospital or e other institution and is under the control of a registered medical practitioner

The usual procedure is that a person who is authorised to go to another member state for treatment is issued with Form E112 which establishes entitlement to the treatment and implies a commitment by the Health Board to pay the cost of treatment.

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.

Question

I am a farmer aged 58 and I am about to avail of the Scheme of Early Retirement from Farming. I wish to maintain my PRSI insurance after I retire. What can I do?

Answer

You may be able to pay for Voluntary Contributions depending on what other income besides your pension you wil have after you retir.

Under the Early Retirement scheme operated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Development the retiring farmer is paid an Early Retirement Pension and the land is trasferred by gift, lease or sale to a qualified young farmer. If you lease the land and your

total income is \in 3,174 (£2,499.73) or more in the 2002 tax year you may have to pay Class S social insurance contributions.

To find out whether you wil have to pay income tax under the Self Assessment tax system you should contact your local tax office. If you are liable to pay tax then you will be liable to pay Class S contributions which you will pay with your tax.

If you are not liable for Class S contributions you should be eligible to remain insured on a voluntary basis. To become a voluntary contributor you must complete application form VC1 which is available from your local social welfare office or from Voluntary Contributions Section, Department of Social,

Community and Farmily Affairs, Cork Road, Waterford, Ph: 051 356000.

Your voluntary contributions will cover you for such long-term benefits as Contributory Old Age Pension and Contributory Widow's/Widower's Pension.

Further information is available form the Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.

Question

I am a single mother receiving a One-parent-Family Payment from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. I heard that I should be able to retain half the maintenance that my child's father is paying without it affecting my payment. However, the maintenance is being paid directly to the Department and I receive none of it. What can I do?

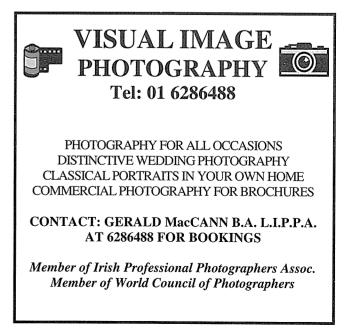
Answer

Since April 2001 when assessing maintenance payments in the means test for the One-Parent-Family-Payment, after the housing disregard up to a maximum of \in 95.23 (£75.00) has been deducted. half the remainder of the maintenance payment is also disregarded.

Where a parent is receiving the maintenance payment directly they are able to keep the disregarded maintenance and their payment from the Department is reduced by the remainder. If the maintenance is paid direct to social welfare, as in your situation, you do not benefit from any part of the maintenance.

It is therefore better when pursuing maintenance to arrange to have it paid directly to the parent. Unfortunately, once the maintenance is being paid directly to the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs, it is not possible to arrange for the maintenance to be pai directly to you.

Further information available from the Citizens Information Centre Ph: 01 6285477.



Maynooth Boys National School News

All pupils are back to school after Christmas and by all accounts the children had a great holiday. Santa was very good to them and even came to the school before Christmas to see the boys. While he was there some boys from 6th Class presented a cheque for £300.00 to the Vincent de Paul Society in the college. This was money raised from the carol singing that the boys did in Tesco before Christmas.

Also just before Christmas the boys brought in presents for our annual toy appeal and the number of toys brought in was fantastic.

Members of the Parents' Association worked hard to sort, pack and arrange the distribution of all the presents. Many children were grateful for the generosity of the boys.

Kairos did some filming in the school last term for the programme 'A Prayer at Bedtime' Shown on RTE 1. The pupils of the Boys' school were on RTE 1 on Christmas Eve, and two other nights during the holidays

Irish National Teachers Organisation President Joan Ward visited the school and met teachers and pupils. To mark her visit the pupils presented her with a painting done by Brenden Colfer in Second Class.

Competitions

Many boys did very well in the poster competition organised by Maynooth Credit Union. The following boys won prizes.

Stephen Buckley	5th Class	1st Prize	
Ciaran Dooley	6th Class	2nd Prize	
Cathal Foley6th C	lass 3rd F	Prize	
Sean O' Kane	3rd Class	1st Prize	
David Toner	3rd Class	2nd Prize	
Garvan Dowling	3rd Class	3rd Prize	

Basketball

The 5th/6th Class Basketball League was won by Stephen Travers' team. They were Daniel O' Mahoney Barry Kilduff, Richard Judge and Sam Hare. The 3rd/4th Class League was won by Christopher Hobb's team. They were Niall Cullen, John Daly, Robert Dignam, Levi Baikdon.

Scór

Christopher O' Connell, Daire Heneghan & Michael John Fay won through to the Leinster Finals of the Scór Quiz Competition where they lost narrowly. The school is also proud of Ben Finegan, and Kevin Molloy who made the Leinster Finals of the Novelty Act.

Enrolment

Maynooth Boys School will be enrolling children for Junior infants during the months of January and February. If you have a child due to start in September 2002.please contact the school office for Registration Form. Similarly if you have a friend or neighbour in the same situation please do them a favour and

advisethem to contact the school.

Children must be four years of age before 1st September in order to start school. Forms should be returned as soon as possible along with a copy of the child's birth and Baptismal Certificate if appropriate. A copy of the school's Enrolment Policy is available on request from the office.



First Class Entertain at the Christmas Show



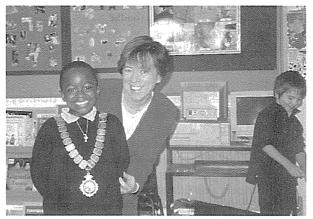
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Santa meets Junior Infants

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INTO President Joan Ward with Bankole Agunsoye in 1st Class



Basketball League Winners

Parents Association St Marys Boys School

The committee wish all teachers, boys and parents a Happy New Year and we hope you all enjoyed your Christmas.

We would like to thank all the boys who brought in toys for our toy appeal, they went to very worthy causes, and you were all very generous.

Our congratulations to the boys who made the mobiles they looked very well hanging in the school. Our New Committee is as follows

Chairperson:
Asst Chairperson:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Asst Treasurer:
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Claire O Rourke Clodagh Desmond Mark Colfer Sheila Hawthorne Claire O Rourke

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Claire O Rourke

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Maynooth Social and Welcoming Committee

We would like to wish all our merbers a happy New vear.

At the moment we are little tried down with our church being closed as the school hall is a little far from the college church for us to hold get togethers such as our Sunday morning cups of tea, we do hope to be back to normal shortly

Claire O Rourke P.R.0

A concerned Kingsbry Resident

I would like to ask drivers to slow down when they come into the estate as there are children playing . As some cars drive far to fast and put these children lives in danger.

Also I would like to ask Residents not to park on the grass as it ruins the grass and takes the neat look away.

To landlord I would ask them to look after their premises and keep them looking respectable.

And Finally I ask all students to try end keep the peace as I have experience a lot of noise even boys planing hurling and football after 12.00am which is a bit much.

Name with the editor

Brainboxs Perfect Quiz

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- A Manx Cat lacks what distinguishing feature?
- What is the maximum break possible in
- snooker?
- 3 From what religion does yoga originate?
- Δ Whick tree leaf appears on the Canadian Flag?
- 5 What is the name given to a female donkey?
- Animals that live on land and in water are 6 called what?
- 7 What was the name of the first Rolls Royce Car?
- Who played the female lead in the 8 **Ghostbusters Films?**
- How many teeth do anteaters have? 9
- What is the human tarsus? 10

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OLD SONGS

Being down the west over the Christmas the sing songs were great. one song which I half heard once from Eamon Gallagher in Maynooth. I got the full words. The Gardai believe it's one of the oldest unsolved crimes in the country - it goes as follows:

Nell Flaherty's Drake.

Me it is Nell and the truth for to tell I come from Cootehill Which I'll never denv I had a fine drake and I'd die for his sake that me grandmother left me and she going to die

The dear little fellow his legs they were yellow he could fly like a swallow and swim like a hake til some dirty savage to grease his white cabbage most wantonly murdered me beautiful drake

Now his neck it was green oh most fit to be seen he was fit for a queen of the highest degree his body was white and he would you delight he was plump fat and heavy and as brisk as a bee he was wholesome and sound he would weigh 20lb and the universe round I would roam for his sake bad luck to the robber be he drunk or be sober that wantonly murdered Nell Flaherty's drake. May his spade never dig may his sow never pig may each hair on his wig be well thrashed by a flail may his door never latch may his roof never thatch may is turkeys not hatch may the rats eat his meal may every ould fairy from Cork to Dun Laoghaire dip his head in every river and lake that the eel and the trout may they dine on the snout of the monster that murdered Nell Flaherty's drake.

May his pig never grunt may his cat never hunt may a ghost ever haunt him at dead of the night may his hens never lay may his horse never neigh may his goat fly away like an auld paper kite that the flies and fleas and the bats ever tease may the piercing March breeze make him shiver and shake may a lump of a stick rise the lumps fast and thick on the monster that murdered Nell Flaherty's drake. Well the only good news that I have to infuse is that ould Paddy Hughes and young Anthony Blake also John Dwyer and Corny Maguire they each have a grandson of my darling drake.

Me treasure had dozens of nephews and cousins and one I must get or me heart it will break and the set me mind easy or else I'll go crazy so ends the whole story of Nell Flaherty's drake.

as sang by James Quinn Lisquell East Ballygar



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ITINERARY

Saturday, 30th March, 2002

Depart by executive coach from Bradford, via Leicester, Heathrow Airport and London to RHEIMS. Meet Irish group at Victoria Station London.

Sunday, 31st March, 2002

Morning free in Rheims; then to STRASBOURG.

Monday, 1st April, 2002 At leisure in Strasbourg. Optional excursion.

Tuesday, 2nd April, 2002

Visit to the Council of Europe & Court of Human Rights. Drive to LUXEMBOURG.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 2002 Visit to Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe. Drive to BRUSSELS

Thursday, 4th April, 2002 Visit, a.m., to the European Commission; p.m. to the European Parliament.

Friday, 5th April, 2002

Visit to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Drive to BRUGES.

Saturday, 6th April, 2002 Morning at leisure in Bruges, then return to the U.K.

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Features

Riverbank Arts Centre

Friday 1st & Saturdav 2nd Drama - The Beckett Trilogy Gare St Lazare Players (France) €12.5/€10 7.30pm

Solo performance of Beckett's 'Molloy Malone Dies' and 'The Unnameable by Conor Lovett of Gare St Lazare Players, directed by Judy Hegarty. A rare chance to hear each of the the novels in the Beckett Triloav in one evenina.

Tuesday 5th

Drama - The Grand by Max Hafler €10/€7.5 8.00pm Yew Tree Theatre

Directed by John Breen, Grand is set in a small town in the West of Ireland. It tells the story of what happens in the town when people start to receive malicious letters. The story is told by Maire a fifty year old woman who is one of the recipients of the letters and Joe the postman who delivers them. Extensive use of video and sound effects enhances the action and makes for a memorable night's theatre.

Wednesday 6th

Riverbank Cine Club - The Pledge Directed by Sean Penn €6/€4 8.00pm Based on a book by critically acclaimed Swiss author Friedrick Durrenmatt, this crime drama set in a small town in the 1950's tells of a retiring police chief (Jack Nicholson) who promises a mother (Robin Wright Penn) that he will catch the person responsible for the murder of her daughter.

Friday 8th

Concert - Paul Keogh €11 8.00pm Accoustic Session

Saturday 9th

Children's Theatre - Lambert Puppet Theatre Snow White €6.5 2.00pm/4.30pm The Lambert Puppet Theatre is now widely recognised as the premier puppet theatre company in Ireland, and indeed is world renowned for its many fine productions throughout Europe and America. This is a beautifully produced show with large puppets, colourful sets and

exquisite lighting and is suitable for 3 to 12 year olds.

Saturday 9th

Seamus Blake Jazz Quartet Music Network €12.50/€10 8.30pm

Seamus Blake (saxophone/electronics), Scott Kinsey (keyboards), Dan Reiser (drums) and guest bass player to be announced. Seamus Blake is a New York based tenor sax player who is fast emerging as one of the finest and most creative young players in jazz. His extraordinary versatility as an improviser and composer of challenging new material has been widely recognised and has led to memorable collaborations in performance/recording with major artists including The Bloomdaddies, John Scofield, Bill Stewart and Kevin Hays. A superb evening of groove iazz is promised.

Music Network Tours are funded by the Arts Council and sponsored by the ESB.

Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th

Drama - Sucking Stones By Crooked House Theatre €10/€7.5 8.00pm Three new plays inspired by the works of Samuel Beckett. Sucking Stones is the second instalment in our series of anti-sentimental plays, the first having been presented as Numb: plays without feeling in October 2001.

Revelations by Darren Donohue

Inspired by Endgame, this lyrical play concerns the reminiscences of a chair-bound old man who is attended by another old man, his keeper. They have lived in poverty and want for years, never leaving their rooms, ignorant and fearful of the outside world which eventually bursts in upon them in the form of a third younger man. The play is directed by Peter Hussey.

Three Figures by a Well by Peter Hussey.

Three people find themselves at a well in the countryside at various stages in their lives, from there they address the audience. Loosely inspired by Beckett's Play, this short piece consists of the monologues of two women and a man, which interweave to tell a shared story of love, obsession and redemption.

Waiting for John-O by Darren Donohue.

Set in a Kildare urban landscape, Waiting for John-O discovers two twenty-something aimless young men hanging out, passing the time, waiting for their friend John-O to bring them to a party. Their banter is interrupted by the arrival of the pompous Mark and his girlfriend Mary, a silent but deeply strange individual, who entertains and perturbs the men in equal measure.

Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd

Drama - The Lonesome West by Martin McDonagh Melting Pot Theatre Company Directed by Gerry Hipwell and produced by Genney Adamson.

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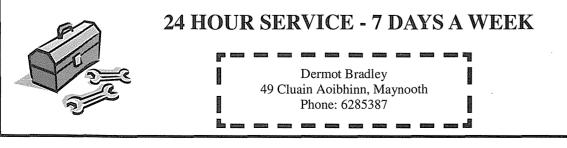


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The Lonesome West Continued...

18th - Preview - all seats €7.50 19th - all seats €13 (Proceeds to St.Patrick's School Newbridge) 20th/23rd seats €10/€7.5 8.00pm.

Valene and Coleman, two brothers living alone in their father's house after his recent death, find it impossible to exist without the most massive and violent disputes over the most mundane and innocent of topics. Only Father Welsh, the local young priest, is prepared to try to reconcile the two before their petty squabblings spiral into vicious and bloody carnage.

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th

Drama - Angels in America By Tony Kushner Silken Thomas Players €9/€6.5 8.00pm

A play which the author calls a *"Gay Fantasia on National Themes"*. 'Angels in America ' is a sweeping examination of some of the most basic of human ideas: love, death, loyalty, commitment and community. This is an epic tale told through the lives of a collection of flawed and fascinating characters. The essence of the play centres on two couples, one gay and one straight, trying to cope with the disintegration of their relationships.

VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMME

From the River to the Sea...

(For the month of February) in collaboration with IMMA's National Programme.

Drawing on the collection of the Irish Museum of Modern Art, this exhibition explores the theme of the river and the sea, as interpreted by a wide variety of painters. Works by such diverse artists as Felim Egan, Gwen O'Dowd, Mary Lohan and Tony O'Malley will be included, in a variety of styles and interpretations. IMMA's National Programme is designed to create access opportunities to the visual arts by distributing the assets, resources, and skills of the Irish Museum of Modern Art both North and South.

A lecture on IMMA's collection will be given in conjunction with *From the River to the Sea...*For further information please call (045)448314.

7th February

A Romp Through the History of Printmaking. Brian Lalor 8.00pm.

Printmaking is one of the most widely used, yet least understood forms of art. Prints were the only medium of popular visual communication from the 15th to the early 20th Century. Everything from religion to politics, fashion and fin art became widely available through prints. From **Rembrandt** to **Picasso**, great artists have experimented with printmaking while today in Dublin there are three galleries which specialise in prints. This lecture will be given by Brian Lalor, printmaker and travel writer, who has lectured widely on print history. Currently he is general editor of the Encyclopaedia of Ireland.

Public Workshops:

Acting the Eejit

An introduction to games, improvisation and acting. This weekly course would suit anyone who wants to have fun, find out about drama, or use some of the techniques with groups. It is especially for adults who have no background in drama and who are of any age or ability. The course will run for ten weeks, beginning on Wednesday 20th February. The course fee is €102.00 and there will need to be a minimum of 10 people registered in order to run it.

Crooked House offers a wide range of workshops for community, youth and special needs groups. These can be organised with the company to occur whenever the client wishes.

For further information on any of our courses, please see our Crooked House website www.crookedhouse. ie for details or phone (045)448309.

BOX OFFICE

Our Box Office hours are 10am-6pm, Monday to Saturday, and 6pm to 9pm on performance evenings only. Payment for tickets can be made in cash, cheque, postal order, Visa, Access, Mastercard and Laser. Telephone and credit card bookings can also be made during these hours on (045)448333.

THEATRE INFORMATION

Performances begin at 8.00pm. unless otherwise stated. Latecomers will not be seated until there is an appropriate break in performance. Due to the high number of reserved tickets which have not been collected by the specified date, reserved tickets will only be held for seven days or until 6.00pm on the evening prior to the particular performance, whichever is the sooner. If payment has not been received by that time the booking will automatically be deleted from the system and will be put back on sale.

All children, even if they are babies, must have a valid ticket for a seat in order to comply with our fire regulations. For safety reasons, buggies of carrycots are not permitted in the auditorium.

Riverbank Arts Centre, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Box Office Number: (045)448333. General Queries: (045)433480, Fax: (045)432490.

MAYNOOTH GAA CLUB NOTES

Maynooth GAA AnnuaL General Meeting

Maynooth GAA Club held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 7th of Dec., in the Clubhouse on the Movalare Road. The election of club officers and executive went very smmoothly with club chairman Fergus Devereaux, club secretary Dominic Nugent and club treasurer Mick Gleeson all re-elected unopposed. Maynooth native Mick Kelly returns to the executive as vice chairman after an absence of a few years Laura Carney is our new assistant secratery while Matt Doran continues as assistant treasurer/finance chairman.Football PRO is Naiomi Devereaux while Aidan Sinnott is Club/Hurling PRO.Madeline Stynes continues as club registrar as those grounds chairman Mick Gillick.Hurling chairman is Martin Connolly while there was no football chairman elected on the night.Handball chairman is Paul Ruane while Noel Farrelly continues as bar chairman and Rita Dovle continues as Scor chair person. The rest of the executive members are Donal McAvinie.Kieran Duigans.Gerry Greally, Roddy Molloy, Tracy Kearney, Niamh Mulready, Martin Bambrick, Mick Caden, Colin Cush, Peter Sheehan and Padraig Kearney.

Proposed new developments to the clubs facilities

At the recent Club AGM club chairman Fergus Devereaux outlined the proposed new developments to the clubs facilities. These developments are to include, a multi function sports and recreation hall, a gymnasium, new dressing rooms, meeting rooms, members bar. Also the development is to include the development of the long awaited extra pitches to come on stream when the Maynooth Development Plan is ratified. The complete plan comes with a price tag of 2.5 million pounds. Mr Devereaux outlined that he and his executive had done some significant work already in relation to a lotto application for funds. Also with a development savings account established at the start of the year some discussions had taken place with some of the financial institutions. He also said that these new facilities are for the broader community of Maynooth and he would like to see a real community development take place on the Movglare Road. With recent calls for some form of community center to be developed in Maynooth, this is an ideal opportuity for these groups to come on board with our project Mr Devereaux stated that he had already received significant support already from various community groups

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The club is to have an annual dinner dance to be held in the Straffan Court Hotel on Saturday the 9th Feb.Dancing is to the Untouchables and tickets are 25 euro each. A hugely popular event in the past, tickets are limited , so be sure to book early. Tickets are available in the clubhouse or from Matt Doran or Madeline Stynes. Closing date for sale of tickets is Feb 2nd.

Youth Development

The driving force behind the club's new development is to provide modern facilities for the youth of our community. With limited facilities available for the youth of Maynooth, it is the aim of the club to provide a facility to cater for all needs. Maynooth GAA presently caters for up to 200 boys and girls providing sporting activity through football, hurling camogie, handball and cultural and musical activity through Scor.As the oldest club in Maynooth, the club has a long and impresive record catering for our youth, and with this new development would hope to cater for the needs of all our youth.

Wedding Bells

Wedding bells were in the air for Maynooth couple Sandra Gillick and Johnnie Nevin, who got married on Saturday 5th of January.Both families are well known in GAA circles,Sandra's father Mick was club chairman for 11 years and was the leading light behind the development of our present club facilities. Johnnie is a member of the Nevin family who have been involved in Maynooth GAA club both on and off the field for many decades. Johnnie's father Joe is also a former club chairman who had a distinguished career in both football and hurling in the Maynooth colours. Johnnie who is a teacher in Maynooth Post Primary, has played on Maynooth football teams who won the Junior and Intermeadiate football titles and is still involved in the present team. He also manages the club's U14 footballers and is very involved in football in the Post Primary school.Sandra's is a member of the Ladies football team and the clubs Camogie team, she is a P.E. teacher in the Garda Training College in Templemore. From everybody involved in Maynooth GAA club we would like to wish Sandra and Johnnie long life and happiness.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

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UNDERAGE FOOTBALL BLITZ

An under age football blitz took place on Sat 1st and 8 th of December in the club grounds on the Movglare Road.With fantastic sunshine on both days, some 50 childern, ranging from in ages from 6 to 11, took part. With parents acting as team mentors, a huge crowd of spectators were on hand to shout and urge the teams on. The two semi finals paired Dublin against Kerry and Kildare against Donegal.In the first semi final the "Lillywhites" were victorious and in the second semi final the" Kingdom" were the winners. In the play off spots Galway were victorious over Cork. The final was a subperb game, but Kildare were too strong for Kerry . After the football a party was held for all the players in the Clubhouse followed by the medal presentation. The medals were presented by Norman Birchall of Birchall Heating and Plumbing, who sponsored the event. Many thanks to those who orgainised the event, Donal McEvinue, Ted Walsh, Denis Dempsey, Ciaran Finnegan, Larry McNutt, Dan Broderick, Gerry Delaney, John Murphy.

> MAYNOOTH GAA PRO Aidan Sinnott











Photo's of teams taking part in underage football blitz at Maynooth G.A.A. club

Christmas Craft Fair

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Craft Fair held recently at the Movglare Manor Hotel. We are indebted to Mrs. Devlin & Mr Shav Curran for the use of their beautiful hotel and their hospitality and support.

To all those who gave raffle prizes, donations and craft workers, our sincere thanks.

We are grateful to everyone who helped us in so many other ways to make this weekend such a success. Total proceeds of £2,300 has been sent to the Irish Heart Foundation.

Imelda Desmond, Noeleen O' Brien & Felicity Satchwell

Maynooth Community Games

Chairperson	Elaine Fleming	
Secretary	Patricia McAuliffe	
Treasurer	Madelene Stynes	
P.R.O.	Margaret Houlihan	
County Delegate Mattie Callaghan		
Committee	Jim Fleming, Liz Callaghan	
	Mary Mc Namara, Patricia	
	Moynan, Marlene Durcan	
	Colm O'Connor	
The above comm	ittee were elected at the recent	

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Organisers for the following events as follows:

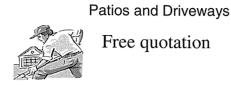
Set Dancing	Rita Doyle
Chess	Ger Mc Cann
Swimming	Jim Fleming
Table Quiz	Brian O'Malley
Project	Mary O Gorman
Athletics	Mick Gleeson
Gymnastics	Margaret Houlihan
Basketball	Mr. Grundy Boys U 13
Soccer Girls	Anto Mooney
Pitch & Putt	Mattie Callaghan
Art	Committee
Olympic Handball	Helen Karbenko

Watch out for dates of the above events of the local competitions.

Anyone with anymore ideas or who are willing to help out, please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 13th February at 8-30 in Maynooth G.A.A. Centre.

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A Harry Potter Report

If you've never read a Harry Potter Book before your missing out on a big opportunity just to get you started well tell you all you need to know about Harry and a life at Hogwarts. Harry thinks he is just an ordinary eleven old boy ,who lives with his terrible aunt Petunia, uncle Vernon and their pig like son Dudley. In the first quarter of the first book. Harry found out he was a famous wizard and is destined to go to Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry. Harry found out his parents were murdered by the evil and treacherous Lord Voldermourt. Hagrid, who was a kind gentle giant was the hero who saved Harry from the bitter, cold-hearted Dursleys. Though Harry didn't have a clue where to go wizard shopping, Hagrid knew the perfect place. Diagon Alley Hagrid realised he still hadn't got Harry a birthday present. The bought Harry a lovely snowy owl . Hedwig. Although Harry knew he had to go by train to Hogwarts, where was he supposed find a wizard train. Of course there's a very special way to get on a wizard train. Harry made two new friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. Ron has one sister and five brothers he also has a pet Scabbers the rat, Hermione Granger is very smart and has Muggle parents(non magical people) though it is only his first year at Hogwarts, Harry still has a big adventure just waiting for them. Happy Reading

By Aoife Quinn, Katie Dunne, Susan Moore.

BOOK REVIEW

I was presented with a very good book at Christmas that would interest anyone that has an interest in the history of the area. Written by Gerard Rice it gives a great history of the parish of Kilcloon and takes in Moyglare and Maynooth. It's called "Norman Kilcloon 1171 - 1700 and gives a great history of castles and manors of the time. It is very well worth having but it is ver detailed. It is available at all bookshops and if not, it's Book Number is ISBN O 954008901.

Another book still on sale at the Community Council office is "Cannonballs and Croziers" A History of Maynooth published by Maynooth Community Council in 1994. Written by John Drennan who is now a journalist for the Sunday Independent. It is a lot easier read as the writer uses a lot of wit and humour to get his points across. It gives a good history of Maynooth from the Fitzgeralds', Carton, The College and the town in poorer times. It was printed in 1994 and covers all aspects of Maynooth up to that time.

Pius Kelly



Marie Nolan with her Grandchildren Alex & Andrew Birchall presenting flowers to The President, Mary McAleese on her recent visit to Aisling House



The President, Mary McAleese with Mary Lydon of Aisling House



Pius Kelly Maynooth Newsletter with The President, Mary McAleese and her husband in Aisling Houses

Dorin's Recipes

Cheesy Leeks and Ham

Serves 4 You will need: 8 medium sized leeks Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 8 thin slices ham 1 1/2 oz butter 1 1/2 oz flour 1/2 pint milk 6 oz cheddar cheese, grated 1 teaspoon wholegrain mustard

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Method:

Remove outside leaves, roots and most of the green part of the leeks. Wash well in cold water to remove all the grit and dirt. Cook in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain well, reserving 1/4 pint of the stock. Wrap slices of ham round leeks and place in an ovenproof dish , melt butter, add flour and cook for a minute. Remove from heat and gradually stir in milk and leek stock. Return to heat and bring to boil, stirring all the time until sauce bubbles and thickens. Stir in 4 oz of the cheese and the mustard, season to taste, pour over leeks, sprinkle over remaining cheese and grill until cheese is golden brown and bubbling.

Lamb and Mushroom Pie

Serves 4 You will need: 1 onion 4 oz mushrooms 1 oz butter 1lb lamb 1/2 pint beef stock Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Pinch mace 4 oz frozen puff pastry 1 egg, beaten

Cooking time: 60 Opening setting: 200c, 400f, Gas mark 6 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4

Method:

Peel and chop onion, wash and roughly chop mushrooms, fry both gently in butter until soft. Cut meat into 1 inch pieces and add to pan. Cook for 10 minutes. Add stock and seasoning. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Place mixture in a pie dish, cover with pastry, trim edges. Brush with beaten egg and bake in centre of oven for 30 minutes. Reduce temperature 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4 after 15 minutes.



Cheese and Celery Loaf



You will need: 1 lb self-raising flour 2 teaspoons sea salt 1 1/2 oz butter 3 large sticks celerv 6 oz cheddar cheese 1 clove garlic 1 egg 1/2 pint milk less 2 tablespoons

Cooking time: 55 minutes Oven setting: 220c, 425f, Gas mark 7

Method:

Grease a 2 lb loaf tin, sift flour and salt into a bowl and rub in fat until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Wash and chop celery finely. Crush garlic if a clove is used and grate cheese coarsely. Add celery, garlic and cheese to flour. Beat egg and milk together, add gradually to dry ingredients and mix to form a soft dough. Knead lightly and quickly on a floured table, then shape into an oblong. Place in the loaf tin and bake in a hot oven for about 55 minutes. Turn out and cool on a wire tray. Serve fresh with butter.

Orange Sorbet

You will need: 3 oz caster sugar 1/2 pint water 2 level teaspoons powdered gelatine 6 oz can frozen concentrated orange juice 1 egg white

Method:

Put the sugar and water into a pan and heat slowly until the sugar has dissolved. Allow this syrup to cool. Dissolve the gelatine in a little water and add with the undiluted orange juice to the sugar syrup. Blend them together, then pour the liquid into a 1 pint shallow. plastic lidded container. Put the sorbet in the freezing compartment of the refrigerator for half an hour or until barley firm. Turn into a bowl and mash down until there are no pieces. Then fold in the stiffly whisked egg white. Return to the container, cover and return to the freezing compartment until required. Thaw the sorbet in the refrigerator for 30 minutes before serving in individual glasses.

Orange Tarragon Chicken Serves 4

You will need: 1 1/2 oz butter 2 tablespoons oil 4 chicken quarters

1 large onion

6 1/4 oz can frozen orange juice 1/4 pint water

Dorin's Recipes contd.

1 chicken stock cube

4 sprigs fresh tarragon, chopped or 1 tablespoon dried tarragon 1/2 oz cornflour 5 oz carton soured cream

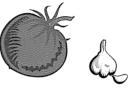
Cooking time: 1 hour 30 minutes Oven setting: 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4

Method:

Melt butter and oil in a flameproof casserole dish and brown chicken guarters thoroughly on all sides. Remove from dish and, if desired, skin chicken, keep on one side, chop onion finely and cook gently for 2-3 minutes in butter and oil, stir in concentrated orange juice, water, stock cube and tarragon. Bring to boil and add chicken. Cover with lid or foil and bake in a moderate oven for 1 1/2 hours until chicken is tender. Baste occasionally with orange sauce. Remove chicken and place down the centre of an oval serving dish. Skim off any excess fat from the sauce. Blend the cornflour with 2 tablespoons water and add to the sauce. Return to the boil and cook for 2-3 minutes stirring continuously. Cook slightly and stir in the soured cream. Pour over chicken and decorate with fresh tarragon or parsley.

Herbed Meatballs with Pasta

Serves 6 You will need: For the meatballs: 350g lean minced beef 1 onion, chopped finely 2 garlic cloves, crushed 4 teaspoons tomato puree



- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley 40g grated cheese (parmesan) 1 egg, beaten
- 2 teaspoons olive oil, or any good oil
- For the sauce:
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 x 400g cans of chopped tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons or tomato puree
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- To serve:
- 350g dried pasta shapes

Method:

Preheat the grill to high. In a large bowl, mix together **Quick Tip** all the ingredients for the meatballs except the oil. Season well and then roll into 16 balls. Place the Soured cream is not dairy cream which is off: it is meatballs on a baking sheet, brush with the oil and carefully soured commercially giving a fresh delicate grill for 7-8 minutes or until browned all over, and flavour. Fresh cream can be soured successfully by cooked through. Keep warm. Meanwhile place all the adding a little lemon juice. sauce ingredients in a pan, bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes, or until the onions are softened, adding the meatballs 2 minutes before the

cooking time. Cook the pasta according to the packet instruction. Toss into the sauce and meatballs and serve immediately.

Spaghetti with Green Beans

Serves 4

- You will need:
- 12 oz spaghetti
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 oz butter
- 5 oz frozen green beans
- 6 oz cooked beef
- 5 oz carton soured cream
- 1 bunch watercress

Method:

Cook the spaghetti in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water for 12 minutes or until just tender. Drain and keep hot. Meanwhile melt butter and fry defrosted beans for 5 minutes. Chop meat or cut into neat strips and add to pan with sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and the soured cream. Heat gently without boiling for 5 minutes. Put the spaghetti into a serving dish and add the sauce arrange watercress in a ring round the dish. Serve immediately.

Tomato and Bacon stuffed Mushrooms

Makes 4 Cooking time 10 minutes

You will need:

4 spring onions, finely chopped

- 6 ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 4 rashers of bacon, de-rind and chopped
- 1 oz rice crispies, crushed
- 4 large flat mushrooms, about 3 in diameter
- 4 oz parmesan cheese, grated

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

To serve

Grated carrot salad Sprigs of flat leaf parsley

Method:

Preheat oven to 220c, 425f, Gas mark 7. Mix together the spring onions, tomatoes, bacon and rice Krispies. Lay the mushrooms stem - side up on a non - stick baking sheet and top each with tomato mixture. Sprinkle over the cheese and bake for 10 minutes. Serve hot with a grated carrot salad and garnished with parsley.











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Maynooth Hillwalking Club

Since our last article in the December edition, we have had a busy period of activity. Those attending the Map and Compass course are continuing their training out on the ground. A number of foggy days made training very interesting and was beneficial to those attending in building up experience and becoming confident with their equipment. Training continues throughout the next few months. Our visit to West Wicklow on the 18th of November last was a great success. A total of 29 people attended and as luck would have it we were able to complete a hard hike around the Glen of Imaal taking in Lugnaguillia (the highest mountain in Leinster), and the second group of 19 completed the easier hike through the scenic mountains of West Wicklow. As this group proved to be fitter than usual for an easy hike our outing was extended. From feedback those attending were very happy and surprised with their own performances. Bull Island on December 9th was attended by 11 people some of whom were attending for the first time. The audio visual show proved to be very interesting and the walk was pleasant. Both these outing were conducted under perfect conditions.

Members of the club have attended a number of hikes in groups during the period. As individual progress in fitness level they become more confident in conducting hikes on a more regular basis and more adventurous. It is hoped that later in the year the club will be able to conduct more frequent outings than at present (2 per month generally). Members of the club are going into to training for the Ring of Imaal 26 mile marathon which is in May/June. Those training are conducting up to two extra hikes per month with members of An Oige and other Ramblers from Dublin.

Over the Christmas we completed a number of additional hikes for all. A more difficult hike was conducted on Saturday 15th Dec. and later on Friday 28th Dec. to stretch the legs after the Christmas. On New Years Day a nice gentle stroll from Clonsilla to Maynooth via the Royal canal was carried to encourage those interested into making an early New Years resolution and to clear the head after the night before. Twenty seven people attended this afternoon activity and all were happy afterwards. Some has an early start to their New Years resolutions. We were a little lazy in that we did not start until mid-day. The group met at Maynooth Railway station and treated ourselves to the 12.30 train to Clonsilla. A nice start to the New Year.

Sunday Jan. 13th brought us to the Roberstown area and a pleasant trek along the canals covering a distance of 8.5 miles on the shortest of the Easy hikes while the longer one covered a distance of 16 miles. The weather conditions were perfect and those on the longer trek were happy with their performances.

On Sunday 27th Jan. we will conduct an Easy hike in the mountains above the scenic Lough Tay (weather permitting) and in the Djouce area. It is guite likely to be very cold in this area and possible a layer of snow on the ground so proper attire is essential for all. We would hope to have two groups walking.

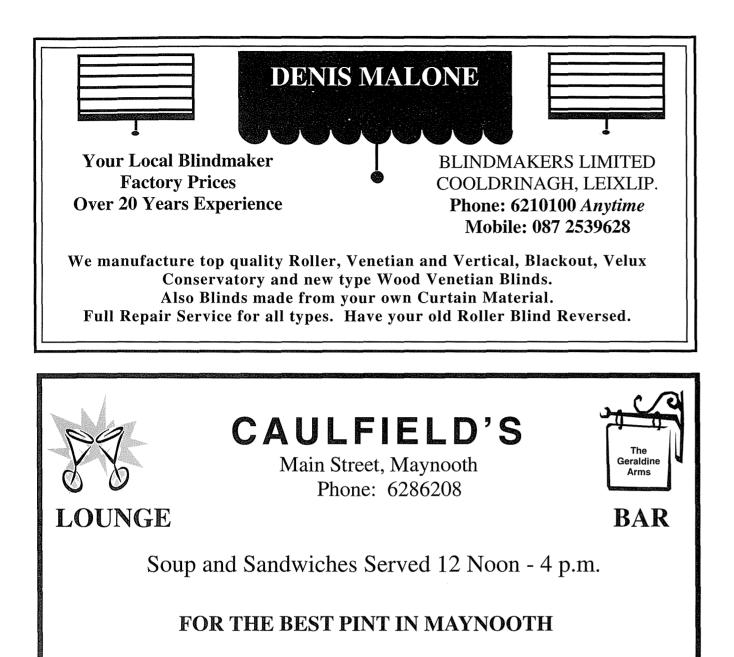
Sunday Feb. 10th brings us back to Howth, an old reliable an an opportunity to visit the Peninsula in winter. This will be an easy hike. A harder hike for the more experienced club members is planned in the Wicklow Mountains were some training will take place as well.

Feb 16/17 sees the club attending a weekend of activities in the Glendalough area consisting of an afternoon of map and compass practical training, a nine mile night hike commencing at dusk and hopefully finishing before closing time. On the Sunday we will have a 10 mile hike in the area also before setting course back for Maynooth. Please note that the weekend activities has to be restricted to Club members. If interested why not get involved and join up before the next one.

Sunday 3rd March we hope to have two hikes in the Glendalough area. Again, this hike is on the open mountainside, so proper clothing and footwear are essential. Anyone turning up without proper equipment for the hike will not be allowed attend. The easy hike will take us from the Wicklow Gap onto the top of Turlough Hill and then down into the valleys above the waterfalls at Glendalough, returning to Glendalough over the Spinks and St Kevin's bed. this is a very scenic hike covering a distance of 11 miles with ascent in the region of 700 ft. We will be doing a little training during the course of this hike so we will be taking things easy. For those who still have a little energy to burn off in the last quarter we can arrange a little extra distance and ascent through the Glendalough forest. Members of the club will be conduction a harder hike in the same area.

As you can see January and February are busy months for all levels of walking in the Club. by then those interested will have had ample opportunity to experience hiking at the easier levels. From March onwards the easier hikes will be less frequent. Hikes will be conducted to meet club members demand as a priority and those who have attended the Easy hikes will be encouraged to join up and possibly progress to the next stage. With the stretch in the evenings we will be conducting longer and more difficult hikes as a norm

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



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We plan to conduct a number of Easy hike s locally from the beginning of May onwards in the evenings, probably one per month or so. Keep an eye out later for further details or check our web page.

Club membership details available on request or from our web site.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below.

Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes as is the case on the 13th January '02 on our canal outings. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routs back to the car.

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

Contact numbers:- 6285367, 086-2703348 or Email:- maynooth hillwalking club@yahoo.com Web Page:-

www.geocities.com/maynooth hillwalking_club



Maynooth Summer Project

It is time one again to start thinking about the Maynooth Summer Project, but first we would like to wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

Our A.G.M is on 6th Feb, and we would like as many parents as possible to attend as we need a good size committee and plenty of helpers during the month of July.

So please remember the I.C.A hall on the above date at 8.00pm

Claire O Rourke Secretary

Maynooth Summer Project taking part in St Patrick's Day Parade

We have decided this year for the first year to take part in the St Patrick's Day Parade, all participants are very welcome. They will be expected to dress up in fancy dress, there will be a prize for the best dressed child taking part.

Participants must have taken part in the project at some stage or intend to take part in the future.

We would like as many children as possible to take part, it can be fun

Any child wishing to take part please phone Claire at 6286863 or Paula at 6285810 as we need to have an idea of numbers.

Children to meet at Greenfild Shopping Centre at 10.30am and to be collected after the parade in the arounds of Texco.

Please come already dressed

Claire O Rourke & Paula Tracey



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Maynooth Tidy Towns

2001- our most successful year

While Maynooth's marks in the National Tidy Towns Competition has consistently increased over the last six years. Maynooth Tidy Towns take most satisfaction from the fact that we had our first success in the National Competition in 2001.

Maynooth was awarded the "SuperValu Endeavour Award" for achieving the highest increase in marks in Co. Kildare in last year's competition. Maynooth Tidy Towns Chairman, Mr. Robert O'Reilly has asked me again to thank everybody in Maynooth for the contribution that you have made towards the achievement of this award. Space does not permit me to list everybody and in fact we would not know about some of the personal effort by individuals. Be assured that Maynooth Tidy Towns appreciate your efforts.

Mary Fitzgerald – A friend of Maynooth **Tidy Towns**

Mary Fitzgerald will be a big loss to Maynooth Tidy Towns and although she was not a committee member she helped us in many ways throughout the year. At the time of our annual collection each year, Mary would volunteer to help us. In fact last year I was ill and unable to collect. I phoned Mary and without telling me that she was also unwell, she went out and deputised for me. I know others will miss her more, but we will always remember her kindness and selfless attitude in favour of the needs of others.

Maynooth Tidy Towns - Litter Awareness Project 2002

Maynooth Tidy Towns has received funding towards the cost of running our Litter Awareness Project 2002. The project will run from April - September 2002 and is designed to promote awareness of the litter problem in Maynooth. The project includes a pilot project on how to deal with the problem. Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes the input of individuals, groups or local businesses in the project and we can be contacted through the Maynooth Community Council office or by posting a message on the bulletin board of www. maynooth-ireland.com community web site. More details of this project in the March Newsletter.

Maynooth Tidy Towns support Maynooth **Special Olympics Host Town committee**

Maynooth Tidy Towns are delighted that Maynooth has been selected as the host town to the Brazilian Special Olympics Team. Be assured of our support and co-operation as you plan for this important event in 2003.

Maynooth Tidy Towns – Plans for 2002

We have put together a draft plan for the period 2002-2006 outlining our plans and targets as part of the application process for the National Competition. We are also now putting together our actions for 2002. Again we would welcome your input into the plan and of course we would welcome new members to join us in the delivery of the plan. Involvement in Tidy Towns can be at whatever level at which you have an interest. So far, we have been a winning team and with your help we can go from strength to strength. Being involved in Tidy Towns is not about doing work that is more appropriately undertaken by Kildare County Council. It is about supplementing the normal care and maintenance of our environment with added value projects that enhance the image of the town. particularly for the judges that mark us in the National Tidy Towns Competition. In fact the joint efforts of the local authority and the volunteers does more than win marks in a competition, it makes us all proud of the place we live - our town.

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

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5th March: Jonh Bradley, Archaeologist, and Lecturer in History, NUI Maynooth Title to be announced

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Maynooth County Champions

Scór na nÓg 2001 - 2002

Maynooth GAA Club created history once again by winning the Scór na nÓg Club of the Year Trophy for the first time ever!!! We are now the proud holders of the Junior Club and the Senior Club of the Year. This just proves that not only can our members play football, hurling, camogie or handball, but they are talented dancers, singers, musicians, actors, and full of knowledge!!! Six out of the eight competitions at the County Final were won by Maynooth which was held in Allenwood before

Christmas. We then travelled to the Downs GAA Club for the Leinster Semi-final, where Maynooth represented Kildare in Céilí Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation/Solo Singing, Novelty Act, Question Time and Set-Dancing, We were up against some very stiff competition. However, Caitiona Higgins, our recitation representative, and our Céilí Dance team gualified for the Leinster Final. We are now one step away from an ALL IRELAND FINAL We now travel to Ballinakill, Co. Laois on January 19th to once again keep the Maynooth and Kildare flag flying. Hopefully we will have some good news to report in next month's newsletter.

Senior Scór

We are now busy preparing for Senior Scór. Anyone over 17 years of age are eligible to take part. Can you dance, sing, tell a story, play Irish music, answer questions on G.A.A. and General Knowledge??? We need you to be part of our Senior Scor team. We will be having our version of "popstars"!! Irish style up in the GAA Club in February where we wil be "talent spotting". (Don't worry, Louis Walsh won't be there!!!) Watch out for posters around the town and come along to the GAA Club. I am sure that there is a wealth of talent waiting to be discovered!! Ring Rita Dovle at 01 6286169 if you would like to know more details. Remember, we need YOU to help us retain our Club of the Year Trophy.

Rita Dovle Maynooth Scór Co-ordinator



Dominic Nugent GAA. Rita Dovle Scór Coordinator with Dance Champions



Céili Dance Champions



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Rita Doyle Scór Co-ordinator presenting Scór na nÓg Club of the Year Trophy to GAA Chairman Fergus Devereux



Ceilí Dance Team - County Champions



County Champions

Maynooth Town F. C. Notes E-mail: maynoothtownfc@eircom.net

As this seasons league and cup campaign's return to full swing the main focus off the field will be the development of the Rathcoffey Road site. A landscape architect has now been engaged to oversee the contract and tendering process. A schedule of works has been drawn up for the first phase of the development which will cost €200.000. The first phase will contain a top quality full-size and mini-pitch (7-a-side), drainage and associated ground works. The installation of an all-weather surface and extension of car-parking facilities. This work being carried out is subject to matching funding of approximately €60,000 being raised locally. With the landscape architect now taking charge of the development project the club's members will now be asked to focus their attention on assisting to fundraise the monies required to realise the first phase of this much needed facility. Anyone wishing to assist should contact any member of the club.



Maynooth Town's first 7-a-side team (Under 9's) entered into Dublin & District Schoolboy/girls League in the 1995/6 season. The club now caters for all ages from Under 8's through to senior level. The junior teams currently play their fixtures in the Harbour Field most Sunday mornings from 10.30am.

Match Reports

Maynooth Town (0) 1 v St Pauls (2) 4 D.D.S.L. Under 8B1 Sponsored by Matt Bruton & Associates, Maynooth

Early exchanges were fast and furious in this encounter. Both sides fought hard for early dominance. The better passing movements by the home side made them a greater threat. A poorly defended corner by Maynooth gifted the opening score to the home side. St Pauls now ran the game with their midfielders and defenders first to the ball

Despite the best efforts of Garvan Dowling, Ciaran Kearney and John Comerford Maynooth fell further behind to trail 0-2 at interval.

Half-time changes seemed to be working for the visitors as they began to pose more of a threat to the St Pauls goal. Slackness in midfield however saw the Maynooth defence overrun and the deficit became three goals. Then a flicker of hope emerged when David Burgess found the back of the home sides net. This was the culmination of fine passing between Conor McCourt and Mark Donnellan to

create the chance. Maynooth now pressed hard for more reward. Mark went close with a fine free kick. Slackness in marking and covering back however was again punished as the home side completed the scoring with goal number four.

Everybody must increase their work ethic and realise that the ball is there to be fought for to compete in matches. We need to concentrate and protect each other better.

Maynooth: Ciaran Kearney, Andy Foxe, Chris Hobbs, Shane Hawthorne, Conor Glynn, Garvan Dowling, Mark Donnellan, David Burgess, Conor McCourt, David Murray and John Comerford.

Priorswood Utd. 0 v Maynooth Town 2 N.D.L. Under 17B Sponsored by Maxwell Mooney Solicitors, Maynooth

Maynooth Town U/17's continued their fine run in the league with an away win over Priorswood at Belcamp Park in their last game before the Christmas break.But this was certainly a game of two halves the first saw a sluggish, unimaginative Maynooth side struggle to score despite the fact that they had the lion's share of possession and the

second which saw an impressive display of attacking football which yielded two goals, although it could have been more.

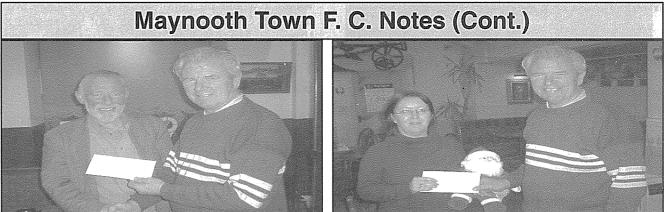
The first goal, scored by Brian Downey, came at the end of some clever passing in the Priorswood penalty area and the second which saw Alan

Brennan receive the ball twenty five vards out, beat two defenders, before shooting low and hard past the home keeper. Maynooth created a number of other scoring chances in the second half but failed to capitalise on them. Any danger at the back was

capably dealt with by the visitors defence where Ciaran McCullagh and Patrick Behan had excellent dames.

Maynooth: S.Healy, A.McMahon, D.Rooney, C. McCullagh, D.Adderly, B.Downey, M.Newton, G. McMahon, L.Fagan, A.Brennan, A.Dempsey, J. Keegan, B.Shields and P.Behan.

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Nicholas Donovan receiving his prize from club **President Mick Dempsey**



Clare Faulkner receiving her prize from Lotto sponsor John Ternan (Caulfields) and Mick Dempsey



Noel Brady receiving the prize on behalf of **Amanda Brady**

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9-Dec-01	10,11,23,26	£4,400	MARGARET FLOOD	COLM CARROLL	SEAN MOORE

Maureen Kelly receiving her prize from Mick Dempsey

Marty Byrne receiving the prize on behalf of Joey, Marty, and Anto

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Party Political

MAYNOOTH LABOUR NEWS

Waterways Ireland Have Stopped the Construction of Bond Bridge Again.

At the Leixlip Area Meeting of Kildare County Council on 10 January Cllr. John McGinley asked for a progress report on the construction of the new Bond Bridge. What the Committee was told shocked everyone. The Council Engineer, Ronnie Lyons, stated that Waterways Ireland had put a halt to the project again. Waterways Ireland stated that they would not grant the Council the necessary Wayleave or Bridge Agreements to allow construction to begin, unless the Council agreed to re-erect the dismantled bridge at a new location from The Harbour to the Railway Station i.e. replacing the existing footbridge across the canal.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that such blackmail is outrageous and is unbecoming a State Body. Indeed it is so ludicrous that it is difficult to see how the engineers in Waterways Ireland could go along with it, i.e,

- Bond Bridge is **S shaped** and is in effect two bridges, over the canal and railway.
- It would not fit at the location proposed by Waterways Ireland
- It would spoil the vista from the Straffan Road even if it could fit.
- It would be an eyesore at the Harbour.

Cllr. McGinley asked that the County Manager seek an immediate meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of Waterways Ireland, as the matter is so serious. Cllr. McGinley has also asked his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg to raise this vital safety issue at the highest level in order to get the project back on tracks and so that tenders can issue for the construction of the new Bond Bridge without any further delay.

Tenders for Old Greenfields Work in March:

At the Estimates Meeting of the Council in December Deputy Emmet Stagg demanded that funding be provided for the Environmental Improvement Scheme for Old Greenfield, Maynooth. The County Manager gave an assurance that the necessary funding would be available.

Cllr. John McGinley asked at the January Area Meeting that resurfacing of the Back Lane be carried out immediately in view of the Managers commitment. Cllr. McGinley pointed out that this lane is in an atrocious state and is unfit to drive on at present. The Councils Director of Services advised Cllr. McGinley that as the Council is going to tender in March for the three new houses at the rear in addition to the other works it would be better to do the complete works together. Cllr. McGinley agreed, but he insisted that the March date must be met.

Traffic Lights at Rail Station Entrance on Straffan Road:

The Council replied as follows to Cllr. John McGinley's motion to have traffic lights installed on the Straffan Road to facilitate cars exiting the Railway Station, Parklands, Silken Vale and Old Greenfield:

" Consulting Engineers T.P.S. were appointed to examine lights at Parson Street/Mill Street/ Main Street junction, not at Straffan Road. The latter has been added to the list. It is a complicated arrangement at this location. Feasibility options will be examined. Roads Department have applied to D.T.O. for finance for Integrated Framework Study for Maynooth. Traffic Management proposals will be dealt with under this study should funding be made available."

Car parking will also be examined in the course of this study. Cllr. John McGinley also asked that the feasibility of having car exiting/entering from the station car park to Bond Bridge be part of the study.

Bus Bays for Girls School, Maynooth:

The Council Engineer, Ronnie Lyons, advised Cllr. John McGinley that she will have a full report for the February Meeting of the Area committee for this much needed safety measure.

Contractor for Tree Survey, Main Street, Maynooth:

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion the Area Engineer has asked Costin Nurseries to carry out a survey of the trees on Main Street Maynooth in order to determine what action has to be taken to ensure that we will always have trees at Main Street.

Meadowbrook Link road:

Cllr. John McGinley has been given the following update on this much needed road:

"Consulting Engineers D.B.F.L. have been appointed to prepare contract documents. They submitted a set of draft drawings before Christmas for comment. Roads Design are examining the drawings at present and will make available revised drawings as soon as they are ready. Drawings are expected to be revised by mid-February."

Door to Door Collection of Recyclable Waste:

Cllr. McGinley's battle for this much needed service to be provided has been won.

He was advised at the January Area Meeting that the service will begin in Leixlip in a few weeks time and

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Sinead Delaney, Paul Daly, Alex Thomson, Josie Moore Winner First Prize



Sinead Delaney, Josie Moore & Paul Daly

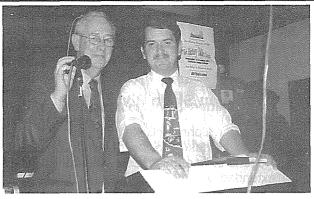


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Emmet Stagg & Sean at the Christmas Draw in Caulfield's



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Party Political

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will be rolled out for the rest of the large towns during the year.

Cleaning of Joan Slade River, Maynooth:

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion the Area Engineer has undertaken to clear the Meadowbrook Stream of debris on a regular basis. This cleaning will now be extended to cover the Joan Slade River at Parson Street. This will be a much more difficult job and contractors may have to be employed to do the work.

Cllr. McGinley continues to pressurise the Council to have all the flood alleviation measures carried out as a matter of urgency.

Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field. Maynooth:

It was agreed at the January Area Meeting that the Council would agree to the request of the owner of these properties and have them transferred to Public Ownership. It was agreed to take this step in order to speed up the process, as trying to do everything in the one package was holding up progress. The next step will be agreeing on a leasing arrangement for the community of Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley asked that the County Secretary meet with the Secretary of the Maynooth Development Association next week in order to outline the various options open for both properties and to move matters onwards.

Maynooth Street Name Signs:

The long drawn out saga of providing signs for Maynooth's Streets and Lanes is finally coming to an end. Des O'Connor, the Councils Senior Executive Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that cast iron signs of a high quality and to the design specified by Maynooth Community Council have been ordered. They are costing £155 each excluding VAT and hopefully they will be in place before the summer.

Closure of Right of Way at 221 River Forest:

The Area Committee has recommended to the full Council that the necessary steps be taken to close off this right of way as requested by the residents in the location. This measure is being taken as a contribution by the Council towards improving the quality of life for the residents in the area.

Kildare Bridge on Dunboyne Road:

The Area Committee was advised that the Council are in negotiations with landowners at present and that it is hoped to begin work on this badly needed new bridge before the end of the year.

Pollution Control Monitoring in Maynooth:

Despite the fact that it is over a year ago since Cllr. John McGinley got agreement to have pollution control monitoring installed in Maynooth, nothing seems to have happened. Cllr. McGinley asked that this be rectified immediately.

Submission Lodged against 3 storey **Apartment Blocks at Parson Street:**

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged a submission with An Bord Pleanála in support of Kildare County Council's rejection of the proposed 90 apartments in 3 storey blocks at Parson Street, Maynooth.

The submission was made following the appeal lodged by Leatron Developments with An Bord Pleanála on November 16th, 2001 against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the proposal.

In their observations deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley commented on the unique architectural heritage of Maynooth Village and of the necessity to protect this heritage from inappropriate developments. The implementation of an Action Area Plan for the area between The Harbour and Parson Street was the best way to co-ordinate development in this historically sensitive area. They also stated that the decision by the developers to push for a high density development had led them to propose an unacceptable 3 storey development in this historic area with a resultant loss in design quality. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley also commented on the detrimental effect the 3 storey development would have on the Canal and the adjacent 2 storey residential developments.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley called on An Bord Pleanála to reject the appeal lodged by Leatron Developments.

Public Lighting at Crinstown:

Deputy Stagg is seeking the provision of 4 public lights between the entrance to Maynooth Town Soccer grounds and the houses at Crinstown. The lights should be provided this year.

Maynooth Post Primary School Extension:

Planning permission issued on 18th December last for the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary

Party Political

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School. The extension includes a sports hall, 10 additional classrooms and administration rooms. Deputy Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that the Developed Sketch Scheme for the extension is at present being examined by the Department's Planning and Building Unit. Deputy Stagg will continue to apply pressure on the

Minister to give the go ahead for the project.

Speed Limit Celbridge Road:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has again requested the County Engineer to reinstate the 30 mph speed limit on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

The signs were removed during the work on Gael Scoil Ui Fhiach and should be re-instated urgently.

Gas Supply to Woodlands Estate:

Following contact from residents in the area, Deputy Emmet Stagg is contacting Bord Gáis concerning the provision of natural gas to householders in Woodlands Estate who require the service.

Mary Fitzgerald - An Appreciation

The recent sudden death of Mary Fitzgerald of Parklands Square, Maynooth was a shock to the Community of Maynooth and her many comrades in Maynooth Labour Branch.

A member of Maynooth Labour Branch since she came to live in Mavnooth. Mary had also worked for the Labour movement in England where she worked as a nurse for many years.

Mary involved herself in Community Work from the day she came to Maynooth and was an active member of Parklands Residents Association, Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Committee, and the Maynooth Newsletter Editorial Board. At Branch meetings and various meetings in Maynooth she spoke up on the issues that affected peoples lives and she was not afraid to call a spade a spade. Her straightforward outlook to life will be missed by her comrades in the Branch and the many people she worked with on other committees.

To her sister Pat in Windgates and to the other members of her extended family we offer our deepest sympathy in this their time of great sadness.

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Refuse Collection:

In the 1999 Kildare County Council estimates, Cllr. Senan Griffin proposed that a provision be made for litter bins to be emptied daily in the primary towns of North Kildare. Residents of Maynooth will be delighted to know that the County manager has agreed to Cllr. Griffin's proposal and the Council are now emptying the litter at 8 a.m. each morning. Clir. Griffin stated that this is the first positive step for a tidier Maynooth in particular, and North Kildare in general. This service will also be made available to Leixlip and Celbridge.

Report on Flooding in Maynooth:

The December issue of the Newsletter carried a very selective section of the Joan Slade River Flooding Report. This was done in order to support Cllr. McGinley's reasoning for proposing the zoning of land on the Rathcoffey Road. The simple facts are as follows:

Design Flow	Flow Rate	Return Period	Risk *
November 2000 flood	6.5 cumec	30 years	57%
including proposed additional zoning	8.1 cumec	100 years	22%
Without proposed additional zoning	8.1 cumec	125 years	18%

*This refers to the risk of this level being exceeded in the next 25 years. IF the proposed flood alleviation works and additional lands are zoned, the flood risk will be reduced from 57% to 22%. If the additional lands are not zoned, the flood risk would reduce from 57% to 18%. The full addendum to the report is available elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter In the December issue of the Newsletter, Cllr. McGinley questioned Cllr. Griffin's support for the Flooding Report. At a recent Fine Gael meeting, Cllr. Griffin outlined his stance on the report:

- 1 The report outlined the bare facts of the Novembers 2000 floods.
- The report did not outline the costs of rectifying the problem. 2
- The addendum to the report highlighted the need for caution when considering the zoning of land at the 3 Rathcoffev Road.
- The County Engineer stated that he was totally opposed to attenuation (ponding) of water in urban areas and to zoning in the Rathcoffey Road area.

that Cllr. McGinley should cease twisting the facts and deal in the truth.

Maynooth Post Primary School:

Shortly before Christmas, Kildare County Council granted planning permission to Maynooth Post Primary School for 10 classrooms, a full size gym and office accommodation. Cllr. Griffin and Deputy Bernard Burkan, T.D. played a very active role in progressing the improvement of facilities at the school. Deputy Durkan has been pursuing the Minister for Finance for funding so that construction can commence during this coming financial year.

Maynooth Development Plan:

In last month's Newsletter, the Labour Party once again tried to claim credit for everything that is considered positive in the Maynooth Development Plan, whilst blaming others for everything they consider to be negative in the Plan.

Fine Gael Notes

- Cllr. Griffin stated that he would prefer to see the work on both the Joan Slade and Lyreen rivers completed prior to any further zoning. He noted that the County Manager had stated that "it will take at best three years to prepare a full submission" for adequate finance to the Department of the Environment. Finally, Cllr. Griffin stated



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Prior to joining Kildare County Council, Cllr. Senan Griffin had outlined his priorities for Maynooth:

- 1 Increased amenity land for schools and the GAA Club.
- 2 Playground facilities at Carton Avenue.
- Ring road to be built from Blacklion to the 3 Motorway.
- 4 Park facilities on the Celbridge Road.
- Provision of a site for a co-ed school on the 5 Celbridge Road.
- 6 Increased job opportunities for the area.

It is a matter of fact that Cllr. Senan Griffin has delivered on the majority of these promises, with work underway on the remainder. The only exception is the proposed ring road - the reason that this promise cannot be fulfilled is that the Labour Party do not believe that Maynooth requires a ring road and nor will they support a motion for same at Kildare County Council. Cllr. Griffin stated that the ring road will have to be put in place as soon as possible in order to alleviate traffic congestion in the village. The exit for this ring road will have to be south of Noone's Garage. The Labour Party would be well advised to take a closer look at the traffic congestion in the town they are supposed to represent, as Fine Gael believes that this ring road has to be a priority for Maynooth.

Maynooth Business Park:

Deputy Bernard Durkan, together with Cllr. Senan Griffin would like to welcome the Department of Agriculture employees transferring from Dublin to the Maynooth Business Park. The park is ideally located for further expansion.

Kildare County Council Estimates:

The estimates for next year were passed at a recent Council meeting, despite the efforts of the Labour Party to vote against them in an effort to maximise their position during this election year. The Labour Party voted against the following provisions:

- £630,000 for housing maintenance.
- £100,000 for Bond Bridge loan repayments. 2
- 3 £2,350,000 for local road maintenance.
- £200,000 for disability access. 4
- 5 £230,000 for traffic calming projects.
- 6 £1,400,00 for Higher Education Grants.
- £4,560,000 for water supply. 7
- £4,560,000 for sewerage maintenance. 8
- £55,000 for tourism projects. 9
- 10 £100,000 for village and urban renewal.
- 11 £100,000 for village improvements.
- 12 £45,000 for Tidy Towns committees.
- 13 £800,000 for street cleaning.
- 14 £35,000 for burial ground maintenance (and £40,000 for special work at burial grounds).
- 15 £1,951,010 for the Fire Service.
- 16 £323,400 for recycling projects/Agenda 21. 17 £91,000 for litter wardens.

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18 £3,704,700 for landfill site waste disposal.

19 £1,470,300 for library facilities.

20 £361,613 for art services

21 £250,000 for parks and landscaping.

The above are only some of the positive sides of the estimates. However, two issues were of particular concern to all Councillors, namely:

a Refuse charges to be increased to £189 for the larger bins and £142 for the smaller bin.

b An increase of 7.5% in commercial rates.

The Fine Gael Group insisted on a 10% discount for those paying refuse charges prior to the end of March. In addressing this issue, Cllr. Griffin stressed the need for change to the County Manager. Cllr. Griffin stated that Kildare County Council cannot continue to dispose of refuse by means of landfill. He stressed the need for a proactive policy from the Council to promote recycling, re-use and minimisation and that ultimately, land-fill was the worst of all available options.

Cllr. Griffin further sought and received assurances that the two civic amenities will be constructed during this coming year - residents of North Kildare should visit the site in Navan and also visit the site at Silliot Hill near Kilcullen to judge for themselves.

Movulare Abbev:

Cllr. Griffin has requested that the following motion be placed on the agenda of the next Area Meeting:

"That Kildare County Council co-operate with Garland Homes and the residents in order to have the estate taken in charge by the Council".

Castledawson Estate:

Cllr. Griffin met with the residents association of Castledawson at the end of November. This resulted in Cllr. Griffin demanding that the Council insist in proper completion of the estate as outlined in the planning permission. The Area Committee will be considering ways of progressing the outstanding problems in the estate at its next meeting.

Parson Street/Joan Slade River:

Cllr. Griffin is currently awaiting a full report from Mr. John Lahort (Senior Engineer) on his proposals for the cleaning of the Joan Slade river along by Parson Street. Mr. Lahort and Cllr. Griffin inspected the river and agreement was reached that the river was in need of proper cleaning. The report is expected to be available in time for the next Area Meeting.

Traffic Calming (Moyglare Road):

Traffic calming measures on the Moyglare Road are expected to be put in place during the month of February. Cllr. Griffin has informed the engineer responsible that the delay in carrying out this work is unacceptable. Mr. George Willoubory (Senior Engineer) has promised that this work will definitely commence in February.

Party Political

(Fine Gael Notes Contd.)

Greenfield Drive and Maynooth Park:

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested Kildare County Council to examine the reasons why a number of houses in Mavnooth Park and Greenfield Drive are experiencing severe hardship when the water mains supply becomes frozen over for a number of days during the cold spell. The council should establish if the water main is properly laid and if the rising main to the houses from the stop cock is adequately covered. Cllr. Griffin stated that this water fault should be of concern to the council and to the chief fire officer because if in the event of a fire the residents need an assurance that adequate water supply is available at all times to the fire brigade service.

Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall:

The Leixlip Area Committee discussed the current position of the negotiations between Kildare County Council and the owners Mr. Nall Cain. The councillors accepted a proposal from Charlie Talbot (County Secretary) that the council proceed to obtain the interest of Mr. Cain and have them transferred to the council without impinging on the rights of the present trustees. In welcoming this proposal Senan Griffin has requested that the trustees co-operate with the council and the legal teams dealing with this in order that the transfer can be expedited. The outstanding issues can then be resolved and a programme put in place to renovate the hall and a proper children playground in the harbour area.

Street Signs:

The new street signs for Maynooth are currently being manufactured at a cost of \in 196 (\in 155 + VAT). Cllr. Griffin is expecting to see these signs erected by March. The signs are made in cast iron and will contain the Maynooth logo.

Private Sites and Respond Housing at Easton Road Leixlip:

Cllr. Senan Griffin welcomed the provision of twenty four privates sites at Easton Road Leixlip. These sites will be of huge benefit to those seeking to be housed in North Kildare, however the council according to Cllr. Griffin should provide at least fifty sites in Leixlip and when land becomes available in Maynooth another seventy five sites should be zoned in order to help reduce the housing waiting list at no extra cost to the Council. The Respond aspect of the Easton Road proposals are currently being modified and planning permission can be expected over the next few weeks.

Joan Slade River:

Cllr. Senan Griffin was informed by the senior engineer Mr. John Lahart that he has recommended that a contractor be appointed to clean the Joan Slade

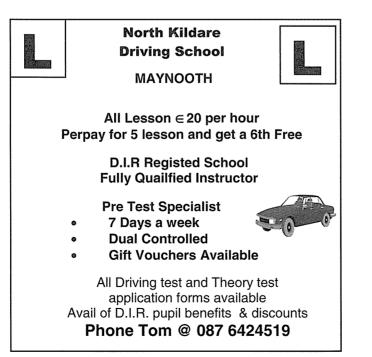
Slade river of all debris from Bond Bridge to the culver at Parson Street. In accepting Cllr. Griffin's motion John Lahart requested the area engineer to prepare costing for this work. Senan Griffin stated that this work be given priority in order to reduce the risk of flooding upstream of Bond Bridge.

Bond Bridge:

Readers will recall that early last year Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that Waterways Ireland could turn out to be the most difficult to deal with when the final decisions on the construction of Bond Bridge are being considered. The area councillors were told that Waterways Ireland are opposing the commencement of work until such time that they are assured that the old bridge will be taken down stone by stone and reerected at the Harbour in order to facilitate a footbridge to the railway station. This proposal sounds reasonable but it is impossible to do simply because the span of the existing bridge is much wider than the span available at the Harbour. It is impossible stated Cllr. Griffin to maintain the arch and the same jointing becuase the springing line and focal points are much closer to each other. Cllr. Griffin stated that it would be best to rebuild the old bridge at a more suitable location along the canal.

Maynooth Traffic Lights:

Consultants have been appointed to examine the traffic flow at the junction of Main Street and Parson Street. The council have applied to DTO for finance in order to examine the Straffan traffic. Cllr. Griffin is of the opinion that a mini roundabout would be the best solution for the problems at the Garda Station and that this should be put on trial for a few weeks. Cllr. Griffin was informed by George Willoughby that the traffic calming on the Moyglare Road will be completed by the end of February.





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Maynooth Fianna Fail News



Minister McCreevy T.D.

Our first article back after Christmas and New Year and so its back to work! As we all know we are now facing into the relatively short run-up to the next General Election and its our intention to continue to provide a forum for the exchange of information between the constituents and Fianna Fail organization in the Kildare North area.

We will give a brief outline of the subjects, topics and issues that have concerned the residents of Kildare North, particularly Maynooth, in the recent past in the article below. Comments or points of information etc. can be made known to the Fianna Fail Cumann by contacting the numbers which are always given at the end of the article.

Community Support Scheme for Older People

The Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs, Mr. Dermot Ahern has written to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. informing him of the following grants made available to local groups in the Kildare area under the above scheme. Those local groups to benefit include the following:-

- Balyna Rural Enterprise and Developement Association- Johnstownbridge 1
- Care for the Aged- Celbridge 2
- 3 Maynooth Senior Citizens - Maynooth
- Naas Residents Forum- Naas 4
- 5 Neighbourhood Watch- Straffan
- 6 Newtown- Donadea Senior Citizens
- 7 SVP- St Bridgets Conference- Kilcock

Local Government Fund Allocations 2002

The Minister for Evironment and local Government, Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D. has written to Minister McCreevy T.D. informing him of the allocations for County Kildare 2002. These funds are made available to all local authorities for their general purposes needs for the year 2002. Under a new system announced in January 1999, the proceeds of motor tax and an exchequer contribution are the sources of these funds.

- 1 Kildare County Council 1997 Allocation + £6,854,780 2002 Allocation + £12,052,362 This equates to a 75.8% increase in the allocation from 1997 to 2002, a period of 5 years.
- 2 Naas UDC 1997 Allocation = £315,651 2002 Allocation = £650,795,64 This equates to a 106.2% increase in the allocation from 1997 to 2002, again a period of 5 years.

Castledawson Residents

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. has written to the County Secretary of Kildare County Council concerning the taking-in-charge of Castledawson Estate by the Council. The Minister will continue to pursue this issue and report back to the Residents Association.

Kildare North Comhairle Dail Cheantair

The most recent meeting of the above branch of the local organization took place on 27th November 2001 in the Town House Hotel, Naas. The next scheduled meeting will take place at the same venue on 17th January 2002. Matters to be discussed include the recent National Members Draw and the resolutions for the next Ard Fheis.



Cllr. Paul Kelly

Party Political

(Fianna Fail News Contd.)

New Fire Appliance for Kildare County Council

The Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Noel Dempsey has notified the Cumann that his Department has given approval to Kildare County Council for the purchase of a new Fire Appliance by means of a full grant to cover the cost of same, which is expected to be in the region of ∈ 254.000.00.

66th Ard Fheis 8th and 9th March 2002

The next Ard Fheis will be held in the City West Hotel and Conference Centre, Naas Road on the above dates. Anyone wishing to attend can contact any member listed at the end of this article.

Maynooth Fianna Fail call for Community Centre for Maynooth

The Maynooth Cumann has passed a motion calling on its representatives to support a community call for a Community Centre in Maynooth.

John Dolan who proposed the motion at a recent meeting said "The Maynooth Action Strategy together with some other relevant community groups met with Minister McCreevy and Cllr. Paul Kelly recently to discuss the issues arising out of the need for such a centre, particularly to cater for the growing youth population of the town which is expected to rise rapidly in the next 4-5 years. Both the Minister and Cllr are anxious to support the action committee in their endeavours, following on the recent advice from Minister Dermot Ahern T.D. to do all he can to support such a community effort. Mr. Dolan called on the Community at large to put the Centre on the top of its agenda for Maynooth saying that he believed cross community support will be required if the objective is to be achieved. Speaking after the meeting, both Minister McCreevy and Cllr Kelly said they believed that a Community Centre was required for Maynooth and praised the community focus on the project. Both will meet the Group again in the early New Year to monitor progress and discuss and plan a strategy to ensure the objective is reached.

Maynooth Cumann Budget Submission

The Cumann met with the Minister in November and submitted a list of proposals for possible inclusion in the Budget some of which we are delighted to say were actually part of the Budget. The Cumann sent a message of support and congratulations to the Minister Charlie McCreevy T.D. on his presentation of the Budget concerned.

Clir. Paul Kelly - Breastcheck Service

Cllr Paul Kelly has called on every woman in the Leixlip. Maynooth and Celbridge area to avail of the very valuable service provided by the arrival of the Breastcheck service to Maynooth. Cllr Kelly advised that the government is backing the service by providing a free mammogram to women aged 50 to 64 in an effort to reduce the unacceptably high rate of death from breast cancer in Ireland, citing the fact that Ireland has the third highest death rate in Europe.

The Breastcheck service will be available in the Tesco Shopping Centre area for the fnext 10 weeks or so and 2143 letters have been sent out to women in the area on their register which hopefully will be followed up by the making of appointments. After visiting Maynooth, the service will then go on to visit Clane, Kilcock, Straffan etc.

Cllr. Kelly has called on women in the area to make the best use of the service.

Cairde Fail Dinner Dance

The Annual Cairde Fail or Taoiseach's Dinner Dance was held on 7th December 2001 in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin. This year, again like last years event, the Maynooth contingent was large and enjoyed an excellent evening of good food, good fun and great dancing to music provided by the boogie Nights. The Cumann would like to thank most sincerely all those who supported the night and attended the two tables hosted by the Cumann. We hope to repeat the experience next year!!!

In the next issue of the newsletter I hope to be able to give an extensive description of the recently announced HEALTH STRATEGY unveiled recently by the Minister for Health Mr. Michael Martin T.D. Should anyone wish to contact a Cumann member please phone myself at 087-2052649 or Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187.

Finally I hope everyone who attended the turning on of the Christmas Lights in Maynooth on Monday 10th December enjoyed the event which was performed by the Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy T. D. and attended also by Clir Paul Kelly. The entertainment provided by the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band and by the local primary school children and their teachers was excellent and very much appreciated by all concerned.

Brid Feely, Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann PRO

Features

Local Tragedy

The people of Ladychapel, Maynooth, Leixlip and all North Kildare were devastated by the accidental death of a young 13 year old pupil of Maynooth Post Primary. Leanne (Lanny) Murphy was accidentally killed outside outside her home on the 11th January.

The family and friends and also the pupils of both Leixlip (where she started her education) and Maynooth Post Primary were deeply shocked to see a beautiful young girl taken away in such a tragic way.

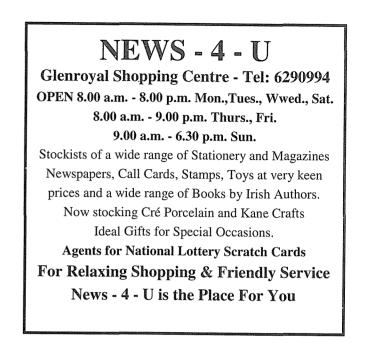
We in the Maynooth Community Council would like to offer our sympathy to the Murphy and Flanagan families who so soon after the death of her aunt Celine were dealt another great heartbreak. Our prayers are with her and may she rest in peace with her loving aunt.

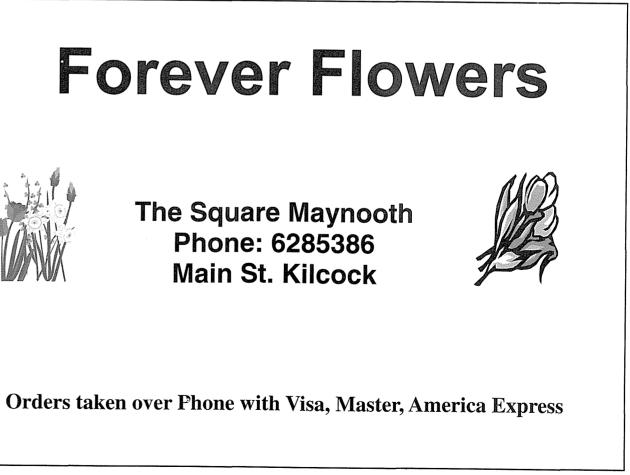
Our prayers must also go out to the unfortunate man who was involved in the accident as he must live with it. God bless him and his family.

Pius Kelly



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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

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

Acknowledgement

FITZGERALD (nee Buckley). Mary, late of Parklands, Maynooth and formerly of Hollyford, Co. Tipperary. Mary's sisters and brothers wish to express their appreciation to all who sympathised with them on the sudden and untimely death of their dear sister Mary. We offer a special word of thanks to her kind neighbours and friends who made her life in Maynooth very special.

The expressions of smypathy and understanding, illustrated by Mass Cards, telephone calls and letters from all across the globe, floral tributes and all who were present at removal of remains, Mass and funeral were sincerely appreciated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the intentions of all. We remember mary as a sister, sister-in-law, aunt, godmother, best friend, neighbour and a carer to all who knew her.

An Appreciation

Joe Maher

The untimely passing of Joe Maher on Monday the 21st of January in Gran Canaria has greatly saddened his many friends in the North Kildare area. Joe had only recently "retired" to the balmy Spanish Islands having sold his house in the Mall, Leixlip.

Joe was a larger than life individual whos personal attributes were legion. To paraphrase the description of Cú Chulainn in the saga Táin Bó Cuailgne his forehead was the meeting place of many virtues. Joe was gregarious. He simply loved life in all its aspects. having survived a serious car accident in 1972, during his South African sojourn, which left him blind in one eye - hence the ubiquitous black patch - it seemed that he chose optimism and good cheer as his personal creed. he scorned pessimism in any guise. Joe's skill as a raconteur in public house scenarios was legendary. He had known London in the sixties. South Africa during apartheid and thus was well armed to narrate his experiences which he did with gusto!. Music, good food and drink and animated conversation were grist to his capacious mill. His kindness, practicality and general bonhomie made him a much loved "character" in our midst. Is cinnte nach mbeidh a leithéid arís ann.

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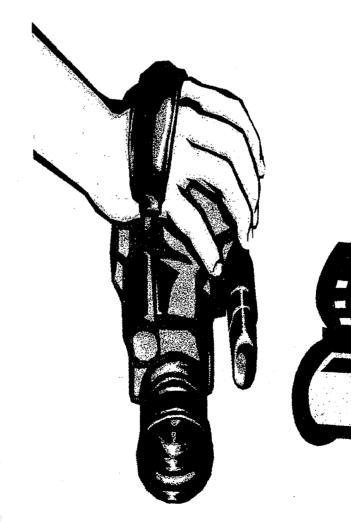
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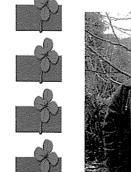


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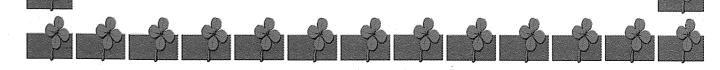


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Editorial

The Newsletter and Community Council office is on the move again. On Saturday 16th February they moved from Convent Road to Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield. The new premises may be outside the town centre but with e-mail available it is relatively easy to access the Newsletter. The area is bright, fairly quiet and the facilities are much better for the Supervisor and staff. We wish them all the best of luck with their new working conditions. There will be some new staff members joining them shortly and we would like to welcome them to the office.

It has also been decided to price the Newsletter at $\in 2$ from now on. The increase is the first in a number of years and it is needed to fund the office and the equipment necessary for staff training.

The Community Council will be organising the St Patrick's Day Parade as usual. We hope that the community gets involved this year, as due to foot and mouth disease in 2001 the Parade had to be cancelled. As a result, the town was a very different place last year without the usual hustle and bustle beginning at 8 a.m. The pubs were empty. Let us hope that this year it will be business as usual. Forms will be found inside and we urge you to take part.

But before we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, March 6th marks another referendum on the issue of abortion. It is nearly 20 since the pro-life clause was inserted into the constitution and there are many young people who have the right to vote on this issue who were not born themselves in 1983. The number of people participating in the democratic process has declined with frightening rapidity over those two decades. It would be a pity if again, a minority of those entitled to vote made such an important decision. We urge those of you who have a vote to go out and exercise this right. It was hard won and there are many countries who would be grateful for such a democratic opportunity.

Finally a word on that patron saint. It is perhaps ironic that Patrick, a foreigner captured as a slave in the mid-fifth century, should become the icon of the Irish. We know very little about him apart from his own brief and somewhat colourless writings. One wonders what the history of Ireland would have been like if that particular raiding party, in search of slaves to support their economy, had raided elsewhere that day. Ironic also that the man chosen to become that icon is just that, a foreigner, rather than the native Colm Cille and the local Saint Brigit. Kildare could have been the religion us capital of Ireland.

Happy St Patrick's Day and if you do not participate. come and watch the parade.

Community Council Notes December Meeting

The February meeting was held on the 11th February in the Glenroval Hotel.

New Office for Community Council

The February meeting was informed that the Community Council were moving to new premises. We are now located in Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre in Beaufield.

The move became necessary because we were issued with a demand for an increase in rent. It was decided that we could not afford this and so we had to look for a new office.

Paul Croghan also pointed out that we would have had to make big improvements to bring the old office up to a high standard to meet with Health and Safety requirements. Paul also said that with a new scheme turning over we would now be able to take our full numbers on the Fás scheme.

The new premises has a better layout. The area space is about the same, but is better suited to our needs.

The phone number is the same 01 6285922.

Newsletter

The Newsletter will now cost 2 euro from April 2002. It was felt that this is good value for money, as the Newsletter is now at a very high standard. This is also the first increase in a number of years.

John McGinley pointed out that we need \in 15,000 to keep things going, so we need a steady income. It was also stated by John Doogan that the office is a training base that produces the Newsletter and it benefits all. There was also a call to have a full Editorial Board set up again.

Claire O'Rourke felt that it was important to have an Editorial Board in place. Any person interested in getting involved should get in touch with the office. Also to invite the old board back.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that there are grants now available. They would be coming up with new ideas regularly, also litter awareness.

Summer Project

Claire O'Rourke told the meeting that there was a very small turnout at their AGM. She said she was very disappointed at this, but that they are going ahead again this year.

They would be hoping for grants from Kildare County Council and the V.E.C.

The Summer Project provides fun and adventure for children for two weeks. So parents please get involved. Contact the office.

Youth Community Forum

Ann Burns said a meeting had taken place between the Youth Community Forum and Maynooth Action Strategy.

She said it is important to find out what facilities are needed by youth groups. She said M.A.S. had sent out a questionnaire to groups looking for information. It was suggested that as these two groups are working on the same problem, they should work together.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley, Chairperson of the St. Patrick's Day Parade stated that everything is now in place. Letters have gone out to all groups and clubs in the town. He hoped the parade would be a great success and make a profit. This is an important fund raiser for Maynooth Community Council. He also appealed for Marching Bands and people who would like to get involved.

Maynooth Special Olympics (Brazil)

Ronan Barry said that about 100 people had signed up to volunteer. A Finance Committee has now been formed. We have had our first fund raising event, bag packing in SuperValu, it was a great success. Lots of groups have given us support he said. There will be a Drag match in the G.A.A. on St. Patrick's Day. This even will be organised by the ladies team in the club. Please come along and support.

Traffic Problems in Maynooth

Claire O'Rourke on behalf of the Parents Association Boys National School, said traffic is causing huge problems on the Moyglare Road. Cars are being left parked on the foot path so that people walking have to go around them to get by.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that a cycle lane was needed on the left side at Kavanagh's to the school. He also felt that the small wall opposite the church should go to make more room for the cycle lane. However, the wall could have a heritage title on it. This will have to be looked at.

Cllr. John McGinley said cars are running the lights on the Main Street and it has become very dangerous.

It was generally felt that more garda presence was needed in the town. It was decided to write to the Gardai about these matters.

Doroghy Doran on behalf of M.A.S. has produced a new draft document, Cycling strategy for Maynooth. It is a large and complex document and considers safety in the town, among many other issues. She looked for the support of the Community Council. This document can be seen in the Community Council office.

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Traffic Calming Moyglare Road

Paul Croghan welcomed the traffic calming measures on Movglare Road. However, he said they are not going up far enough on the road. Senan Griffin said they should be well able to cover the road and it will be the gateway system of road calming that will be put in place.

It was also felt that the two poles outside the Parish Priest's house should be moved. It is very dangerous to have these on the path.

Traffic on Main Street

The question of a round about at the Roost was raised.

Senan Griffin strongly felt that a round about would work well there. He also said that when the Meadowbrook link starts it will take a lot of traffic out of the town

He also said there could be difficulties with having the lights work in conjunction with the lights on Main Street.

Cllr. John McGinley said thee are too many pedestrians at that spot, also too many large trucks as well.

John also said that if we start to look at the possibility of a round about the price of the lights will go up.

Ann Burns stated she would love to see a round about in place and a zebra crossing as well.

Senan Griffin said the lights in Celbridge don't work well and a round about would have worked better there. There are also a set of lights switched off permanently in Celbridge. He also said that Nenagh Town had proved that a round about worked where lights had failed. The Debate goes on.

Bond Bridge

It will be eight months before work starts. The surface is in a dreadful state. John McGinley said this work is being done.

Marie Gleeson PRO

Next Meeting of the Community Council is the 11th March at 8.30 p.m. in the Glenroval Hotel.

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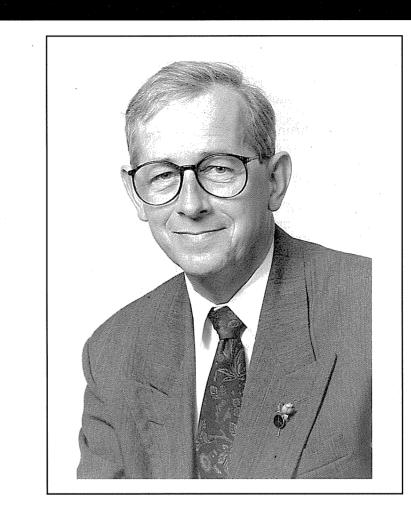
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- Remember to pack any regular medicines you require: even familiar branded products can be difficult to obtain in some countries
- Take a mini first aid kit, including: plaster, disinfectant, tummy pills and so on. If you are going to any under-developed country, it is advisable to consult your doctor as to what pills (and any special precautions) you should take.
- One of the most common ailments among travellers abroad is an overdose of sun. In some countries, it really burns, so take it easy, wear a hat and apply plenty of protective lotion.
- Travelling is tiring and a sudden change of climate more debilitating than most of us admit: allow plenty of time during the first couple of days to acclimatise before embarking on an activity programme that would exhaust a 17-year-old.
- Have any innoculations or vaccinations well in advance of your departure date.
- The other big travellers' woe is 'Delhi belly'. which, unhappily, can apply in most hot countries, including Italy and Spain. Beware the water, ice, salads, seafood, ice-cream and any fruit which you do not peel yourself. Check with your doctor.
- Always wash your hands before eating or handling food, particularly if you are camping or caravanning.
- When flying, wear loose clothes and, above all, comfortable shoes as feet and ankles tend to swell in the air. On long journeys, it helps to drink plenty of fruit juice and remember the warning that 'a drink in the air is worth two on the ground.' If you have a special diet, inform whoever makes your booking: most airlines, especially on long distance journeys, serve vegetarian food.
- Finally, the old favourite don't drink and drive.

Keep fit and have a wonderful holiday!

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THE DEAR LITTLE SHAMROCK

There's dear little plant that grows in our isle-"Twas Saint Patrick himself, sure that set it, And the sun on his labour with pleasure did smile, And with dew from his eye often wet it, It thrives thro' the bog, thro' the brake, and the mireland. He call'd it the dear little Shamrock Ireland.

Chorus

The sweet little shamrock, dear little shamrock, The dear little, sweet little shamrock of Ireland.

The dear little plant still grows in our land. Fresh and fair as the daughters of Erin. Whose smiles can bewitch and whose eyes can command. In each climate they ever appear in, For they shine thro' the bog, thro' the brake, and the mireland. Just like their own dear little Shamrock of Ireland.

Chorus

The dear little plant that springs from our soil, When its three little leaves are extended, Denotes from the stalk we together should toil, And ourselves by ourselves be befriended. And still through the bog, through the brake, and the mireland. From one root should branch, like the shamrock of Ireland.

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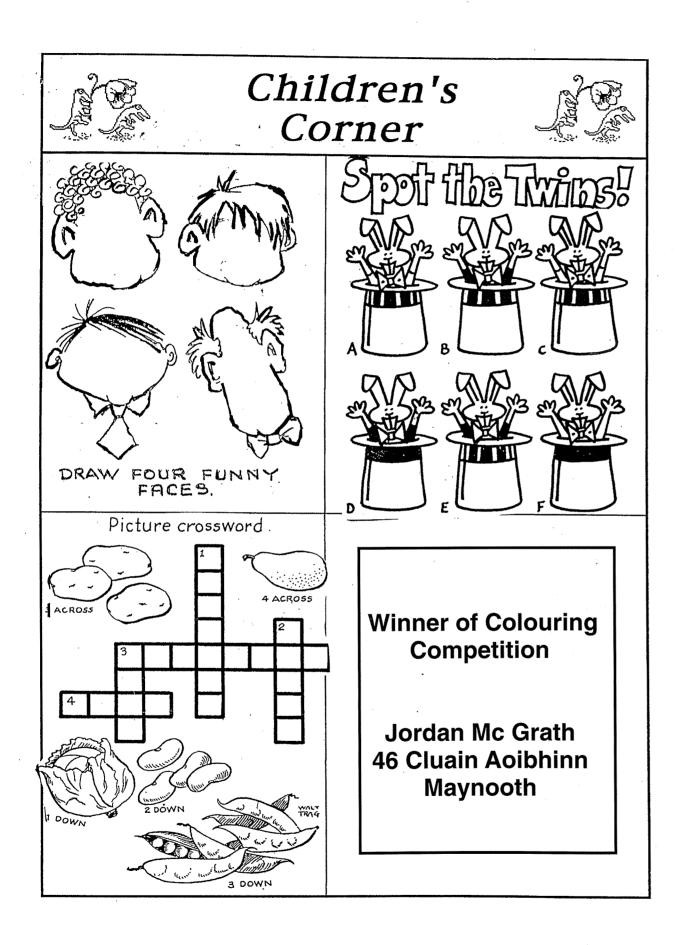


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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/17	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach	Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	08/01/02	For the construction of two additional temporary classrooms and associated alterations to the existing building, to the existing temporary school Building	Celbridge Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/19	Jerry McMyler	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	10/01/02	To construct a new entrance to farm yard to provide access to bulk milk tanker truck	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/34	Donal Kavanagh & Michelle Morley	15 Meadowbro ok Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	16/01/02	For a new two storey, four bedroom detached house beside existing house	15 Meadowbrook Court Maynooth Co. Kildare.
02/51	Tony & Mary Bean	'Nuada' Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	22/01/02	For a dormer style house and garage	'Nuada' Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare.
02/85	Dylan Fitzgerald	26 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	26/01/02	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house and to widen entrance	26 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare.



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Tree Survey, Main Street, Maynooth (Courtesy of Cllr. John McGinley)

Inclusive

From Carton Avenue to the Entrance of St. Patrick's College and to the Bridge on Mill Street.

A and B are on Carton Avenue and are surveyed for comparison only.

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
A	Tilia platyphyllos	4th tree from gate (R)	305cm		
В	Tilia platyphyllos	3rd tree from gate	274cm		
T1	Tilia platyphyllos		167cm	Healthy	Remove steel bar attached to the bole 4m above ground level. Remove the lowermost branches facing lamppost.
T2	Tilia platyphyllos	CPL	22cm	[.] Healthy	Newly planted
Т3	Tilia platyphyllos		22cm	Healthy	Prune lowermost branches up to 2m to give a clean bole at street level. Corrective pruning to train the main leader into an up right growth habit.
T4	Tilia platyphyllos	Dry Cleaners	152cm	Severe bark wounds on the bole at 2m, 3m, 4m and 5m on the street side.	These wounds are healing. Remove the heavy branch facing the shop front
Τ5	Tilia platyphyllos	Pharmacy	170cm	Severe soil compaction on the kerb side caused by parking. Mechanical damage to bark at 2.5m at the street side.	Bollards are needed to protect the tree from damage by car wheels. Soil compaction is due to vehicles parking.
Τ6	Tilia platyphyllos	Maxwell's/ Mooney	28cm	Soil compaction due to vehicles parking	Remove the large heavy branch facing Carton Avenue. Remove al lowermost branches up to 2m in height.
Τ7	Tilia platyphyllos	Supermac's	174cm	Paved up against the bole. No exposed soil left.	Healthy bole. No mechanical damage. A lot of electricial cabling left, which if not removed will girdle and damage branches.
T8	Tilia platyphyllos	Ulster Bank	56cm	Newly planted.	With steel grating, the ideal soil protection solution. Remove 2 congested branches at 2.5m above ground level.



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Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
Т9	Tilia platyphyllos	Hula Bou	170cm	Healthy bole. Soil compaction due to car partking.	Bollards required. Remove a congested branch facing the street at 4m above ground level.
T10	Tilia platyphyllos	Romayos Take Away	197cm	Soil compaction due to car parking. Mechanical damage on the street side 2.5m & 3m above ground level.	Remove dead branchlets 60cm long on the crown. Lighten crown by 20%. Bollards required.
T11	Tilia platyphyllos	Maguire's Solicitors	186cm	This tree is very close to the kerb. Kerbside car parking on the soil.	Lighten dense crown by 30%. Bollard required.
T12	Tilia platyphyllos	AIB	214cm	Cars driving across soil to get into car parking spaces. Healthy bole but some mechanical damage at 2.5m above ground level. Bark looks unhealthy.	Lighten crown by 20%. Bollards required.
T13	Tilia platyphyllos	Barrys	177cm	Soil compaction due to illegal car parking. A very large cavity (40cm deep and 46cm in diameter)	REMOVE THE TREE IMMEDIATELY
T14	Tilia platyphyllos	Estate Agent	171cm	Tarmacadamed up to the bole. Two heavy branches in contact at 5m above ground level.	Possible heat damage to the bark when the tar was laid. Remove the large branch facing the estate agents office.
T15	Tilia platyphyllos	Upstairs Downstairs	179cm	Tarmacadam up to the bole.	Possible heat damage to the bark when the tar was laid. Remove the large branch facing the estate agent agents office.
T16	Tilia platyphyllos	Coffee Shop	35cm	Planted 15cm from the kerb.	Replant 150cm from the kerb. Realign and replant other new trees on this side. Remove the large branch facing the, Rye Water, at the bole.
T17	Tilia platyphyllos	Wine Cellar	30cm	Tarmacadamed up to the bole. Plaanted only 50cm from the kerb. The tree tie was removed too late and this caused considerable girdling damage	Remove three lowermost branches. Remove stake. Replant.
T18	Tilia platyphyllos	Royal City	30cm	Paved up to the bole. Congested branches within the tree guard.	Remove treeguard and stake. Remove large branches uo to 2m to form a clear bole.



Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
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T19	, Tilia platyphyllos	Kevin Mac's	220cm	Surrounded with castlestone paving. Paved right up to bole. Healthy bole. A lot of water shoots on the crown.	Prune to lighten crown by 20%. Remove competing erect shoots and those in contact.
T20	Fagus Sylvatica 'Purpurea'	Entrance Gate	360cm	Marked 0134. The colour of the bole suggests the tree is in decline. The crown was lightened recently when three large branches were removed at 3m & 4m above ground level. Root damage caused by soil compaction 14m in line with the street, 10m in line with the main entrance	The lifespan is limited. Recommend a replacement be planted 10m north from it. Bollards or high kerb required to stop car parking or driving over the low roots.
T21	Fagus sylvatica 'Purpurea'	Main Gate	356cm	Markfed 0135. The bole colour is healthy. There is no visible evidence of disease or cavity. There is severe soil compaction due to cars cutting the corner and driving across roots. 6m in line with the gate, 7m in line with the main street.	Bollards needed or raise the kerb.
T21 A	Acer pseudoplantanus	Green	240cm	Marked as 0136. There is evidence of mechanical damage. Bark removed at ground level. At 6m above ground level, 3 branches were cut some years ago.	Remove the stubs
T22	Tilia platyphyllos	Green	75cm	Severe mechanical damage done to the bole from ground level to 120mm. The wound is is 30cm wide. Kerb side damage. Planted only 120cm from the kerb. Poor fork at 3m.	Planted too close to the kerb, healing. May not survive. Replant if not. Remove branchlets up to 2m to create a clean bole. Remove branch nearest the castle and lightly prune the lateral branches on the remaining shoot to form an upright leader.
T23	Tilia platyphyllos	Green	250cm	Marked as 0137. A healthy tree with a good crown. 100cm from the kerb. Road flooded. Soil compaction runs to 14m along the kerb and up to the bole of the tree. The kerb is level with the road so there is no proftection from vehicles.	Alleviate flooding and erect bollards to prevent vehicles driving over the roots. Otherwise this tree will deteriorate and die.

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Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
T24	Rili PLryphylloa	Garda Station	210cm	Healthy bole and crown. The bole is protected at both sides by bollards. Hence, there is no soil compaction.	
T25	Tilia platyphyllos	The Roost	197cm	Soil compacted and depressed by vehicles driving over the soil. Congested crown. A large number of branchlets arising from previous cut ends on 3-4 main branches at 6m above pavement level.	Raise soil level by 150mm. Erect 2 bollards at each corner. Remove and thin out 50% of these erect branchlets. Remove branches that are in contact.
T26	Tilia platyphyllos	Dawsons	190cm	Soil compaction probably by pedestrians. Congestion of branches on the crown. Severe mechanical damage at 1m above ground level on the street side.	Thin these out by 30%. Remove a large branch facing the College Gate at 1.4m above ground level. This tree should be looked at again in 3- 4 years.
T27	Tilia platyphyllos	Leinster Arms	204cm	Planted close to the kerb. Street side mechanical damage at 100mm above ground level to a depth of 10mm. Bark is otherwise healthy.	Lighten crown by 10%, removing the competing upright parallel branches. Remove a short stubby branch approx. 5m above ground level, directly facing the College Gate.
T28	Tilia platyphyllos	Bank of Ireland	159cm	The soil around the bole is compacted and water logged. Very light crown, some dieback on previously cut shoots. The mechanical damage 1m above ground level is healing well.	This tree lacks vigour and looks unthrifty. It has a light head and so is relatively safe. Needs monitoring, a summer inspection will tell a lot more. This tree should be looked at again in 3- 4 years.
T29	Tilia platyphyllos	Square	180cm	Limestone slabs cut to fit right up to bole. The bark is healthy and there is mechanical damage on the bole facing Carton Avenue.	What were the slabs laid on? Remove the stubby branch 5m above ground level facing the square. Raise soil level by 150mm.
T30	Tilia platyphyllos	Brady's Pub	165cm	Waterlogging of the soil on the road side. A low kerb allows cars to drive across into the parking space. A lot of wires intertwined in the branches. Congested crown with multiple branches from the last pruning.	Bollards required. Remove wires intertwined in branches. Beware of likely damage caused by girdling. Thin out the multiple branches from the last pruning by removing 50%.

Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
T31	Tilia platyphyllos	Elite	150cm	Vehicles driving over one corner. M4 sign protects the other corner. No visual evidence of disease. Light crown lacking in vigour.	This tree lacks vigour and looks unthrifty. It has a light head and so is relatively safe. Needs monitoring, a summer inspection will tell a lot more. this tree should be looked at again in 3-4 years.
T32	Tilia platyphyllos	Smiths Butchers	120cm	Protected by bollards but there is evidence of bark damage on the corner nearest the parking space. Vehicles driving across it. A lot of damage on the bole on the street side from 2 up to 4m. Bark looks unthrifty and the growth is not vigorous. The crown is light.	Remove 50% of these light branches. This tree should be looked at again in 3-4 yers.
T33	Tilia platyphyllos	Butchers	172cm	Soild compaction on the parking corner. A bollard protects the other corner. Full vigorous crown.	A bollard is required. Prune off low handging branches and a large stub.
T34	Tilia platyphyllos	Library	140cm	The topsoil has become depressed. Good, even crown. Severe mechanical bole damage on the street side from 2m to 3.5m.	Top up topsoil by 15cm, 5cm above the kerb level. A small amount of regulatory pruning is required to remove downward hanging branches. Dress and clean these wounds.
T35	Tilia platyphyllos	Credit Union	146cm	Paving is within 20cm of the bole of the tree. So there is no visible evidence of soil compaction. Even balanced crown.	Lighten crown by removing 20% especially closely set branch.
T36	Tilia platyphyllos	Hand's Corner	170cm	The bark is damaged (15cm x 15cm) at 1.5m above ground level on the street side. Vigorous tree with a healthy crown.	Regulatory pruning to thin out the branches by 30%.

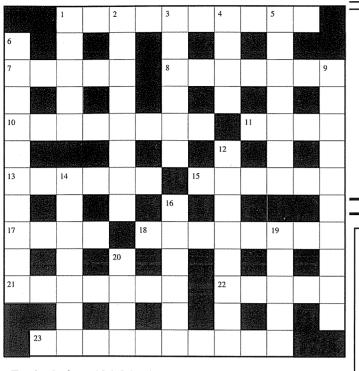








Crossword No: 163



Entries before: 12th March

Name

Phone:

Across:

- 1. Control (10)
- 7. Err (5)
- 8. Reserve (7)
- 10. Be like (8)
- 11. Destiny (4)
- 13. Mad (6)
- 15. Parson (6)
- 17. Weary (4)
- 18. Legal (8)
- 21. Transform (7)
- 22. Items (5)
- 23. Amelioration (10)

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Down:

- 1. Cables (5)
- 2. Resplendent (8)
- 3. Finally (6)
- 4. Playthings (4)
- 5. Outdoors (4-3)
- 6. Unselfish (10)
- 9. Dumbfounded (10)
- 12. Height (8)
- 14. Unfamiliar (7)
- 16. Assemble (6)
- 19. Fool (5)
- 20. Exploit (4)
- Solution to Crossword No. 162

Across: 7 Naive; 8 Elegant; 9 Treadle; 10 Alike; 12 Settlement; 15 Exasperate; 18 Tango; 19 Visitor; 21 Discern; 22 Amiss.

Down: 1 Instrument; 2 Miser; 3 Mend; 4 Defeat; 5 Decadent; 6 Mariner; 11 Enterprise; 13 Employed; 14 Earnest; 16 Ravine; 17 Strip; 20 Stay.

Dorin's Recipes

Carrot and Ginger Soup

- Serves 4-6 2 tablespoons sunflower or Soya oil
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 1 1/2 lb carrots, finely sliced
- 2 tablespoons finely slivered fresh ginger
- 1 1/2 pints water
- 2 tablespoons ginger wine or 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon butter

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

To garnish

A slice of fresh ginger, cut into matchsticks

Method

Heat the oil gently in a heavy saucepan, add the onion and cook over a low heat for about 10 minutes, stirring regularly, until it softens - don't let it brown.

Stir in the carrots and ginger, cover and cook gently for another 10 minutes, stirring occasionally to avoid sticking. Add the water and the ginger wine or honey, bring to the boil, then cover, turn down the heat and leave to simmer for 30 minutes or so, until the carrots are perfectly soft. Let the soup cool for a minute or two, then add the butter and tip everything into a food processor or use a hand-held liquidizer to blend to a puree. To serve, reheat gently and season to taste. Don't be tempted to add cream. Serve in hot bowls, scattered with a few matchsticks of ginger.

Chicken Rissoles in Mushroom Sauce Serves 6

Cooking time: 26 minutes 1 kg chicken mince 60g fresh breadcrumbs 1 tablespoon dried tarragon 1 small onion, finely chopped 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Creamy Mushroom Sauce

40g butter 3 spring onions, finely chopped 300g button mushrooms, sliced 1/4 cup white wine 3/4 cup cream



Method:

Place chicken mince, breadcrumbs, tarragon, onion and mayonnaise into a large mixing bowl and combine thoroughly. Divide mixture into six equal portions and shape into 1 1/2 cm-thick patties. Heat a large

frying pan and brush lightly with oil. Cook rissoles over medium-high heat for 8 minutes each side, turning once only. Cook in batches if necessary; do not overcrowd pan. Remove from the pan and keep warm while preparing sauce.

To make sauce:

Melt butter in the frying pan. Add spring onions and mushrooms and stir-fry over medium heat for 5

minutes or until soft. Add wine and cream: reduce heat and simmer uncovered 10-12 minutes until sauce has reduced and thickened. Serve immediately.

Note:

Take advantage of juices and flavours remaining from cooking rissoles by re-using the frying pan to make sauce.

Rich Beef Casserole

Serves 4 2 1/2 lb boneless beef such as brisket, trimmed and cut into 2 inch cubes 5 oz button mushrooms, guartered if large 2 onions, thickly sliced 2 carrots, thickly sliced 2 sticks of celery, thickly sliced 1 large leek, white and pale green parts only, sliced 3 garlic cloves, peeled 1 bottle red wine Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Flour for coating 3 1/2 fl oz vegetable oil 1 oz butter 3 1/2 oz tomato puree 16 fl oz chicken stock 3 sprias of thyme 1 bay leaf

Method:

Place the beef in a large bowl with the vegetables and garlic and add the wine. Cover and leave to marinate in the refrigerator for 2 days. Drain the meat and vegetables in a colander set over a bowl. Reserve the marinating liquid. Separate the beef, vegetables and mushrooms. Preheat the oven to 150c/300f/Gas mark 2. Pat the beef dry with paper towels. Season, then coat lightly with flour. Heat a flameproof casserole over high heat and add enough oil to make a film on the bottom. Fry the cubes of beef, a few at a time, until well browned. When all the beef has been browned and removed from the casserole, pour off the fat. Add a little more oil to the casserole with half the butter and reduce the heat to moderate. Cook the marinated vegetables and garlic until soft and lightly browned stirring often. Stir in the tomato puree. Add a ladleful of the marinating liquid and bring to the boil. Boil until reduced to a glaze. Add another ladleful of the liquid and to reduce again. Continue adding the liquid little by little. When all the liquid has been added and reduced, stir in the stock and bring to the boil. Return the beef to the casserole and add the herbs. Cover and transfer to the oven. Cook for 2 1/2-3 hours or until the beef is very tender, stirring frequently. To serve, saute the reserved mushrooms in butter.

Reheat the casserole if necessary and serve with the mushrooms.



Dorin's Recipes cont.

B.L.T. with Cheese Serves 2

Cooking time: 10 minutes 4 thin rashers of bacon 8 thick slices white bread 50g butter 4 slices cheddar cheese 4 cos lettuce leaves, shredded

1 large ripe tomato, thinly sliced 2 tablespoons tomato sauce Freshly ground black pepper Potato crisps, to garnish

Method:

Cook bacon under a preheated grill for 2-3 minutes each side, according to taste. Toast the bread on both sides until lightly browned. Spread with butter, if desired. Place cheese on 4 slices of toast. Cook under grill until cheese melts. Top remaining toast slices with lettuce, tomato and grilled bacon. Drizzle with tomato sauce and sprinkle with pepper. Place one slice on each of 4 serving plates and top with remaining toast slices with the cheese side down. Garnish with potato crisps and serve.

Walnut and Orange Pudding

Serves 4 Butter for preparing the dish 2 oz walnuts 2 oz self-raising flour 1/4 teaspoon baking powder A pinch of sea salt 4 oz butter, softened 4 oz soft brown sugar grated zest of 1 orange 2 eggs, beaten

Toffee sauce

2 oz walnuts 3 oz caster sugar 5 fl oz double cream 2 oz unsalted butter

Method:

Preheat the oven to 160c/325f/Gas mark 3. Lightly butter four individual pudding moulds.

Grind the walnuts in a liquidizer or food processor. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl and mix in the ground walnuts. Cream the butter, brown sugar and orange zest together in a bowl until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs. Gently fold in the flour mixture until evenly mixed: it should have a soft, dropping consistency. Divide the mixture between the prepared pudding moulds. Bake for about 25 minutes, until the puddings are well risen and firm to touch. While the puddings are baking, prepare the toffee sauce. First, blanch the walnuts: place in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to the boil, then drain. Rub the skins from the nuts, then chop roughly. Place the caster sugar in a saucepan with 3 tablespoons

tablespoons water. Heat gently until the sugar is dissolved, then bring to the boil. Boil rapidly until the syrup becomes a deep caramel colour. Quickly whisk the cream and butter into the caramel. The sauce will be lumpy at first but keep whisking-it will become smooth and glossy. Stir the chopped walnuts into the sauce. Carefully turn the puddings out on to serving plates. Serve with the toffee sauce poured over, ideally with a scoop of caramel ice cream.

Easter Cake

Cooking time: 3-3 1/2 hours Oven setting: 150c/300f/Gas mark 2 6 oz butter 6 oz soft brown sugar 3 eggs, lightly beaten 8 oz self-raising flour, sieved 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg 4 oz sultanas 12 oz currants 2 oz ground almonds For the centre and decoration: 2x 8 oz packets almond paste 12 tiny Easter egg sweets

Method:

Cream the fat and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs a little at a time. Fold in the dry ingredients and then stir in the sultanas, currants and ground almonds. Put half the mixture into a greased and lined 7 inch cake tin. Roll out both packets of the almond paste thinly enough to cut circles round the cake tin : reserve the trimmings. Place one on top of the mixture in the tin. Cover with the remaining of the cake mixture and bake in a moderate oven for about 3-3 1/2 hours. Turn out and cool on a wire tray, removing the paper. Place the second circle of almond paste on the cake. Out of the trimmings make the 11 small balls for the top. Place around the edge of the cake. Little Easter sweets and fluffy chickens can be used as additional decoration.

Tuna Bake

- 7 oz can tuna fish
- 10 oz can condensed mushroom soup 1 oz white breadcrumbs
- 2 oz butter Few mushrooms
- 1 sprig parsley

Drain fish and flake. Heat soup in small pan, add fish and cook for 2-3 minutes. Pour mixture into baking dish. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and dot with half the butter. Grill for 5 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, melt the remaining butter in a small pan. Wash the mushrooms, add to the butter and cook gently for 5 minutes. Use to garnish tuna mixture, along with parsley. Serves 4.

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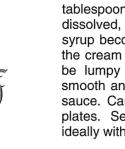


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EARLY IRISH SOCIETY

DIVORCE EARLY IRISH STYLE

The early Irish term for divorce was mutual separation (imscarad), a somewhat softer term. But they had arrangements for mutual, no fault divorce and those in which one of the partners was at fault. There seems to be an understanding that marriage will last a certain period of time but the length is not specified. The commentaries on the law say that the period is seven years. Shades of the seven-year itch! If a woman leaves before this time she forfeits her bride price.

A man had seven grounds for divorce. He could sue if his wife was unfaithful, if she was a persistent thief, if she brought an abortion upon herself, if she shamed his honour (before his enemies for example). He could also sue if she smothered her child or if she was without milk through sickness! The final reason is unintelligible. The early Irish had a tendency to group their information in sets of certain numbers, three, five and seven being the most common. (The church also favoured the number seven i.e. seven deadly sins, seven sacraments etc.)

In the case of a woman she had fourteen grounds for divorce many associated with sexual activity. But she could also divorce him if he took a secondary wife. We have seen already that a man could take a second, concurrent wife if his first wife was incurably ill or if she could not conceive boys. In this case she had the option of leaving or staying with him. She could also leave if he would not or could not support her, if he spread false stories or satire about her of if he tricked her into the marriage by sorcery. A husband was allowed to strike his wife to correct her, if he left a mark she may leave him.

The woman could divorce her husband is he were impotent and the law says 'because an impotent man is not easy for a wife' or if he becomes so fat that they cannot have intercourse. This fixation with becoming fat is mentioned among the Celts by the writer Strabo. He said that the Celts avoided getting fat and that a young man whose waist grew too large was fined! She may also leave if he prefers boys, is he is homosexual or he is sterile. (She must have had a child by a previous husband to know the latter.) If he told stories about their behaviour in bed she could divorce him 'because it not right for a man who tells of bed to be under blankets'. If he were in holy orders she could leave because he would have difficulties in reconciling his obligations to the church and to his wife. Finally there is the obscure mention of the 'man of stone', the grounds for divorce here says 'it is not right for a son to be on the road'. The commentaries again take this to be a reference to a landless man who cannot support is child.

The commentaries also say that if her husband is unaware of his physical defect she gets her bride price back and leaves. But if he hid it from her at marriage then she gets compensation. If she knew and married him then she must find others grounds if she wishes to divorce him. If she did not know that he was homosexual she gets compensation and then she may leave or stay or she pleases.

A woman who leaves her marriage without reason is dealt with severely [an absconder from the law of marriage'. She has no rights in society and she is not to be harboured or protected by anyone of rank. Even if she has grounds she cannot leave before the appointed time (mentioned above). If she goes, she forfeits the bride price. But it is still unusual for women to have such wide-ranging grounds for divorce. It was normal in early societies to grant divorce easily to men but usually it was next nigh impossible for women. It is questionable however whether this was granted to them for their own good or for the benefit of family, succession, and alliances or simply political convenience.

The general principal in divorce was a three-way division of property. One third to the party who brought the land, one third to the one who brought the cattle and the final third to the one who did the work or who paid for the work to be done. If one or both was guilty of misconduct they forfeited a share of the division to the innocent one. When there was mutual consent the division was by law. The first wife also forfeits more is she is guilty of any misconduct.

In the marriage of equal property, where each party brings an equal amount this is divided between them in fixed proportions. Each of them took with them what they brought and the increase. The principle is clear even if the divisions are complex. Everything, including the increase is divided in thirds. One third to the partner who brought the land, one to the partner who provided the cattle and the last to the partner who provided the labour. This is the marriage contracted by the nobility and there could have been a lot of property, movable and immovable, involved. This also included the increase in animals within the marriage. So if the woman had an increase of 50 cattle, she could take these with her. There is no such thing as common property here, anything you had the day you married it was still yours when you divorced. Any misconduct, anything used by the other party had to be repaid. So if one of them had gambled or lost property belonging to the other this had to be given back. There is no maintenane for either party.

In the case of perishable, consumable goods such as milk, meats, corn and textiles these were also divided. The woman takes half of all the clothing and the woven cloth, a third of the wool ready and combed for spinning, a sixth of fleeces and sheaves of flax. All this

Features

Early Irish Society contd.)

activity is labour intensive and therefore considered precious.

The division of dairy products was more complicated. The labour third is further sub-divided in two. The woman takes one sixth and rest is divided between the person who brought the vessels (the woman most likely), the husband and the person who provided the dairy workers. This was also the case with the corn and cured meat. This clearly shows the involvement of women in farming and the work they contributed.

In the marriage of a man's property the division is different. If the separation is by mutual consent the property is divided equally again. The division is by thirds as above but in this marriage it is unlikely that the woman brought much with her so she will automatically take less on her divorce. She may also have an increase is she is a hard-worker. They divide milk, butter, cows, vessels and bacon. This was probably the most common kind of marriage.

A woman is worse off in this divorce as she brings neither land nor cattle. She takes only half of her own handiwork, one sixth of the dairy produce unless she has been a hard worker (and who decides that?) She also takes one ninth of the calves during the marriage contract and one ninth of corn and cured meat in storage. These are the portions of the labout third dependent upon her innocence. If she is guilty she takes precious little. She has no income to speak of she is to be given a sack of corn for each month from the date of parting to the next Mayday. Some scholars say that since this was the time contracts were made, that the implication is that she should marry again. This is obviously not always practical.

In the case of the marriage of a woman's property he receives precious little as he brought nothing with him. The roles are the reverse of the above and he only receives a percentage of his work if he took an active role in managing the estate. If either party was guilty, the other gets the labout third. They each get what they brought with them. He gets a ninth of the handiwork, one ninth of corn, cured meat and oneeighteenth of the dairy produce. In the case of this marriage, if she owns all the property his price is estimated from hers unless he is more honourable or better bred.

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MURDER OF THE MONTH - THE LINDBERGH CASE

Charles Lindbergh became a legend in 1927 when he became the first man to fly the Atlantic alone at the young age of twenty-five. Suddenly the St. Louis pilot was an overnight, international celebrity. It took him thirty-three and a half-hours to make the flight in a plane that he designed himself. He had no radio, no parachute and he had put it together on a tiny budget compared with the others who took part in the competition that he eventually won. The prize was \$25,000 for the flight from Paris to New York.

But Lindbergh was to become famous for more than his solo flight and for a much more traumatic and tragic event. He married Anne Morrow who was the daughter of the US ambassador to Mexico. In 1930 their first child was born and they called him Charlie. They got telegrams from all over the world congratulating them. Everyone was aware of the birth of the child. They also had a steady, recognizable routine. They spent the weekdays at the Morrow home in New Jersey and the weekend at a house near Hopewell that Lindbergh had built for them. But they broke that routine at the beginning of March 1932 when they remained in their Hopewell home until Tuesday 1st March. The baby had a cold and they decided that it was best not to travel until he was better. Lindbergh was a stickler for routine and discipline and insisted that the child be put to bed alone at 7.50 p.m. This was done that night also. The Scottish nurse, Betty Gow, went to see him at 10 p.m. as was normal. The cot was empty.

The nurse assumed the parents had taken him out because he was ill and went downstairs. None of them had visited the child. Lindbergh immediately assumed that he had been kidnapped and asked the butler, Ollie Whately, to phone the local police at once. He himself went outside with a torch and a rifle to search the grounds of the house. The butler then joined him and they drove up and down the drive with the car lights fully lit but they saw nothing. They returned to the house and the nursery where Lindbergh saw an envelope on the windowsill. His wife wanted to open it immediately but he insisted that they wait for the police in case there were fingerprints to be found on it. Lindbergh took control of the situation from the beginning, keeping calm and collected in extraordinary circumstances.

Outside the bedroom window the police found a ladder, the rungs were far apart and the top one was broken. It could only be used by a tall person. When the state troopers arrived with a finger print technician the envelope was opened. The note asked for a ransom of \$50,000 and said that they would hear from them again. It also told them not to notify the police. The signature was an oval within three interlocked

ircles with a hole punched in the middle of each of them. It appeared to have been written by a poorly educated German but there were no fingerprints.

Lindbergh asked the police to keep out of the case and that they would accede to the kidnapper's demand for the ransom. The police agreed but they were still questioning the household, in particular the butler, his wife and the Lindbergh's cook. They suspected that it might be an inside job. The family had broken their routine. Who else knew of this apart from the servants and themselves? Indeed, who else knew that the child was left alone for those hours in particular?

A second ransom note arrived looking for \$70,000. This and other notes could have been forgeries but the police believed that they were from the kidnappers. Lindbergh took an unusual step. He contacted the New York underworld and Al Capone offered to help! He was in prison by this time and the police did not agree to his request to be released for 10 days! Another development was the offer from a Dr. John F. Condon, a retired school teacher of 72 years, to act as a gobetween and to add another \$1,000 to the ransom. He received a letter with the unusual symbol and the police believed it to be genuine. It accepted him as a go-between.

But there were stranger developments elsewhere. A wealthy friend of the Lindberghs, a Mrs. Evalvn McLean, approached an underworld character called Gaston Means. Eventually he said that he knew where the baby was and that the ransom had risen to \$100,000 and that they baby would be killed if the money did not appear guickly. Mrs. McLean gave him the money and waited for delivery of the baby in her summer home.

Condron was also in contact with supposed kidnappers - he had a phone call from a man with a German accent and they were sent a baby suit. They could not be sure if it was Charlie's. Then a meeting was arranged in New York between Condron and someone who said he was the kidnapper. \$70,000 was handed over for an envelope that contained instructions as to where the baby was hidden. The money contained gold certificates that were no longer issued but could be used as currency. The note said that Charlie was on a boat called Nelly at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. After a search that lasted two days there was no sign of the boat. Then 72 days after he disappeared, Charlie's body was found only 3 miles from his home. At the family's request there was no autopsy and the body was cremated.

Gaston Means was jailed for the swindle of Mrs. McLean. Mrs. Lindbergh gave birth to a second child and the couple left the area.

But the case was not over by any means. In September 1934 one of the gold certificates was used

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to pay for petrol. The attendant took the car number in case he got stuck with it and could not change it. The police tracked the car to a German-born carpenter, Bruno Hauptmann. He had \$14,000 of the ransom money in the house but maintained that he got it from a friend who had returned to Germany. He was a shady character himself, he had been convicted of burglary in Germany, arrived as a stowaway to America and now he was charged with the kidnap and murder. According to the police one of the rungs of the make-shift ladder came from a floorboard in his attic. Condron's phone number was found on a cupboard in his home.

The police were determined to convict and the President of the United States had announced that the kidnapper must be caught. The authorities were under pressure and Hauptmann went to the electric chair on Friday, April 3rd 1936. But was he guilty? There was considerable doubt and his trial and the evidence against him was guestionable.

Apparently a journalist had written the Condron phone number in his house. The police had promised three people cash to say that they saw Hauptmann near the Lindbergh home at the time of the kidnapping. Handwriting experts said that the ransom notes appeared to have been written by him. But they made the comparisons not with the original note but the subsequent notes that could be forgeries. No one pointed out that the crude ladder would not have been made by a carpenter. Hauptmann had a solid alibi his foreman signed an affidavit to say that he was at work until 5 p.m. and the time-sheet also agreed. He could not have made the journey to the Lindbergh in the time left. The foreman withdrew his statement and the time-sheet was somehow 'lost'. Hauptmann hardly spoke English but he was given no interpreter for the trial.

The case was examined by Ludovic Kennedy in a book 50 years later and he destroyed the prosecution's case. Eight years later two expert American criminologists also examined the case. They were defence lawyer Gregory Ahlgren and police chief Stephen Monier. They came to the conclusion that Hauptmann was innocent. They also put together a scenario for what really happened on March 1st 1932.

What puzzled everyone at the beginning was how an outsider knew that the Lindberghs had changed their routine. How did anyone else know that the nursery bedroom shutters were the only ones in the house would not shut? Ahlgren and Monier were convinced that it was an inside job. The two men looked at Charles Lindbergh himself; this would have been unthinkable at the time of the crime. But they found that he was a control freak who found release in nasty and silly practical jokes. He put a colleague in hospit

by putting kerosene in his drinking water. He embarrassed his wife at a party by dribbling water down the back of her dress. But more tellingly, two months before the baby's disappearance he had hidden Charlie in a cupboard and told his wife that he had been stolen. When the baby disappeared at first both his wife and the nurse thought that it was another joke.

Was it a joke gone horribly and tragically wrong Ahlgren and Monier wondered? Did the ladder break as Lindbergh carried the child from the window? Did he plan to appear at the front door asking what the child was doing in the garden? Did the child die in the fall? There was no autopsy, the body had been cremated -no evidence of a fall or other injuries could be found. He arrived home late that evening and his wife thought that she heard his car a half an hour before at 8.10 p.m. but he did not honk his horn and come into the house until 8.25 p. m. Plenty of time to carry out his intended trick. He had time to plant the envelope in the nursery when he was alone there after the disappearance was discovered.

This scenario would explain why a kidnapper knew of the change in routine, why the baby did not cry or the dog bark. Lindbergh's widow said that she never saw him shed a tear over the child's death but he was a control freak.

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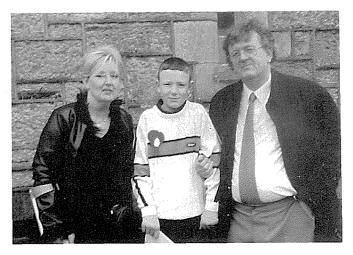
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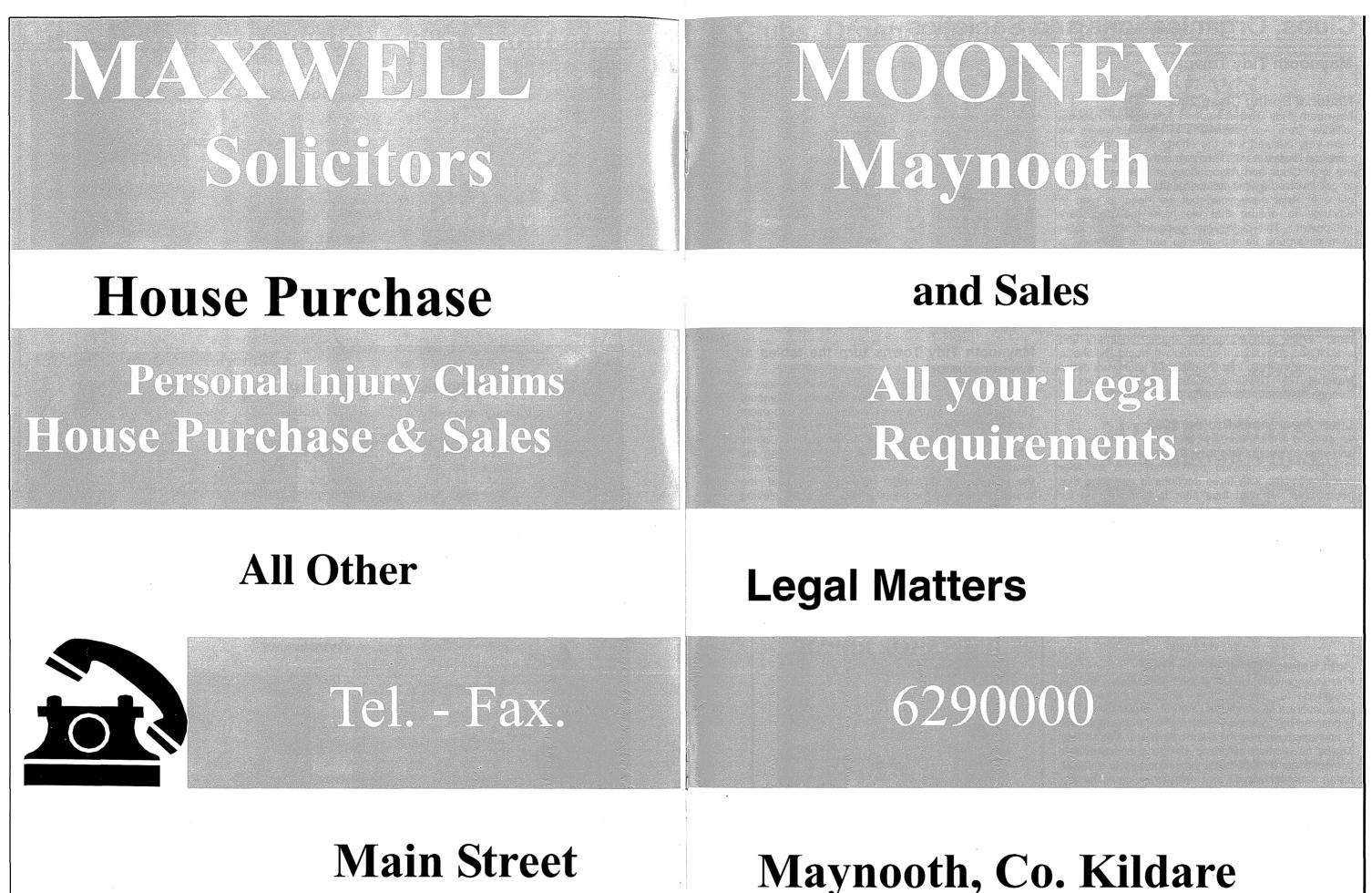
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Spring Clean 2002

Maynooth Tidy Towns support this annual national initiative from An Taisce and in previous vears we were very pleased with the efforts of local people to clean up their areas. This year we would appeal to the local Clubs and Associations as well as students to get involved in this annual event. it usually takes place in April each year, but we need to plan in advance to ensure that we have the necessary equipment. This is the only occasion when people from all around Ireland give up part of one day to remove litter from places nor normally cleaned by the Local Authority. It is all about team spirit and a sense of fun, while at the same time helping to remove papers, bottles and cans from our landscaped areas. Maynooth Tidy Towns will get bags and gloves and litter pickers so that nobody needs to get their hands dirty. While your efforts are entirely voluntary and even if you do not want our help we would still like to hear about them so that we can note your work in the National Tidy Towns application plan. Contact us through Maynooth Community Council at 6285922.

Litter Awareness Project 2002

As advised in the February Newsletter we applied for and was successful in getting funding for this project. Our plan is to provide both more bins for litter (preferably bins with three sections in each) so that people can see that their litter is being sorted for recycling. We are hoping to implement this plan on a single pedestrian route in the town on a pilot basis. In addition we want to erect signage encouraging people to use the bins rather than just dropping the litter. We will also be launching a publicity campaign to alert people to this project. This is an anmbitious project that may have to be scaled down depending on the support that we get from the community. If you can help in any way please let us know. Contact us through Maynooth Community Council at 6285922.

Best Estates Competition 2002

This competition takes place each year and is designed to reward the efforts of residents associations in improving their area. Initially sponsored by Coonans Estate Agents, the competition is now sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel. We in Tidy Towns have been surprised by the success of this competition. We felt that it was important to enter all areas automatically so that our judges could reward effort without fuss.

We now want to introduce the opportunity for residents associations to undertake specific tasks that will help them to succeed in the competition. For 2002, we want estates to develop small areas where they will encourage wildlife to live. You need to leave an area where small animals and birds can create a habitat without being disturbed by people. We in Tidy Towns

need to know what your plans are so that we can include them in the National Tidy Towns Competition Application due to be completed in mid March. We will also be awarding marks for these areas in the Best Estates Competition 2002. If we are not told about your plan we will not be able to give marks for it. Do not delay in advising us. Contact us through Maynooth Community Council at 6285922.

Two awards for Maynooth in Kildare **County Council Annual Environmental** Awards 2001.

Maynooth Tidy Towns won two awards in the Kildare County Council Annual Environmental Awards Competition. We received awards for the Best Town in County Kildare in Category E (Population 5.001 -10.000). We were also awarded the prize for the Best Overall town in County Kildare. The prizes were presented in January 2002.

Maynooth Tidy Towns turn the tables at award ceremony.

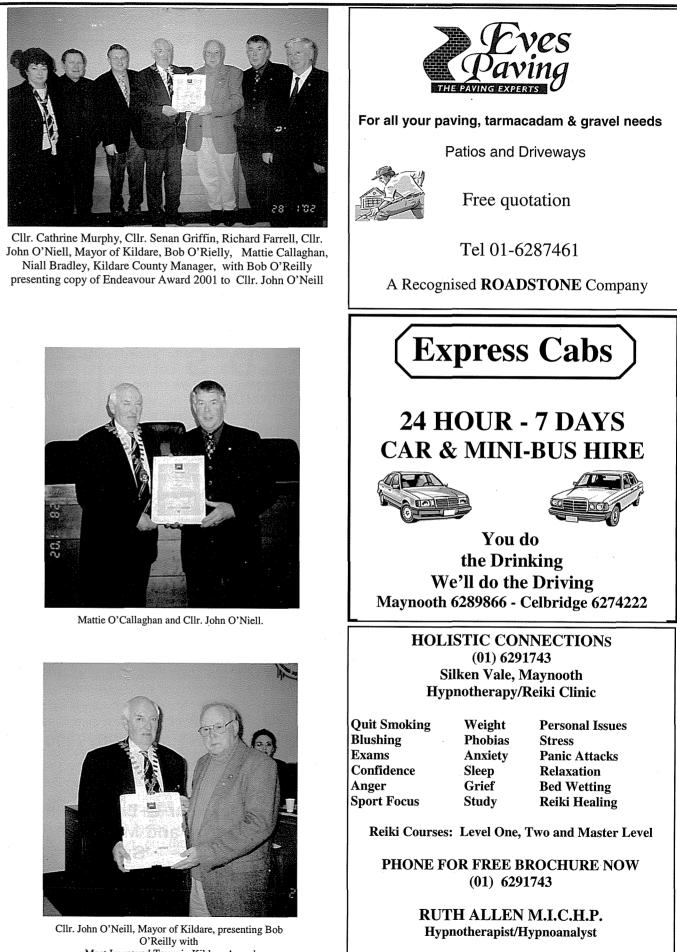
At the ceremony in Kildare County Council offices in Naas where we received our latest awards Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee took the opportunity to present a copy of the award that we won in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2001 to the Mayor of County Kildare, Councillor John O'Neill. In presenting the award we wanted to acknowledge the contributions of the Local Authority Staff in Maynooth and the voluntary efforts of the people of the town in achieving the award.

Paul Croghan, Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

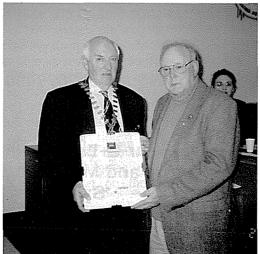


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SPECIAL OLYMPICS - MAYNOOTH HOST TOWN PROGRAMME

On the weekend of the 1st and 2nd February members of the Maynooth Special Olympics - Host Town Programme Committee and their doughty band of volunteers (especially those valiant Scouts) were bag packing in SuperValu, Maynooth to raise funds for the visit of the Brazilian Special Olympics team in June 2003. As you may be aware this very special event will take place from the 16th to 20th June of next year and preparations are well underway to ensure that this will be a visit that the Brazilian team and the people of Maynooth will never forget.

The bag packing weekend raised a magnificent total of EURI,448 for which we would like to thank the generous shoppers in SuperValu. Sums like this are essential for us to reach our fundraising target and we only have ten more months to achieve our goal. Funding for the Host Town Programme must come from the host town itself as all the Special Olympic funding is used for the actual games, which commence on June 21st 2003. During the four days that the Brazilian athletes spend in Maynooth we will be responsible for providing them with transport (from Dublin airport to Maynooth, to their various training sessions during the day and finally on to their Olympic Village destination), accommodation, food and entertainment as well as providing interpreters and medical back up. General guidelines are that host towns should calculate the cost at approximately EUR318 per athlete and we are expecting a delegation of around 150! The final number of athletes will be decided at the Brazilian national games in June of this year and only then will we know whom our quests will be. It is an enormous undertaking but one that will certainly be most rewarding.

A fundraising group has already been busy at work and many groups and individuals have been generous with their offers of help and of course help is indeed needed. On <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> our local G.A.A. footballers and hurlers are throwing caution to the wind and are 'staging' (well you couldn't really call it playing could you?) a drag match on their pitch on the Moyglare Road after the town parade. Make sure that you come and see these men as you never ever saw them before - let's hope it doesn't rain on their mascara and perms or they don't break a nail when they catch that ball! On <u>Friday 19th April</u> we will be returning to the G. A.A. Club but this time with a <u>Table Quiz</u> so we are giving you plenty of notice to get

those little grey cells into training. This is also the season when many ladies get into training for the <u>Ladies Mini-Marathon</u> on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

Why not consider doing the marathon this year for Maynooth's Host Town Programme? You could improve you fitness and make a huge contribution to the welcome to be given to the Brazilian team.

If you would like any more information or if you would

like to get involved in helping in any way with Maynooth's Special Olympics Host Town Programme please contact Elaine Bean (6291880) or Ronan Barry (087 9419826)



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Parents Association St. Mary's **Boys National School**

We are holding a funding raising night with a difference on Friday the 15th March, this will be mainly ceili music and a night to enjoy by all. Tickets will go home with your children so please check their school

bags, we are charging $\in 10$ per two tickets please return them to the school or to any committee member.

Congratulations to the boys who did so well in the Credit Union Quiz, Good Luck for the next round.

Also congratulations to the boys who made their confirmation on 21st February back in our own church which is looking very well.

Thank you to the Ladies who made the tea for boys and their families after the confirmation it was welcomed by all.

Last month we held a cake sale and coffee morning for the parents of Junior and Senior Infants, the proceeds went to the classes, we would like to thank those who attended.

Claire O'Rourke P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Our A.G.M. took place of 6th February in the Community Council Office and was attended by eight people which was very poor considering we register approximately 150 children each year. However we managed to make up a committee, they are as follows:

Chairperson: Secretary: Treasurer: P.R.O:

Lorraine Batler Claire O'Rourke Madeleine Stynes Rose Birmingham

For those of you new to Maynooth, the Summer Project is set up by a committee who take children on outings and have activities at home in Maynooth during the first two weeks in July. The children we cater for are between the ages of 7 years and 13 years, unfortunately there is a charge for these outing so we have to fundraise during the year to help cut down the cost for parents.

We go to places like Clara Lara, bowling and the cinema, at home we play bingo and have guizzes and do many other things.

Don't forget we need children to march in the St Patrick's Day Parade, we would like you to come in fancy dress so start thinking now.

Claire O'Rourke Secretary.



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Chairperson:
Vice Chairperson:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Committee Members:

Breda Holmes. Larry O'Brien. Marv Kenny. Breda Ward.

Ann Nugent, Helen Johnson, Nora Covne, Betty Farrell, Michael Kelly, Pat McDonald, Dominic Nyland,

The Committee are very pleased that the Cemetery is now in a manageable state, which could not have been achieved without funding from you the parishioners and Kildare County Council. Sincere thanks for your support. The cost of Maintenance last year was in excess of £10,000.

We would also like to thank the following people for their support during the last year: Councillors Senan Griffin and John McGinley; Maynooth office of Kildare County Council; Westside Skips: O'Hagan's Refuse: Willie Kiernan; Garda; Parish Office and Msgr.Alex Stenson.

We now have time to concentrate on the Church Ruin. Last year we ran a Golf Classic which raised £5,000 towards the restoration of the Ruin, due to the fantastic support and sponsorship received locally. We hope this years outing will be just as successful as we need extra funding to gain support from Kildare Council/Historic Monuments Advisory Committee. If things go in our favour, work may commence on the Ruin later this year. If you have any advice or gueries please do not hesitate to contact any of the above members.

Breda Holmes.



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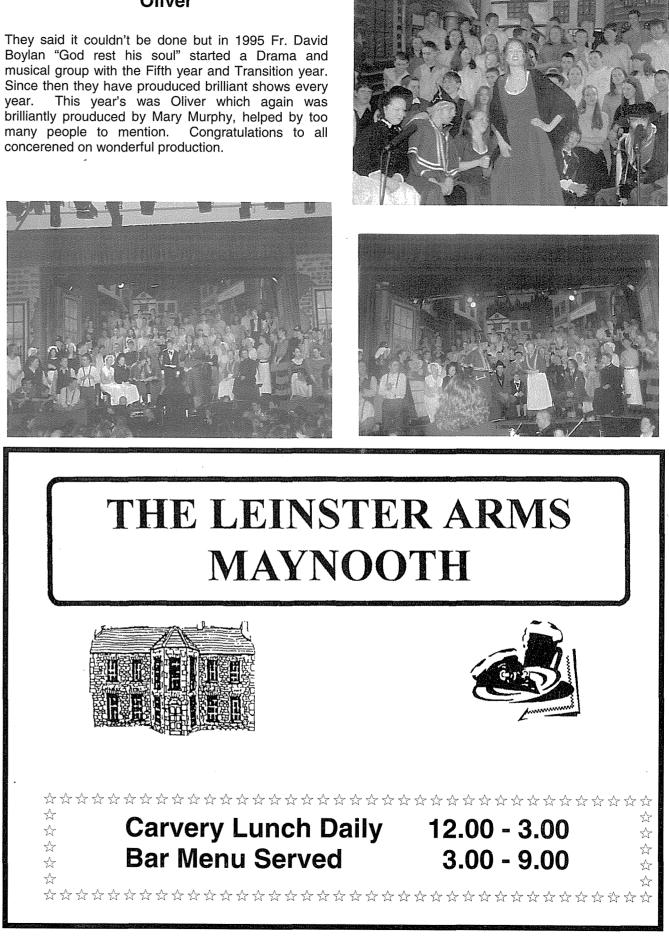
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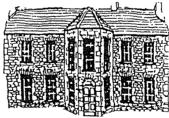
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Evelyn McGrath: 0876683533 Frances Lennon: 0868740242.

Evelvn and Frances would like to wish all children and parents a Happy Easter. Many of the children have enrolled for National Schools and we wish them every sucess. Our list for September is full and parents will be notified about places after Easter Holidays. Our parents night was held on Wedensday the 20th of Febuary. It was a great opportunity for parents to experience the fun of playschool and to meet other parents. Thanks to all famlies for contiuned support. The playschool was delighted to have Lyndsey Behanand Joan Whelan on Work experience from Maynooth Post Primary. They hopefully enjoyed their week, the children certainly did and formed new friends. We wish the girls every sucess in upcoming exams and their chosen careers. We wish the Newsletter and Community Council continued sucess in their new premises, They are now our neighbours. Many thanks, Evelyn and Frances.



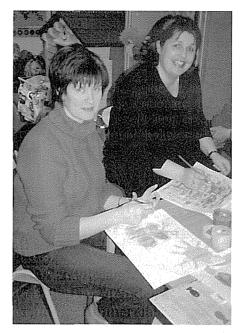
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Laura Cunningham, Julia Comerford Parents Night



Margaret Hagan, Liz Brennan, Antonette O Brien Parents Night Stepping Stones Playschool



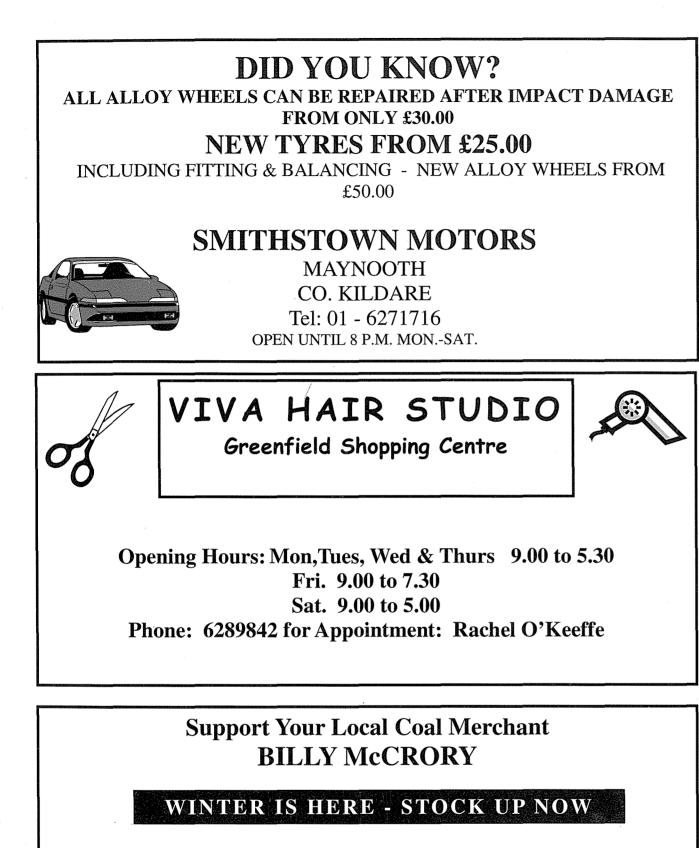
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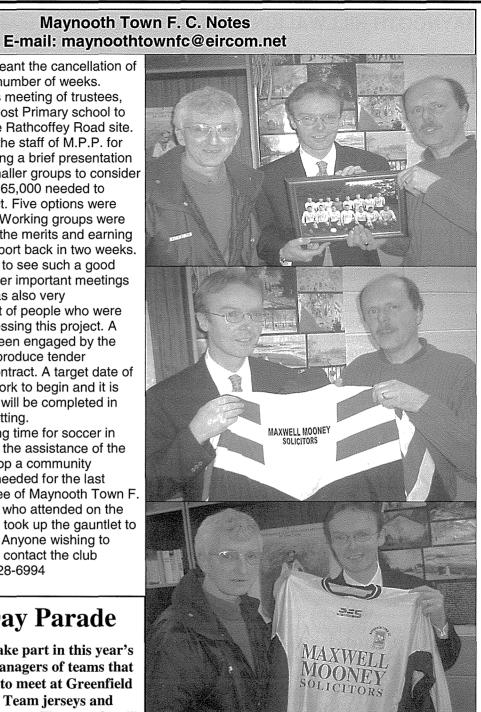
Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

The recent bad weather has meant the cancellation of all of the fixtures over the last number of weeks. However off the field there was meeting of trustees, parents and managers in the Post Primary school to discuss the development of the Rathcoffey Road site. Our thanks to Sean Ashe and the staff of M.P.P. for the use of the facilities. Following a brief presentation the attendees broke up into smaller groups to consider the best options for raising the 65,000 needed to complete phase 1 of the project. Five options were chosen to be explored further. Working groups were formed on the night to explore the merits and earning potential of each option and report back in two weeks. It was a very encouraging sign to see such a good attendance despite several other important meetings taking place that evening. It was also very encouraging to see the amount of people who were willing to get involved in progressing this project. A landscape architect has now been engaged by the club to draw up the final plan, produce tender documents and oversee the contract. A target date of late May has been set of the work to begin and it is expected the phase 1 contract will be completed in about 16 weeks weather permitting. This is an important and exciting time for soccer in Maynooth. It is hoped that with the assistance of the wider community we will develop a community resource that has been badly needed for the last number of years. The committee of Maynooth Town F. C, would like to thank all those who attended on the night and especially those who took up the gauntlet to assist in delivering of our goal. Anyone wishing to assist this development should contact the club secretary Gerry Folan on 01-628-6994

St Patrick's Day Parade

Maynooth Town F.C. will take part in this year's AXWELI St Patrick's Day Parade. Managers of teams that MOONEY wish to take part are asked to meet at Greenfield SOLICITORS S.C. at 10am on the day. Team jerseys and tracksuit bottoms should be worn. The parade will Photo's: Top: Tom Dempesy & Alan Cahill present an finish in Tesco's car park and parents are under 17's team photo to Mr. Max Mooney requested to pick up the younger children from team sponsor. Centre: Alan recives a set of tracksuits. there as the parade ends. Bottom: Tom recivies a new u17's kit.

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB.

The year 2002 has been designated by the United Nations as the "International Year of the Mountains" with the objectives of:

A. Promoting the conservation and sustainable development of mountain regions and

B. Ensuring the well being of mountain and lowland communities.

In an Irish context the International Year of the Mountains means the ensuring sustainable use of our mountain areas. All those active in the Irish uplands from recreational visitors to farmers and foresters, must accept responsibility for these areas, and give priority to caring for the environment and the welfare of local communities. Remember we are also looking after a valuable resource for future generations, which of not preserved will be lost forever.

Irelands' mountains may not seem high compared with the world's great mountain ranges (Carrauntoohil, Kerry 1041m., Lugnaguilla, Wicklow 925m., Mount Everest 8,848m., Kilimanjaro 5845m., Mount Blanc 4,819m.) but nonetheless they are a vital resource. They need sensitive and sustainable management and this Year of the Mountains is a timely opportunity to review and highlight their importance and fragility, and to consider new ways forward for their management. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of mountain areas and their place in our culture.

It is expected that a number of organisations will conduct activities during the coming year to support the UN's goal. Keep an eve out in this column over the next few months and we will highlight such activities as we become aware of them.

Membership in on the increase and a number of people who in recent months attended our Easy Hikes have now taken out club membership and have progressed to higher challenges.

Members of the club have been training during the past month for the Ring of Imaal mountain challenge later this year. Members of other clubs are becoming aware of this training programme and are now joining forces with us.

It is an opportunity to share an interest with a broader range of people. On Sunday 27th Jan. we had to change our hike schedule due to very strong winds and rain and conduct our Easy Hike in the forested area above the scenic area of Lough Dan and Lough Tay. We had two groups walking, the easier one in the forested area while the more hardened side of the Cloghoge Valley despite the winds of up to 35 miles per hour at times.

Sunday Feb. 10th brought us back to Howth, an old reliable and an opportunity to visit the peninsula in winter on an Easy Hike. Believe it or not we found the Rhododendrons as well as other flowering plants in

bloom. The day started damp but before we got to the top of the cliffs it had stopped. It got a little windy later on. We enjoyed a pleasant lunch break at the seashore with the waves crashing through the rocks around us. A good time was had by all. Our harder hike will be in the West Wicklow area of Donard Village. The weather was not so pleasant. Low cloud and rain was the menu of the day with navigation depending on the skills and expertise of the leader. A total of 22 attended both activities.

Feb. 16th/17th saw the club attending a weekend of activities in the Glendalough area consisting of an afternoon of map and compass practical training, a nine mile night hike commenced at dusk and finished before closing time! On the Sunday we had a 10 mile hike in the area also before setting course back for Maynooth. For you calendar keep Good Friday free. We will be conducting a canal walk from Enfield to Maynooth along the Royal Canal. The meeting point will be Maynooth Railway Station at 10.55am. We expect to stop for lunch around the harbour area at Kilcock. Distance will be 17.5Kms/11 miles.

Again, it should be noted that we are in the wetter seasons of the year so it is important that proper footwear and clothing is worn on our activities. A good quality rain jacket is essential as well as over-trousers. We will have to restrict attendance to those properly equipped for the season.

We plan to conduct a number of Easy hikes locally from the end of April/ early May onwards in the evenings, probably one per month or so. Keep an eye out later for further details or check our web page.

Club membership details available on request or from our web site. Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below.

Special interest walks.

Wicklow Mountain National Park will be holding a number of theme walks during the year. On April 14th and May 12th a Woodland Walk will be conducted. These walks depart from the National Park Information Centre, beside the Upper Lake Glendalough at 11am sharp. It is essential to book for these walks by telephoning (0404)45656. All these activities are provided free by the Ranger service of the National Park, A Mining Walk in the Glendalough area is planned for March but at the moment I do not have a date for it. Other activities later in the year will be notified later. Information has just been received on Walking Festivals planned for the next few months. Over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend the Slieve Bloom Walking Festival will take place centered on Kinnitty, Co.Offaly, Information from 0507-24167.It is likely that members of the Maynooth Hillwalking Club will attend one or both of these activities. Nothing as been formally planned yet. Details of other festivals and hillwalking activities will be notified as we become aware of them.

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(Maynooth Hillwalking continued.)

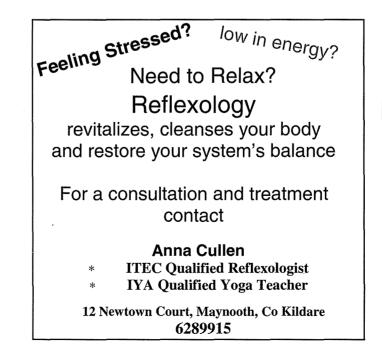
Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000ft. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders may have to make a ruling and his/her ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car.

Mountain Safety Note:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities should 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 in the activity they will be advised accordingly.

Keep an eve out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers:- 6285367. 086-2703348 or E-Mail:- maynooth-hillwalkingclub@vahoo.com

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Twenty-five members attended the February meeting in the ICA hall on the Harbour. The president Mary McNamara welcomed new members to the many and varied activities. Mary McNamara and Maeve Moloney participated in the Ecumenical Service at Kill Church for the deceased members of the Kildare Federation. Plans for the Golden Jubilee are in train under the chairmanship of Imelda Delanev. Designing and making a banner for the Community Games is a new project on Monday craft night. Do you play Scrabble? Would you like to learn? That is the latest activity for members of the guild and their friends. Contact Newsletter Office at 01-6285922. Are you new to Maynooth or would you like to make new friends, come along of the first Thursday of the month. The guild entered a team in the Quiz in aid of the convent primary school. Members enjoyed the Maynooth Drama Society's and the Oliver theatre nights. First Tuesday night talks at St.Patrick's College continue on 5th March when archaeologist John Bradley talks about his work. The Alzheimer's Society acknowledged E381.39. Helen Doyle is leader of Tuesday walks. Badminton has resumed. Expressions of sympathy were made to the family of Leanne Murphy and the Imelda Delaney.

Marie Hickey's judging of competition resulted in

1. Imelda Delaney. 2. Rosemary Hanley. 3. Viva Kerins. Forthcoming events in the calendar for Spring 2002 are - 20th February: Physical activity leader's course at Kildare. March: Marian O'Donnell's International Night. 22nd March: Daffodil Day in aid of cancer research.

Outing to Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society's The Pirates of Penzance 8th May: Member's day at the ICA adult education college at Termonfechin.





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Maynooth Golf Society

The Maynooth Golf Society had it's AGM on 10th February 2002 at the Glenroyal Hotel. After reviewing our successful past year's fixtures and finance position, the new officers and committee were elected.

President Vice President Captain Vice Captain Secretary Treasurer Handicap Secretary

Noel Brady John Tiernan S. O'Connell Owen Byrne Tom O'Haire John Saults Gerard McTernan

Committee:

Asst. Handicap SecretaryK. Loftus P.R.O.

- Tom Nolan M. Flvnn
- M. Fahy
- M. Scanlon
- P. Conway
- N. Kavanagh
- J. Byrne.
- D. Nyland

Our first fixture for year 2002 is on Saturday 9th March at The Heath Golf Club, Co. Laoise.

Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games have got underway for 2002.

The Table Quiz for teams of U14 was held in the Boys National School on Saturday 2nd February. The teams picked are as follows.

East	West
Michael John Fay	Eimear Connolly
Sean Damery	Ronan Kelly
Richard Judge	Ailbhe Durkan
Laura Judge	Orla Kelly
Sub: Philip Corbally	Sub: David Thompson

The boys and girls are practising hard under the guidance of Brian O'Malley. Many thanks to Brian for his continuous help.

We wish both teams good luck in the County Final on the 22nd March.

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Swimming	February 24th	College Pool	3.00 p.m.
Art	March 22nd	Boys National School	2 p.m 5 p.m.
Athletics	April 28th	G.A.A.	
Gynastics	April 29th	Parish Hall	4 p.m 5.30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Entry fee for all events is $\in 1$ per child

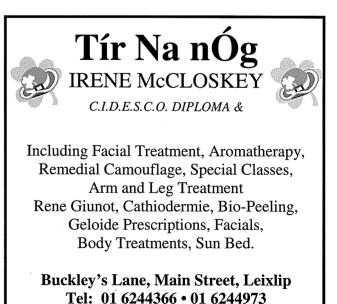
Some of the dates for County Finals as follows

Event	Date	Venue
Art	Saturday 27th April	
Swimming	Saturday 2nd June	Athy
Gymnastics	Sunday 3rd June	Athy
Athletics	Friday/Saturday 21st & 22nd June	
County Outdoor Team Finals	Saturday 25th May	

At County Level, an area competitor may compete in two individual events one chosen from Gymnastics, Art, Model Making, the second from Athletics, Swimming, Cycling and Judo, plus a swimming Squad or an Athletic Relay or Gymnastics Team. Judo is defined as an individual event with provincial elimination.

Parents please encourage your children to enter all events for fun and enjoyment.

Anyone wishing to help out the Community Games activities please come along to our meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 8.30 a.m. in the G.A.A. Centre.



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Maynooth G.A.A. Notes

RESUMPTION OF TRAINING

At the time of going to press many of our adult teams were already back training despite all the rain. First out in the winter weather was the ladies footballers who started back training in late January in expectation of their first game in mid February with Maynooth native Michael Kelly back as trainer. Next team back training was our senior camogie team, who were back in early February traing indoors under the guidance of Colm Hoban, Also Kevin Connolly had the intermeadiate footballers back training in early February while the senior hurlers under the management of Kieran Duigans would be back by late February. With the pitch guite wet from all the rain ,it is expected to have all underage teams back training by the first week in March.

PROPOSED NEW CENTRE

The new developments to the clubs facilities are to include, a multi function sports and recreation hall, a avmnasium, new dressing rooms, meeting rooms and a members bar. Also included is the development of the long awaited extra pitches to come on stream when the Maynooth Development Plan is ratified. The complete plan comes with a price tag of 2.5 million pounds. As these new facilities are for the broader community of Maynooth the club would like to see a real community development take place on the Moyglare Road .With the club's plans at an advanced stage in relation to planning and lotto applications, other groups in the town who are looking for some form of a community centre should be coming on board with our project, as it is difficult to see the community been able to sustain more than one centre.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAGIN FOR NEW GAA CENTRE

Maynooth GAA club is to push ahead with an added fundraising drive as part of its funding of the proposed new club facilities. This will include some of the old reliables such as the lotto, race night, golf classic and club social functions. On top of this some new ideas of fundraising are required if the clubs new facilities are to become a reality. A newly established fundraising committee will be drawing up a plan of fundraising for the year to involve everyone associated with the club. Also every player from U9 to senior level will have some role to play in our fundraising campagin.As our new complex is for all of the people of Maynooth every member of the community will be targeted in our fundraising campagin.

FOOTBALL AGM

At a recent meeting of football mentors. Mick Flaherty was elected football chairman. Mick who has played for the club for many years was part of the management team last year for our intermeadiate footballers.He takes up the role this year again as those team manager Kevin Connolly.Kevin who spent his playing career with his native Carbury, is highly respected in football circles.He managed the club's junior footballers when they won the junior championship and will be endevouring to add intermeadiate honours to it in the coming year. Training for the adult footballer's resumed in early february with good numbers turning up.Silverware was scarce in the year gone except for our minors who won their league. Congragulations to team mentors Denis McDermot and Padraig Kearney.

Underage football is buzzing with up to 50 boys, turning out on Saturday mornings with the U11's and U10's both winning their leagues. Also Naiomi Devereaux takes over as football PRO and all team managers are urged to get their match reports to her.

HURLING AGM

The hurling section of Maynooth GAA held their AGM on Thursday last the 7th of Feb in the clubhouse on the Moyglare Road. A large crowd turned out to the hurling AGM to see hurling chairman Martin Connolly and hurling secretary Colm Hobin re-elected unopposed. Martin Connolly in his address thanked all his hurling and camogie mentors and officials, which made his job very easy. The highlight of the year was the senior hurlers reaching the county semi final only to be beaten in a replay by Coill Dubh.The low moment of the year was the fact that we could not field a senior camogie team.But the good news was that this years camogie team was already back training indoors under the guidance of Colm Hoban with Nuala Forde and Pat Comerford also helping out. Finally he thanked grounds chairman Mick Gillick for all his work in the upkeep of the pitches to make them suitable for hurling.

Hurling Secretary Colm Hoban said that with the amount of juveniles playing both hurling and camogie that their was a real shortage of mentors and made an appeal for people to come forward. Unless we find more adults to look after underage teams we may have to cut back on the number of teams that we enter in competitions. He also thanked club secratery Domnic Nugent for all his assistance and support during the year.

Senior hurling manager Kieran Duigans was reappointed for his another term in charge of the senior hurlers. He thanked the meeting for his appointment but said he would like to see other people interested in the position but he was honoured to take up the job once more and would be joined in his backroom team by PE teacher Padraig Forde. He also

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threw the gauntlet down to his players and said that he would not accept any absence from training in the early part of the season. He and his backroom team had put together a programme of ball work and physical work to be run over a month at the end of which he would have a panel of 26 players.--Finally he thanked all those from the club who sympathised with him on the recent death of his mother. Mick Gleeson was re-appointed manager of the junior hurling team. The year gone by was one of mixed fortune for the juniors as they reached the league final only to be beaten by a significant margin by Celbridge. We must he stated look into the way fixtures are run off in the future.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Maynooth GAA club held their dinner dance in the Straffan Court Hotel on Saturday the 9th of February. A superb night was had by the 150 people who attended the function with good food ,music and craic . General manager of the hotel Linda McPhilips along with her staff provided all the guests with first class service. Of course some of the staff on the night are also involved in the club with the chef Rory Kelly, been a member of the club's senior hurling panel while a member of the bar staff, Alan Nugent, plays both hurling and football for the club. Guest of honour on the night was County Chairman, Andreas O'Sullivan who congragulated the club on the year gone by and wished them well for the coming year. Club chairman, Fergus Devereaux in his address outlined the club's aspirations on the playing field. He then went on to say that the club had already secured one million pounds from a financial institution towards our new centre and was now awaiting for word from the "National Lottery". Finally he thanked all those who sponsored the club in the year gone by and all those who were involved in looking after teams. Music was by the Untouchables who entertained everyone with their songs and jokes. Full marks to the orgainisers Matt Doran and Madeline Stynes who were told when they were orgainising the event that Dinner Dances were gone out of fashion. Here's looking forward ot next year's dance.

PIERRE GETS TOP AWARD

On Sunday the 10th of February at the FAI awards in the Citywest Hotel. Maynooth man Pierre Ennis received the "U16 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD. Pierre who presently on contract to Aston Villa was also an active member of Maynooth GAA until he left for Birmingham. A highly skilled hurler he represented both club and county with distinction. He was also a highly regarded Gaelic Footballer who without doubt would have been a household name in this county and beyond if he had pursued a Gaelic Football career. On the occasion of his departure many people said that Aston Villa's gain was Maynooth GAA and Kildare's loss. A member of a well known sporting family who have contributed greatly to the club. Everyone in Maynooth GAA club would like to congratulate Pierre on receiving this award and wish him well in his soccer career.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

At the time of going to press plan's were been put in place for entertainment in the clubhouse on St Patricks Day. It is hoped to get some of our younger members of Scor to put on a show in the afternoon while there would be entertainment that night. Please check the club noticeboard for more exact details.

NEW YEAR LOTTO WIN

Maynooth GAA club had its first Euro winner in its weekly lotto on Sunday the 12TH of January. The lucky winner was Mary Ann Duggan, a native of Allenwood who is married with 2 children, who won the grand prize of 1,400 euro. She was sold the ticket by Maynooth woman May Mahony. The two are both workers in the Z Gum factory, formerly Leaf, in Kilcock where May has been a regular seller to her co workers for many years. The lotto draw takes place in the clubhouse on the Moyglare Road every Sunday night, and the money raised is used to fund club development and also help in the running costs of some 25 teams which the club fields in hurling, football and camogie .

Aidan Sinnott MAYNOOTH GAA PRO

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MAYNOOTH GAA LOTTO RESULTS

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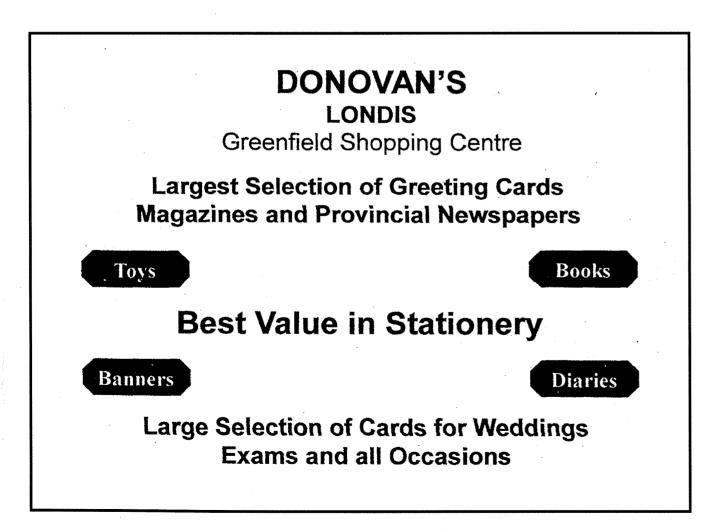
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MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS



Minister McCreevy T.D.

Unfortunately due to pressure of work, this months article is going to be shorter than usual but this certainly doesn't reflect the amount of work or activity that the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann are undertaking both during February and indeed also during March 2002.

The following is a short synopsis of the events we are planning and organizing, some of which unfortunately will be over before you get the chance to read this article. However other events will still be forthcoming so good advance notice of them can help ensure your attendance or participation if you wish.

On Saturday 9th February - MINISTER MCCREEVY T.D. AND CLLR. PAUL KELLY attended a Meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel a.m. at which they both met with a number of representatives from both the Girls National School in Maynooth and also the Comprehensive School in Maynooth. Following those meetings, the Minister and Paul also met with 3 representatives of the Maynooth Committee for the Special Olympics, namely, Ronan Barry, Eithne Bean and Melanie Oliver.

As usual, following the above Meetings the Cumann members then accompanied Minister McCreevy and Clir Paul Kelly on a walkabout of both Castledawson Estate and Carton Court Estate, both areas which gave us a very warm welcome on a very cold day. The Minister and Councillor met with members of the Castledawson Residents Association wherein the areas of concern still outstanding were pointed out and discussed. Of course Minister McCreevy and Cllr Kelly will continue to follow up on those outstanding matters.

As Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy has had a major input to overseeing the successful changeover from the circulation of the Irish Punt to the Euro and on the same day, he spent his last Irish Punt in Sean Donovans Newsagents, Londis, in the Greenfield Shopping Centre - word has it that he invested in a copy of the Irish Times newspaper and a revitalizing Mars bar!!!! No doubt the Liffey Champion captured the historic moment and will have run a photo in the meantime.

On Wednesday 13th February - the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann will have held their A.G.M. and we will ensure that the Officer Board will be detailed in the next issue of the Newsletter. I have no doubt that the incoming Officer Board will work every bit as hard and with as much enthusiasm and drive as the outgoing.

On Tuesday 26th February - The Minister for Sports, Tourism and Recreation, Mr. Jim McDaid T.D. will be visiting Maynooth. Following a tour of the Maynooth G.A.A. Club to see the exciting plans they have made for their new facilities. the Minister will return to the Glenroval Hotel to attend a Reception hosted by the Maynooth Cumann at which representatives of all the local Maynooth sporting, tourist and recreational clubs and organization will be attending. All those hard working Maynooth people will have the opportunity to meet with the Minister (abeit briefly) personally and the Minister will also be addressing the attendance. It is planned to have wine, teas, coffees and other refreshments for those attending. The Minister will also be able to turn the sod on the extension to the Glenroyal Leisure Centre on the night.

On Wednesday 27th February - The Cumann will be hosting a Public Meeting to be addressed by Mr. Donncha O' Connell of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties. This should take place approximately from 9p.m. to 10.30p.m. Again, all are very welcome to attend as we would stress this is a Public Meeting and should be both interesting and stimulating.

On Friday 1st March - The Cumann will be hosting our annual "Breakfast with Minister McCreevy", at which our local Councillor Mr. Paul Kelly will also be attending and addressing the audience. This is our 3rd Annual Breakfast which has proved extremely popular and certainly very enjoyable. You may remember last year the Minister was



Cllr. Paul Kellv

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able to announce his funding of £100.000 for the development of Carton Walk.

Also, last year the Cumann donated some of the proceeds of the Breakfast to the " Community Games " and again this year, we plan to donate some of the proceeds of this years Brekkie to another deserving local Community Group - to be announced perhaps at our Breakfast.

On 8th and 9th March - The Fianna Fail Party will be having their Ard Fheis in the City West Hotel, Saggart. Last year was the first year this venue was used and it proved very popular and so we are repeating the exercise. Again, should anyone wish to attend please contact one of the members listed at the end of this article.

The Cumann would like to pass on our very best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Eugene Fitzpatrick who at the time of writing will be soon performing his song in a National Song contest to be screened on Pat Kennys " Late Late Show " at the end of February. Well done Eugene and we've heard the song is excellent.

The Cumann would also like to pass on our congratulations and best wishes to one of our own long-serving members, Mr and Mrs. Michael Caden, who recently celebrated their 80th and 75th Birthdays respectively. Their family hosted a fantastic surprise Birthday party down in the newly opened Johnstown Inn Hotel in Enfield where the food, venue, music and entertainment was excellent. Michael has been in our Cumann for more than 16 years having previously played an equally active part in Dublin.

MINISTER MCCREEVY AND CLLR. PAUL KELLY NOTES

BOND BRIDGE

The Minister recently met with Ms. Sile de Valera T.D. Minister of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands with a view to discussing the latest in a series of problems and obstacles with regard to the long awaited Bond Bridge issue.

Following from this meeting Mr. McCreevy T.D. received the following letter and information from Minister deValera.

The following are short quotes from the letter, which is available should anyone wish to view it.

Quote.

6th February 2002

" I am advised by Waterways Ireland that Bond Bridge is a 200 year old masonry arch bridge and that they have been involved in discussions with Kildare County Council since 7th June 2000 as to how the road could be widened without damaging the existing bridge.

Kildare County Council hired a conservation architect to look at various options and in a report dated November 2000 it was the opinion of the architect that the bridge should be removed and preserved in order to protect its architectural significance.

At a meeting between Kildare County Council and Waterways Ireland in November 2001, it was agreed that the bridge could be dismantled, subject to an agreed process of recording and preserving the 200 vear old structure plus providing safe storage. Waterways Ireland was also asked to consult with Irish Rail regarding the possible re-erection of the masonry arch bridge in Maynooth Harbour to replace an existing temporary steel footbridge. At no time did it object or prevent the local authority from progressing its plans.

I understand that following recent discussions between Mr. John Martin, Chief Executive, Waterways Ireland and Mr. Niall Bradley, Kildare County Manager, the process to enable the construction of the new bridge was agreed.

I know you will be pleased that this matter has now been resolved satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

Sile de Valera.

Unquote.

As mentioned at the start of the article, pressure of time has meant that unfortunately we have to cut our article short this month, however we will make up for that next month. Many thanks again to all who have read the article and to all those who continue to receive us very warmly on our routine walkabouts.

As before, anyone wishing to contact the Cumann can phone either Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187 or myself Brid Feely on 087-2052649.

Keep safe until next month,

Brid Feelv. Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann Secretary.

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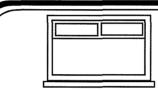


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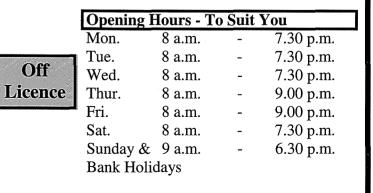
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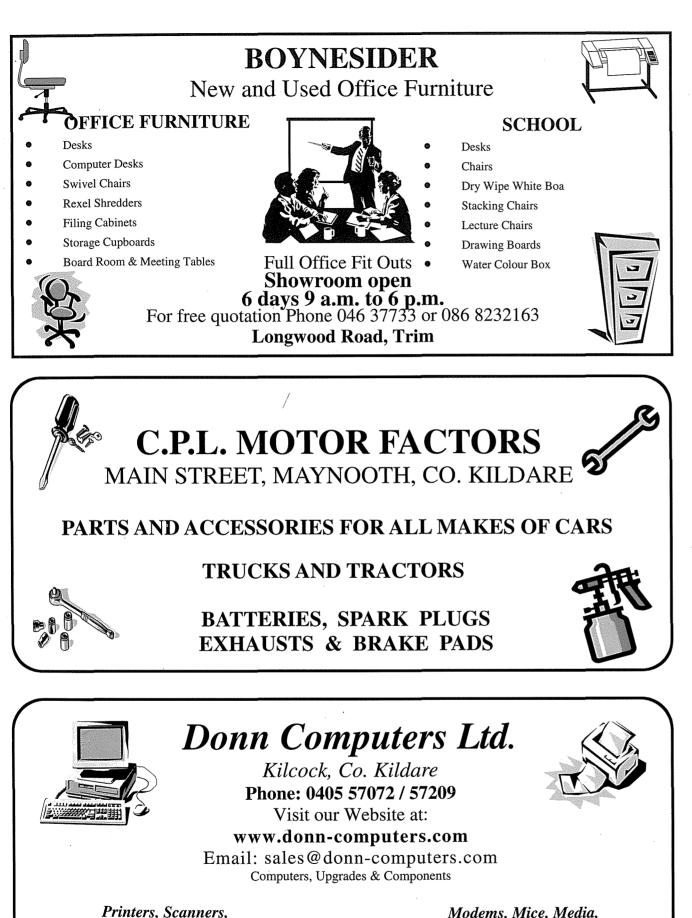
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Maynooth Labour News



Bond Bridge Works Given All Clear:

Faced with a demand from Waterways Ireland that Kildare County Council would have to agree to rebuild the old bridge between the Harbour and the Railway Station, before they granted the necessary wayleave agreements, Deputy Emmet Stagg contacted his constituency colleague, Charlie McCreevy, to organise a meeting between himself, Minister McCreevy, Minister de Valera, the Chief Executive Officer of Waterways Ireland and the County Manager for Kildare. The meeting was organised for the 31st January, but we are pleased to say that Waterways Ireland changed their position prior to the meeting.

The revised proposal, which the Council are quite happy with, involves the Council agreeing to remove the old stonework from the bridge carefully, numbering the old stones, suitable storage of the old stones and keeping them in good condition. In effect, the Council were already doing this under their old plan.

Waterways Ireland will now grant the Council the necessary wayleave agreements. The Council will seek tenders for the project in March of this year and the successful contractor will be on site this September.

The meeting arranged by the Minister for Finance proved to be the catalyst in the resolution of this issue and we would like to thank Minister McCreevy for arranging it at Deputy Stagg's request.

Finally, we would like to thank the residents of the area for their continued support in our campaign on Bond Bridge. We are now within sight of the winning post.

Tree Survey, Main Street, Maynooth:

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley, Costin & Associates, Landscape Consultants, carried out a survey of the Lime trees on Main Street, Maynooth.

There are 36 trees in total and only 4 were found to be healthy. The tree outside Barry's Shop needs to be removed immediately as it has a very large cavity 1.5m above ground. In a lot of cases there is serious soil compacting due to illegal car parking and more bollards are required to protect the trees from damage

rom car wheels. This is most evident outside the Castle where motorists are causing serious damage to the trees and the green. A lot of electrical cable left over from Christmas lights is causing damage to a number of trees and needs to be removed. Most of the trees require pruning. Some trees are planted too close to the kerb and need to be replanted e.g. Coffee Shop, College green area.

John Joe Costin, as usual, produced a very professional report and Cllr. John McGinley will ensure that his recommendations are implemented.

Children's Playgrounds:

As a result of a motion submitted by Cllr. John McGinley, Kildare County Council is at long last constructing children's playgrounds. There is already one in Athy and two more are being built in Naas and Newbridge. The one in Newbridge will be ready in 3 months time and it will be used as the model for others to follow. At the Area Meeting, Cllr. McGinley asked that standard development levies on all new houses be increased to create a fund for such playgrounds so that money would not be an obstacle in future. (The standard development levies cover footpaths and public lighting at present.) He also asked that Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge be given priority for playarounds because of their rapid growth.

Bus Bays at Charter House, Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley asked for bus bays in this location in order to improve safety for the school children. The Council has reported that the cost of the works. including land acquisition from Charter House, is estimated at ?45,000. The engineer present stated that a source of funding has yet to be identified. Cllr. John McGinley said that funding could come from the £198,000 already allocated for Town Improvement Works in this area. Cllr. McGinley expressed his anger when the engineer stated that this money was no longer available. He demanded a full written report for the next meeting and that if this funding, £68,000 of which had been a development levy on Tesco, had gone elsewhere, he will be insisting that the Council take out a loan to make good the loss.

Traffic Calming at Parklands and Movulare Road:

The good news is that Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the traffic calming for these two locations will be completed by the end of the February.

Green Area outside Geraldine Castle:

As this area is now a mud bath Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the Council and the Office of Public Works to do something about it without any further delay. Deputy Emmet Stagg also raised the issue with Minister de Valera and she has requested the Office of Public Works to contact the contractors who carried out the work on Maynooth Castle.

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Re-alignment Works for Dunboyne Road in March:

Cllr. John McGinley is pleased to report that the much needed resurfacing and re-alignment (removing the "green area") of the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth will take place in March according to the Area Engineer. The ESB will be removing the pole on the "green area" at the corner in order to allow the 120,000 works to proceed.

Control Monitoring for Pollution Maynooth:

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley the Council are at present considering quotations for suitable monitoring equipment for Maynooth.

Footpath at Rathcoffey Bridge at M4:

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

"That a footpath be provided across the M4 at the Rathcoffey bridge, Maynooth in order to provide a safe passage for users of the soccer pitches and other pedestrians."

Surfacing of Silken Vale Road:

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

"That an Enforcement Order be issued on North City Builders to get them to carry out the final surface dressing of Silken Vale Road, Maynooth, as agreed at the Area Committee Meeting on 4 May 2001."

Freezing of Water Mains Pipes in Greenfield Estate, Maynooth:

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

"That action be taken by Kildare County Council to prevent a recurrence of water mains pipes freezing in the public footpaths in Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive and Laurence Avenue, Maynooth."

Maynooth Town Improvement Works:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Area Committee:

"That costings be provided for the completion of Maynooth Town Improvement Works as outlined in the 1996 Anthony O'Neill Report and that a programme be drawn up for the completion of these works."

Footpath from Beaufield to Cluain Aoibhinn:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the footpath from Beaufield to Cluain Aoibhinn be given a proper surface

as it is in a very bad state at present. He has asked that money be taken from his Discretionary Grant funding of £37,000 for this purpose.

Meadowbrook Link Road:

The design drawings for the Meadowbrook Link Road were shown to the Area Committee at their meeting on 1/2/02. Cllr. John McGinley expressed his anger when he noticed that the traffic calming and safety measures agreed for the Meadowbrook Estate were not included. He has demanded that these be included as they were agreed by the County Engineer last summer.

Traffic Calming for Pound Lane and Back Lane:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the traffic calming measures previously agreed for Pound Lane and Back Lane, Maynooth be now implemented. This will involve pinch points at the side of No. 28 Leinster Cottages on Back Lane and at the pedestrian path exit from Pound Park at Pound Lane. When the traffic calming measures are in place there will be no need for the "No Entry" signs at both ends of the Lanes.

Woodlands:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Chief Executive Officer of Bord Gáis that if 20% of residents in the estate require a supply of Natural Gas then Bord Gáis will proceed with the project.

24 Hour Garda Station for Maynooth:

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Justice on requests made by Chief Superintendents in relation to the provision of 24 hour Garda Stations since 1990. The Minister, in his response, advised that since 1990 only one such request was made in respect of Ashbourne in Co. Meath.

The towns of Maynooth and Celbridge have a population of 25,000 and are left with no 24 hour cover except for patrol cars which are constantly under pressure. Leixlip which has a population of 16,000 is in a similar position.

In an effort to move towards addressing the policing needs of North Kildare, through the provision of at least one 24 hour Garda Station to start with, Deputy Emmet Stagg is to seek a meeting with the ChiefDeputy Stagg is hopeful that a different Minister for the Arts next May might assist us in finishing the work which was started.

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Flood Alleviation Not Being Treated with Urgency:

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Finance in relation to the meeting which the Office of Public Works were to hold with officials from Kildare County Council on the question of flood alleviation works in Maynooth.

The Minister, in his response, indicated that the meeting would be held in February with the main thrust being the provision of additional data and studies.

Given the fact that Kildare County Council submitted reports in October 2001, in relation to the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers, it is simply unacceptable that it takes five months for the Office of Public Works to arrange a meting with Council Officials. It is obvious that the Office of Public Works are not treating this matter urgently as the meeting will only identify the further studies required.

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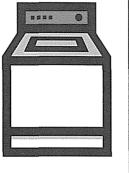
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Maynooth Community Centre

The recently formed Maynooth Community Facilities Group have taken on the task of bringing about a Community Centre for Maynooth. Arising from a recent open meeting of the Maynooth Action Strategy (MAS) and a meeting of Maynooth Community Council the need for Youth Facilities was identified and our group was formed to look at this deficit in the town. However it guickly became apparent that while there is definitely a need for Youth Facilities there was a wider community need for a centre that would cater for a range of other activities. We therefore broadened our remit to embrace Community facilities which would incorporate youth needs as well.

The steering group consists of 5 MAS members and 3 Community Council members who represent a cross section of community activities. To-date we have made good progress and feel that a momentum is building towards a community centre becoming a reality. We have already met with Minister McCreevy and outlined our proposal to him. His response was very positive and he pledged his support to us as we go forward. At this meeting we also discussed our intention to pursue a site for the centre in the new 57 acre Public Park. This land is located on the Maynooth-Leixlip road and offers great potential as a home for the centre as well as many other recreational pursuits. Cllr Paul Kelly has promised to follow up this option with Kildare County Council and report back to us at the earliest opportunity. We will be meeting with the other Councillors in the coming weeks to seek their support in this project.

We have produced a brief survey form and posted a copy of this to all of the listed and known clubs, groups and associations in Maynooth. The results of this survey will give us a good feel for the level of interest and support for the project. It will also serve to update our database of the various activities in the Town. For these reasons we are appealing to all recipients of the form to return it as soon as possible. For those people

involved in any group etc who have not been contacted we would ask them to get in touch with us at the address below in order that we can include them for the survey and for all future correspondence. We anticipate a positive response to our survey and to quickly move to the next stage of the process soon after the replies are assessed. It would be our intention to have an open meeting at which all interested people can contribute and hopefully involve themselves fully in what will be a real community effort to bring about a really worth-while benefit for all in Maynooth



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(Never Known to Fail)

(This Prayer Must be Published)

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Holy Mary I place this case in your Hands (3 times) Sweet Mother I place this case in your hands (3 times) O Thank you for your mercy to me and mine. Amen. This prayer must be said for 3 days, after that the request will be granted.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Maura Brady (March 10th) and her daughter Sharon (March 31st) from family and friends in

Happy birthday to Conor Saults who celebrates his ninth birthday on March 31st from Mammy, Daddy, Grandad, Aunts, Uncles and friends in Maynooth.

Happy birthday to David and Linda McCourt who celebrates their eighteenth birthdays on March 31st from Ma,

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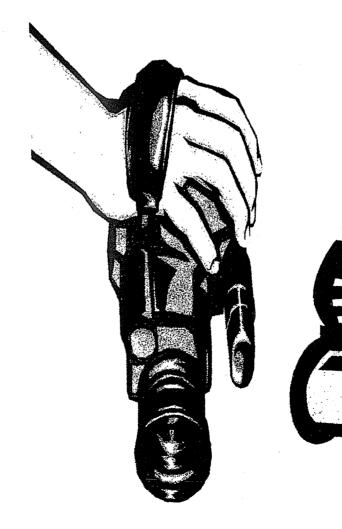
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Editorial

The close result of the referendum in March was hardly surprising given the confusion that seemed to increase among voters as the campaign drew to a close. It seems certain that Irish people are unwilling to overturn the Supreme Court's decision on the X case. It is also certain that we have not heard the end of this and there is a need for legislation to deal with the outcome. Lawyers appear to agree that there are immense difficulties in drafting such a law. It was even suggested that the original 1983 amendment should be deleted from the Constitution. The decision to hold the referendum on a Wednesday seems to have been a cynical exercise in denying the large student population in the country their vote. Many of them still retain a vote at home and could not possible return mid-week as examination time is approaching. Is it coincidental that the speculative date for the forthcoming election is just prior to or during university examinations? Also, let us hope that all the referendum posters come down before the new batch arrives. Now that we are ridding the countryside of the dreaded plastic bag we should avoid littering the environment with posters and election literature.

The recent decision of An Bord Pleanála to deny planning permission for the building of 90 apartments in six three-storey block at Parson Lodge is to be welcomed. It was seen as being out of character with the pattern of development of the area and injurious to the amenities of those properties. The residents, local politicans and the Community Council united to oppose this proposal. The traffice on the Rathcoffey Road has already reached ludicrous proportions without the addition of 300 cars.

However not all proposed developments should be viewed in the same light. The plans for Kavanagh's Mill and the extension to the Tesco complex will turn Maynooth into the main retail town in North Kildare. But this will also bring additional traffic and it is imperative that the community receive the maximum benefit from the developers: the Ring Road should be completed to benefit locals and shoppers alike. The inclusion of a cinema to the Tesco complex would be a welcome additional resource to a town with a large population of teenagers and students.

The crowds watching the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year was a testimony to the interest that still exists in this event. It was smaller than usual but a credit to the committee that they achieved such a feat after the break of a year. It was encouraging to see the new businesses such as the Coffee Mill and the K 'n' B record shop taking part in the community event. Could we suggest that next year, with the advent of the Special Olympics, that the participants make a greater effort to dress the floats? Perhaps a Brazilian theme would be appropriate given the town's hosting of that particular country's team.

Community Council Notes March Meeting

Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

Co-options

Des Matthews was co-opted back on to the Community Council.

Office

We now have 5 new people starting in the office. This brings the number of office staff to 15. The office staff were also thanked for selling the Newsletter at Tesco's.

Sub Committee Reports

Maynooth Community Facilities Group.

Ann Burns said that the Youth Forum Group and Maynooth Action Strategy will be holding a Public Meeting on the 15th April in the Glenroyal Hotel. They want all interested groups to attend.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley thanked all involved with the Parade. He thanked all their sponsors (see article further on in this publication). He said they had failed to get the Army Band to come. Owen Byrne, Maynooth's Lord Mayor, will leade the Parade. He asked all Councillors to help out on the day.

Special Olympics

Ronan Barry said there would be a bucket collection taking place at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This will be a combined collection with Maynooth Community Council.

After the Parade there would be a drag match in the G.A.A. This should be an event not to be missed. We are very grateful to the ladies in the G.A.A. for organising this event.

Ronan also said that a number of committees have now been formed to look after the needs of the athletes. There are a number of fund raising events planned also. He said one major event will be a Golf Classic to be held in Carton Demesne. This will take place on the 15th August and will be limited to 15 teams at \in 1000 per team. We are delighted at the great support that we are getting from Carton Estate for this event.

Also on the 19th April there will be a table quiz taking place in the G.A.A. Ronan said he will have a number

of fund raising events going on, on an ongoing basis and we will need everybodys support.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said plans for 2002 are being put together. They hope to continue putting up the hanging baskets in the town. Some areas in the town are causing problems to keep litter free. The path along the Straffan Road is causing big problems and needs to be looked at he said. They are also hoping to get into the medals this year.

John McGinley said that the pathway along the Straffan Road should be landscaped, but this would need public support

Richard Farrell said they would be cleaning up the area in front of the Church.

It was also noted that the area outside the Castle needs to be looked at. John McGinley said it was like a mud bath and maybe if there were high kerbs there it would keep out traffic and walkers.

Local Matters

Paul Croghan noted the dreadful vandalism done to the railings at the Geralding Hall. It was also noted that the site is in a dreadful state and also that there have been small fires in the building. However it was also noted that proceedings to have ownership transferred to Kildare County Council are underway.

Traffic Speeding Moyglare Road

While the ramps at the school have been put in place, it was wondered when the others further up the road and the signs would be put in place. It was also felt that the size of some of the signs at entrances to estates are far too big. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council are re-considering sign design.

New Development at Tesco

A major new development is planned at Tesco with retail outlets. The Tidy Towns welcomed this as it would make the entrance to the town better. It is also planned that there would be a new petrol station. Tom McMullon wondered would it bring more traffic problems. However, John McGinley said that the schools and College are causing most of the traffic problems in the town. He also said that the new development at Tesco and also the one at Kavanagh's are good for the town. It was also felt that a new development like Tesco's would benefit the town. A cinema was put forward as a big facility for the town. Also to write to Kildare County Council re Maynnoth Town Works improvement.

Padraig O'Murchú felt that with all the planning Maynooth should be made more walker friendly for people to get about. He also would like to see more

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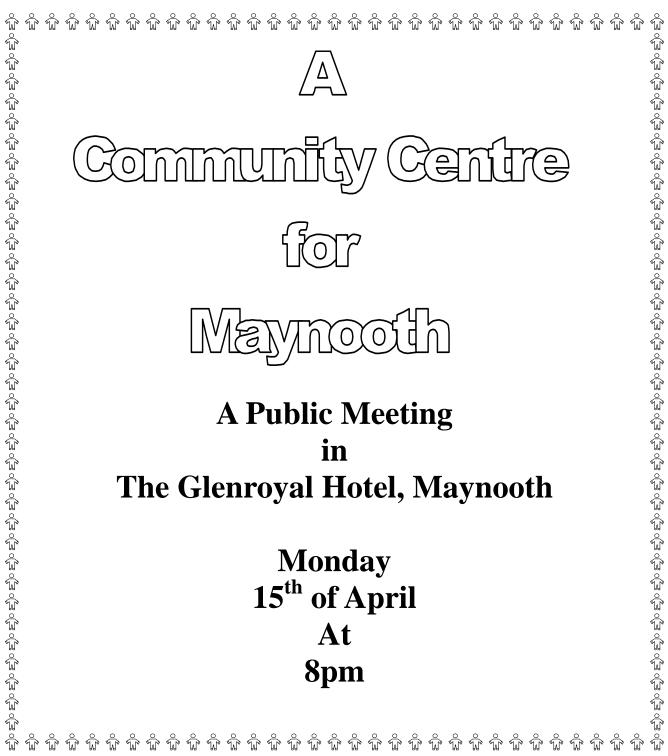
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access to the town by the canal for pedestrians and cyclists, maybe ope up access to the new Tesco development from the canal. Paul Croghan said the new improved design for Kavanagh's was welcomed. It incorporates a much better building design he said.

Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on the 22nd April 2002 in the Glenroyal Hotel. As this is our A.G.M. a full attendance is requested.

Marie Gleeson, PRO.



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After missing out on last year as a result of the foot and mouth scare it was difficult to get the numbers of entries up to that of previous Parades. On the closing date for entries we had SIX participants, however, following tremendous effort by Christina Saults and her fellow Community Council workers we managed to get 31 floats on the day. On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge. Our other major sponsors were: Caulfields, Carton House and Golf Club, The Roost, Derrinstown Stud, INTEL and Airlie Stud.

I would also like to thank the following:

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- Elaine Bean, Leo Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matthew Callaghan, Liz Callaghan, Seamus Kennedy, Richard Farrell, Dominic Nyland, Willie Saults and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand.
- Tony Bean for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies at short notice.
- George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Parish Hall Committee for providing chairs for the reviewing stand.
- Owen Byrne, our Lord Mayor, for leading the Parade and Robert Sherlock for driving Owen in the vintage VW Beetle.
- Jim McManus for the power supply for the public address system.
- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Minister Charlie McCreevy for being our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally, particularly at Greenfield Shopping Centre where the traffic was exceptionally difficult to control.
- The Glenroyal Hotel for providing tea and sandwiches for our guests.
- The Parade Committee and the members of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield estate for their continued co-operation.

All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

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- 3. Maynooth Credit Union

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Best Club Float

Maynooth GAA

Best Band

Narraghamore Pipe Band

Best Marchers

Maynooth Boy Scouts and Cubs

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John McGinley,

Organiser, Maynooth's St. Patricks Day Parade 2002

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John McGinley, Organiser, Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade.





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CROOKED HOUSE TERRIFY WITH MACBETH

Crooked House Theatre Company, in association with Riverbank Arts Centre, will be staging a dynamic version of Shakespeare's great tale of blood and ambition from 10th to 13th April and also from 23rd to 25th May. The production takes place in Riverbank in Newbridge.

Macbeth is suitable viewing for all those studying the text for Leaving Cert but it is also great theatre in its own right. The famous play recounts how the warlord Macbeth, egged on by his wife and encouraged by the prophesies of the three witches, murders the king of Scotland and begins a reign of terror over the whole country. Macbeth will be played by Darren Donohue and Lady Macbeth by Yvonne O'Hara. The production is directed by Peter Hussey and designed by Ciaran Aspell.

In addition to the normal Show Time of 8.00pm, there are matinees at 11.00am on Thurs 23rd and Friday 24th May. Tickets are priced at \in 10 and \in 7.50 and these can be booked at Riverbank box office on 448333. Crooked House is also available to do with school groups (ring the company on 448309 or visit their website on www.crookedhouse.ie).

KILDARE YOUTH THEATRE @ CROOKED HOUSE STAGE THEIR FIRST MAJOR SHOW

Kildare Youth Theatre was launched again by Crooked House in Newbridge in October of last year and it attracted over 30 young people from all over Kildare. They staged a one-night showcase on December 17th (Tainted Love) and now they are mounted their first production of the season. This will be Shakepere's classic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream which will open on Monday 6th May and run for a week until Saturday 11th May in Riverbank, the county arts centre, in Newbridge.

The members of Kildare Youth Theatre are between 14 and 22 years of age and they receive training in acting, voice work, improvisation and physical comedy every Monday night from a team of professional actors and directors led by Darren Donohue and Yvonne O'Hara (both of whom take the lead roles in Crooked House's Macbeth in April and May). After a short break for June the youth theatre will work on a summer project and stage a rip roaring musical in August. Then it's back to actor training and professional development from October onwards. Anyone of suitable age can join the youth theatreapplications for places will be considered after the May production, and again in October. A Midsummer Night's Dream concerns thre interwoven tales of love and mistaken identity. A group of lovers on the run from the city of Athens encounter a flock of mischievous fairies who in turn have caused havoc in the ranks of a collection of tradesmen rehearsing a play in the woods. It is Shakespeare's most performed comedy and certainly one of his crowd pleasers, with something for every taste thrown into the mix.

This production is directed by Darren and Yvonne and features all 35 of the young actors. It is a coproduction between Crooked House and Riverbank Arts Centre. Tictets at \in 10 and \in 7.50 from Riverbank box office at 045 448333. Further information about Crooked House's county-wide activities can be had from the company by calling 045 448309 or by asking the website at www.crookedhouse.ie.

Many thanks,

Peter Hussey Artistic Director.

APRIL

Made in Kildare-A Time and Motion Dance Event

Made in Kildare is a three day dance event, which presents the vision and choreography of Cathy O'Kennedy in her role as Residence for County Kildare. Time and motion is a dance development initiative of the Arts and Library service of service of Kildare County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland.

Thursday 4th

Showcase Event 3.00pm

This afternoon's performance is a unique showcase providing access to, and information on, all of the dance works. A taster opportunity, see the work, meet the artists and design your own dance event! To attend contact fluxsdance at Riverbank (045) 448309, or call (045) 520264.

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th

Made in Kildare 8.00pm

∈10 / ∈7.50

Group rates available

This performance features three diverse dance theatre works, an inspired blend of the spiritual, the sciencntific and the downright quirky. **Bridie**,a work about Bridget, saint and goddess; **Morphic Fields**, inspired by the bog at Rathangan and those who worked there; and **You can't kill a button**, a new work promoted by an interview on the Gerry Ryan radio show which investigates phobias and their effect on peoples lives.

Video and text is a feature of the performance with music ranging from Luka Bloom to Lutoslawski.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Crooked House contd.)

Friday 5th

Launch of the Time and Motion Dance in Education information leaflet. Available for general distribution to all those interested in working with children through dance. The leaflet contains ideas, information and stimuli based on the residency project undertaken in schools in Kildare since 1988 including Chapters and Verse, The Vikings in Motion and the India Project.

Saturday 6th

The Magic of Dance 2.00pm to $4.00pm \in 3.00$ Bringing the dance experienceto young audience (aged three and upwards) is the acclaimed Time and Motion interactive performance, and the children's dance preformance and workshop.

Wednesday 10th - Saturday 13th

8.00pm nightly 11th & 12th

11.00am matinee

Macbeth by W. Shakespeare ∈10/∈7.50

Crooked House Theatre Co./Riverbank Arts Centre co-production "To be thus is nothing, but to be safely thus" Crooked House's production of Shakespeare's great tragedy of power and ambition is faithful to the text and intention of the poet, while none the less being inventive and startling. Macbeth is a coproduction between Riverbank and Crooked House, and is accompanied by a series of workshops designed for secondary schools (for details of these, please contact the company on 045-448309). directed by Peter Hussey and designed by Ciaran Aspeel.

Tuesday16th/ to Black Magic \in 9.00 / \in 6.00

Thursday 18th Slua Nua - VTOS Newbridge

Two hilarious one-act plays using story-telling to explore hidden truths

The Donahue Sisters by Gearldine Aron

A black comedy, concerning three sisters who meet after some years and re-enact a grisley secret from their childhood.

Waiting for Margot by Peter Hussey

Shakespeare meets Beckett in a romp featuring two of the witches from Macbeth who encounter Godot.

Friday 19th Mary Coughlan \in 16.00/ \in 13.00 Mary Coughlan rose as if from nowhere, a housewife and mother who, at 29 began singing publicly. She immediately won a following with her first two albums: Tired and Emotional and Under the Influence. More recently, celebrated her triumph over lower points in her career and personal life with After The Fall. Underpinning her talent is her instinct for her survival and her talent is her surivial and hr love of the power of song. As Q Magazine started "Mary Coughlan sings with a hard intelligence, which binds spells"

Saturday 20th Three Local Bands ∈6.00

Riverbank continues to encouragenew and emerging bands. Followling the success of the previous rock concert, We are proud to host this event featuring Kade, New Age Militia, and Linus

Wednesday 24th The Alexander Brothers \in 18.00 / \in 14.00

The Alexander Brothers, Scotland's international entertainers, have been in business for over forty years. In 1962 they signed their first recording contracts with Pye Records, 'Nobody's Child 'was a massive hit for them outselling even the Beatles in Scotland to all **corners of the world**

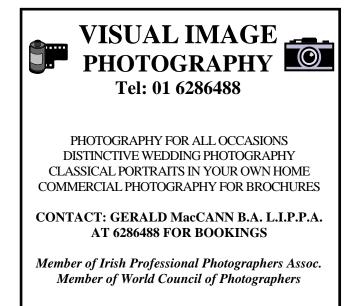
The Alexander Brothers carried the traditional music of Scotland to all corners of the world, playing sell out concerts in such places as, The Sydney Opera House; The Carneige Hall, New York; The Massey Hall, Toronto; and The Albert Hall, London.

Friday 26th and Saturday 27th

Some Voices by Joe Penhall $\in 10/\in 7.50$ Purple Hearts Theartre Company

Directed by John O'Brien, "Some Voices" tells the story of Ray, a young Londoner with a mission to live an ordinary life, free from fear, from numbing medication and free from the tormenting voices in his head. Ray has schizophrenia. He is released into the care of his divorced brother, Pete, who really has more than enough to deal with in his life. Laura, an Irish girl lost in London, lives with Dave who loves her desperately and beats her violently. Ray stumbles between them and - through sheer persistence develops a relationship with Laura. As the medication wears off and the passions accelerate Ray's world is set to explode into everybody's life....

Tuesday 30th McCool XXL ∈10/ ∈7.50 Big Telly Theatre Company



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 - 13. Support (9)
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 - 19. Fool (5)
 - 22. Rope Fibre (5)
 - 23. Incite (4)
 - 24. Pitch (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 163

Across: 1 Regulation; 7 Lapse; 8 Shyness; 10 Resemble; 11 Fate; 13 Insane; 15 Cleric; 17 Tire; 18 Judicial; 21 Convert; 22 Units; 23 Betterment.

Down: 1 Ropes; 2 Gleaming; 3 Lastly ; 4 Toys ; 5 Open-air; 6 Altruistic; 9 Speechless; 12 Altitude; 14 Strange; 16 Muster; 19 Idiot; 20 Feat .

BIKE TO THE FUTURE

A Cycling Strategy for Maynooth

Due to increased traffic on our roads, travel and transportation have become common topics of conversation among the people of Maynooth. However, as congestion is a relatively recent problem in this country, we have the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others.

In Ireland, cycling is mainly seen as an activity for children. It is not generally viewed as a serious mode of transport except for fanatics or as a recreational activity for a minority of adults. To pedestrians and vehicle drivers, cyclists are seen as unpredictable at best and down right dangerous in many cases. However, governments across Europe are trying to increase the number of cyclists on the grounds of health, environment and sustainability. This is true not only where the culture of cycling is strong as in Holland and Denmark but also where the culture is weak as in the United Kingdom and Ireland. In the Greater Dublin Area, the Dublin Transportation Office, as part of its integrated transportation policy to reduce congestion to the levels of the early 1990s, has adopted a target 'to increase the proportion of short trips (up to 6km) made by bicycle to 30% by 2016'. As many of the journeys around Maynooth fall into this category, our community is faced with a simple choice between traffic congestion and cycling (or walking).

Modal choice is a measurement of how a community travels – by walking, by car, by cycle by bus etc. The measurement of modal choice by a community allows its performance to be quantified and comparisons to be made. A community, where the use of the car is limited and a more sustainable method of transportation is promoted, is seen by many as a desirable place in which to live and work.

Endorsed by Maynooth Action Strategy, *Bike to the Future* is a strategy document that seeks to promote cycling in Maynooth from the current level of less than 2% of selected journeys. The report looks at the existing cycling infrastructure. It examines cycling by young people to school, after-school and weekend activities. The level of cycling to religious services is also considered, as such journeys remain very much family based. The low level of cycling within the community in general is also reflected in the universities in Maynooth and lack of support by political parties for national networks serve to further weaken an already weak culture of cycling.

Bike to the Future recommends a Safe Routes to School programme for Maynooth. Safe Routes to School is a government-funded programme that encourages children to walk or cycle to school. Most adults, either as a parent or as a third party, will be familiar with a 'school run' where children are chauffeured to school and in this regard Maynooth is no different from most other locations in Ireland and indeed across Europe. Traffic chaos at the start and finish of each school day affects not only the parents and pupils in question but also nearby residents who are subjected to additional noise and air pollution as well as congestion. Complaints have recently appeared in the Maynooth Newsletter about parking by parents on the footpaths outside schools, which is a risk to children who do walk or cycle and also an obstruction to prams and buggies. This, in conjunction with inadequacies in existing cycle tracks and lack of adequate crossing facilities, persuades other parents that it is dangerous to let their children walk or cycle, which leads to more parents driving. And so the circle continues - unless broken by a community working together.

Safe Routes To School has been in existence for up to thirty years in some countries and was originally proposed in Maynooth as a measure to lessen traffic congestion in the town, particularly during the morning peak. There are some people who undoubtedly interpreted this as meaning there would be less cars causing them delay. However, Safe Routes To School is not about increasing the vehicle speeds of remaining cars but about giving greater priority to cyclists and pedestrians. As there are, in general, high levels of cycle ownership and support for cycling among young people, the potential for an increased level of cycling is enormous. If the level of cycling in Maynooth were to match the highest level of schools in the U.K., there would be in excess of 600 cvcles making their way to school on the Moyglare Road instead of some 20 as at present!

Undoubtedly, there are some families for whom cycling or walking is not an option but equally there are many who would welcome it - provided that legitimate concerns about personal safety and traffic are met. It should be pointed out, however, a child is 50 times more likely to be killed by a vehicle than by a stranger and that a reduction in accidents is an integral part of the programme. It is therefore ironic that parents who drive their children to school on the grounds of safety may unwittingly contribute to the future ill-health of their children. With the doubling of the level of obesity in Ireland within ten years and the spread of Diabetes Type 2 to children in the general population to this side of the Atlantic, some forecasters predict that the levels of obesity and associated long-term disabilities in Ireland will soon match those in America. Increased cycling, as part of a daily routine, contributes to a more active lifestyle and helps to counteract these trends.

Safe Routes To School is the cornerstone upon which *Bike to the Future* seeks to build community support in the promotion of cycling. If Maynooth is not included in Safe Routes To School, then community support and community action will be even more important. In these circumstances, *Bike To the Future* can still be advanced by (i) the development of school travel

Features

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plans, (ii) the implementation of low cost infrastructural improvements by Kildare County Council and (iii) additional measures as proposed in *Bike to the Future.*

A full copy of *Bike to the Future* is available in the offices of the Community Council and on the Maynooth website at <u>www.maynooth-ireland.com</u>. Other related websites on the related subject of transportation include:

www.saferoutestoschool.com

www.sustrans.com

www.youngtransnet.org.uk

Maynooth Library also has *Bike to the Future* and other related Safe Routes To School material available for reference purposes.

This is the first of a series of articles on transportation issues, which will appear in the Newsletter over the coming months. Any opinion/comments on the issues raised will be greatly appreciated. Letters may be left in the offices of the Community Council, Beaufield or emails forwarded to the Maynooth website bulletin board.



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Maynooth G.A.A. News

Underage Footbal Presentation

An underage football presentation was held in Maynooth GAA clubhouse on Tuesday 26th of February to the club's U10 and U11 teams who won their leagues last year. Guest of honour for the night, Dr. Jim McDaid, Minister of Sport and Tourism, was unable to attend due to Dail business. The Minister was due to be on a tour of sporting facilities in Maynooth and was to include a stopover in the GAA club. The club were keen to get the Minister to the club to display their exciting plans for the new complex.

In his absence newly elected football chairman, Mick Flaherty did the honours with some 40 boys receiving medals. Also presented on the night were the player of the year awards with John Comerford U9, Brian Kerin U10, Sean Barrett U11 and Conor Canning U13 player of the year.

Underage Training

With Spring and the long evenings upon us Saturday mornings at Maynooth GAA club are once more a hive of activity. With gaelic football, hurling and camogie on offer there can be up to 150 children learning the skills of our national games. But we are always looking for new recruits, so if anyone is interested in starting to play feel free to call up. Hurling and camogie takes place from 10:15 to 11:30 and football takes place from 11:30 to 12:45.

Kildare Players

With the playing year only underway Maynooth GAA club is well represented at county level. The ladies are involved with Kildare in both football and camogie at county level. Antoniette Mooney and Simone Gilabert are both once more involved with the county footbal team while Michelle Gillick and Sharon Malone are on the camogie team. Dual player Karl Ennis is on the Kildare U21 team while we have 3 players on the county minor team. They are Alan Sweeney, David Comerford and Fergal Molloy with club member Gerry Lohan as part of the team management.

U14 Football Feile

Maynooth 4-08 Naas 5-01

In this feile match played at Naas on Saturday the 2nd March last, Maynooth got off to a slow start and were 1-01 to 0-00 down after only ten minutes. From then until half time Maynooth dominated scoring 2-02, however Naas did reply with a goal shortly before halftime, which left the score at the interval 2-02 to 2-01 in Maynooth's favour. The excitement continued in the second half with scores being exchanged but as Naas approached full time they held a three point lead and in the closing minutes looked like likely winners, but the Maynooth spirits rose when Mikey Gillick went on a 40 metre solo run and found the back of the net bringing the sides level. After the resulting kick out final time was blown. The score stood at Maynooth 3-05 Naas 4-01. Extra half of ten minutes per side was played and finally Maynooth prevailed and finished winners by three points.

Maynooth: Michael Fox, James Molloy, Philip Macaroon, Peter Warren, Matthew O'Gorman, David Corbett, Sean Durcan, Jonathon Galvin (1-0), Mikey Gillick (1-0), Ronan O'Malley, Jeffrey Walshe (0-1), Thomas Donnelly, Paddy Comerford (1-0), Sean Sinclair (0-6), Chris Moynan.

Subs: Fintan Daly, Alex Cash (1-1), Chris O'Connor. Best for Maynooth: Peter Warren, Sean Sinclair, Mikey Gillick, Sean Durcan.

Minor Football Div One

Maynooth 2-6 Na Fianna 0-10

The Maynooth Minors got their league campaign off to a winning start with a win over Na Fianna in Maynooth. The pitch was in reasonable condition after the atrocious weather over the previous two weeks. With both teams evenly matched throughout the game Maynooth took the upper hand and were marginally ahead at half time with a finely finished goal from half forward Paul Broughan. Both Na Fianna and Maynooth missed goal opportunities and Maynooth eventually found the net for the second time with another Paul Broughan ball while points from Gary McMahon, Alan Sweeney and Paul Broughan ensured victory for the Maynooth side. Overall a solid team performance was displayed by the Maynooth lads. Fergus Devereux, Stephen Curran, Colin Team:

O'Neill, Fergal Molloy, Tadgh O'Corcora, David Comerford, Brian Downey (0-1), Alan Sweeney (0-2), Paul Broughan (2-02), Ciaran McCullough, Fintan O'Donoghue, Stephen kane, Gary McMahon (0-1). Subs: Brian Downes for Stephen Curran.

Fundraising Night

The underage hurling and camogie mentors ran a very successful fundraising night in the clubhouse recently to raise funds towards the subsidising of underage hurling and camogie for the coming season. Music was by the well known ballad band "BORU" with a special treat for the interval act in the form of "RIVERDANCE". Well known local dancing teacher, Catherine Flaherty put on a superb show of Irish Dancing with the cream of the crop from her dance school. Well done to Catherine, the young gentleman and all the young ladies. The whole night was put together by Catherine's husband Tommy, who is already planning his next fundraising night.

Membership Fees

Just to remind all members that their subscriptions are due on April 1st. Membership fees are now more important than ever with the present development plans that are in place. There is family, couple, and student memberships available. Also there will be a juvenile registration night held in April. if you want a

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say in the running of your club you must be a member. Membership fees can be paid to club registrar Madeline Stynes or any member of the executive.

Lotto Winner

Maynooth GAA club had another winner of it's weekly lotto on Sunday the 10th March when local school teacher, Tony Murphy, won the Jackpot worth \in 1,400. Tony is a teacher in the Boy's National School in Maynooth and was sold the ticket by his co-worker Domnic Nugent. Domnic is a well known seller of lotto tickets in Maynooth and it's the second jackpot winner he sold in the Boy's National School. Tony teaches 6th class and he also trains a Gaelic football team in the school. He is married with 2 children and he resides in Celbridge. This is the 4th winner of the club's lotto since November and the draw takes place every Sunday night in the clubhouse.

Charity Match

Maynooth GAA club put on a charity football match, on St. Patrick's Day, in aid of the Special Olympics. But this was no ordinary game, it was a "Drag Match". Yes some of Maynooth's finest young and not so young players donned their blouses, skirts and handbags to raise money for a great cause. A truly memorable and entertaining occasion, watched by a large crowd who congregated on the club after the parade. The game was marred with a violent incident, when someone was struck with a handbag but luckily the local amublance service was on hand to administer first aid. Organised by the lady footballers who also supplied the outfits, make up and some "Dutch Courage" for the players. Chairman of the Maynooth Branch of the Special Olympics, Ronan Barry, thanked the club for their support and said that every penny raised at this stage of the campaign was very important. Maynooth GAA club was glad to be involved in the Special Olympics and would make their facilities available at any time for this cause. As the largest sporting organisation in the town, there is an obligation on the club and it's members to give Ronan and his committee every support possible to make this sporting event and the visit of the Brazilian team a truly memorable one.

Aidan Sinnott Maynooth GAA Club PRO

	MAYNO	OTH GAA LOTTO	RESULTS	
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Art Lectures for Charity

The last in a series of six public illustrated lectures In aid of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland will be held in

Saint in Patrick's College, Maynooth Physics Hall, Old Campus, Tuesday, April 9th 8 p.m.

Organised under the auspices of the Maynooth ICA:

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Maynooth ICA Caoga Bliain

The March 2002 meeting of the Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Associations welcomed new members. Are you new to Maynooth or would you like to increase your social circle? Come along on the first Thursday of April or May. The Scrabble group meet three Wednesday each month. Would you like to play? Designing and making a banner for the Community Games is a new project on Monday craft-night.

International Night, focusing on Turkish food with Marian O'Donnell and a slide show narrated by Tom Kelly, was appreciated by the guild. Tuesday night talks at St.Patrick's College continue on 12 April when sculptor Marian O'Donnell discusses her work. Proceeds from the talks go to the Alzheimer's Society. Mary McNamara and Maeve Moloney participated in the Ecumenical Service at Kill church for the deceased members of the Kildare Federation. Individual members attended the Women's World Day of Prayer international and interdenominational service at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Maynooth on 1st March. Two members took part in the public consultation on national plan for women (2001-2005) at City West Hotel in Saggart, County Dublin on 19th March. Members of the guild in Maynooth on Daffodil Day were pleased to accept your donations towards very essential cancer research. Thank you to all who helped by collected and by donating.

The guild entered a team in the quiz in aid of the convent primary school. Three Maynooth teams participated in the County Kildare heat of the quiz sponsored by Bird's Eye. The team of Teresa Brennan, Helen Doyle, Mary McMamara and Maeve Moloney tied for third place. Helen Doyle is leader of Tuesday walks. Badminton has resumed.



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APRIL IN THE GARDEN

Flowers:

Sow hardy annual seeds where they are to flower, in previously prepared ground, either in a border of their own or as fillers among other plants. Remove the dead heads from flowering bulbs. Apply a foliar feed to the leaves and bulbs to encourage them to flower the following year. Plant out forced bulbs in bowls when they have finished flowering and been hardened off. These will add to the garden display next spring. Plant out dahlia tubers as soon as the ground is workable. Continue to plant gladioli corms and lily bulbs, also other bulbous plants such as ranunculus, anemones, montbretias and nerines. At the end of the month, plant out hardened-off chrysanthemum cuttings. Lift and divide hardy chrysanthemums which have wintered outdoors-replant young healthy pieces immediately and discard old and central pieces. Continue to water outdoor plants in containers in sheltered areas.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbers:

If the pruning of roses, winter-flowering shrubs, and those which flower on this year's growth, was not completed last month, finish it as quickly as possible. Plant out pot-grown clematis and prune back. All climbers and wall shrubs should have new growth tied in as they appear. Hoe carefully round root areas, remove weeds, and mulch. Shallow-rooting plants, such as magnolias and rhododendrons, are best not hoed but given a deep layer of mulch over the roots - use acid peat for rhododendrons.

Fruit:

Spray all fruits with insecticides and fungicides to control pests and diseases when the flowers are not fully openspray before bud-burst or after petal fall. Lightly prune newly-planted plums and established figs, and disbud at intervals the sideshoots of fan-trained peaches and nectarines when marble-sized to allow the remainder to develop fully. Remove the flowers from newly-planted fruit trees and bushes to prevent them fruiting this year. This helps build up their strength for the following year. Water container grown plants and weed the borders.

Vegetables:

Continue successional sowings of most vegetable crops, including lettuces, radishes, chicory, endive and parsley, either where they are to mature or in seedbeds. Start sowings of root crops such as carrots, beetroot, parsnips, swedes and turnips. Thin out or transplant seedlings of vegetables sown last last month. Stake peas and beans. Earth-up early potatoes and plant main crop cultivars. Plant out vegetables raised earlier under glass and which have been well hardened. Sow seeds of annual and perennial herb. Spray against pests and diseases as soon as they are noticed.

Under Glass:

The majority of houseplants will now need more water and a liquid feed. In greenhouse, thin out seedlings of half-hardy plants sown in March. Gradually harden them off by moving them to cold-frames. Rooted cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias and fuchsias should now be hardened off in frames for May planting. Plant greenhouse tomatoes into a soil-bed, pots or grow-bags. Sow hardy tomatoes for planting outdoors during the summer. Thin out and start to harden off celery for planting out in May. Ventilate the greenhouse more freely now and lower the temperature (unless frost is forecast). Water plants regularly in greenhouses to prevent them drying out. Spray or fumigate the plants against pests and diseases.

Lawns:

Lawns can be given a spring clean, by first raking (provided there is no moss), then topping with razorsharp mower blades, and following with spiking and the first feed. Where there is moss, spring is a good time to treat it with lawn sand, but a more long-lasting remedy is to improve the soil drainage or plant food content, that the grass always grows strongly.

Herb Garden:

In some parts of the country it is possible to sow seeds of herbs out of doors this month, but if the garden is a chilly one or the soil heavy, it is better to sow in the greenhouse. Parsley is always said to be slow to germinate, but in warm soil it comes up just as quickly as the other herbs and an out-of-doors sowing of it in April will produce more plants in the long run than a March one. Dill, coriander, sorrel, chives, sage, sweet marjoram and summer savory all germinate easily.

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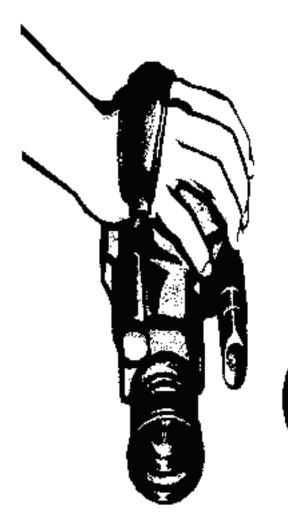
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Answer

No. Your Medical Card will continue to cover both yourself and your wife providing you still satisfy the means test.

You and your wife are currently entitled to a Medical Card based on your joint means. The Medical Card income guidelines for the over 70s, effective from 1st January 2002, are as follows:

Age	Single Person Living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married couple	
70-79	285.00	246.50	427.00	
80 years or over	300.50	258.00	449.00	

Providing you still qualify based on your means when your Medical Card is next reviewed you will retain your existing medical card and it will continue to cover your wife.

If your means exceed the income guidelines and you no longer qualify you could apply for a Medical Card based on your age. Since July 2001 all persons aged 70 or over are entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. However, only you will be covered. Your wife will not be covered by your Medical Card.

If your circumstances changed and your wife subsequently applied for a Medical Card to cover herself based on your joint means, the income guidelines and you no longer qualify you could apply for a Medical Card based on your age. Since July 2001 all persons aged 70 or over are entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. However, only you will be covered. Your wife will not be covered by your Medical Card.

If your circumstances changed and your wife subsequently applied for a Medical Card to cover herself based on your joint means, the income guidelines that would apply would be those for the over 70s even though she is still under 70 years of age.

Further is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I believe a student attending an education course can be awarded social insurance contributions if they need them to claim a benefit when they start working. Can you please give the details?

Answer

You are referring to Student Credits that you can apply for in certain circumstances.

Credited contributions or credits are social insurance contributions that are awarded to an insured person. Credits are awarded in circumstances such as unemployment or illness. These credits may enable you to qualify for a social welfare benefit.

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When you start working for the first time you are awarded Pre-entry Credits. These credits are given from the beginning of the income tax year in which you start work up to the date you start work and for the two previous income tax years. You are therefore awarded between two and three years credited contributions. Where a student attending secondary school starts a part-time job they are awarded Pre-Entry credits.

If you have worked before and then you start on a fulltime education course e.g. third level, you may be awarded Student Credits should they be required in order to qualify for a benefit when you start working again. To be eligible you must have

- worked before starting the course and paid Class A PRSI
- started the course before reaching age 23
- entered full-time employment on leaving the course

When applying for the credits you must provide a statement from the college confirming that the course was full-time and giving the dates of attendance. You will also have to provide verification of the date of entry/re-entry into full-time employment.

Students Credits are awarded in a similar manner to Pre-Entry Credits and are only awarded once.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 01 6285477.

Question

We are fostering a child with a disability and are considering having our car adapted. Will we be eligible for the disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Tax Relief Scheme?

Answer

Providing the child meets the medical criteria and you are fostering him/her on a long-term basis you should be eligible for the tax relief.

People with a physical disability who have a Primary Medical Certificate from their health board and who use a specially adapted motor vehicle, either as a driver or as a passenger, are entitled to claim exemption from paying Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) and Value Added Tax (VAT) on their vehicled up to a maximum of \in 9,525 if they are claiming as a driver and \in 15,875 if they are claiming as a passenger. They may also get a repayment of the duty on petrol or diesel they have used up to a maximum of \in 600 a year.

A family member who is responsible for the transport of a disabled passenger is also entitled to claim the relief providing the person is living with him/her. Where the passenger is a child who is in residential care or medical care on a part-time or occasional basis but who spends a significant part of his time at home, such as every weekend and holidays, the family member may still be eligeble for the relief.

Vehicles for which relief on VRT and VAT have been granted can not be disposed of for at least two years. Therefore to avail of the relief the foster placement with you must be long-term. You will require a letter from the health board stating that the placement is longterm. Providing you can verify the nature of the foster placement and a Primary Medical Certificate can be obtained for the child you should be able to claim the relief.

Further Information is available from the Disabled Drivers Section, Central Repayments Office, Freepost, Coolshannagh, Monaghan, Tel: (047) 38010 and from the Citizens Information Centre Tel: 01 6285477.

Question

I know that under the scheme of Early Retirement from Farming the Farm Retirement Pension is reduced by whatever social welfare pension is also being paid. Does this apply to all social welfare pensions?

Answer

When the scheme came into effect in November 2000 it did apply to all pensions. However, following a recent change it may not necessarily apply to the Widow's and Widower's (Contributory and Non-Contributory) Pension.

The Farm Retirement Scheme encourages farmers aged between 55 and 66 to retire from farming and transfer their lands to a younger farmer. Farmers who retire and meet the conditions of the scheme qualify for a Farm Retirement Pension. Under the scheme the Farm Retirement Pension is reduced by any social welfare payment payable, which may include qualified adult, child dependent and living alone allowances.

Up to recently those receiving a Widow's and Widower's Pension, whatever their age, had their retirement pension reduced by their social welfare payment. It has now been announced that those under the age of 66 on Widow's and Widower's Pension will not have it deducted from their Farm Retirement Pension. In addition, those who are already in the scheme will have the money that was deducted from them since they joined, refunded to them.

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This will be done automatically by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development without having to apply for the refund.

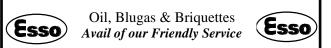
The social welfare pensions which will now be deducted from the Farm Retirement Pension are as follows:

- Old Age (Contributory) Pension
- Old Age (Non Contributory) Pension
- Retirement Pension
- Invalidity Pension
- Blind person's Pension
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Early Irish Society

Temporary Separation

There are eleven circumstances in which a married couple may separate without fine and penalty from either party. This is not marital separation as we know it today however. Two of the separations are permanent, death and the husband joining the priesthood. The husband may also leave in normal circumstances to go on a pilgrimage, to look for a friend across the border, to enter a ship or to take part in a vengeance-slaying. Either partner can be brought on sick-maintenance if injured by a third party. (This will be discussed later.)

But the last reason for a temporary separation seems to our eyes extraordinary. If either party is infertile, the other may go away "to seek a child". The husband may leave her temporarily to impregnate another woman in a lower form of marriage. But also the wife of an infertile husband may leave temporarily and become pregnant by another man. In such cases the child is treated as the husband's. The law says 'to every cuckold belongs his (i.e. his wife's) child unless it is bought from him (by the actual father).'

The Maternal Kin (Máithre)

Another feature of life in early Ireland was the importance of the mother's family. It is noteworthy that the link between the mother and her kin never broke completely. This is understandable in the context of multiple marriages contracted by both parties. It is understood that the woman could return home between marriages. Women then originally belong to their natal kin and on marriage they were involved in two different kin-groups - her natal kin and husband's kin. Unlike other counties she never terminates connection with her own kin. This affects many different aspects of her life depending on status and standing as a wife.

The maternal kin had an interest in feuds and the power to forbid some contracts, for example they could object to an arranged fosterage made with fosterparents of whom it disapproved. If a son or daughter is killed illegally (whether as child or adult) they are entitled to a payment equivalent to one seventh of the entire compensation. If this is not paid the male members of the kin are obliged to join in a blood-feud against the culprit. They are legally obliged to intervene if the fosterage is improperly carried out. It is probable that it was the maternal uncle who is expected to have a particular interest in the rearing of his nephews and a special relationship is recognised with the 'sister's son'. In certain cases they had no responsibility for the child - if the woman were insane, a slave, sick or the child is begotten against the will of the woman's father or by rape. Such children are sole responsibility of paternal kin.

The various sexual unions are distinguished mainly by the legal recognition of the maternal kin. The kindred 'binds' the woman to the husband and they must recognize the union to maintain an interest in the children. Children bind the kindred together and the death of the child may be avenged by both kindred. Early Irish kinship contained both an agnatic or patrilineal element and also an element which was bilateral - that the maternal kin of a man could be important in certain cases of royal descent.

Unions vary from the most honourable position of the principle wife to the least honourable status like rape where there is no consent and also abduction to which the woman may consent but the kin does not. The most honourable union was that in which the woman was given by her kin, usually represented by the father or a brother, to the groom.

It is the principle wife whose break with her maternal kin is the greatest. When she had sons and if she had 'inheritable goods', a third went to her kin and two thirds to her sons. This excludes her husband completely and shows again the temporary nature of early Irish marriage. In case of death, her honour-price or body-fine was payable to both kindred. But if this principle wife had no sons, her inheritable goods were divided between her kin and her husband.

In the case of the next grade of wife, the 'woman who was not betrothed by the kin but whose union is not forbidden', two-thirds of her assets or her liabilities went to her kin and one third went to her sons. Therefore her relationship with her natal kin is seen as being stronger than that of the principle wife.

In the third grade of wife, the ' woman who has been abducted in defiance of her father or her kindred' another scenario emerges. In this case, all her assets go to her own kin and any liabilities are laid upon her abductor. A woman is the link between her past natal kin and her future that lies with her sons. She relates generations.

The terms relating to children change according to the status of the wife. A principle wife has 'sons', a woman of recognition has a 'womb-kindred', a woman whose union is not recognized has only 'belly-kindred'. For the principle wife her sons are the main way for her to integrate into society. But for the woman who eloped her sons provide no connection through her, they are the liability of their father.

A man's kin was stable and his wife gives him alliance with her lineage but he never belonged to it. A woman's kinship was much less stable. Even in the case of a female heir her sons could not inherit and her inheritance reverted to her own kindred.

The maternal kin's interest in the children is subordinate but there were cases in which they had all the responsibility for rearing the child, if the women were prostitutes or the father was incapable for example. This could also occur if he were of unsound mind, a priest or a slave. This is also the case if the children belong to a woman of their kin and the father was an alien. Alien in this context refers to an outsider. One text distinguishes between the 'grey wolf' ($c\dot{u}$ glas) who is an alien from abroad such as a 'briton' (*albanach*) and the 'non-native' (*ambue*) who comes from another kingdom within Ireland. In this

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maternal kin takes over the role of the paternal kin. This may have been a voluntary responsibility but they would probably be disgraced if they refused to care for the son of their kinswoman. Apparently this son only received the inheritance of a 'sister's son'. A law tract on inheritance implies that recognition of a son in the case of alien fathers depends on the maternal kin, he can gain 'recognition by her kinsmen'.

There are circumstances where the mother's family is exempt from the duty of joint-fosterage. If the child is that of bondmaid, the result of a violation by force or by stealth, if the mother is a woman the family repudiates, if she is deaf, blind, insane, a female satirist, a servant or the child is the offspring of a 'stranded person'.

The in-law relationship (*clemnas*) was that primarily between men and it had a different meaning for men and women. Women are typically not seen as a participant. She relates men; but she herself is not related. Her connection with her husband's father is only of secondary importance.

What marks Irish kinship as different is that women never quite leave their natal kin. Adomnán writes of Columba's family and concentrates on his maternal kin giving that of his mother and his mother's father thus showing the nobility of both parents. The relationship between mother's brother and sister's son is central to the picture of Columba's kin. There are female genealogies in the collections although they are not common and the 12th century text *The lore of Women* (*Banshenchas*) is of utmost importance in outlining the marriage relationships of the nobility, particularly in the 11th and 12th centuries.

Finally, the case of the unmarried woman. The head of the kin can take responsibility if her father dies and receives half her bride-price if she marries and would also be liable for her fines.

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Aaron O' Callaghan, aged 4, enjoying the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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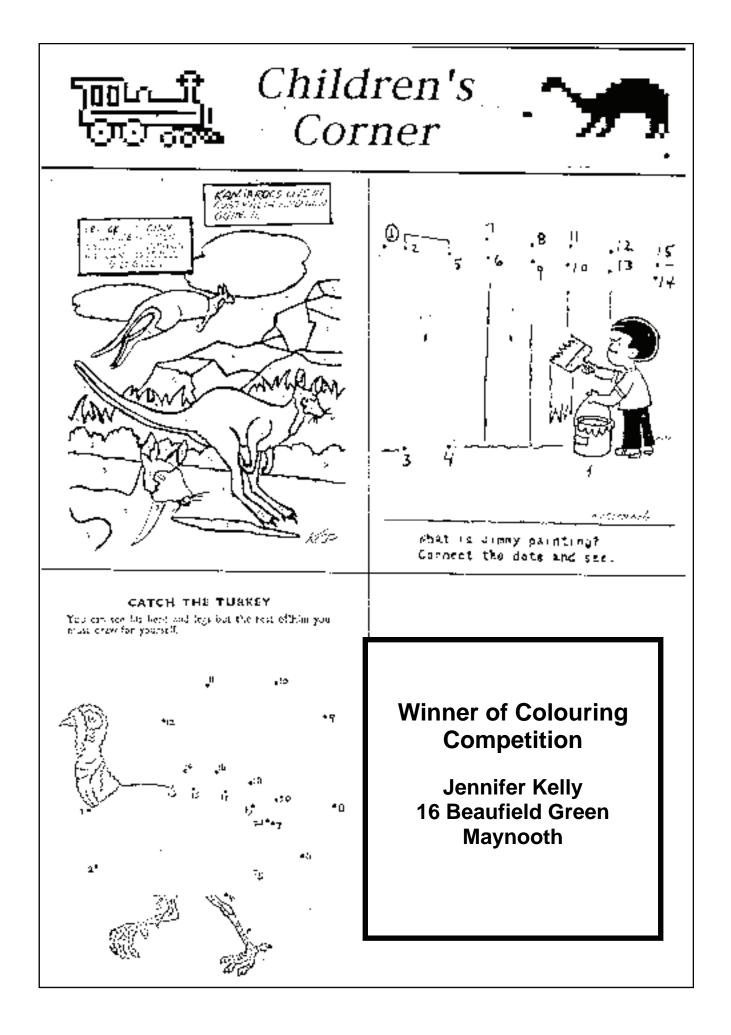


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Murder of the Month

On an early April morning in 1925 in the old Roman city of Nimes in Southern France two vans of gendarmes emptied into the local graveyard. Five graves were pointed out for exhumation and two hours later the grisly task was complete and the bodies were taken away to be examined. Later they were quietly replaced in their coffins and re-buried.

A huge scandal was about to unfold and a serial killer revealed. A horrific discovery had been made. All the bodies contained the poison pyralion. An arrest was made. The killer was a nurse. In the days before Shipman and other medical serial murderers, little was understood of the motive of such killers. France was shocked. In the years after the First World War, the nurse was a revered professional. They were considered angelic after their ministrations to the wounded soldiers. This was a crime that created a national sensation. Within two years the nurse, Antoinette Scieri, was infamous throughout Europe as a murderess. She carried out her activities in the small village of Saint-Gilles on the edge of the Camargue.

Five years earlier she had arrived in the village with a man called Joseph Rossignol. They became notorious drinkers and brawlers and Antoinette often had a black eye from the beatings that Joseph gave her.

When war broke out in 1914 Antoinette was in France with her parents who had arrived from Italy looking for work but little is known of her before that. She trained as a nurse and went to a casualty clearing station at Doullens just as the opposing forces were preparing for a long period of trench warfare. She quickly found that there were hidden benefits to nursing. Many of the soldiers were unconscious are she carried out her duty to wash them before their treatment. Antoinette carefully searched their pockets and took whatever valuables they possessed. When the losses were later discovered, she simply stated that they may have been disposed of with the filthy and torn uniforms. She paid particular attention to the many British soldiers that passed through the station.

But she became over-confident of her abilities to fool the authorities. Detectives were put in place to watch her and eventually she over-stepped the mark. She stole an officer's pay book and tried to obtain 5,000 franks from the army bankers. On other occasions she would write to the families of the soldiers, saying that they were unable to write themselves and she would ask for money. Some families were fooled into sending cash. But the forgery finally sent her to jail.

When she was released the war was over and she found it hard to get work. She met and married a man called Salmon by whom she had two children. But she managed to put them all behind her and we know little of how she left her family. Her husband was none to happy to find out that she was sleeping with a variety of other men, including the aforementioned Joseph with whom she arrived in Saint-Gilles.

Joseph found work in the vineyard and Antoinette bought a nurse's uniform and began her work again.

She offered her services as a home nurse and she earned a very good reputation at her work. Then she fell pregnant and gave birth to a little girl in 1922. The villagers trusted her even more after this, seeing motherhood as proof that she knew her profession as nurse and midwife. She went back to work quickly and her reputation again increased as her patients seemed to recover quickly and the local doctor was pleased.

Just before Christmas 1924 she was nursing a 60vear-old laundress Mme. Drouard who was extremely annoyed at being bedridden. Antoinette assured her that she would soon be on her feet again. The doctor was pleased with the progress his patient was making but suddenly, on December 11th, the laundress collapsed and died. The death certificate said that it was heart failure. No one questioned the death and Antoinette next attended a couple who were both ill. She looked after the Lachapelle husband and wife with the same care she had shown elsewhere. On Christmas night Mme. Lachapelle died in a coma after having convulsions. The doctor signed the certificate saying that she died of ptomaine poisoning that was common before the advance of modern drugs. But two days later the doctor arrived in the house to find that M. Lachapelle was also dead. The doctor concluded that it was the same cause of death and attributed it to ptomaine poisoning again. Nurse Scieri was paid and she went home.

Christmas in the house was very unhappy with Joseph going on an almighty binge and Antoinette decided that she had had enough of the beatings and the bruising. She made a wonderful meal of moules marinieres. Two days later Joseph was writhing around in pain and Antoinette seemed very distressed. Her friend Rosalie Gire witnessed this and when Rossignol died she said that Antoinette threw herself across the body in grief. This was quite an impressive act from a woman who had become accustomed to such performances. Rosalie burst into tears along with her.

Shortly after this death, Antoinette was asked by the woman upstairs to care for her sister Marie Martin. When she heard that money was scarce she offered to care for her free of charge. The sisters were very impressed and grateful. Indeed Nurse Scieri had a reputation for being indifferent to payment. After some days, Antoinette brought coffee to the two women. The patient Marie Martin drank her cup but her sister, the widowed Mme. Doyer found it very bitter and poured it away unknown to Nurse Scieri. Marie Martin died four days later after she had eaten a meal of shellfish that the nurse had cooked for her.

Shortly afterwards a Mme. Gouan-Criquet took ill and her husband took the nurse to look after her. The 75year-old woman died within 2 days. On this occasion the doctor was not happy to sign the certificate of death and the police were called to the house. They found a medicine bottle under the bed containing a mixture of ether and pyralion. This contained acetate of lead and they used it in the vineyards to kill weeds. If humans take this it would produce the symptoms

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There was enough liquid in the bottle to kill 300 people.

When the exhumations were ordered the nurse had already moved on to her next intended victim – a Mme. Mirman. The patient's husband found an unidentified bottle in the house and became suspicious. It was sent away for analysis and found to contain digitalis that comes from the foxglove. It can be used for heart disease in tiny doses but an overdose was lethal. Antoinette was arrested.

Her reaction was under-stated to say the least. She casually admitted poisoning five people and her friend Rosalie Gire was charged along with her. Rosalie was acquitted and took the stand against her former friend. Antoinette blamed Rosalie for all the murders, saying that she planned them all and suggested that she kill her husband, Rossignol. She also suggested that the killings were for robbery and that Gire had slept with her husband.

The trial took place a year after the events and it was a colourful affair with the former friends screaming and shouting at one another and both obviously lying. The judge was extremely annoyed and said that criminal history contained few criminals like her. She was sentenced to death but this was commuted to hard labour for life, following many precedents of its kind.



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Wider Options PLC offers courses to full time homemakers while V.T.O.S. caters for people who are in receipt of social welfare payments for a minimum of six months. The majority of participants who complete their courses move onto employment with a minority progressing to 3rd level education. Most participants come from Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane, Ardclough, Lucan and Clonsilla. In the last two years the groups were delighted to welcome students from Somalia, Angola, Kenya, The Congo, Cameroon and China. Students from Maynooth include Brian Tracey, Old Greenfield, Ann Comerford, Greenfield Drive, Charlotte Quinn, Greenfield and Mary Guinan, Parson's Lodge.

Mr. Noel Dalton, Adult Education Organiser with Co. Kildare V.E.C. presented the awards to the recipients, and the Students Council organised light refreshments and entertainment. This consisted of drama sketches and music performed and sung by the students themselves.

Leixlip V.T.O.S./Wider Options PLC operate under Co. Kildare VEC's adult education initiative and are based in Scoil Eoin Phoil, Green Lane, Leixlip. Wider Options PLC is also affiliated to Confey College.

For further information contact:

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Maynooth Action Strategy Bike to the Future – a cycling strategy for Maynooth

Foreword

Maynooth Action Strategy is a partnership umbrella group with a steering group composed of representatives from the four major commercial, educational and community organisations in the town: Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Chamber of Commerce, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, and Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, It has as an objective the creation and implementation of a development strategy for Maynooth incorporating social, economic, recreational and infrastructural aspects. The vision that Maynooth Action Strategy has for improving the quality of life in the town was incorporated in a strategic blueprint entitled Maynooth: choosing a future, which was published two years ago. This blueprint was acted upon by the identification of specific projects, through a series of public workshops, which was outlined in the document Maynooth: the next steps. These project actions are now either at the implementation stage or have been implemented. In Autumn 2001, Maynooth Action Strategy held a public meeting, which resulted in the institution of four including a sub-committees, Planning and Development committee. This committee has transportation within its remit and one of the suggestions that followed from the public meeting was a "Safe Routes To School" project. This document outlines Maynooth Action Strategy's vision for this project.

The document will cover the following topics: Executive summary Introduction

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Conclusion

Executive summary

Safe Routes to School is a government-funded programme to encourage cycling and walking because of concerns about the increasing use of cars. These concerns are based on safety, health, environmental and sustainability grounds. Safe Routes To School looks at entire routes from home to school, identifies areas of high risk and develops proposals to minimize the risk of an accident.

Safe Routes To School in Maynooth was originally proposed as a measure to lessen traffic congestion in the town, particularly during the morning peak but the study evolved to the wider issue of why the overall level of cycling is currently less than 2 %. The study looked at the existing cycling infrastructure. It examined cycling by young people to school, afterschool and weekend activities. In contrast to other journeys, which were centred on young people, the level of cycling to religious services was also considered, as such journeys remain very much family based. The low level of cycling within the community

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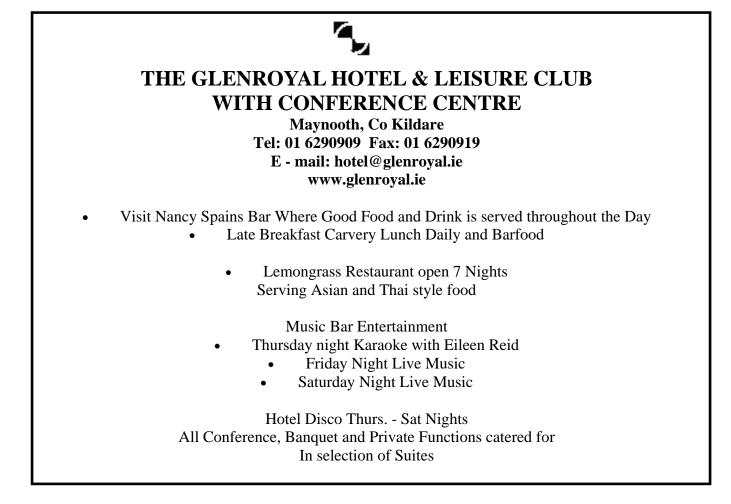


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in general was also reflected in the universities and lack of support by political parties for national networks serve to further weaken an already weak culture of cycling.

Bike to the Future is a strategy, which seeks to build on Safe Routes To School, to promote cycling within the wider Community of Maynooth. It recommends actions by Maynooth Action Strategy and by Kildare County Council. The foundation stone of that strategy is the inclusion of Maynooth as the first choice of Kildare County Council in the next Safe Routes To School Programme.

Introduction

- There are many different indices that can be used to define a community - how that community views itself and is viewed by others. One such index is modal split, which measures how people travel about – by car, by foot or other means. Of particular interest and concern is the modal split for "short" journeys on account of the increasing use of the private car for distances that people would have walked or cycled some twenty years ago. These concerns are on safety, health, environmental and sustainability grounds.
- This document began as a response to increasing traffic congestion, and particularly in considering a "Safe Routes to School in Maynooth" as a means of reducing the congestion caused by ever increasing numbers of school going children being driven to and from school. It evolved from that into the consideration of factors that result in the current low levels of cycling.
- Part 1 of this report discusses existing levels of cycling facilities in the Community of Maynooth. Part 2 examines "Safe Routes To School" and other school / cycling related issues. Part 2 also briefly examines the role of walking in a "Safe Routes To School" project. Part 3 of this document sets out a number of proposals and recommendations, which *Maynooth Action Strategy* consider to be the most appropriate way forward for this project.

Part 1 The Community of Maynooth and cycling 1. Introduction

1.1 The first part of this document examines the current use of cycles as a mode of transport in Maynooth - to/from schools, sports and in the wider community. It looks at facilities that promote and more

importantly militate against cycling and refers to developments by cycling groups that may impact on Maynooth.

2. Infrastructure

- 2.1 In Maynooth, there are three isolated sections of off-road cycle route that is where cyclists are separate from motorised traffic: first, on the Straffan Road, a section 1.30 km (0.80mls) in length was constructed between the Royal Canal and the N4 interchange; a second section, 0.45 km (0.27 mls) in length, was constructed along the Main Street between Parson Street and the Old Dunboyne Road; third a relatively short section has just been completed opposite Parsons Hall.
- 2.2 Usage of the cycle tracks varies. While cyclists are often to be observed on the Straffan Road section, discontinuity with the Main Street cycle track discourages many younger cyclists.
- 2.3 The Main Street cycle tracks are rarely used. At the junction of Main Street and Straffan Road, the track is discontinuous on the north side and the width available is reduced due to an architectural feature which commemorates the opening of the Maynooth-Kilcock By-Pass. Cyclists may aim for the cycle track at the start of the next section but a gully and drainage channel have been constructed in the middle of where the cycle track should be. Furthermore, the gully does not drain properly in wet weather. Cyclists traveling towards the Tesco Shopping Centre and who choose to use the cycle track have to give way twice - once in crossing the Dunboyne Road and again in joining the main traffic flow travelling towards Leixlip. Although only completed a few years ago and not generally subjected to motorised traffic, the markings are almost entirely worn away in parts. Furthermore, there is little contrast in colour between the cycle track and the footpath proper with the result that pedestrians wander across the tracks.
- 2.4 With regard to the Parsons Hall cycle track, at the inbound southern end, it is unlikely that the cycle track will be often used, as there is no provision for cyclists to gain access and as they would then have to give way to cars entering and exiting the estate. Outbound cyclists, who in the absence of a cycle track were travelling on road and who wish to enter

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Parsons Hall, are also likely to avoid the track, for by remaining on road they have equal status with traffic travelling in the same direction and have only one traffic lane to cross.

2.5 Kildare County Council periodically cleans the cycle tracks on the Straffan Road and Main Street with a road sweeper. It is assumed that the Council will also take in charge the section of cycle track on Rathcoffey Road but it is not known if regular cleaning is proposed.

3. Cycle Parking

- 3.1 The only cycle parking facilities in Maynooth are provided at the universities, the Glenroyal Leisure Complex and the railway station. On Main Street, there are some "Sheffield" type cycle stands immediately beside public seats but, on account of their location, it is assumed that they form part of the seat, although sometimes used for cycle parking.
- 3.2 At the railway station, covered parking for 38 cycles has recently been provided in line with government policy to integrate different modes of transport. However, in general, less than half the parking spaces are occupied with an additional one or two cycles chained to nearby railings.
- 3.3 In the centre of the town, the most common location for leaving cycles is at the side of the Garda Station at the junction of Leinster Street and Main Street. Spot checks revealed that up to 13 cycles have been locked to the railings during the week and weekend. Although some of the cycles may belong to attending lectures in students the university during the week, this would not hold true for those cycle owners who park there at the weekend.

3.4 At the three main shopping centres, despite significant development work being carried out on each within the last few years, no facilities have been provided for cyclists. By comparison, approximate 440 spaces have been provided for cars (this figure includes only part of the car park shared between Glenroyal Shopping Centre and Glenroyal Hotel, and excludes the nearby Council car park). It has been

estimated that the value of a car parking space ranges from \in 320 to \in 1900 per annum (£250 to £1,500) depending on location. Even assuming a value at the lower end of the scale, the promotion of cycling would clearly make financial sense.

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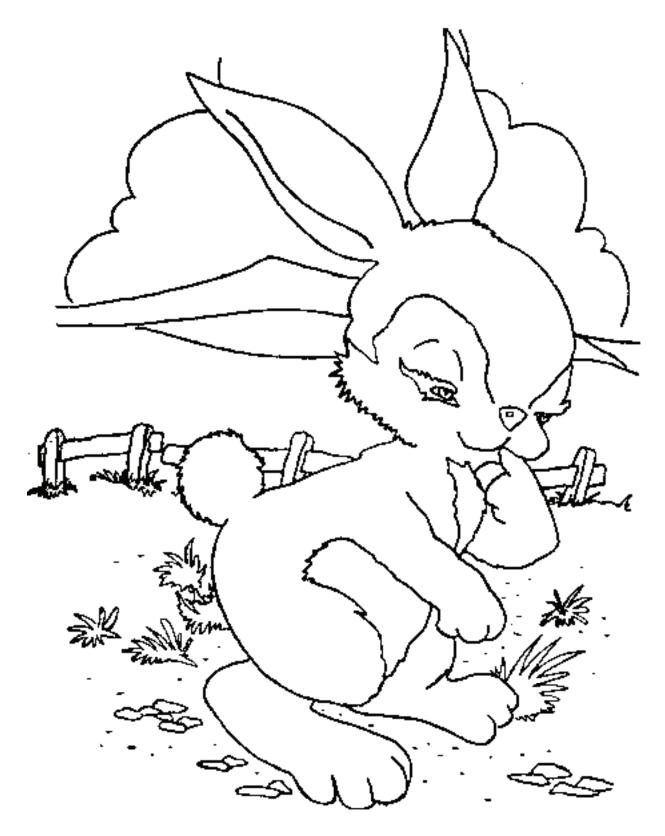
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Farmhouse Chicken Pie

Serves 4-6 You will need; 12oz ready- made shortcrust pastry 1 tbsp milk, to glaze

Filling:

1 chicken quarter, weighing approx.12oz
1 bay leaf
1 small onion, sliced
1 carrot, sliced
Pinch of sea salt
1/4oz pint milk
1 1/2oz plain flour
4oz sweetcorn kernels
Freshly ground black pepper



Method;

Put the chicken into a pan. Add the bay leaf, onions, carrots, salt and 1/2 pint water. Bring to the boil, then cover and reduce the heat. Simmer for 20 minutes, turning the chicken once. Meanwhile, roll out half the pastry on a lightly floured surface and use to line a deep 8in pie dish. Roll out the remaining pastry for the lid. Strain the cooking liquid from the chicken into a measuring jug. Remove the bay leaf and reserve the vegetables. Make up the stock to 3/4 pint with the milk. Remove the chicken meat from the bones. Dice the chicken and set aside with the vegetables. Melt the butter in a pan. Add the flour and cook gently for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and gradually add the stock and milk mixture. Cook stirring, until thickened and smooth. Add the chicken, reserved vegetables and sweetcorn. Stir to combine. Season with black pepper. Preheat oven to 200c/400f/ gas 6. Spoon the filling into the prepared pastry case. Dampen the edges with a little water and put the lid on top. Press the edges down to seal and brush the pastry with milk. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until golden brown.

Rich Steak & Kidney Pie

Serves 4-6 You will need; 6oz plain flour Pinch of sea salt 4 1/2oz butter, frozen Beaten egg, to glaze



Filling; 1oz plain flour Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 1/2 lb stewing steak, diced 8oz lamb's kidney, diced 1oz beef dripping or 2-3 tbsp vegetable oil 1 onion, chopped 1 pint beef stock 1 bay leaf 1 tsp dried mixed herbs 1 tbsp tomato puree 8oz button mushrooms 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Method;

For the filling, season the flour with salt and pepper. Toss the meat in the flour. Heat the fat in a saucepan and brown the meat. Add the onion, beef stock, bay leaf, herbs and tomato puree. Bring to the boil, then simmer for a further 15 minutes. Season. Leave to cool completely. Sift the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl. Grate the butter into the bowl and add 7 tablespoons cold water. Mix to form a rough dough. Wrap and chill for 30 minutes. Spoon the meat mixture into a 2-2 1/2 pint pie dish. Preheat oven to 220c/425f/ gas 7. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry large enough to cover the dish. Cut out 1/2in circle from the outside edge. Brush the edge with a little water and lay the pastry circle on the edge. Press down with your fingertips to secure. Re-roll the remaining pastry and use to cover the pie. Seal and crimp the edges. Score a criss-cross pattern on the top of the pastry with a sharp knife. Brush with beaten egg. Bake for 40 minutes, or until crisp and golden. Serve with green vegetables and potatoes.

Tip;

When grating frozen butter, keep dipping it in flour so that it doesn't block the holes in the grater.

Seafood Vol-au-vents

These seafood pastry snacks are filled with a cheesy mushroom sauce.

Makes 16 vol-au-vents You will need; 1lb 2oz ready-made ready-made puff pastry Beaten egg or milk, to glaze

Filling; 6oz haddock fillet 1 onion, sliced 3 black peppercorns Sprig of fresh parsley 1 bay leaf 7floz milk 1/2oz butter 1/4 small onion, chopped 2oz button mushrooms, finely chopped 1 small celery stalk, sliced 2 tbsp plain flour 2oz cooked mussels 2oz cooked prawns 3 tbsp canned sweetcorn 2oz Cheddar cheese, grated 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Preheat oven to 220c/425f/gas 7. Roll out the pastry 1/4in thick. Using a 2in fluted pastry cutter. Score a cross on the

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cross on the top. Put the pastry rounds and lids on 2 baking sheets. Using the 2in pastry cutter, cut partway through the rounds. Brush the rounds and lids with a little egg or milk. Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until well risen and golden. Remove any soft pastry from the centre of each vol-au-vent. Set aside. Put the haddock, slicied onion, peppercorns, parsley, bay leaf and milk in a pan. simmer for 10 minutes, or until the fish starts to flake. Drain the fish, reserving the liquid. Skin and flake the fish, removing any bones. Melt the butter in a pan. Add the chopped onion, mushrooms and celery. Saute over a low heat, stirring, for 5 minutes, or until softened. Stir in the flour and gradually add the reserved fish liquied. Return to the heat and stir for 2-3 minutes, or until the mixture thickens. add the flaked fish, mussels, prawns and sweetcorn and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese and parsley. Season to taste. Spoon the filling into the vol-au-vents. Put the lids on top and serve immediately.

Tips

You can use ready-made-vol-au-vent cases and cook from frozen — just follow the instructions on the packet.

Vegetable Gratin

A Crunchy topping hides a selection of tasty vegetables and tomato-flavoured lentils.

Serves 4-6 You will need: 1 vegetable stock cube 8oz red lentils 1lb 3oz passata 1 tsp Tabasco sauce salt and black pepper 2 tbsp olive oil 6oz broccoli florets 8oz carrots, sliced 2 cloves garlic, crushed 8oz leeks, sliced 1 red pepper, sliced 8oz courgettes, sliced 3oz Cheddar cheese 2oz wholemeal breadcrumbs



Method:

Dissolve the stock cube in 1/2 pint boiling water. Pour the stock into a large saucepan and stir in the lentils and passata. Bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes, or until the lentils are just tender. Stir in the Tabasco sauce and season to taste. Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Add the broccoli and carrots and saute over high heat for 2 minutes. Add the garlic, leeks, red pepper and courgettes. Saute for a further 3 minutes. Add the cooked lentils to the vegetables and stir to combine. Transfer the mixture to a 4 pint ovenproof gratin dish. Grate the Cheddar cheese into a bowl. Add the breadcrumbs and stir to combine. Sprinkle over the ve Sprinkle over the vegetables and press down gently. Bake for 30 minutes, or until the top is golden brown. For a really crispy topping, put the gratin under a hot grill for 2-3 minutes after baking.

Tips

Passata is made by sieving plum tomatoes and can be found in large supermarkets. The gratin tastes even better the day after baking as the flavours develop overnight. Make it a day ahead and heat in a medium oven for about 30 minutes.

Apricot mousse

Serves 6 You will need; 1lb fresh apricots 4 tablespoons cold water Thinly peeled rind and juice of 1/2 lemon 5oz caster sugar 1/2oz powdered gelatine (1 packet) 3 large eggs, seperated 1 tablespoon apricot brandy or brandy (optional) 1/4 pint double cream 1/4 pint single cream Few flaked almonds

Method;

Wash apricots. Put in a pan with 1 tablespoon of the water, lemon peel and 2oz of the sugar. Cover and simmer until tender. Discard lemon peel and apricot stones. Sieve apricot pulp to make about 1/2 pint puree. Dissolve gelatine with remaining water in a small bowl over a pan of hot water. Put egg yolks, remaining caster sugar and lemon juice in a large bowl over a pan of hot water. Whisk until thick and pale. Remove from the heat and blend in the apricot puree, dissolved gelatine and apricot brandy if used. Leave in a cold place until just beginning to set. Whisk the cream until it forms soft peaks. Whisk egg whites until stiff. Fold most of the cream and all of the egg whites into the apricot mixture. Pour into a 2 pint glass dish and leave in a cool place until set. Just before serving pipe a small whirl of remaining cream on top of each; decorate with flaked almonds.

Potato Croquettes

Method;

Prepare and sieve 2lb potatoes as above. Put over very low heat, add 2 egg yolks, salt and grated nutmeg to taste, beat well, remove from heat, and leave to cool. If liked, add 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese. Shape into croquettes on a floured board, dip into 1 egg white, lightly beaten, then roll in breadcrumbs. Let stand for a while, then fry in hot deep oil. Lift out with a slotted spoon and drain on absorbent paper.



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To Remove stains and smudges from a window blind, lay it on a flat surface then carefully clean it withwith a soft rubber or dough-type wallpaper cleaner

Books To flatten wrinkled corners, put a sheet of paper on top of the straightened page and press with a warm iron

Carpet stains To remove greasy stains, apply a nonflammable dry-cleaning agent to the spot with a flannel; work from the edgges toward the centre. Don't scrub, because you will damage the fibres; dab gently until the spot comes clean. (Always test any cleaning agent on the carpet first, and let it dry before continuing).

Chewing gum To remove chewing gum from a rug or carpet, harden it with an ice cube and scrap it off with a blunt knife. To avoid wetting the rug, put the ice in a plastic bag

Chimneys To reduce the possibility of having a chimneys fire, ensure your chimney is cleaned once a year so that any build-up of material within the flue is removed. In the event of a chimney fire, extinguish the fire in the hearth using soapy water and call the fire brigade.

Eggs

Test eggs for freshness by placing them in a bowl of cold salted water. Discard any that float to the surface or turn their broad ends up-they're stale.

Grease spots

If you're in a hurry to remove a grease stain, apply shampoo to the stained fabric, then rinse and blow dry.

Mirrors

Never spray cleaner directly on a mirror-the drips could seep onto the silver backing and damage it. Instead, spray the cleaner on a clean soft cloth or paper towl and wipe the mirror.

Rice

To stop grains of rice from sticking together, add a few drops of cooking oil or a teaspoon of butter or margarine to the cooking water.

Rinse uncooked rice in a sieve under a cold running tap before cooking, this removes excess starch, so preventing the rice from becoming sticky.

Seed germination

For fast germination of pea and bean seeds, soak them in water overnight before planting. To speed the process even more, add a drop or two of detergent; it reduces the water's surface tension, helping it to penetrate the seed's coat. An easy way to soak seeds is to empty each seed packet into the individual cups of a egg box, then fill each with the detergent solution. **Toasters**

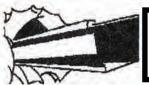
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Irish Permanent & T.S.B. = permanent tsb

The merger of the Irish Permanent and the T.S.B. Bank has been announced. It will take effect on 20th April 2002. The name of this new service is permanent tsb. All staff from Irish Permanent will be relocated to T.S.B. Both Michael (from the former T.S.B.) and offices. Grainne (from Irish Permanent) will be available to existing and new customers in Maynooth. The great range of services such as mortgages, new car finance and life assurance will be available at permanent tsb's new premises on Main St., Maynooth. Mr. Michael Moran manager stated "We hope to fulfil our customer demands with an enhanced and continued community service to our customers. The new bank has the best of both worlds and advice to offer all our customers" Mr. Moran also requested that members of the public who wish to partake of the government SSIA scheme do so now before the deadline closes in April.

Helen Gray.

A new beauty Salon has been opened in 2 Mill Street by Helen Gray. "Everything a body needs" is their slogan. Using an ancient japanese traction with the most innovative and luxurious treatment and products. Shiseido is the japanese name uses shiatsu massage. You can get your face and body enlivened with massage and cleansing and purifying agents. Also you can acquire a tan or get electrolysis treatment for unwanted.

The men are not left out as she has various treatments for back, stress, tension also manicures.

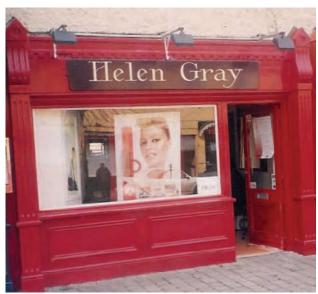
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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Membership gradually increased in the last month with 6 new members signing up, most of whom had completed a number of our easier hikes and have now decided to progress on the next level of activity. Members of the club continue with their programme of training for the Ring of Imaal mountain marathon challange. Members are also now making plans to attend a number of weekend walking festivals over the next few months.

Feb 16/17 brought us on our first weekend activity in the Glendalough area of the year which involved map and compass practical training, a nine mile night hike commencing at dusk followed by a visit to the local hostelry for some well earned liquid refreshments. On the Sunday we were on the hills again this time completing a 10 mile hike.

Sunday 3rd March brought us back to the Glendalough area. This time to complete an Easy Hike on the open Mountainside. This Hike took us from the Wicklow Gap onto the top of Turlough Hill and then down into the Glenalo Valley above the waterfall to the west of Glendalough's Upper Lake, returning to Glendalough over the Spinks close to St.Kevin's Bed. This is a very scenic hike covering a distance of 11.5Kms/7 Miles with ascent in the region of 450M/1,200ft. ascent through the Glendalough forest. More experienced members of the club conducted a harder hike in the Glenmalure area.

Don't forget to keep Good Friday free. We will be conducting a canal walk from Enfield to Maynooth along the Royal Canel. The meeting point will be Maynooth Railway Station at 10.55am. At the moment Irish Rail assure me the train will run. We expect to stop for lunch around the harbour area at Kilcock. Distance will be 17.5Kms/11 Miles on flat ground.

Club members will be attending an annual outing to Lugnaguillia on Easter Monday, April 1st. (if they are not attending one of the many festivals over this weekend).

Sunday 14th we will be taking part in harder hikes all round to encourage club members to progress in hiking grades.

Our first evening hike of the year will take place on Wednesday evening, April 24th. We will meet at the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 5.15pm, and travel by cars to Robertstown. Anyone making their own way can meet us in Robertstown outside the Garda Station at 6pm. This hike will cover a distance of 14kms/9 miles.

On Sunday 28th April we plan to conduct an Easy Hike around the scenic Lough Brays located at the foot of Kippure. From here we plan to follow the River Liffey from its first bridge to its origin approx. 500 meters and then across the open mountainside of Powerscourt Mountain, the Tonduffs and Maulin before we pick up the Wicklow Way and pass above the Powerscourt Waterfall in the valley below. This hike will require the use of a minibus.

Seats will have to be booked and paid for in advance no later than Wednesday 24th April. The expected cost will be in the region of \in 12 per person and will be non refundable except where the bus will be cancelled due lack of interest. In this case alternative hiking plans will be made. Anyone interested in booking contact 6285367 for details.

On Sunday 12th May we will be on our first outing to Newcastle, Co.Wicklow to take the coastal path back to Bray and for the more energetic a quick visit to Bray Head. This hike will cover a distance of 22.5kms/14 miles with an ascent of 260 meters/853ft, it is an enjoyable hike passing through a nature reserve at Kilcoole, and a stop for lunch at the Harbour of Greystones. There is a lot of interesting things to see on this hike and if we are lucky maybe a seal or two.

As this hike is on the open mountainside it should be noted that because we are still in the wet season of the year 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 restict attendance's to those properly equipped for the season. In the last issue I gave contact numbers for two walking festivals over the May and Whit weekends. Now I have received information on a different type of activity which may be of intrest to those who might like relive their teenage years in the Gealteacth area. Oideas Gael, centred in the Glencolumcille area of Donegal offers weekend and week courses to adults which from Irish language, Archaeology, Marine Painting, Celtic Pottery, Flute Whistle and Bodhran playing as well as Hillwalking along the Cliffs of Slieve League and in the mountains (Hills) of Donegal, details from 073-300248. The bonus of the course is the music and craic in the local lounges. The second activity is in the Loughanure area of Donegal where the range of actitivies range from week courses in the Irish language to long weekend actitivies of Song, Music and Dance, to rambling in the Hills of Donegal and visiting Errigal. This centre orgainises actitivy weekends for retired If you are interested why not contact the people. orgainsers at 075-48416 or 2895932. If you do take up any of these actitives give us a plug and let them know where you got the information. Accommodation is arranged locally. In May we will conduct an Easy Hike on Wedensday 22nd. from Clonsilla to Maynooth, meeting Maynooth railway Station at 6.55pm. and talking the Orient Express to Clonsilla. If there are more than ten travelling a group fare will be available for those arriving on time. Ticket holders and those arriving late can make their own arrangments with larnrod Eireann. Evening hikes during June and July will bring us to Howth and North Bull Island with a dip from Dollymount Strand for the more energetic. It is also planned to have one or two Moderate Hikes during the longer evenings walking in the Hills of West Wicklow. There will be notices in later editions. Club membership details available on request or from our web site. Please note weather conditions may restrict our actitives. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the actitivy with one

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of the contact numbers below. **Please note** most of our hiking actitives cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000ft.

In cases where would be less ascent we may have longer hikes as is the case on 13th January 02 on our canal outings. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay and activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling in the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car.

Mountain Safety Note

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on <u>medication</u> or with a <u>medical condition</u> should inform the leader of the of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly. Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers: **6285367 or 086-2703348**

E-mail: maynooth_hillwalking_club@yahoo.com Web Page:-

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FINNIGAN'S WAKE

Tim Finnegan lived in Watling Street, A gentleman Irishman - mighty odd-He's a beautiful brogue, so rich and sweet,

And to rise in the world he carried the hod. But,you see he'd sort of a tipping way; With a love for the liquor poor Tim was born, And to help him through with his work, each day, He'd drop of the craythir' every morn.

Chorus

Whack; fol-de-dooh-dah; dance to your partner Welt the flure, yer trothers shake, Isn't it the truth I've tould ye? Lots of fun, at Finnigin's wake?

One morning, Tim was rather full; His head felt heavy, which made him shake, He fell from the ladder, and broke his skull, So they carried him home a corpse to wake. They rolled him up in a nice clean sheet, And laid him out upon the bed, With fourteen candles around his feet, And a gallon of porter at his feet.

Chorus

His friends assembled at his wake; Missus Finnigan called for the lunch, First they laid tea and cake; Then pipes and tobacky, and whiskey-punch Miss Biddy O'Brien began to cry; 'Such a dacent corpse did ever you see? Arrah! Tim avourneen, an' why did ye die? 'Och, none of your gab, 'sez Billy Magee.

Then Peggy O' Connor took up the job, "Arrah! Biddy, 'says she 'ye'er wrong, I'm shure,' But Biddy then gave her a belt in the gob, And left her sprawling on the flure, Each side in war did soon engage, 'Twas woman to woman and man to man, Shillelah-law was all the rage —An' a row an'a ruction soon began.

Chorus

Mickey Mulvaney raised his head When a gallon of whiskey flew at him, It miss him and hopping on the bed, The liquor scattered over Tim! Bedad he revives! See how he rises! An' Timothy jumping from the bed Cried while he lathered around like blazes, In the name of the devil! d'ye think I'm dead.'

Chorus

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Backup files are earlier versions of files you have edited and save. Some programs preserve the nextto-most-recent version of a file in case you want to that version or you somehow lose the most recent version. Backup files typically have an extension that indicates they are backups (such as .BAK or OLD).

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Lost Cluster Files are files which are created my CHKDSK.EX, when lost clusters are found. You can safely delete all of this files

Help Temporary Files (*.GID,*.FTS,*.FTG) Files created by Windows 95/NT to speed up word research in help files. Deleting them won't prevent help files from running

Setup Temporary Files (MSCREATE.DIR,*.--)

Setup files are compressed copies of files before they are installed. Some install programs do not properly remove them. MSCREATE.DIR files are created by installation of Microsoft applications why these files are not deleted. You can safely delete all of this files.

System Log Files (BOOTLOG.PRV,MODE-MDET.TXT,SUHDLOG.DAT,SYSTEM.1ST,

*,LOG.TXT

Files that Windows 95/NT creates when it detects new peripherals or when errors occurred.

Tips on removing files

Although this application a list of more common files types. You can define your own file type group or files pattern when searching for files. Be aware, removing the wrong files can cause unpredictable results. Here're some tips on how to remove files

- If you are ever in doubt about deleting a particular file then do not delete
- If you feel uncomfortable about deleting files, send them to the Recycle Bin. This will allow you to restore any files that may be needed later. Remember, sending files to the Recycle Bin will not free disk space until you empty it. Files sent to the bin are simply compressed and move to hidden directory called Recycled.
- Be extremely careful when removing DILL's and ActiveX controls. Only remove these files when you find duplicate versions and make sure that the remaining copies stay located in your Windows
- Do not delete the following files: Autoexec.bat, Command.com, Win.ini, System.ini, Installers/ uninstall files (eg. st4unst.exe), files located in the Windows folder and sub-folders, and finally any file you have to think about.
- Never attempt to remove a file that is currently in used. Close all other applications when using System Cleaner 2000. This will increase speed and performance.

Search Information and tips

Explore files prior to deleting them. Sometime after viewing the contents of a file you may decide to hold onto it for little longer

If you're still unsure about removing a file, simply move it to a different folder. Run the applications associate with the file to ensure that no run-time errors. IF the file is needed then all you have to do is move it back (you can also use the Recycle Bin to do this)

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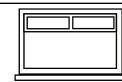


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Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

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The home side were given a lesson in organisation, determination and commitment by a good St Joseph's side. Right from the kick-off the Saints established dominance with a more purposeful performance. The home side conceded possession and lost out in the 50-50 situations too easily both in midfield and defence. The sluggish start by Maynooth was punished by the visitors who raced into a 2-0 lead early on. They retained this lead to the interval.

The second half proved slightly more of an even contest. Andy Foxe and Conor McCourt were proving more of a threat up-front with the little possession they achieved. Garvan Dowling came to grips with his tackling and proved a stubborn opponent for the visitors to get past. He also proved his versatility by scoring a fine goal from a free kick. This however did not spur Maynooth to more reward. They huffed and puffed a lot when the simple hull was the obvious choice. St Joseph's exploited this weakness admirably to score a third goal to leave the final score 3-1 to the visitors.

Maynooth from: David Murray, Andy Foxe, Chris Hobbs, David Burgess, Garvan Dowling, Conor Mc Court, Mark Donnellan, Shane Hawthorne and Conor Glynn

Any Managers wishing to have match reports included in the Newsletter should contact John Doogan on 6289720 or e-mail to the address above.



Photo: Rat infested rubbish dumped at the entrance to Maynooth Town F.C.'s Dublin Rd pitch. A sad sign of the times we live in and a poor reflection on the Town to the visiting teams. The registration of the offender was recorded and reported to the Gardai. A trace on the vehicle's registration showed it was from outside the Town. Kildare County Council have been requested to remove this eyesore and we thank them for their continued efforts in combating this recurring problem. Any information regarding illegal dumping in the area can be passed on to the club or direct to the local Gardai.

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Maynooth Labour News



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Apartment Blocks at Parson Street:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the comprehensive rejection by An Bord Pleanala of the appeal lodged by Leatron Developments Limited against Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for 90 apartments in 6 three storey blocks at Parson Street, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg in welcoming the decision stated that An Bord Pleanala had quite rightly refused permission for an inappropriate development in the historical core of Maynooth which had little visual relationship to the buildings which form the original townscape of Maynooth. The developer had sought to maximise the density of the site with no regard for the historical nature of the area, the consequent overlooking of two storey houses in the area, and the impact the development would have on the Royal Canal.

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have called on the Developer to await the adoption of An Action Area Plan for the area between Parson Street and The Harbour as proposed in the Maynooth Development Plan, which will indicate how the site might be developed in a sensitive manner.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley complimented the Parson Lodge Residents Association on their success in the rejection of the proposal.

New Bus Bays at Girls School:

Cllr. John McGinley was advised at the Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council on 1 March that funding has been provided by the Dublin Transportation Office for the provision of bus bays outside the Girls School. The cost of the land acquisition and the civil works is estimated at \in 45,000. Cllr. McGinley has been trying for some time to get the Council to provide these bus bays in order to improve safety and now that the funding is available hopefully the work will begin soon.

Litter Bin Required at Kingsbry Bus Stop:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide a litter bin at the Kingsbry bus stop on the Straffan Road. This is a much used bus stop and people using it are throwing litter over the low wall into Kingsbry. As a result the area is an appalling mess and it is very unfair to the Residents of Kingsbry. The extraordinary thing is that a litter bin has been provided at the bus turning point at the ESSO station, a location where it is not needed as nobody enters or leaves the bus here.

Bin Lorries Damaging Entrance to O'Neill Park:

Bin lorries are causing damage to the entrance to O'Neill Park as they are taking the turn in too sharp and are driving up on the green at the footpath. They have also flattened the shore here and put it out of order. Cllr. McGinley has asked that repairs be carried out and that the bin lorry contractors be asked to stop causing such damage.

Cluain Aoibhinn Trees:

At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 1 March Cllr. John McGinley proposed that \in 6,200 be provided from the \in 90,000 Parks Department Funding to implement John Joe Costin's recommendations following the tree survey that he carried out in Cluain Aoibhinn. The work will involve the removal of 23 trees at a cost of \in 4,000 and their replacement with appropriate trees as specified in the survey at a cost of \in 2,200.

Grass Cutting of Public Areas in Maynooth:

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee got a quotation of \in 6,480 for 18 cuts of the public open spaces in Maynooth. The areas are: Leixlip Road on both sides, Convent Lane, Kilcock Road, Moyglare Road, Straffan Road and the Rathcoffey Road new green at Castledawson. Cllr. McGinley has asked that the contract be awarded without any further delay and the funding from the Parks Department be used.

New Hedge at Laurence Avenue Fence:

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council has agreed to plant a beech hedge along the fence at Laurence Avenue. This was part of the agreement reached when the new footpath to the Gael Scoil was put in place.

Wheelchair Friendly Footpaths:

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated some of his Discretionary Grant Funding to make Greenfield Estate wheelchair friendly. This approach is necessary because of the Councils failure to carry out this essential work.

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"Green" Area at Maynooth Castle:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked for a raised kerb to be fitted around the green and for a footpath to be laid at the Castle railings. This should prevent vehicles from driving on the green and make life safer for pedestrians. Cllr. McGinley is providing some of his Discretionary Grant Funding for this purpose.

Kingsbry Estate:

Following requests from the residents' association Cllr. John McGinley has asked for the banning of GHV's from Kingsbry Estate and for the provision of traffic calming on the main road in the estate.

Redesign Required for Traffic Calming Signs:

Traffic calming measures have been completed in Parklands and on the Moyglare Road. Cllr. John McGinley has objected to the number of signs and their size. To say that they are not aesthetically pleasing is putting it mildly. Design wise it is also a complete overkill---one sign on the left hand side is adequate as we drive on the left hand side. The poles for the sign on the right side at the church on the Moyglare Road are preventing people with buggies from using the footpath and they have to go onto the roadway with them; hardly enhancing safety. The engineers agreed at the Area Meeting on 1 March to review the size and number of signs, so hopefully something sensible will result.

Creation of Left Turning Lane out of Parklands:

Cllr. John McGinleys motion that a left turning lane be created out of Parklands in order to alleviate the problems for motorists exiting Parklands has been referred to the Integrated Framework Study for Maynooth which will cover all aspects of roads and traffic in Maynooth.

Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field:

The County Secretary had a meeting with representatives of the Trustees of the Harbour Field in order to clarify the various options for both the Field and the Geraldine Hall. The Trustees wanted assurances that the Field could never be sold or built on. In the meantime the Councils solicitor is arranging for both properties to be transferred from the owner, Hon. David Nall-Cain, to Kildare County Council.

Bond Bridge on Target for September Start:

Council officials advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Area Meeting on 1 March that work is on stream for a September start on the new Bond Bridge.

Rathcoffey Road at Castledawson:

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the residents' Association that the Council asked them for \in 1,300 to level, seed and plant the area outside their estate. Given the fact that the residents had paid £2,000 previously for the erection of wooden bollards, it was simply unacceptable for the Council to seek this further funding. Accordingly, Cllr. John McGinley has allocated \in 1,300 from his Discretionary Grants for this purpose.

Recycling Policy to be Implemented in Maynooth in October:

On the insistence of Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley the Waste Management Plan for the County has a recycling policy of door to door collection of separated waste in all large urban areas. The pilot scheme for this will begin in Leixlip this month when bins for dry recyclable materials will be distributed to the 4,300 houses and the seven schools. The bins will accept newsprint, light cardboard, steel and aluminium cans. It is hoped to add plastic to the list in the near future. The bins are collected on a monthly basis and the householder can replace the ordinary bin with a smaller bin if they so wish and thereby saving \in 60 per year. It is hoped to extend the scheme to Maynooth and the other large towns in October.

Meadowbrook Link Road:

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his complete dissatisfaction with the proposed Contract Documents for the new Link Road at the February Area Meeting when he discovered that none of the extras, which were previously agreed, were included. As a result he met the Council's engineer, George Wiloughby, on site on 18th February to discuss and agree on the extras e.g. walls at the greens, safety railings at pedestrian walks to the Meadowbrook Road, culverting of the stream between Meadowbrook Court and the Avenue to create two new safe green areas. It was confirmed at the Area Meeting on 1st March that all of these are now included in the Contract Documents.

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Fine Gael Notes



Bernard Durkan, T.D.

Disabled

Disabled Drivers are seriously disadvantaged due to the current interpretation of the 1994 Disabled Drivers/ Disabled Passengers (Tax Concession).

Hundreds of people are deprived of tax concessions in respect of specially adapted cars, which would enable them travel to and from work without employing the service of a driver, said Deputy Durkan. It is a disgrace said Deputy Bernard Durkan, that despite repeated calls on respective Ministers to conclude the current review and broaden the eligibility of disabled drivers that the situation has not been resolved.

Source: Parliamentary Questions

Drivers Disadvantaged

Still No Accommodation

Still no accommodation for young offenders despite the constant references by the Courts, says Deputy Bernard Durkan.

The Department of Education has commissioned an "independent review of residential requirements for young offenders", despite the fact that the whole country knows about the shortage of places, particularly in view of the repeated comments of Justice Peter Kiely, Deputy Durkan stated "surely the needs should be obvious at this stage".

Source: Parliamentary Questions.

Harbour Field

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin are continuing to press for a completion in transferring the properties (i.e. Harbour Field/Geraldine Hall) to Kildare County Council. Discussions about the transfer of ownership of the Harbour Field are still ongoing between MDA, Naul Cain and Kildare County Council's legal representatives. The Leixlip Area Committee has given KCC the authority to proceed and take over the transfer of the Harbour Field and the Geraldine Hall without effecting the standing of the Maynooth Development Association. Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin will continue to push for a completion in transferring the properties to KCC.

Bus Bay at Charter House

Finance has been made available from the Department of the Environment to assist with the provision of a bus bay for the Girls National School at Charter House on the Dunboyne Road. Kildare County Council envisage that some safety work will need to be carried out within the grounds of Charter House / the school grounds. Cllr. Griffin has requested that the Department of Education & Science provide finance to the Girl's School in order that these safety works are completed without delay.

Bus Shelter

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann to provide a bus shelter at the 67A bus terminus / Bus Eireann stop opposite the Glenroyal Hotel. Cllr. Griffin has also requested that adequate public lighting be included in the project.

Wall at Moyglare Road Junction

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to remove the low-level wall at the junction of Moyglare Road and the Kilcock Road in order to allow for safer access to the Boy's National School. Cllr. Griffin has requested that the engineering staff investigate the possibility of a cycle lane from the Main Street, along Mill Street to the schools on Moyglare Road.

Road Flooding at Kilmacraddock

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested KCC to survey the Obelisk Lane / Kilmacraddock / Easton Road with a view to resolving the continuous flooding along this road. In the view of Deputy Durkan, this road should be piped for surface water and widened in order to accommodate local traffic.

Speed Ramp at Moyglare Road

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that another speed ramp be put in place on the Moyglare Road at Moyglare Abbey. The position of the speed ramps beside the schools is proving to be a success and are definitely slowing traffic as they approach the schools.

Cluain Aoibhinn Trees

Cllr. Senan Griffin submitted a motion to KCC requesting them to assist the residents of Cluain

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Aoibhinn with a renewal of tree planting in their estate. KCC have now got a price for this work and Cllr. Senan Griffin has demanded that those trees requiring pruning also be treated. J.J. Costin of Costin's Nurseries in Kilcock carried out the survey on behalf of the residents. It is expected that work on this project will commence shortly.

Traffic Lights at the Motorway Interchange

Cllr. Senan Griffin has expressed concern to KCC about the proposals to erect traffic lights at the northern side (Noone's garage) of the M4 Maynooth interchange. During discussions on the Maynooth Development Plan, Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that the only option was the provision of a proper roundabout at this location, which would also then accommodate the Blacklion Link. The provision of these lights is a poor second choice and should be seen as temporary. In Cllr Griffin's view, the NRA should have got the interchange and access correct when the motorway was constructed in 1996.

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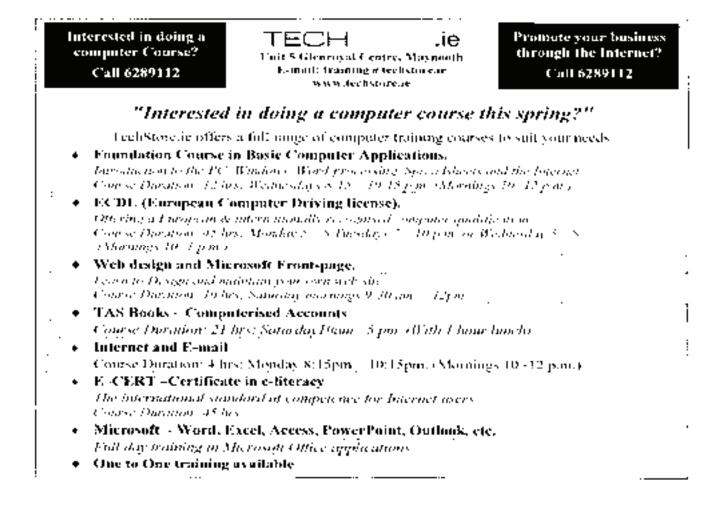
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Cllr. Paul Kelly

At time of writing its just after St. Patricks Day and once again Maynooth was privileged to have had its great annual Parade. Compliments are due to all who organised the event and to all who took part. The Cumann were delighted that Minister McCreevy had the opportunity to attend on the very kind invitation of the organising Committee.

With regard to the Cumann, March has already proven to be an extremely busy month – starting on 1st March when we hosted our annual :

Breakfast with Minister Charlie McCreevy T.D.

I included a few photographs taken at the event, which was a fantastic success. This year almost 105 people attended including invitees. We would sincerely like to thank all those who supported this fund-raising event – not easy when it begins at 8.a.m. !!!!! As with our Breakfast last year we will shortly be announcing the Local Community group to whom we will be presenting a cheque for \in 600. Last year <u>the Maynooth Community Games</u> were the very deserving recipients.

Fundraising Lunch in Glenroyal 28th March

On the above date the Kildare North Fianna Fail organisation, the Comhairle Dail Cheanntair, will be hosting a fundraising Lunch to be held in the Glenroyal Hotel. Anybody interested in attending please phone either myself on 087-2052649, Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187 or Austin Stack on 086-2651796.

Below I will detail some of the local topics and issues which are being handled on behalf of the Community by the Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. and by our local Councillor Paul Kelly.

Minister McCreevy Notes.

New Fire Appliance for Kildare County Council.

The Minister has informed the Maynooth Cumann of a notification he has received from the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D. confirming his allocation of funding for the purchase of a new Fire Appliance for Co. Kildare. Over \in 1,327,000 has been allocation for Counties Kildare, Offaly and Westmeath for provision of these facilities.

2002 Grant Allocations for Local Investments Scheme.

Bobby Molloy T.D., Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal has written to Charlie McCreevy T.D.informing him of the allocation of \in 102,416 to County Kildare for the Local Investments Scheme or LIS Grant.

The overall provision for this scheme has increased during the lifetime of this Fianna Fail/PD government from \in 3.8 million in 1997 to \in 11 million in 2002. This scheme plays a pivotal role in assisting local development projects on non-public accomodation roads.

Roundabout at Maynooth Business Park,

The Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy T.D. has written to the Cumann confirming that he has currently made on-going representations to Kildare County Council regarding the operation and initiation of the roundabout at the new Maynooth Business Park.

2002 National Roads Allocations for County Kildare.

In February 2002, Minister McCreevy gave details to the Cumann of the allocations being made to County Kildare for National Roads in 2002, amounting to <u> $\in 69,733,000$ </u>. Minister McCreevy welcomed this allocation saying "The production of high quality road networks is critical to Irelands economic advance. As a result of our growing population in County Kildare it is important that we continue to develop the road network for people living in the area and for those who commute to and from Kildare on a daily basis. This years allocations will further assist in

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the delivery of quality road links."

Full details are available from myself of the breakdown of those allocations but among the most relevant to ourselves in North Kildare are :

4 Improvement Allocations totalling \in 6.5 million for the Celbridge Interchange

7 Improvement Allocations totalling \in 6.5 million for the Naas Road Widening scheme.

7 Improvement Allocations totalling \in 35.5 million for the Kildare Bypass.

Among the National Road Schemes to be completed in 2002 are the N4 Enfield Relief Road – standard 2 lane – 5 kms., and the M4 Celbridge Interchange.

Among those Major National Road Projects which are through the Statutory Approval Process are the Kinnegad Enfield By-Pass (Kilcock/Enfield) and the Monastrevin Bypass.

Among the Major National Road projects in Planning are the Leixlip/M50 Junction, the Naas Road Widening (Kildare) and Kilcullen/Waterford (Sth and Nth Section).

In fact, Kildare has received the 5th largest allocation towards Improvement and Maintenance Grants in the Country.

2002 Grant Allocations for Non-National Roads.

Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D., Minister for the Environment and Local Government has written to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. advising him of the details of the 2002 Grant Allocations for Non-National Roads. Overall the provision for non-National Roads is \in 438.6 million, an increase of \in 38million or 9.37% on the 2001 figure.

Once again, detailed breakdown of these figures for Kildare are available on request but the overall figure for Kildare is \in **21,078,509**.

As Cllr Paul Kelly has commented :

" The grant of over Î21 million for Kildare represents an increase of 187% in funding for non-national roads in the county since 1997. Investment in roads in Kildare has improved significantly over the past 5 years and clearly demonstrates the commitment of this government to improving the road network in Kildare." He also believes that the roads to be built using these grants will help to reduce traffic problems in several of the towns. "Traffic congestion is the latest scourge to hit growing towns such as Naas, Clane, Celbridge and Leixlip for example. We now have money to build ring roads for Naas and Clane and to rebuild the Salmon Leap Bridge, Leixlip and the Kildare Bridge, Maynooth. There is also money to carry out road repairs and reconstruction on a whole host of roads around North Kildare. Particularly important is the allocation of \in 100,000

for repairs to roads within housing estates in Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. Many of our housing estates are over 20 years old and some of their roads badly need attention."

Individual figures are available on schemes such as the Barberstown Cross/Maynooth Road improvements, the Taghadoe Cross, Clane-Kilcock, Clane Inner Relief Road, Naas Ring Road etc etc

For example a figure of \in 625,000 has been made available for the Kildare Bridge, Maynooth.

CLLR PAUL KELLY NOTES.

Funding for Refurbishment of Kildare Schools a welcome development

Cllr Paul Kelly welcomed the announcement of funding for the maintenance and minor refurbishment of classrooms, toilets, windows, doors and other related works in Kildare schools recently.

Scoil Dara – Kilcock, Scoil Mhuire – Naas and Leixlip Community School will all receive much needed refurbishment work as a result. Cllr Kelly believes that this scheme gives schools the responsibility to use these funds as they see fit thereby ensuring school management have greater control over their spending. Among the works to result will be repair of stairs and lifts, roof leaks, gas installation, installation of alarms and CCTV, provision of septic tanks, boiler replacements, improved heating systems and general refurbishment.

Cllr Kelly calls on Minister for Health and Childcare to improve Orthodontic services.

Although primary school children are offered free dental care when they reach the teenage years, problems arise in getting orthodontic care and treatment. The waiting list is long so that by the time the child is called for treatment, the problem might then be insurmountable.Cllr Kelly has suggested that the Minister introduce a system of grants or refunds which would enable children to have orthodontic treatment done by private practitioners and to recoup some or all of the cost from the state. Tax relief should be available for any part of the cost not paid by the State. Another option could be to travel outside the State for treatment if necessary, also at the States expense.

Orthodontic treatment is required for the utmost importance both for the childs dental health and also their self esteem. Funding from the government to train new Orthodontists must also be provided, according to Cllr. Kelly.

Funding for Playgrounds.

Cllr Kelly has firmly put the provision of Playgrounds at the top of his agenda for the North Kildare area. Apart from a Swimming Pool which is also needed, Playgrounds are severely needed in the growing populated areas of North Kildare. Playgrounds encourage children to meet and interact with other

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children to play together and to learn from one another They also allow children and adults to play together and provide children with the skills they will need to successfully navigate the world beyond the playground. Children can learn about behaviour, communication, acceptance and friendship.

Paul intends to vigorously pursue this issue until a number of such playgrounds exist in our towns and villages. In light of the lands becoming available to the Council as a result of the new Development Plans in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth, there are huge opportunities for us to do something about this.

Advancing into teenage years, where action, sport and fitness is required, facilities for skateboarding and roller-blading areas must also be provided. Cllr Paul Kelly will pursue this issue through the Kildare County Council but he has also written to the Minister for Children, Mary Hanafin to seek funding from the National Childrens Office to develop playgrounds in Kildare North.

Bring back the String Bag ????????

Paul has welcomed the introduction recently by the Government of the tax on plastic bags, something he has been advocating since 1996 when Fianna Fail were in opposition. He believes plastic bags are a menace to the environment and have no place in a sustainable environmental policy. Paul says he hopes to see everybody using re-usable bags when shopping from now on. Revenue from the plastic bag tax is to go into a special fund to pay for environmental initiatives in the litter and waster management areas. Perhaps the old string bag long ago used by our grandparents may become fashionable again !!!.

Ard Fheis appearance by Cllr Paul Kelly

During the recent Ard Fheis held in Citywest on 8th and 9th March, Cllr Paul Kelly addressed the attendance during a televised session on the Economy and Business Development, citing his own experience in the North Kildare area, vis a vis the rapidly expanding nature of the infrastructure and business opportunites which have arisen during the lifetime of this Government.

Cllr Kelly also appeared during the Taoiseachs Address that evening of 9th, on a video clip which had been recorded previously in Leixlip.

Finally, the Cumann would like to thank sincerely all those who accepted our recent invitation to both the Maynooth G.A.A. Club and the Glenroyal Hotel at which it was planned to meet with the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Jim McDaid T.D. Unfortunately critical negotiations were taking part on the appointed night with a fast running-out deadline of 24 hours in relation to the joint Ireland-Scotland hosting of 2008 Soccer Tournment and the Minister had no alternative but to cancel that evening. We notified people as quickly as possible and everyone was very gracious and understanding.

We hope to re-organised the event in the coming months.

The Cumann would sincerely like to extend our sympathies to the Kavanagh family on the recent death of Mr. Thomas Kavanagh Snr. Many of the people of Maynooth will fondly remember him as he provided much needed employment during harder times in the 50s,60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. He was a man of impeccable character and played a very active part in the life of Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann in earlier years. May he rest in peace.

Brid Feely, Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann Secretary and PRO.



Minister McCreevy with Mr. Bill Donovan and Mr. Sean Donovan, Londis Supermarket, Greenfield Shopping Centre



Cllr. Paul Kellky and Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. with Glenroyal Leisure Club Member of the Year, Martha O'Rourke





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Maynooth Tidy Towns – Spring cleaning 2002

With ambitious plans for 2002, Maynooth Tidy Towns are pleased with the work to-date. On March 16th the shrub beds at the church were cleaned up and the first grass cutting there took place shortly afterwards. Thanks to everybody that took part in these tasks. Further cleaning in litter black spots will take place during the An Taisce Spring Clean in April. If you can spare some time please contact us through the Community Council office at 6285922 or at maynoothcc@eircom.net.

Grass Cutting in public places

Maynooth Tidy Towns has identified ten areas in the town that will require grass cutting this Summer. We have asked Kildare County Council to maintain these areas under their Parks Department budget for 2002. Local Councillors Senan Griffin and John McGinley have supported this plan. However as we go to press we are not aware of a definite commitment by Kildare County Council to undertake this work. As it seems likely that the council would be using contractors to do this work , Maynooth Tidy Towns submitted an indicative tender from a local contractor to Kildare County Council. No money was spent from the Park's Department budget in Maynooth last year. It is not possible for Maynooth Tidy Towns to undertake this work as either a contracting party or on a voluntary basis this year. Carton Avenue or Pound Park are not included on the list this year.

Parking on the traffic islands at St. Mary's Church, Kilcock Road

Since the Church re-opened in February the traffic at mass times is back in this area. Despite appeals from Msgr. Stenson a small number of people consider it appropriate to park on the grass in the traffic islands. Maynooth Tidy Towns has maintained and enhanced these greens for well over a decade. They form an attractive feature as one approaches the town from Kilcock. The matter has been referred to the Gardai to take the necessary actions if this problem continues.

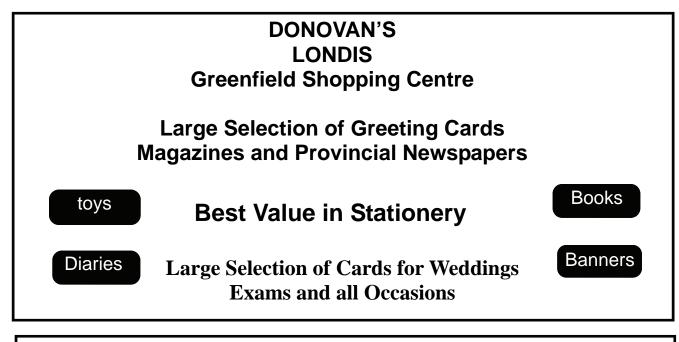
Maynooth Tidy Towns propose the closure of the old Straffan Road footpath

Maynooth Tidy Towns will submit a motion to the April meeting of Maynooth Community Council seeking the endorsement of our plan to partly close off this area. The area is becoming a major visual eyesore in the town and is of no practical benefit to the people of the town as it is an unattractive area where few people now go. The final decision will rest with Kildare County Council.

Paul Croghan, Secretary, Maynooth Tidy Towns



Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann members with Cllr. Paul Kelly and Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D.



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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Acknowledgement

Fingleton (Nee O'Dwyer) Eileen, late of Manor Court and Rail Park Maynooth. The Fingleton family wish to express their appreciation to all who sympathised with them on the recent sad loss of their mother Eileen. We are overwhelmed by the numbers who attended her funeral services, sent Mass cards and letters of sympathy and made donations to the Irish Heart Foundation. The friendship, companionship and generous assistance of her many wonderful neighbours and friends of all ages, contributed enormously to Eileen's happy life in Maynooth. Despite her ill health in recent years, your care and concern contributed enormously to Eileen's happiness and comfort. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the intentions of all Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hainm dílis.

Birthdays

Happy 40th to Patrick Conway who celebrates his birthday on April 25th with love from Linda, Martin, Sinead, Laura and Chloé.









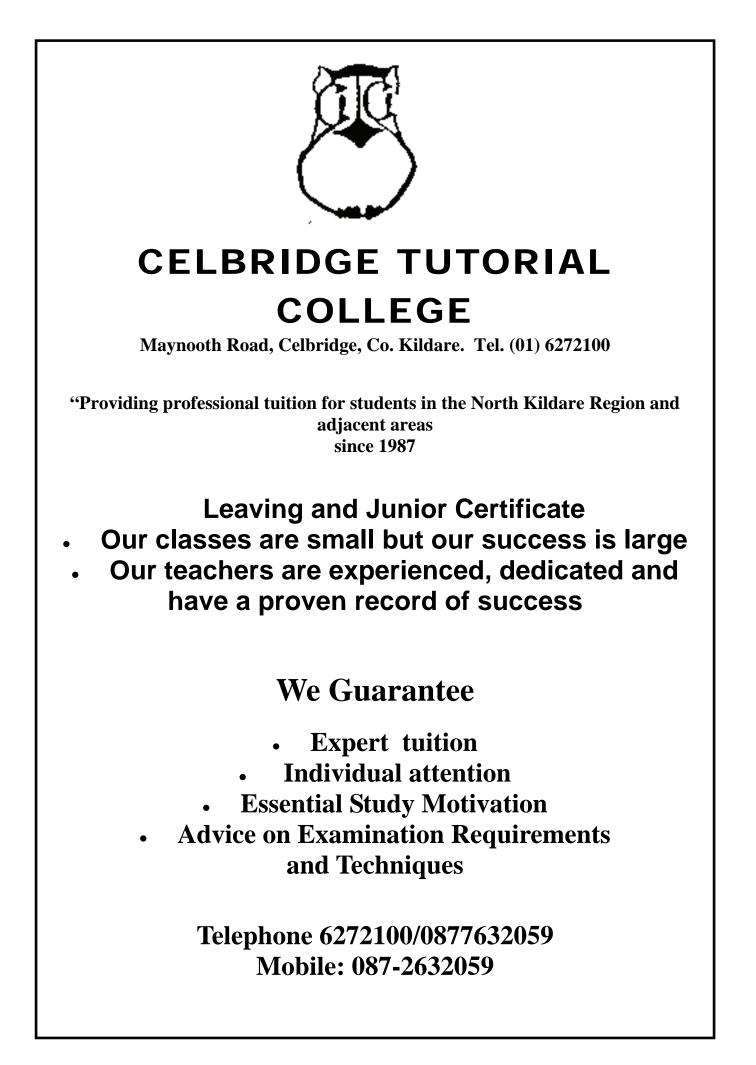
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Editorial

The country is in the throes of election 2002 as the Newsletter goes to print. This is your opportunity to put your queries to all the politicians of all parties as they knock on your door. There are many local issues that will need their support over the next period of development in Maynooth. There have been many changes during the past five years and there are even more to come in the next five to ten years. Although it is agreed that standards of living have improved for some, there is also the feeling that the quality of life is deteriorating. North Kildare and Maynooth in particular needs action on such issues as a children's playground, а Community Centre, Parks а Department to attend to the green areas, social housing and traffic management to name but a few. We are also witnessing the demise of Doyle's mart and the acquisition of the site by Tesco with plans for a huge development. At the other end of the town, the old Kavanagh site is to be developed into a large retail area also. Along with the growth of the student population - these could add to Maynooth's status as

a town but it could also result in traffic chaos unless the planned roads are put in place as quickly as possible. The Meadowbrook Link will be essential if traffic gridlock is to be avoided.

It has been suggested that posters should be banned entirely. But when legislation was passed to ban the caravans and canvassers outside the polling booths the sense of carnival on the day of the election disappeared. The number of people voting also dropped. If posters are banned, there will be no public suggestion of an election at all. There is a need for some sense of occasion, without it there is the danger that the number of people voting will decrease even further. Apathy is a problem along with cynicism without adding to these.

The move to electronic voting will also contribute to the lack of occasion and there is a mixed reaction to this. The tallymen will be redundant. The results will be known almost immediately and again the sense of carnival, albeit difficult for the politicians themselves, will disappear completely. Our neighbours Meath will be among the few constituencies to experiment with this new method. Let us see how they proceed. The presence of a computer may intimidate those who have no experience of the new technology but it will suit the new image of Ireland as a modern, progressive society constantly in a hurry. Now we cannot wait for election results. Gone are the long hours at count centres and all-night television viewing for election junkies. The media will also miss the spectacle.

Finally, may we remind people that our right to vote was only achieved by a long struggle. There are millions in the world who would be grateful to live in such a democracy as this. So please exercise your right to vote. Stations are open longer than ever before to accommodate you.

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Council took place on the 22nd April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

We had two presentations:

No. 1 Kavanagh's New Development Plans

Mr. Willie Coonan introduced himself and then introduced the panel of business people involved with the new development. Mr. Jim Keane, Mr. John O'Sullivan, Mr. Nick Sutton, Mr. I. McNamara.

John O'Sullivan started the presentation. He said that he had been involved with many developments throughout the country and that he was delighted to be involved with the development at Kavanaghs.

Mr. Nick Sutton, architect, then gave his presentation. He said it is a mixed development consisting of retail outlets, offices, apartments, public house, restaurant and underground parking. The buildings will be constructed on a plinth at street level, above that a pedestrian deck and above that apartments. The apartments will be 3 - 4 storeys high. There will be visual routes throughout the building.

They have done an environmental study. They showed the Main Cross Road with the proposed new buildings. They also showed the view from the Station Bridge, also from in front of the Castle. Next view from the bridge over the river Rye at Kavanaghs. A view from the Church showed the buildings stepped back and did not dominate. Also a view from the College showed the buildings did not dominate. A view from Stoyte House showed that the new proposed buildings could not be seen from this point.

There were some fears raised about the materials, would they be streaking against the Church and College. However, they were told this would not be the case as there is a lot of brick in the wall and plinth and some of this wall is painted.

Ann Burns raised the question about the overall height of the building. She was told that the new building would be no higher than the present high point. It would be 20m at it's highest point. She also wondered at what point the planning is at now. She was told that the planning is still with Kildare County Council and has been for months.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain raised the question of traffic in the town, at present the volume of traffic going through the town is dreadful and what plans if any to relieve this problem. She was told that surveys had been carried out, also a traffic counting survey is being carried out at present. it was also stated that Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings 5.30 p.m - 6.30 p.m. are high pitch times for traffic. The existing conditions are dreadful. They have proposed to link all traffic signals to work more efficiently, also to remove the bus stops from the town. They said they have addressed the traffic management problem with their plan "Package Vision". They are looking to the future developments not only in Maynooth but Leixlip and Celbridge also.

With the new link road "Meadowbrook Link" in place a lot of traffic will be taken out of the town. They predict that if all these works are in place by 2005 it will work well. Also that they are confident that all new plans have the capacity to take all the traffic.

Padraig O'Murchu said he was delighted at the walkway proposed. He was told that there would be cycle lanes included, also wheelchair access. There will only be one car entrance.

Ronan Barry wondered about the effect on the schools while the work is going on. He was told that the site will be hoarded. Mr. O'Sullivan said that Kildare County Council would make sure that they keep dust down. They also hope to have a T junction at the Moyglare Road and widen the Galway Road at that point.

Paul Croghan said he was a bit concerned about moving the bus stops. He was told that this plan will bring forward plans that Kildare County Council had and levies will pay for all this.

Senan Griffin said that it was very important that the Lyreen River is widened. He said the flooding of this river has effected a lot of people outside Maynooth and left their homes flooded. He said this plan is a huge improvement on the previous plan. However, Senan still felt that a roundabout would work better in the town instead of lights at Parson Street junction. However it was also stated that lights at this junction would be better and would give traffic coming from Leinster Street a flow time.

At this point John Doogan, Chairperson, thanked the group for coming and presenting their proposed plans.

No. 2 larnród Éireann

We then met with the group from larnród Éireann. This group consisted of Mr. Joe Beardmore, Oliver Doyle, Barry Kenny, Brian O' Meara, Shane O' Neill (Stationmaster)

Over the past number of years Maynooth Community Council have written to larnród Éireann about conditions on the trains and the problems with timetables. We were delighted that they had agreed to meet us.

Des Matthews said that he uses the train all the time and that by the time the train gets to Lusk it is dreadful with people standing. He was told that larnród Éireann don't set out to give everybody a seat, he said by the time you get to Coolmine one won't get a seat. It was stated that a new time-table will be out in June and they have tried to make improvements. it was also said that improvement works at Tara Street won't make any difference to services as these works were only platform improvements. It was also stated that feeder services did not work well.

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Cllr. Senan Griffin said with the new Business Park coming on stream a good rail service would be needed. It was also noted that larnród Éireann had met with Intel to see about getting more people to use the trains, but this didn't seem to work.

Des Matthews said he wanted to see safety for people who just want to walk, he said he would like to see the old path back. Also quicker information if trains are late.

Padraig O'Murchu said the Railway Station could play a big part in the Tidy Towns Competition. They were told that larnród Éireann would work with the Tidy Towns in this regard. He also wondered would the old signal box be retained. He was told that if they remain in good condition they are left, but that some of them are old and have to be taken down.

It was also noted that Duchas is responsible for keeping the grass verges along the side of the canal.

The Stationmaster stated that a lot of work has been done at the station re parking improvements, pot holes have been filled and other improvements done around the station, this work is ongoing he said.

John Doogan then thanked the group from larnród Éireann for coming to the meeting.

The Community Council A.G.M. then continued.

Chairperson's Report:

John Doogan thanked all involved with the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

He said the new office in Newtown Shopping Centre was a much better premises. He said that the office would be made available to Residents Associations or any group that needed a meeting place.

He was very pleased with the quality of the Newsletter, also the training that the office staff are getting. He thanked all staff and welcomed the new members of office staff. John ended his report by saying that he would not be standing again this year.

Secretary's Report

Muireann paid tribute to deceased members of the Community Council in the past year; Bridie O'Brien, Mary Fitzgerald and Gerry McTernan. She thanked Willie Kiernan for all his work on the St. Patrick's Day Parade, also Tony Bean who took over the job of MC at the last minute. She thanked all the office staff and supervisor, Christina Saults. She said Christina has done a great job in the office. She was also delighted with the move to the new premises and that it suited our needs very well.

Muireann then stated that we needed an Editorial Board urgently, at the moment it is only herself doing the job and this is not satisfactory.

She said they had held a number of presentations during the year. John Colgan, Hugh Gallagher - the Intel Emissions Report and the G.A.A. Presentation. She said it is good that people use the floor of the Community Council for this purpose. She also noted that the Community Council was involved with a number of local projects, namely, The Harbour Field, Bond Bridge, Swimming Pool, Tree Pruning, Youth Community Centre, Tidy Towns.

She said with 2003 being the year of the Special Olympics and as Maynooth will be hosting Brazil, we should call 2003 "Brazil Year".

Muireann then thanked the executive, John Doogan, Willie Saults, Hugh Gallagher, Marie Gleeson, Paul Croghan, also the office staff and supervisor Christina Saults for a job well done.

Treasurer's Report

Willie Saults introduced a very detailed report which spoke for itself. He said while we were a little cash stropped we were holding our own. Fundraising would always be important.

We then held the election of officers:

Chairperson Hugh Gallagher Secretary Muireann Ní Bhrolchain Treasurer Willie Saults P.R.O. Marie Gleeson

Paul Croghan will stay as Participant Development Officer but he said he would be looking for an assistant.

Special Olympics

Ronan Barry said that at the A.G.M. last year this was just an idea and now we are on our way to this very special event.

He said fundraising to date is going very well. \in 1,900 Kildare County Council, Drag Match G.A.A. St. Patrick's Day \in 2,500. A very special thanks to the ladies in the G.A.A. Club. St. Patrick's Day Collection \in 818 and a very successful table quiz held in the G.A.A. \in 1,500.

Ronan said thanks to everybody.

This concluded the meeting.

Next meeting will be held on the 13th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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Castle Keep Art Group

The fourth annual exhibition of paintings was held by the Castle Keep Art Group on April 13-14 April in the Post Primary School Maynooth. The exhibition was opened by Lucina Russell, County Kildare Arts Officer, on the 12th April.

The paintings, mainly representational, included a variety of subjects (as well as local scenes) in various media. The works of 17 local artists resulted in eighty-seven paintings exhibited, eighty of which were for sale. Fifty paintings were sold over the weekend, with some artists selling all of their works and securing commissions.

The exhibition was grante aided by Kildare County Council. The group was delighted with the response and interest taken in the exhibition by the public who helped make it such a success. The feed back from viewers was very positive. The event has given the Art Group the incentive to keep going, even on the tight budget that it has. We would especially like to thank our sponsors:- Intel Leixlip, Avant Air and Sea Freight, Glenkerrin Homes, AIB Bank, Ulster Bank, Bank of Ireland, Permanent TSB, Maynooth Fly Fishing Club and The Mill Wine Cellar for their aenerous contributions. We would also like to acknowledge the support of Mr. Sean Ashe for the use of the Post Primary School as venue for the exhibition and the Foroige Club who had their usual venue taken over by ourselves. Lastly but not least we would like to thank the Community Council Office for their help in providing contact names and addresses of the various clubs and organisations in the area.

We get together on a weekly basis for a meet and paint/draw session. There is some tuition given throughout the year. If you would like to find out more about the group please contact Brian at 6285993 or Susan at 6289349



Lucina Russell & Brian Tuohy



Sr. Catherine Leonard, Martin Loftus, Ursula Walsh, Susan Brennan, Louis Walsh



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Dorin's Recipes For Diabetics

FOODS TO EAT AND FOODS TO AVOID

It is very important for diabetics to keep their overall diet, but the occasional "fall from grace" is not likely to be catastrophic, especially if it can be compensated for at the next meal. At first it may be hard to remember what is, and is not, allowed, but this will soon become second nature. Comparing calorie values is an easy way to monitor general food intake, but it is even more useful to memorise the following categories of foods as early as possible.

FREE FOODS

These can be eaten whenever and in whatever quantity you want.

- all green and leafy vegetables
- cruciferous vegetables (cauliflower, broccoli, turnip, cabbage, etc)
- salad vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, etc)
- all members of the onion family
- green peas and green beans
- mushrooms
- such as redcurrants, cranberries and loganberries

• tea, coffee, water, tomato juice (in moderation), clear soups

GOOD CARBOHYDRATE / PROTEIN FOODS

These are good for diabetics to eat, but must be counted as part of an overall carbohydrate and protein allocation.

- all pulses, beans and peas
- · brown rice and wholemeal pasta
- oats, wholemeal flours, breads, unsweetened biscuits, etc.
- all root vegetables
- all fresh fruits
- all canned fruits as long as canned in fruit juice, not syrup
- all dried fruits
- high-fibre unsweetened breakfast cereals
- lean meats or meat products
- fresh and frozen fish
- low-fat cheese, skimmed milk, low-fat yoghurts
- all soya products

BORDERLINE FOODS

This list reflects less "good"carbohydrate foods and fatty foods all right to have sometimes in specific quantities but not to overindulge in.

• white flour, bread, unsweetened biscuits, pastry, rice and pasta

- cornflour, arrowroot, semolina
- unsweetened breakfast cereals
- any fried potato products, such as chips and crisps,
- full-fat cheese, cream, full-fat milk, yoghurt

- fatty meats, including sausages
- salty meats and fish products
- fruit juices
- · reduced-sugar jams, marmalade and other spreads
- alcohol

BAD FOODS

These are to be avoided whenever possible and, when eaten, only to be consumed in very small quantities.

- sugar: caster, granulated, demerara, also honey and golden syrup
- sweets, such as candies, chocolate
- full-sugar chewing gun
- full-sugar jams, marmalades and similar spreads
- sweet biscuits, cakes and buns made with white flour and sugar
- . desserts made with refined flours and refined sugar
- canned in syrup
- . ice cream and ice lollies
- fruit squashes, sweetened drinks, sweetened fizzy drinks and colas
- · sweetened breakfast cereals

ALCOHOL

Alcohol, such as red wine and lager, is not entirely off limits for diabetics but must be taken in moderation and calculated into the diet. Beware of low-alcohol drinks. Because less of the sugar has been converted to alcohol, they may contain more sugar. Conversely, low-sugar drinks may contain more alcohol! Remember that alcohol is calorific; if you are trying to loose weight, keep your consumption low. It is also important to remember that excess alcohol consumption puts a strain on the liver and the pancreas, both organs that are already under pressure in a diabetic.

ABOUT THE RECIPES

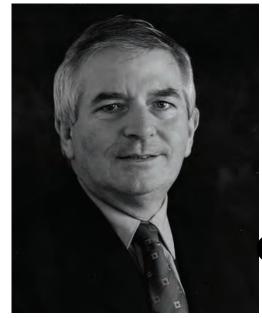
I hope that these recipes will give diabetics (and nondiabetics) ideas for other dishes that will fulfil the diabetic diet criteria. Any good cookery book should encourage experimentation, so feel free to change-or indeed improve the recipes that follow. The aim has been to introduce ingredients high in soluble fibre, such as pulses and beans and low in fats and sugars, combined with other more familiar ingredients. Many of the main course dishes add lentils or dried beans to meat and vegetables. The only oil in savoury dishes is olive oil or sunflower oil. All baking is done with low-fat spreads and natural fruit sweeteners (apart from the occasional chocolate treat). Those who have never cooked with dried or fresh fruit purees will be amazed how good the results are and how low little they miss the sugar.



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Sodium levels-regular stock cubes can be very high in salt, so look out for "natural" or "organic" stock cubes with no added salt. Whenever possible, buy "no added salt or sugar" canned beans and vegetables.

Avocado and Strawberry Salad

Serves 6 2 large, ripe avocados Juice of 2-3 lemons 16 strawberries 4 fl oz natural yoghurt 1-2 tbsp chopped fresh mint Sea salt and ground black pepper Sprig of mint, to garnish



Method:

Cut the avocados in half and remove the skin and stones. Cut the avocado flesh into thin slices, then place the slices in a bowl and sprinkle over half the lemon juice. Halve or slice the strawberries and toss lightly with the avocado slices in the bowl. Mix the yoghurt with enough cold water to give a pouring consistency. Stir in the mint and season to taste. Spoon the dressing over the salad, garnish with mint and serve.

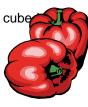
Cook's Tip

Serve the salad straightaway, before the avocado slices have a chance to discolour.

Sweet Potato and Red Pepper Soup

Serves 6

- 1 1/4 lb sweet potato
- 2 red peppers, about 8 oz, seeded and cube 1 onion, roughly chopped 2 large garlic cloves, roughly chopped 1/2 pint dry white wine



2 pints vegetable or light chicken stock Tabasco sauce (optional) Sea salt and ground black pepper Country bread, to serve

Method:

Peel the sweet potato and cut it into cubes. Put these in a saucepan with the red peppers, onion, garlic, wine and vegetable or chicken stock. Bring to the boil, lower the heat and simmer for 30 minutes or until all vegetables are quite soft. Transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Season to taste with salt, pepper and a generous dash of Tabasco, if liked. Pour into a serving bowl and cool slightly. Serve warm or at room temperature, with bread.

Chicken Baked with Butter Beans and Garlic

- Serves 6
- 2 leeks
- 1 small fennel bulb, roughly chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 x 14 oz cans butter beans, drained 2 large handfuls fresh parsley, chopped



2 x 14oz cans butter beans, drained
2 large handfuls fresh parsley, chopped
1/2 pint dry white wine
1/2 pint vegetable stock
3lb chicken
parsley sprigs, to garnish
Cooked green vegetables, to serve



Method:

Preheat the oven to 180c / 350f / Gas 4. Slit the leeks, wash out any grit, then slice them thickly. Cut the fennel into quarters, remove the core and chop the flesh roughly. Mix the leeks, fennel, whole garlic cloves, butter beans and parsley in a bowl. Spread out the mixture on the bottom of a heavy-based flameproof casserole that is large enough to hold the chicken. Pour in the white wine and vegetable stock. Place the chicken on top. Bring to the boil, cover the casserole and transfer it to the oven. Bake for 1-1 1/2 hours, until the chicken is cooked and so tender that it falls off the bone. Garnish with parsley and serve with lightly cooked green vegetables

Beef and Lentil Balls with Tomato Sauce

Serves 8

- 1 tbsp olive oil 2 onions, finely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 2 large carrots, finely chopped
- 14oz lean minced beef

7oz scant brown lentils

- 14oz can plum tomatoes
- 2 tbsp tomato puree
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 pint vegetable stock
- 6fl oz red wine
- 2-3 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 eggs

2 large handfuls of fresh parsley, chopped

Sea salt and ground black pepper

Rice potatoes and green salad, to serve

For the tomato sauce

- 4 onions, finely chopped
- 2 x 14oz cans chopped tomatoes
- 4 tbsp dry red wine
- 3 fresh dill sprigs, finely chopped

Method:

Start by making the tomato sauce. Combine the onions, canned plum tomatoes and red wine in a saucepan. Bring to the boil, lower the heat, cover the pan and simmer for 30 minutes. Puree the mixture in a blender or food processor, then return it to the clean saucepan and set it aside. Make the meatballs. Heat the oil in a large heavy-based saucepan and cook the chopped onions, celery and carrots for 5-10 minutes or until the onions and carrots have softened. Add the minced beef and cook over a high heat, stirring frequently, until the meat is lightly browned. Add the lentils, tomatoes, tomato puree, bay leaves, vegetable stock and wine. Mix well and bring to the boil. Lower the



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and wine. Mix well and bring to the boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 20 - 30 minutes until the liquid has been absorbed. Remove the bay leaves, then stir Worcestershire sauce into the lentil mixture. the Remove the pan from the heat and add the eggs and parsley. Season with salt and pepper and mix well, then leave to cool. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 180c / 350f / Gas 4. Shape the beef mixture into neat balls, rolling them in your hands. Arrange in an ovenproof dish and bake for 25 minutes. While the meatballs are baking, reheat the tomato sauce. Just before serving, stir in the chopped dill. Pour the tomato sauce over the meatballs and serve. Rice potatoes and salad make excellent accompaniments.

Mushroom and Sunflower Seed Flan

Serves 6 6oz wholemeal flour 3oz low-fat spread 3 tbsp olive oil 6oz baby corn, each cut into 2-3 pieces 2 tbsp sunflower seeds 8oz mushrooms 3oz fresh spinach leaves, chopped Juice of 1 lemon Sea salt and ground black pepper Tomato salad, to serve



Method:

Preheat the oven to 180c / 350f / Gas 4. Sift the flour into a bowl, then add the bran from the sieve. Rub in the low-fat spread until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add enough water to make a firm dough. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface and line a 9in flan dish. Prick the base, line the flan case with foil and add a layer of baking beans. Bake blind for 15 minutes, then remove the foil and beans. Return the pastry case to the oven and bake for a further 10 minutes, or until the pastry is crisp and golden brown. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a heavybased pan. Fry the corn with the sunflower seeds for 5-8 minutes until lightly browned all over. Add the button mushrooms, lower the heat slightly and cook the mixture for 2-3 minutes, then stir in the chopped spinach. Cover the pan and cook for 2-3 minutes. Sharpen the filling with a little lemon juice. Stir in salt and pepper to taste. Spoon into the flan case. Serve warm or cold with a tomato salad.

Stir - fried Vegetables with Cashew Nuts

Serves 4 2lb mixed vegetables, you can use stir-fried vegetables or make up your own mixture 2-4 tbsp sunflower or olive oil 2 garlic cloves, crushed 1 tbsp grated fresh root ginger 2oz cashew nuts or 4 tbsp sunflower seeds Soy sauce Sea salt and ground black pepper

Prepare the vegetables according to type. Carrots and cucumber should be cut into very fine matchsticks. Heat a frying pan, then trickle the oil around the rim so that it runs down to coat the surface. When it is hot, add the garlic and ginger and cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring. Add the harder vegetables and toss over the heat for 5 minutes until they start to soften. Add the softer vegetables and stir-fry all of them over a high heat for about 3-4 minutes. Stir in the cashew nuts or seeds. Season with soy sauce, salt and pepper to taste. Serve at once.

Peach and Raspberry Yoghurt Fool

Serves 4 2 peaches 8oz raspberries 4 x 5fl oz pots low-fat natural or low-fat, yoghurt 4 tsp porridge oats 4 tsp flaked almonds

Method:

Cut the peaches in half, remove the stones and then slice the flesh into thin wedges. Mix the peaches and raspberries with the yoghurt in a bowl, then spoon into four sundae glasses and chill. Spread out the porridge oats and almonds in a grill pan. Grill them until lightly toasted, shaking the pan frequently. Cool, then sprinkle the oat mixture over the dessert and serve.

Chocolate Brownies

Makes 20 You will need: 5oz low-fat spread 5oz stoned dates, softened in boiling water, then drained and finely chopped 5oz self-raising wholemeal flour 2 tsp baking powder 4 tbsp cocoa powder dissolved in 2 tbsp hot water 4 tbsp apple and pear spread

6 tbsp unsweetened coconut milk

2oz walnuts or pecan nuts, roughly broken

Method:

Preheat the oven to 160c / 325f / Gas 3 ard

11x7in shallow baking tin. Cream the low with the dates. Sift the flour with the bakil then fold into the creamed mixture, alternately with the cocoa, apple and pear spread and coconut milk. Stir in the nuts. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin, smooth the surface and bake for about 45 minutes or until a fine skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Cool for a few minutes in the tin, then cut into bars or squares. Cool on a wire rack.

Taken from the book, Cooking for Diabetics. Michelle Berriedale - Johnson

Method:

Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games are working away at local level. Lots of boys and girls turned up at the Maynooth College pool on Sunday 24th February and splashed away giving results as follows.

Event	Place	East	West
Freestyle Girls U6		-	-
Freestyle Boys U6	1st	Matthew Dwyer	-
Freestyle Girls U8	1st 2nd	Tanya Doyle Rachael Dwyer	Eimear Sinnott Ciara Brennan
Freestyle Boys U8	1st 2nd	Patrick Murray -	Jack Burke Eoin Byrne
Freestyle Girls U10	1st 2nd	Grainne Hoban Heather Collins	Niamh Kearney -
Backstroke Girls U10	1st 2nd	Grainne Hoban Heather Collins	Niamh Kearney -
Freestyle Boys U10	1st 2nd 3rd	Owen Cullinane Paul Barrett Neil Delaney	James Durkan - -
Backstroke Boys U10	1st 2nd 3rd	Neil Delaney Owen Cullinane Paul Barrett	
Freestyle Girls U12	1st 2nd 3rd	- - -	Louise Walsh Elaine Houlihan Emma Fox
Breaststroke Girls U12	1st 2nd 3rd	- - -	Louise Walsh Emma Fox Laragh Burke
Freestyle Boys U12	1st 2nd 3rd	Gavin Doyle Justin Cullinane Brian Murray	Owen Sinnott Conor Bean Ciarán Kearney
Freestyle Girls U14	1st 2nd	Shauna Barrett	Eimear Connolly Ailbhe Durkin
Breaststroke Girls U14	1st	Shauna Barrett -	Eimear Connolly/Ailbhe Durkin (Joint 1st)
Backstroke Girls U14	1st 2nd	-	Eimear Connolly Ailbhe Durkin
Freestyle Boys U14	1st	-	Jeffrey Walsh
Breaststroke Boys U14	1st	-	Jeffrey Walsh
Backstroke Boys U14	1st	-	Jeffrey Walsh
Freestyle Girls U16	1st	-	Sinéad Connolly
Backstroke Girls U16	1st	-	Sinéad Connolly
Butterfly Girls U16	1st	-	Sinéad Connolly
Freestyle Boys U16	1st	-	Patrick Ward
Backstroke Boys U16	1st	-	Patrick Ward
Butterfly Boys U16	1st	-	Patrick Ward

(Maynooth Community Games News Contd.)

On Friday 22nd March Boys and Girls came along with art sets and pencils to the Boys' National School to put all their ideas on paper. Results as follows:

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U8	1st 2nd 3rd	Ciara Hewson - -	Sarah Curran Ciara Brennan Aoibheann Durkin
Boys U8		-	-
Girls U10	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Suzy Farrell Katie Curran Ciara Farrell Jennifer Courtney	Chlóe Devereaux Karen Feehan Aisling O'Leary -
Boys U10	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Owen Cullinane Darren Coyle Stephen Courtney Rory Hewson	Ronan McCann Donal Connellan - -
Girls U12	1st 2nd 3rd	Kim Moen Lia Hewson -	Elaine Houlihan Aimée Franklin Caoimhe Brennan
Boys U12	1st 2nd 3rd	Johnny Curran - -	
Girls U14	1st 1st 2nd 3rd	Julie Rushe Sinéad Kearney Michelle Roche Catherine Coyle	Jennifer Feehan Ailbhe Durkin Sally Ann O'Reilly
Boys U14		-	-
Modelling Girls U12	1st	-	Claire MacNamara
Modelling U14	1st	-	Eoghan McCarton & Barry

Set Dancing

On Monday 8th April the Kildare Final was held in the Boys' National School and the results are as follows:

1st Maynooth East: Eimer Flynn, Ailbhe Flynn, Catherine Coyle, Karen Corrigan, Karen Bracken, Laura Bennett, Kristen Walsh, Sharon Lyons, Deirdre Mulcahy.

2nd Maynooth West: Megan Dunne, Aisling Dunne, Aisling O'Connor, Emma Fox, Helen Downes, Anna Piggott, Jessica McGrath, Maartje Oomkens, Laura Daly.

Good Luck Maynooth East who will represent Kildare in Mosney in May.

Further Dates for Local Events: Athletics Sunday 28th April GAA at 2 p.m. Gymnastics Monday 29th April in the Parish Hall. Entry Fee ∈1 per event.

Further County Final Dates: Art Girls School Curragh Saturday 27th April at 10 a.m. Swimming Athy Pool Saturday 1st June. Gymnastics Athy Sunday 2nd June. Athletics Friday/Saturday 21st & 22nd June.

We would like to thank Mr. Peter Mullan Principal of the Boys' National School for all his help and co-operation with the use of the school hall and wish him good luck in his new employment.





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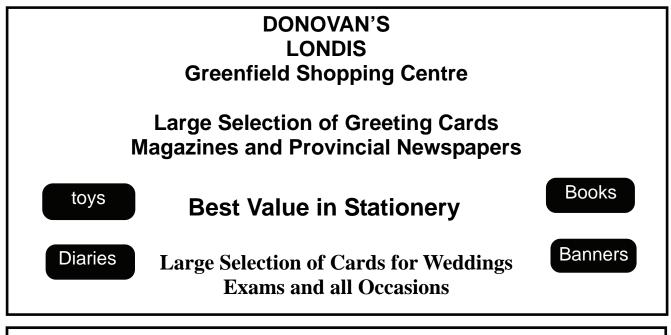
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Dreams

An introduction to interpretation and meanings

By Paul Bradley

" Dreams provide the most interesting information for those who take the trouble to understand their symbols. The results, it is true, have little to do with such wordily concerns as buying and selling, But the meaning of life is not exhaustively explained by ones business life, nor is the deep desire of the human heart answered by a bank account" C.G Jung.

The interpretation of dreams owes much to the pioneering work of the Swiss psychiatrist CG Jung (1875-1961) who showed that in dreams the unconscious comes vividly to life. Jung observed that dreams are intimately related to the personal attitudes and behaviour of the dreamer. Through carefully studying the images and symbols of dreams, an individual can gain new understanding and increased levels of self - awareness. Jung discovered that dreams attempt to regulate and balance our physical and mental energies. They not only reveal the root cause of inner disharmony and emotional distress but also indicate the latent potential for life within the the individual. Often they present creative solutions to every day problems and inspirational ideas for the creative potential of life. Jung found that in sleep through dreams people awaken to who they really are.

History has provided us with numerous examples of how dreams have shaped the destiny of some individuals. Many artists, philosophers and scientists owe some of their best ideas from inspirations that appeared in dreams. The scientist Mendeleev dreamed the form of the Periodic Table that bears his name and had to make only one slight correction after he had woken from sleep and written out what had been given to him. The inventor of the sewing machine, Eli Howe, was held up for years in making a successful machine because he set the eye of the needle in the middle of the shank. One night he dreamed of eye shaped holes in spear blades. He realised that what was necessary was a needle with an eye near the point. He leaped from bed and guickly made a model of the needle with the eve at the point and that enabled him to make a sewing machine that worked. The chemist Kekule researching into the molecular structure of benzene dreamed of a snake with its tail in its mouth. He interpreted the dream to mean that the structure was a closed carbon ring. The British author, Robert Louis Stevenson discovered the plot to Dr. Jekyll and The ancient Egyptians Mr. Hyde in a dream. respected dreams above all for their premonitory qualities, God made dreams to show men the way to follow when they could not see the future, a book of wisdom states. In their temples priests and scribes would interpret dreams according to a set of keys handed down from generation to generation. All North American Indians regard dreams as the final and decisive proof of anything under dispute.

To understand how dreams work and what they mean,

its important to remember the language of dreams is symbolic.

To dream for example, of babies, could mean the birth of new potentialities within the individual. Dreams of being naked could indicate an individuals desire to be himself, or to remove his facade or to be more open to others. Being paralysed or stuck to the spot or unable to move could signify some aspects of the character is unwilling to move on. The dreamer could also be longing to do something but is stuck through fear of the consequences of change. Dreams of being chased often indicate being obsessed or haunted by something a dreamer wishes to escape from . The person or thing pursuing the dreamer may represent a fixed idea from which the dreamer cannot free herself from. For example, if a person is too passive in life, her lack of ability to assert herself where appropriate will produce aggressive, shadowy figures in her dreams that are out to get her. As you can see the unconscious is continually striving to compensate and balance out the whole personality.

To understand dreams a basic knowledge of how the human psyche works can be helpful. Jung based his psychology around the dynamics and interaction between the conscious mind, the Ego and the Unconscious or shadow. The Ego is the centre of consciousness or awareness and gives us a sense of who we are and our identity. The Unconscious or Shadow is the opposite of the Ego. In the unconscious we find all the despised, neglected and forgotten parts of our personality. It contains repressed desires, resentments and all those things one is not proud of. However, it also consists of instincts, abilities, talents, and positive qualities that we have yet to discover. In a healthy personality both Ego and Shadow work together as a balancing pair. Problems arise when the Ego becomes too rigid, dated or one-sided in its viewpoints. In changing, new or challenging circumstances, an Ego with fixed attitudes to the situation will have difficulty in adapting and moving forward. In times like these the answer will often come from the unconscious and its medium is through dreams. It must be said it would be a mistake to suppose that by examining dreams you are going to find the answer to all of your problems. You are not. But what you will find is the other side of the coin. The attitudes and view points that you have not been looking at and this can help you to see your situation in a different light, points that you have not been looking at and this can help you to see your situation in a different light.

The key to dream interpretation is to find the personal associations you have with symbols in your dreams. This step-by-step technique to do this and some practical working examples will be explained at the lecture. Once you understand how this technique works, you will realise that trying to find the meaning of a symbol by looking in a dream dictionary is practically useless. The more attention you pay to your dreams, the easier it is to decipher their meanings. This is why keeping a diary or a dream

Features

(Dreams cont'd)

the saying goes, "What you pay attention to, grows", and in time you discover this turns into a continuous living dialogue with your unconscious mind.

Paul Bradley will be holding public seminars on Dreams and the Jungian approach to Interpretation in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on the following dates:

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Maynooth Action Strategy - Bike to the Future – a cycling strategy for Maynooth

(Continued from last month)

2. School and Promotion of Cycling

There are four schools in Maynooth and a questionnaire was sent to each in order to ascertain their attitudes to cycling.

Maynooth Post Primary School

Maynooth Post Primary School is located on the Moyglare Road, close to the junction with the Galway Road. There are 735 students, of whom it is estimated that between two thirds and three quarters live in Maynooth. The main modes of transport are walking, car and private bus.

While the exact number of cyclists varies, it is estimated not exceeding 18 students or 2.5% of the total student body. As there is no area designated place for parking cycles, most cycles are left in the vicinity of the tennis court or against walls. There is no cycling culture in the school and no rules on cycling or cycling behaviour. Also, when wearing kilts, female students tend not to cycle, especially at second level. There is limited space for cars within the school boundaries with the result that students who travel to school by car are generally dropped in one of three locations (i) on the Old Galway Road, (ii) on the Moyglare Road or (iii) at the lay-by in front of the Parish Hall. It was also noted that there were at least eight motorcycles parked at the school.

Maynooth Boys National School

The Maynooth Boys National School is also located on the Moyglare Road between the Post Primary School and the Parish Hall. The principal modes of transport are walking, car and private bus. An adjoining schoolyard also acts as a car park for parents dropping off and waiting to pick up pupils. In front of the schoolyard, there is a lay-by, which is reserved for the parking of buses.

There are a total of 450 pupils. On 21 December 2001, one hundred and thirty five cars were recorded entering the car park playground between 9:10 and 9:30 hrs for a starting time of 9:30 hrs. This excludes cars that dropped pupils off prior to 9:10 hrs, after 9:30 hrs and cars that dropped pupils off away from the car park. Assuming an average of 1.5 pupils per car, this would indicate that a minimum of 44% of students travel by car although the true figure may be significantly higher. Approximately 8 pupils or less than 2% cycle. There is no cycling culture in the school and no policy on cycling or cycling behaviour. However, the school does have a cycle shed and, although it contains no cycle stands, the shed is in a separate location from the schoolyard/car park which is advantageous from a safety point of view.

Presentation Convent

The Presentation Convent is located at the east end of Main Street. The main modes of transport are again walking, car and private bus. The school has a car park which parents can use for dropping off or picking up pupils. If the car park is congested, cars stop either on the Dunboyne Road, Main Street or Leixlip Road. The issue of bus parking has arisen in recent times, as due to the proposed development at the entrance to Carton Walk buses will no longer be permitted to park there.

There are a total of 487 pupils, of whom few cycle. There is no cycling culture in the school and, again, no policy on cycling or cycling behaviour. Again, girls who wear pinafores tend not to cycle.

Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach

Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach moved to a permanent site on the Celbridge Road some twelve months ago and has 120 pupils - 51 boys and 69 girls. The main modes of transport are walking, car and private bus. An adjoining schoolyard functions as a bus park and a car park for parents dropping off and waiting to pick up pupils. The area reserved for buses, which is adjacent to the building entrance, is often used by parents for stopping or parking cars, despite adequate spaces elsewhere.

On the morning of 20 December 2001, sixty-one cars were recorded entering the car park, which excludes cars carrying pupils arriving late. Again, assuming an occupancy rate of 1.5 pupils per car, this is equivalent to 75% travelling by car. As a recently formed school that has been located in a variety of premises over the last few years, there has been no opportunity for a cycling culture to develop. In the winter months, there are no cyclists, while in summer approximately three pupils regularly cycle. Although there is no written policy on cycling, girls do have the option of trousers as part of their uniform.

In moving the Gaelscoil, there was no requirement by the Department of Education (and hence no funding) for the provision of cycling facilities such as parking or consideration of how cyclists might enter and leave the school grounds.

Compared to the 2% level of cycling in Maynooth schools, Kesgrave High School in Suffolk has one of the highest levels in the United Kingdom at 60%.

3 Outdoor Sports & Other Activities

The main organisations engaged in outdoor sports in Maynooth are the G.A.A. and Maynooth Soccer Club. They have grounds on the Moyglare Road and Rathcoffey Road respectively, both of which are easily within the cycling capability of a typical young person. The G.A.A. grounds have a surfaced car park and a hard standing area for additional vehicles. On Saturday mornings, especially when one training session is finished and another is about to begin, the

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car park is congested with some cars trying to enter and others reversing in order to exit. There are no facilities for cyclists.

The soccer grounds have only been acquired comparatively recently and although a hard standing area has been provided for cars, again there are no facilities for cyclists.

There is no Community Centre in Maynooth at present. Most indoor activities such as music, drama, dance, sports take place in the schools, the Parish Hall, the Band Hall, the M.A.D.E. Centre or the Glenroyal Leisure Complex. The mode of travel for (immediately) after school activities, such as badminton or dancing, follows the same pattern as for travel to school. In relation to other activities that take place at the weekend or in the evenings such as drama, sports, music, the majority travel by private car with the exception of a few pedestrians and fewer cyclists. Again, in view of school going habits, this is hardly surprising.

It should be pointed out that some activities, such as music where instruments also have to be transported, do not readily lend themselves to cycling. Other activities, such as band practice, take place in the evenings when darkness increases the risk of accidents to children and the fear of accidents by parents.

4 Religious Services

Aside from work and school journeys, one of the biggest movements of people and one that continues throughout the whole year is travel to weekend religious services. While some of the congregation travel from outside the town, for the majority the travel only involves a distance less than 2.4km (1.5mls).

Attendances at Catholic Church services on the Moyglare Road are principally by car. When a service is in progress, in addition to the large number of cars in the nearby car park/school yard, parked cars stretch out along the Kilcock and Moyglare Roads. Cars are also parked either in part or totally on the footpath adjoining the bus lay-by, a practice that discourages cyclists and is a risk to pedestrians. Apart from those travelling by car, a relatively small number walk while the numbers cycling is typically 1-2%. It is assumed that the situation is similar for Church of Ireland services on the Parson Street, with a majority of the congregation again choosing to drive.

Undoubtedly, there are some for whom cycling to religious services is not an option. However, it is equally true that there are many who are more than capable of walking or cycling but who, at present, choose to use their car.

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Maynooth Citizen Information Centre

Question

It was announced in the Budget for 2001 that tax relief for trade union contributions would be available. Did it happen?

Answer

The tax relief which was announced for 2001 is available for the current tax year with retrospection for last year.

If you are a member of a trade union for any length of time in a tax year you are entitled to a tax credit of up to 25 for the year. For the short tax year April -December 2001 the tax credit was 19. The tax credit for 2001 has been carried forward and is being added to any tax credit due for this year.

The Revenue Commissioners have been working with the trade unions and with employers to ensure that as far as possible every union member automatically gets their full entitlement. The tax credit due to you should be given in your Certificate of Tax Credits for the tax year 2002 which was issued in March 2002.

If you are entitled to a tax credit but it is not shown on your Certificate of Tax Credits you should contact your tax office to claim the credit.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question

I have worked for my current employer on a part-time basis for the last three years. I work 7 hours a week. If I am made redundant am I entitled to a redundancy payment?

Answer

Yes. Since the 20th of December 2001 part-time employees who work less than 8 hours a week are entitled to be treated in the same manner as comparable full time employees. Previously, part -time workers had to work not less than 8 hours per week and have been in continuous employment with their employer for at least 13 weeks to enjoy the same conditions of employment as full - time employees. Under the Protection of Employees (Part-time Work) Act 2001 this threshold has been abolished.

The calculation of continuous service, however. for the purposes of entitlement under, for example, the Unfair Dismissals and the Redundancy Acts still applies. To be able to bring a claim for unfair dismissal will therefore still normally require one year's continuous service.

Similarly, to be eligible for a redundancy payment requires that you be in continuous employment for at least two years.

Since you have been in continuous employment for more than two years you are eligible for redundancy payment although you are only working on part-time basis.

Further information is available from the Employment Right Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65A Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel 6313131 (Lo-Call 1890201615 from outside the 01 area) and the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question

I have a Companion Free Travel Pass. I heard that my travelling companion does not have to pay for his/her ticket when travelling by rail to Europe. Is this true?

Answer

It is true if you are travelling to the UK although there may be some charges that will have to be paid. This may not be true when travelling to continental Europe. The Free Travel Scheme which is operated by the Dept of Social, Community and Family Affairs allows all people over 66 and certain people with disabilities to travel free on most public transport services. A Companion Free Travel Pass may be issued to those who are unable to usr their Free Travel Pass otherwise.

If you have a Companion Free Travel Pass and you are travelling by rail and sea to the UK you should only have to pay for one full fare ticket. The ticket for your travelling companion you should receive for free. If there are seat reservation charges however, you will have to pay these for both of you.

If you are travelling to continental Europe your companion may be able to travel for free depending on how you are travelling and where you are travelling to. Generally, however, you will have to pay for your companion but at a considerable reduction on the full fare

You must produce your Companion Free Travel Pass when making the booking.

Further information is available from larnrod Eireann, 35 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 Tel 01 - 7034095 and the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question

I understand that I can now claim tax relief on medical expenses I have incurred on behalf of my wife's parents irrespective of their circumstances. Who else I claim for?

Answer

You can claim tax relief for certain medical expenses incurred by you whether for yourself or your dependants. You cannot claim relief for any expenditure that will be reimbursed by, for example, VHI.

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The relief is given at your highest tax rate but you must pay the first 125 of medical expenses incurred in tax year 2002 (250 if claming for two person or more). For 2002 the eligibility criteria in relation to dependents has been changed. According to the Finance Bill, 2002 an dependent is a relative or if not a relative.

- An individual aged 65 or over or
- an individual who is permanently incapacitated by reason of mental or physical infirmity.

The relatives who are eligible are as follows,

- your spouse, ancestors (e.g. parents), lineal descendants (e.g. son/daughter, grandchild, etc.), brothers or sisters.
- Your spouse's mother or father
- Your spouse's brother or sister
- Your son's/daughter 's spouse
- any child (not your own) whom you maintain who is under the age of 18, or if over 18 is in full - time education.

To claim your tax relief you should complete Form MED 1 at the end of the tax year and send it with your tax return to your tax office. While there is no necessity to forward receipts with your claim only expenditure for which you hold receipts can be claimed. Where the claim is for dental treatment Form MED 2 should be sent with Form MED1.

Further information is available from your local tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

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Thorny Rose Competition in aid of Rehab Irish Wheel-Chair Association

The Thorny Rose took place in The Leinster Arms Maynooth on Thursday 11th April 2002.

Contestants on the night were Easy Edwina for Brady's.

Daisy Rose for The Leinster Arms. Avonmore Maid for the Coffee Mill.

Compere on the night was Matt Brown who is the main fund-raiser for rehab. The three Ladies i.e.: Gentlemen collected a great amount of money on the night Easy Edwina (Eddie Lyons) who received a trophy for the highest sponsorship on the night. Although the three Gals / Guys will go forward to the final which will be held in Tokers in Naas on the 6th / 7th June. About thirty to forty contestants will be in the final on the night so make sure that you have your tickets for that night to support our local Gals/Guys who will be fund raising coming up to the night.

The Thorny Rose has been a success throughout Kildare and other areas including Maynooth and hopes to go nation-wide over the next few years. The night was a great success and everyone seem to have enjoyed the craic. The three roses were a pleasure to watch and gave everyone a night to remember. At the end of the night the Gals/ Guys were presented with their trophies by Mick O' Shea who was last years winner for Kildare. Mick who went for Jones of Clane and raised a whooping £10,341 but alas he did not dress up for the Maynooth Night so we will have to see him in all his glory in Tokers in Naas in June.

A special thank you to all the committee for all their hard work on the night.

by Helen O' Reilly



Avonmore Maid, Easy Edwina, Matt Brown & Dasiy Rose



Matt Brown With Dasiy Rose



Matt Brown interviewing Easy Edwina



Avonmore maid, Easy Edwina, &Daisy Rose Being Presented Trophies by Mick O'Shea

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The family knew my wish, Two coffee pots arrived with a dish, A demo from my foreign friends, Put me on the road to many blends.

Now equipped with the right mix, I am no longer in a fix' My coffee and Bailey's I do serve, Pouring forth with zip and verve.

Bridget Moloney

- 1 The lowest spot on the Earth's land surface. What is it?
- 2 Which pope called the Second Vatican Council?
- 3 What was Walt Disney's first full length animated movie?
- 4 In what land was Moses born?
- 5 In ballet what does plié mean?
- 6 What ragtime pianist wrote "The Entertainer"?
- 7 Lilongwe is the capital of which African country?
- 8 Amethyst is a form of which mineral?
- 9 What is the official language of Andorra?
- 10 Which duo sang "Your the one that I want" in 1978?

(Answers on Page 74)

Don't Worry, Be Happy

I'm gonna make a promise and make sure that I do, Never, ever worry over bills not even due! Worry is interest paid today on tomorrows bills If I had the sense to stop and think I wouldn't need these pills.

How often have I worried over something that I've said When the one I think I have offended Has let it out the far side of their head.

For they know me as a person, That I wouldn't really hurt But often when I'm angry I'd reply with something curt least I'd like to think I would but in reality I'd play the part and hide my heart And swallow till I'd burst.

Then I'd get so angry I'd nearly let them have it which leaves me back to square one wondering why the hell I said it.

So I'm gonna make a promise not to worry anymore But I know that I'll forget it As soon as I walk out the door.

Cecilia Murray

Quiz

"Inklings"

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Chip-Pan Fires

Don't touch the pan, and turn off the heat if you can. Wrap your hands in a tea towel to protect them and place a damp cloth, lid or fire blanket over the pan. Leave the pan for at least 30 minutes to cool sufficiently, do that so the fire doesn't start up again. **Never** use water or any kind of extinguisher, except a fire blanket, to douse a chip - pan fire.

Grills

To speed cooking, line a grill pan with heavy aluminium foil to reflect heat upwards. The foil also makes the cleaning easier.

Weeds

Do you want to get rid of weeds without using herbicides? Thoroughly dig over and fertilise the soil in the early spring, and then cover it with a sheet of black plastic. The plastic will absorb sunlight to warm the soil: when weed seeds germinate, the plastic will smother the unwelcome seedlings. Some 6 to 8 weeks later (in late May or early June) the bed will be ready to uncover and sow with flowers or vegetables.

Paintbrushes

Use new brushes first with primer or undercoat so that loose bristles are worked out on coats that can be lightly rubbed down. Then, when a brush has matured, use it for fine finishing coats. This does not apply to artificial filament brushes made for use with water based paints. Their bristles are permanently locked into the ferrule so do not work loose during use.

Baking Ingredients

If you're out of self - raising flour, replace it with plain flour sifted with baking powder. For 4oz of self raising, substitute 4oz of plain flour plus 1 level teaspoon of baking powder.

Bloodstains

Put a paste of water and cornflour or talcum powder on fresh spots; let dry and brush off, or soak fresh or dried stains in a cool solution of biological liquid or powder detergent. Follow by washing in a biological detergent.

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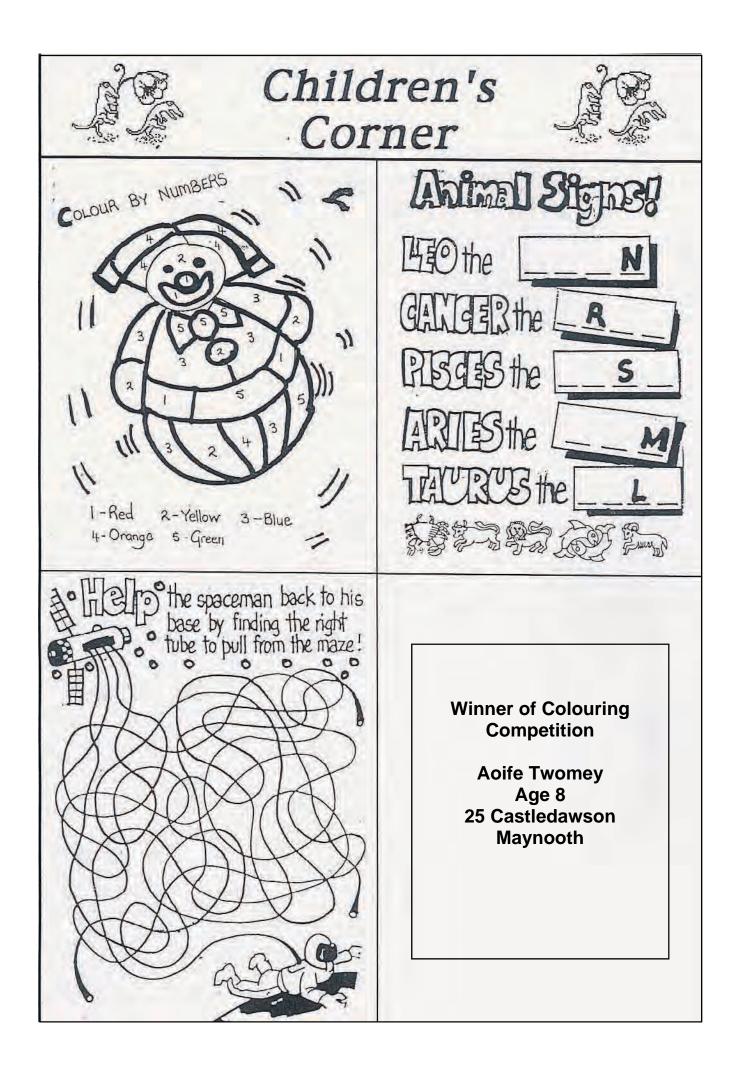
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MAY IN THE GARDEN

Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Hedging plants should be pruned and trimmed this month if necessary. Wall shrubs and climbers should have their new growths tied. Remove the dead growth from rhododendrons. Cut out the dead, weak and unwanted shoots from evergreen shrubs and trees. Any overgrown trees or shrubs can be cut back hard in order to produce fresh shoots from the base. If roses have produced several shoots from the points above the pruning point, cut out the unwanted shoots now.

Flowers:

Remove any spring bedding plants that have finished flowering. Discard plants such as wallflowers and forget me-nots, but heel-in bulbs and polyanthuses in a spare part of the garden where they can complete their growth and be ready for planting again in the autumn. Fork over the ground after lifting plants and work in a general-purpose fertiliser. Tread the soil firmly and rake. Plant summer bedding plants, which have been hardened off, towards the middle or end of this month. Plant out hardened-off rooted cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias and fuchsias.

Continue to plant gladioli for a succession of blooms. Support taller -growing flowering plants with stakes or shortpea sticks. Tie in new growth where necessary. Add a general - purpose fertiliser and hoe shallowly in order to remove weeds. Add mulch when the soil is wet.

Fruit:

Fruits should be sprayed against diseases and pests, before flowers are fully open, or when they are over. Cover strawberries, flowers with cloches in order to protect from late frost.

Vegetables:

Thin out seedlings sown in April or transplant them from the seed-bed to their growing position. Remove cloches from vegetable crops. Sow sprouting broccoli, outdoor cucumbers, marrows and swedes. Continue sowing of green vegetables and salad crops. Liquid feed all outdoor vegetables and water soil during dry spells. Hoe the soil regularly and mulch. Tie in beans and peas to supports. Spray plants regularly against diseases and pests.

Under Glass:

Stand pots of half-hardy chrysanthemums in the open for the summer; stake, feed and water them. Pot-on earlier sowings and cuttings of greenhouse plants, such as geranium and fuchsias. Cut out the sideshoots of tomatoes, and water and feed them regularly, as soon as the first flowers appear. Put into frames any plants that may need harding off before before being planted in the the open at the beginning of June. Water and feed indoor plants. Apply pesticides regularly.

General:

Mow lawns regularly. Water newly sown or turfed lawns regularly. Apply weed killer to established lawns, if required. If frost threatens, protect young plants just

set out by covering them with cloches or hessin. Plant water plants in the pools.

Patios:

Paving: Any paved area in the garden can be converted into a patio or a patio can be made from scratch. The choice of paving material is very important. Real stone paving is perfect in any garden but is expensive. Old brick paving is warm and friendly but is hard to come by. Modern brick, in dull shades of blue, ochre and purple-brown shades are a good alternative. Precast concrete paving slabs make a very acceptable patio. Once the floor space has been decided the next priority is to screen against wind and draughts and to hide any eyesores in the garden. Walls should be at least six feet high.

Lighting:

Lighting adds an extra dimension to a patio. A spotlight trained on a nice, well-grown, tree or shrub will give it glamour. The laying of cables and wiring of outdoor lighting should be left to a professional.

Barbecues: A metal grid over bricks can be put together quite simply to make an inexpensive barbecue. Many ready-made barbecues are also available in shops and garden centres.

Furniture: A table and chairs are the basic requirements. A giant sunshade will give the patio extra colour.

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Maynooth I.C.A. News Caoga bliain

The April 2002 meeting of the Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association was in the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Holiday time is fast approaching. The Council of the ICA hold their Annual General Meeting at Sligo on Wednesday 15th May. There are a few vacancies on the Kildare Week at An Grianan Adult Education College County Louth, 17th - 21st June. For members who would like to go further afield - The ICA plan a trip to Scotland next September, to China in 2003, and to the Association of Countrywomen of the World (ACWW) conference in Tasmania in 2004.

It is our Golden Jubilee year. Members regale new members with their stories of the prominent part the guild played in local life down through the years. In 1986-7 Maynooth Guild was the AIB Guild of the Year. We would love to hear from former members of the guild as we prepare our commemoration.

Thank you to Marian O'Donnell and friends who treated us to enjoyable evenings of Archaeology, Art, History, Music and Sculpture at Tuesday night talks at St. Patrick's College over the past six months. On 9th April all had a treat when sculptor Marian discussed her work on three continents - some of her designs were based on her interpretation of indigenous west of Ireland stone-walling techniques. Proceeds from the talks went to the Alzheimers' Society. Betty Farrell will host a Tea Day Bring and Buy on Alzheimers' Society Day 3rd May. Members of the guild in Maynooth on Daffodil Day were pleased to accept your donations of £3612 towards very essential cancer research. Thank you to Betty Moore for her gift to the guild.

Congratulations to Elaine Houlihan on her success in the Ready-Brek competition at county level.

Prizewinners:

- 1 Mary O'Gorman
- 2 Rosemary Hanley
- 3 Imelda Delaney

Maynooth Boys' National School

We would like to welcome back all the boys and teachers after their Easter Holidays. Hope you enjoyed.

With Bugsy Malone coming up the boys' will be very busy. I am sure it will be a great success.

We would like to say goodbye to Mr. Mullan and wish him well in his new job. He will be missed by all as he did great things for the boys and the school.

We would like to thank you for supporting our Irish night out as it was enjoyed by all.

Claire O'Rourke P.R.O.

Maynooth Summer Project

It will soon be time for our summer project again. The first Tuesday in July will be registration day. Then the project itself starts the following Monday.

If you have any new ideas or good ideas out there please let us know as we like to try and vary the project from year to year. We will also be looking for parents to help us out on the project itself even if you can only give one day it would be appreciated (the only thing is that it is hard work).

Anybody that would like to make a contribution or donation to the project we would be more than grateful as we try and subsidise the trips as much as possible. Please phone Claire at 01 6286863.

Claire O'Rourke PRO.



Margaret Houlihan, Secretary, Dave, Fair City, Mary McNamara, President Launch of Daffodil Day

Social and Welcoming Committee

Now that we have our lovely new renovated church things will be back to normal with the Social and Welcoming Committee. We will be available for teas on special occasions and get togethers.

We would like to compliment Monsignor Stenson and all involved on the way the church turned out after all their hard work.

Claire O'Rourke PRO.

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In addition to the normal ShowTime of 8.00pm, there are matinees at 11.00am on Thurs 23rd and Friday 24th May. Tickets are priced at \in 10 and \in 7.50 and these can be booked at Riverbank box office on 448333. Crooked House is also available to visit school groups (ring the company on 448309 or visit their website on www.crooked house.i.e.).

KILDARE YOUTH THEATRE @ CROOKED HOUSE STAGE THEIR FIRST MAJOR SHOW

Kildare Youth Theatre was launched again by Crooked House in Newbridge in October of last year and it attracted over 30 young people from all over Kildare. They staged a one-night showcase on December 17th (Tainted Love) and now they have mounted their first production of the season. This will be Shakespeare's classic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream which will open on Monday 6th May and run for a week until Saturday 11th May in Riverbank, the county arts centre, in Newbridge.

The members of Kildare Youth Theatre are between 14 and 22 years of age and they receive training in acting, voice work, improvisation and physical comedy every Monday night from a team of professional actors and directors led by Darren Donohue and Yvonne O'Hara (both of whom take the lead roles in Crooked House's Macbeth in April and May). After a short break for June the youth theatre will work on a summer project and stage a rip roaring musical in August. Then it's back to actor training and professional development from October onwards. Anyone of suitable age can join the youth theatreapplications for places will be considered after the May production, and again in October.

May - Bealtaine

Bealtaine Arts Festival in Newbridge was established in 1996 and is unique in the festival calender of Ireland with its emphasis on community involvement. The Festival brings quality artists, both home grown and from abroad to participate. This year's theme is "Warmth and Welcome", welcoming the warmth of summer, welcoming new people to the town, and welcoming our involvement with the Riverbank Arts Centre which hosting some of the events.

Terry Moore, Chairperson.

Wednesday 1st

12.00pm to 1.00pm

 \in 5 (Proceeds to Irish Heart Foundation)

Crooked Sixpence

Crooked Sixpence is part of Crooked House Theatre Company and is devoted to working with the retired and older members of the community. This year the group will perform lunchtime theatre as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

Wednesday 1st 8.00pm - ∈6/∈4 **Cine Club** The Pledge, Directed by Sean Penn.

Thursday 2nd

Tommy Makem - \in 16/ \in 13

Tommy Makem returns to his native shores to perform a very select number of concerts around Ireland. With his baritone voice, banjo, tin-whistle, poetry and stagecraft Tommy will mesmerise audiences. Together with the Clancy Brothers, Tommy became one of the four most famous Irishmen in the World. In 1975 Tommy teamed with Liam Clancy, a combination that lasted to March 1987. As a songwriter Tommy Makem will live forever -"The Rambles of Spring", "Farewell to Carlingford", "Gentle Annie"and "Four Green Fields" - are among his best-loved compositions.

Sunday 5th Admission Free

Crooked Mice 2.00-4.00pm

The children of Crooked Mice (run by Crooked House Theatre Company) will be performing end of year productions directed by Anna Swords Murphy.

Monday 6th to Saturday 11th

A Midsummer's Night Dream $\in 8/\in 5$

Kildare Youth Theatre

This major production comes at the end of the year of training for KYT and it features all 33 teenagers (16 to 19 year olds). Directors' Yvonne O'Hara and Darren Donohue emphasise the dark and disturbing elements of the play where fairies cause havoc in human society. The play explores the many aspects of love that shows just how calculated and cruel are its minions. A Midsummer Night's Dream is a co-production between Riverbank and Crooked House. The set is designed by Ciaran Aspell and Peter Hussey, Laurence Hamill and Sabryna Porter direct the play.

Monday 13th to Saturday 18th

Alone It Stands by John Breen \in 15

Lane Productions (Direct from the West End)

This is a story of Munster's historic win over the All Blacks in 1978. This hilarious, award winning comedy sees six actors play 60 characters, including Tony Ward and the Munster team, the supporters desperate for tickets, "the quality" up from Cork, Sinbad the Dog and of course, the Bunratty Medieval Singers.

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(Crooked House Contd.)

There is a birth, a wake, a bonfire and a rugby match that will never be forgotten. "Alone It Stands" is one of the cleverest, funniest, most brilliantly crafted plays you are ever likely to see.

Monday 20th

Best of Irish -Music Network $\in 9/\in 7$

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Preacher in Stone

A retrospective exhibition of the sculpture of Henry Flanagan OP (1918-1992)

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Preacher in Stone features the work of Dominican Fr. Henry Flanagan OP who died in 1992 having taught for many years at Newbridge College in County Kildare. The exhibition will be officially opened at the Riverbank Arts Centre on Sunday 21st of April at 3.00pm by Christy Moore, and will be open to the public from Monday 22nd of April until Friday 31st of May.

In addition to his passion for music, Henry Flanagan was an artist of note and produced a large body of sculpture in a wide range of media during his lifetime. While many of his works on religious themes are known to the public his secular works which have been sourced from numerous private collections are unlikely to be seen exhibited together again at any time in the future. This exhibition represents a unique opportunity to view these pieces alongside a selection of works on religious themes.

Preacher in Stone aims to present a cross-section of the artist's work, illustrating his particular talent for carving in both stone and wood, and highlighting his sympathetic depiction of the human form. The works span a period of approximately 40 years, with the earliest dating from the 1950s, and including those completed in the months before his death.

Henry Flanagan had regular solo show in the Kilcock Art Gallery, as well as participating in a variety of group exhibitions such as the annual Oireachtas exhibitions, the RHA, and exhibitions at the Gordon March Gallery in Boston. A detailed book on the artist and his work is also due to be published during the year by Gandon Editions (Fine Art Publishers).

Events will take place over the weekend of Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of May. For further information, contact Catríona on (045) 448314.



Murder of the Month - May

On the 1st of May 1999 in Wolverhampton Anthony Phillips took an axe and beheaded Lorraine Howell in her home, while her nine-year-old son fled screaming from the house. The reason for the crime lay in the events of some three years previous. When we think of relationships between men and women we do not expect a 34-year old woman to attract and sleep with a 16-year old boy. But this was the case. Lorraine Howell's husband left her in August 1997 and she put her eye on her neighbour's son – 16-year-old Jamie. After some time Lorraine gave birth to a daughter. She already had a nine-year-old son by her husband.

Jamie eventually told his mother, a Sunday school teacher, that the child was his. Horrified, she decided at first not to tell his father but then changed her mind leading to the harrowing scene in May. Jamie's father, Anthony, was no ordinary individual. He was an electrician by trade but he was also a deeply religious man who was very active in his church.

Instead of taking the news with Christian understanding he tormented Lorraine from that on, banging on her door and calling her names in the street. He also piled bricks against the fence between their two houses, an action that was used against him at his trial in February 2000. But no one expected him to take such a murderous route.

His wife was making breakfast when Phillips saw that Lorraine's back door was open and he took his opportunity. Taking the axe, he entered the house and met her coming down the stairs with a bag of washing. Both her 9-year-old son and the baby girl were in the house. The boy ran screaming to his grandfather and grandmother's home. All three of them returned to the appalling scene that Phillips had left behind. The grandfather's statement was read out to the court. His wife had taken the baby and the boy told him that his mother was in the hall. He said that he realised immediately that she was dead. There were terrible wounds to her neck and her head had all the appearances of hanging off and there was blood everywhere. He stopped the other two from seeing the sight. Although he saw the ambulance arriving he realised at an early stage that there was no hope for Lorraine.

Meanwhile next door, Phillips had returned home, he took off his slippers that were covered in blood and told his wife that he had killed Lorraine. Then he proceeded to ring the police and change his clothes. He told them that God wanted him to rid the world of people like her. When his clothing was searched later, it was noticed that he had the baby's birth certificate in his pocket with figures working out the date of her conception.

Adding to the enormity of hurt to all involved, Jamie was sitting in the living room of his own house and he could hear all the commotion next door. He described it as someone falling down the stairs. But he also heard Lorraine cry for help. Then his father returned to the house and told his wife that he had done it. Jamie sat frozen in the room as his father came in with blood on his hair and face. Phillips walked calmly to the phone and dialled 999. Jamie went on to say that he himself ran upstairs and got sick. Shortly afterwards the police arrived.

When he testified in court he said that he and Lorraine had started sleeping together when he was sixteen and that it had happened only on a small number of occasions. He had begun to visit to escape from the rows between his own parents. When his father found out, they all went for counselling and Phillips seemed fairly sanguine. But when the counsellor told him that there was no legal case that he could take, Phillips became obsessed with the affair. He bought the axe and waited his opportunity.

In his statement he admitted that he hit her first with the axe and then tried to strangle her. But still he was not satisfied and kept hitting her. He was afraid that Jamie would move in with Lorraine and felt that all society had turned against him and that he was the only one who could take action to prevent any further contact between the two of them. Between the close proximity of the woman and the child in the house next door and his strong religious belief his mind became obsessed with getting rid of her.

A psychiatrist who interviewed Phillips before the trial testified that he had become depressed at the thought of what had gone on between his son and the older woman. Neighbours said that he had a violent temper and a short fuse. He did not seem to listen to the psychiatrist when he asked him questions and appeared withdrawn. It was his feeling that if he rid the world of Lorraine that all would be well with the family again. Phillips had approached the authorities including the police and the church trying to prosecute Lorraine for rape. Then he decided to turn to retribution and vengeance himself. He also felt that he should have been able to protect his son from the approaches made by their neighbour.

On a pathetic note, the court was also told that Lorraine's nine-year-old son had dialled 999 and that his cries of help were heard by the police before he dropped the phone and ran to try to help and protect his mother.

Whatever the judgement on the rights and wrongs of the relationship, two families were destroyed and torn apart by Phillips dreadful actions. The nine-year-old child returned to the care of his father. He says that his son still has dreadful nightmares from the events of that fateful day.



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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Our Easter Weekend of activities was very successful. On Good Friday the Club conducted a Hike along the Royal Canal from Enfield to Maynooth with 21 people attending, some for the first time. On Easter Monday members of the Club attended a Hard Hike in the Glenmalure area taking members onto Lugnaquillia The weather started off wet followed by a period of light snow finishing up with clear skies and sunshine.

Sunday April 14th we will be taking part in harder hikes all round to encourage club Members to progress in the hiking grades. At the finish we hope to have our Clubs first AGM.

Our first evening hike of the year will take place on Wednesday evening, April 24th. We will meet at the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 5.15 pm. and travel by cars to Robertstown. Anyone making their own way can meet us in Robertstown outside the Garda Station at 6 pm. This hike will cover a distance of 14 Kms / 9 Miles. We will have to start on time so as not to be walking after dark.

On Sunday 28th April we plan to conduct the Easier of two Hikes around the scenic Lough Brays located at the foot of Kippure. From here we plan to follow the River Liffey from its first bridge to its origin approx. 500 meters and then across the open mountainside of Powerscourt Mountain, the Tonduffs and Maulin before we pick up the Wicklow Way and pass above Powerscourt Waterfall. This hike will cover a distance of 14 Kms / 8.5 Miles with ascent of 440 meters / 1.500 ft. This hike will require the use of a minibus. Seats will have to be booked and paid for in advance no later than Wednesday 24th April. The expected cost will be in the region of \in 12 per person and will be non refundable except where the bus will be cancelled due to lack of support. In this case alternative hiking plans will be made. Anyone interested in booking contact 6285367 for details.

As this hike is on the open mountainside it should be noted that because we are still in the wet season of the year, it is important that proper footwear and clothing is worn on our activity. 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.

The May Bank Holiday takes Club members to the Mountains of Mourne where they sweep down to the sea. We are planning three days of walking which will cover up to forty miles with total ascent of up to 6,500 ft depending on the options taken. It will be a very challenging weekend for all, but the activities will be tailor-made to suit different needs. Unfortunately this activity will be restricted to Club members. Those members in training for the Ring of Imaal Challenge will have perfect training ground for their challenge in June.

On Sunday 12th May we will be on our first outing to Newcastle, Co. Wicklow this year and take the coastal path back to Bray and for the more energetic a quick visit to Bray Head. This hike will cover a distance of 22.5 Kms / 14 Miles with an ascent of 260 Meters / 853 Ft. if you visit Bray Head. Although the distance is on the long side, it is an enjoyable hike passing through a nature reserve at Kilcoole, and a stop for lunch at the Harbour of Greystones and an ice cream or candy floss at Bray Promenade (at your own expense). There are a lot of interesting things to see on this hike and if we are lucky maybe a seal or two at the foot of the cliffs.

On Wednesday May 22 nd. we will conduct an Easy Evening Hike taking us on a circuit around Howth Peninsula. The meeting point for this hike will be at the car park beside the pier in Howth village at 6 pm. This will cover a distance of 9.6 Kms / 6 Miles with ascent of 210 M. / 690 Ft.

On Sunday June 9th Martin Byrne will organise a sponsored walk from Clonsilla to Maynooth in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. A very worthy cause. Most families in this day and age have some member who may someday benefit from this foundations resources. This walk will raise money for Martin to support the the Irish Heart Foundation cause when he takes on the challenge of trekking through Vietnam later in the year. So why not take a sponsorship form and support the cause or failing that attend the activity on the day and subscribe towards the cause with your subscription. It is hoped that for $\in 6$ you will have a train ride to Clonsilla, a good afternoon out on the canal, and have supported a very worthy cause. Members of the Club will support Martin on his day out and we encourage as many people as possible to We will all meet at Maynooth attend this outing. Railway station from 2.30 pm. but no later than 2.45 pm. and take the Orient Express to Clonsilla. Details and sponsorship forms are available from Martin at 087-7996532. We will have further details on times etc. in the next edition, so if interested keep an eye out. For those attending on time there will be a reduced Group Rate. Ticket holders and those arriving late can make their own arrangements with larnrod Eireann.



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Sunday June 16th takes us into the Dublin Mountains, starting at the Noel Lemass Memorial close to the Featherbeds, and finishing up at Johnny Fox's pub in This hike will require the use of a Glencullen. minibus. Seats will have to be booked and paid for in advance no later than Sunday 9th June. expected cost will be in the region of $\in 12$ per person and will be non refundable except where the bus will be cancelled due to lack of support. In this case alternative hiking plans will be made. Anvone interested in booking contact 6285367 for details. Although mid summer, those attending will need to have proper equipment for the occasion. The hike is on open mountainside, exposed to the elements, and footwear, raingear are essential. In addition don't forget the suncream. The weather is so unpredictable you must provide for all occasions.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below.

Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have Anyone attending our outings can longer hikes. expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling Remember in the on the matter will be final. mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers :- 6285367, or 086-2703348

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Maynooth GAA News

U/13 Football - North Kildare League Maynooth 4-09 Rathcoffey 2-03

Maynooth began this match a bit slow and by half time were in fact trailing by three points. However in the second half the Maynooth lads played some excellent football and proved too strong for the Rathcoffey defence with a 12 point win.

Maynooth Team: D. Walsh, S. Moore, F. Daly, S. Barrett, C. O'Reilly, E. Curran (0-1), J. Dempsey, P. Warren, S. Durcan (0-1), C. Moynan (1-0), C. O'Connell (1-02), W. Reynolds, A. Cash (1-02), C. O'Brien (1-01), R. Moore (0-1).

Best for Maynooth were captain Peter Warren, Eoin Curran, Sean Durcan, Chris O'Connell, Alex Cash and Conor O'Brien.

U/12 Hurling League Maynooth 3-1 Eire-Óg C'choill 2-1

Maynooth went into an early lead via Richard Hawkin's fifth minute goal who took his opportunity very well when he pulled first time on the ball and sent it into the corner of the net. Maynooth also took the next score through a Sean Higgins goal in the twelfth minute.

Daragh Walsh's blistering shot was deflected over the bar for a point in the twentieth minute to leave Maynooth leading by 2-1 to no score with half time approaching. Eire Óg then raised their game and scored a point from a 45 and then a goal just on the half time whistle to leave Maynooth leading by a single score on the break 2-1 to Eire Óg's 1-1.

After the break there was nothing to separate the two teams. Maynooth found it hard to score against a resolute Eire Óg defence. Despite Maynooth having most of the play, Eire Óg were next to score - a ball sent into the corner of the net.

Maynooth Team: Barry Connelan, John Comerford, Daire Heneghan, Coman O'Murchu, Eoin Sinnott, David O'Grady (capt), Cormac Molloy, Rionn Glynn, Francis McDonnell, Daragh Walsh (0-1), Fiachra Lohan, Eoin Cooney, Jonathan O'Keeffe Aherne, Richard Hawkins (2-0), Sean Higgins (1-0).

Subs: Charles Byrne for Coman O'Murchu, Keith Kenny for Jonathan O'Keeffe Aherne, Emer Connolly for John Comerford, Louise Walsh for Daragh Walsh (inj).

Maynooth minors begin league campaign on a winning note.

MFL Division 1 Maynooth 2-6 Na Fianna 0-10

The Maynooth minors got their league campaign off to a winning start with a win over Na Fianna in Maynooth. The pitch was in reasonable condition after the atrocious weather over the previous two weeks. With both teams evenly matched throughout the game Maynooth took the upper hand and were marginally ahead at half time with a finely finished goal from half-forward Paul Broughan.

Both Na Fianna and Maynooth missed goal opportunities and Maynooth eventually found the net for the second time with another Paul Broughan ball while points from Gary McMahon, Alan Sweeney and Paul Broughan ensured victory for the Maynooth side. Overall a solid team performance was displayed by the Maynooth lads.

Maynooth Team: Fergus Devereux, Stephen Curran, Colin O'Neill, Fergal Molloy, Tadgh O'Corcoran, David Comerford, Brian Downey (0-1), Alan Sweeney (0-2), Paul Broughan (2-02), Ciaran McCullough, Fintan O'Donoghue, Stephen Kane, Gary McMahon (0-1). Subs: Brian Downes for Stephen Curran.

Ladies off to a winning start.

Ladies Football League Maynooth vs Prosperous

The match was played in Prosperous. Maynooth opened well and within the space of a few minutes had opened the scores with a goal from midfield Meadbh Flood and a point from half forward Sabrina Delaney, however Prosperous girls were quick to reply and notched up their first point. Maynooth answered with a well taken point from Elaine McAuliffe. However from the goal kick Prosperous won possession and finished the ball well with an excellent finished goal.

By half time Maynooth had notched up some more excellent scores and were five points up at half time.

The second half began with Maynooth on the attack and by about ten minutes into the second half Maynooth had scored several more times, however it must be stated that the amount of wides was in fact more than the scores scored at this stage. Prosperous battled hard and played some excellent football, in particular their goal keeper and their half forwards who when given a chance attacked the Maynooth keeper and put the backs under considerable pressure. Overall it was a good sporting match between the two teams.

Maynooth Team and Panel: Rachel Watson, Laura Kearney, Paula O'Shea, Ann-Marie Farrell, Niamh Mulready, Laura Keyes, Margaret Farrell, Meadbh Flood, Anto Mooney, Sabrina Delaney, Leeann Hughes, Simone Gilabert, Tricia Purcell, Ginnie Breslin, Elaine McAuliffe.

Subs: Pamela Byrne for Margaret Farrell, Joanne Smith for Sabrina Delaney, Tracey Kearney for Ginnie Breslin, Naomi Devereux for Ann-Marie Farrell, Fiona Harte for Elaine McAuliffe, Ger Breslin, Aisling Farrell.

Overall an excellent team performance by Maynooth.

Best for Prosperous were Edel Coyne, Gillian Behan, Caroline Walsh.

Ladies Football League Maynooth 4-06 Athgarvan 1-08

Maynooth travelled to Athgarvan for what promised to be a great game. Maynooth started well and attacked the Athgarvan goal at numerous occasions managing to get both a goal and a point from play before Athgarvan could even respond. Maynooth missed several other chances but Athgarvan were to punish them for their mistakes and after a slow start began to take their scoring opportunities. The Maynooth full forward line of Fiona Harte, Elaine McAuliffe and Simone Gilabert assisted by Ginnie Breslin fought hard and before half time had notched up several more scores.

In the second half Athgarvan were to bring on Tracey Noone who within the space of five minutes on the pitch scored both a point and a goal. The goal came from both the Maynooth goalkeeper and Athgarvan coming down in the box and the referee awarding a somewhat dubious penalty to Athgarvan, which Noone sent convincingly into the back of the net, which was to level the match yet again. However Maynooth were not to drop their heads and responded quickly with a goal from Simone Gilabert. Maynooth used this goal to further advance and by the end of the game had won by seven points.

Maynooth Team: Rachel Watson, Ann-Marie Farrell, Paula O'Shea, Laura Kearney, Mags Farrell, Laura Keyes, Niamh Mulready, Anto Mooney, Meadbh Flood, Sabrina Delaney, Leann Hughes, Ginnie Breslin, Elaine McAuliffe, Fiona Harte, Simone Gilabert.

Subs: Joanne Smith for Sabrina Delaney, Tracey Kearney for Fiona Harte, Ger Breslin, Naoimi Devereux, Aisling Farrell, Lisa Fox.

Maynooth Scorers: Simone Gilabert 3-01, Elaine McAuliffe 1-01, Ginnie Breslin 0-1, Anto Mooney 0-1.

MFL Division 1 Maynooth 1-14 Carbury 1-08

Maynooth travelled to Suncroft for their opening game of their 2002 league campaign.

Suncroft began the stronger team but Maynooth opened their scoring with a point from Darren Naughton, by this time Suncroft had already notched up three points, Maynooth's full forward Killian Fagan was to soon get Maynooth's goal, while Suncroft at the other end of the pitch were to get another point. Just after this two Suncroft players (both their midfielders) were to collide and stop the play for a few minutes while they received attention. From the throw in Maynooth won a free which was nicely pointed over by Darren Naughton. Suncroft were to answer with another point. After half time it stood level with Suncroft at 0-05 and Maynooth with 1-02. The first half produced some excellent play with Alan Nugent making a brilliant clearance from the Maynooth goal mouth.

In the second half both sides gave away numerous frees and both had bad misses. At one stage Suncroft went two points up but Maynooth answered back with a well taken free from Trevor Naughton and a point from Hughie Nevin, after some minutes and great play by both teams Suncroft were yet again a point ahead. Maynooth fought hard and Suncroft conceded another free which when kicked was caught by Donal MacAvennie and pointed over. This gave the Maynooth team some more fighting spirit whereas Suncroft also did not give up until the whistle went. Suncroft had a terrible miss directly in front of the goals while the Suncroft backline were kept under pressure from the Maynooth players. After some six and a half minutes of injury time the final whistle went. Maynooth Scorers: Darren Naughton 0-2 (1 free), Killian Fagan 1-0, Trevor Naughton 0-1 free Donal MacAvennie 0-1, Hughie Nevin 0-1.

Best for Maynooth: Paul Flood, Hughie Nevin, Pascal Ennis, Mickey Noone.

U/14 Football Feile Quarter Final Maynooth 1-10 Na Fianna 2-5

Maynooth booked their place in the Feile semi final after beating Na Fianna in an exciting encounter played in Maynooth on Sunday 24th March. Maynooth started off the better with an early goal from Paddy Comerford and two early points from Conor Canning and Michael Murphy to leave the home side leading 1-2 to no score. Na Fianna then managed to kick over two points but Maynooth hit back with a further four points before half time to leave the score 1-6 to 0-2. In an entertaining first half Maynooth were the better team with Peter Warren and Michael Gillick superb in the backs clearing up some dangerous ball. Also midfielders Conor Canning and Jeffery Walsh had a good opening half with both of them covering a lot of ground.

But it was Na Fianna who started the second half the stronger knocking over a couple of early points to close the gap. At the far end Maynooth squandered a couple of scoring chances before Conor Canning hit twice to leave the score mid way through the half 1-8 to 0-5 in favour of Maynooth. Then Wayne Bowans found the back of the net for Na Fianna and the game really came to life. Maynooth replied with two further points from Michael Gillick and Jeffery Walsh. Michael Fox was superb in goal for Maynooth during this period making a couple of brilliant saves while Peter Warren cleared some great ball at full back. Then in the dying moments Wayne Bowans struck goal once more for Na Fianna to leave just a two point gap. Then in injury time Na Fianna were awarded a 14 yard free which was brilliantly defended by Maynooth and cleared once more by Peter Warren to leave the final score Maynooth 1-10 to Na Fianna 2-5. Maynooth had many brilliant performances throughout the field with Michael Gillick, Conor Canning, Jeffery Walsh and Michael Murphy playing exceptional games. But it was the performance of Michael Fox in

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goal and Peter Warren at full back which won the day for Maynooth.

Na Fianna had some good performances also from David Reddy, Joe Carroll, Thomas Byrne, Jamie Cross and Wayne Bowans.

Maynooth Team: M. Fox, J. Molloy, P. Warren, M. O'Gorman, S. Durcan, M. Gillick (0-1), J. Galvin, C. Canning (0-5), J. Walsh (0-1), R. O'Malley (0-1), M. Murphy (0-2), J. Glynn, Alex Cash, Paul Reilly, Paddy Comerford (1-0).

Subs: Sean Sinclair, Chris O'Connell, Brian Twomey, Damien Rooney.

U/12 Hurling League Division 2 Maynooth 3-2 Claine 3-1

Maynooth beat Clane by the narrowest of margins in this exciting encounter in the first round of the hurling league. The opening ten minutes was a scoreless period with both teams playing a close and tight game with some brilliant defending on both sides. Then the first score was a well taken goal by Fiachra Lohan followed by a point from a free by David O'Grady to put Maynooth ahead. Clane were soon to reply with a well taken goal from Daniel Egan to leave the half time score 1-1 to 1-0 in favour of Maynooth.

Clane came out the stronger in the second half with a goal from Etan Bracken and a point from Daniel Egan to put the visitors ahead 2-1 to 1-1. During the opening period of this half Maynooth were always defending with some great performances in the backs from David O'Grady, Cormac Molloy, M. J. Fee and Eoghan Sinnott. Also Maynooth goalkeeper Barry Connellan made some brilliant saves. As the second half went on Maynooth got stronger and the perservance of the forwards paid off when they hit home twice with a goal each from Daire Walsh and Fiachra Lohan. Maynooth forwards played well in this period with good performances from Eoin Cooney, Sean Higgins, Louise Walsh and Rian Glynn. Then Daniel Egan struck for Clane with his second goal of the day to leave the scores 3-1 a piece. Strong Maynnoth pressure then paid dividends when they won a 21 yard free and Francis McDonnell pointed what was to be the final score of the match to leave the scores 3-2 to 3-1 in favour of Maynooth.

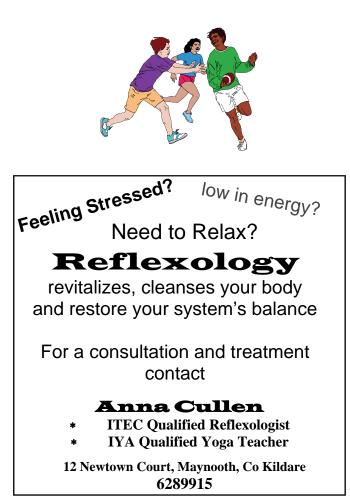
Maynooth Team: B. Connellan, K. Lynch, M. Barry, C. Molloy, M. J. Fee, D. O'Grady (0-1), E. Sinnott, F. McDonnell (0-1), R. Glynn, J. Comerford, F. Lohan (2-0), E. Cooney, S. Higgins, D. Walsh (1-0), E. Connolly. Subs: L. Walsh, S. Delaney, C. Byrne, J. Devine, C. Forde, B. Conway.

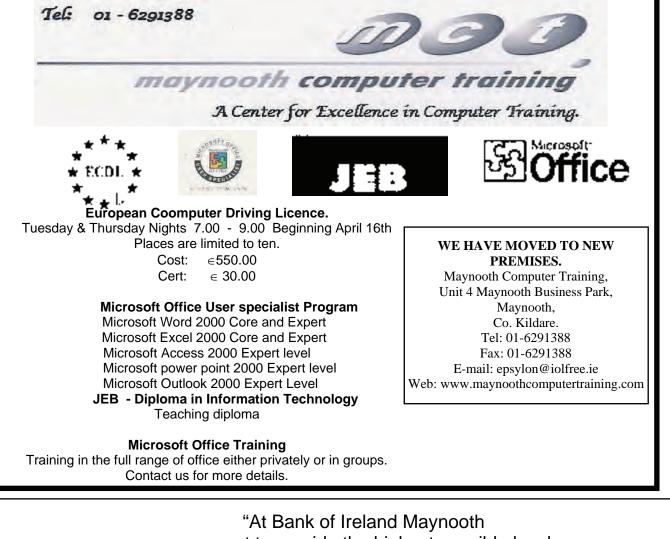
Clane Team: D. Gibbons, S. Keating, D. Pearson, S. Ussher, S. Healy, C. Fitzgerald, D. Egan (2-1), E. Bracken (1-0), C. Ryan, C. McGuire, J. O'Gorman, P. Fox, B. O'Connor, M. Devine. Subs: S. Ryan, J. Ussher, E. Kelly.

U/14 Hurling League Division 1

Maynooth U/14 hurlers began the league with a well deserved victory over Naas on Saturday 13th April. Naas opened the scoring with a well taken point from a free in the 7th minute against the run of play. Maynooth immediately responded with a point from Paddy Comerford and this was soon followed by a well taken goal from Stefan Boyle to leave a half time score of 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of Maynooth. The second half began with Maynooth dominating the play in midfield and a well deserved point from Jeffery Walsh. Naas increased the pressure on the Maynooth backs and goalkeeper Paul Reilly was called on to make some good saves. With 16 minutes to go Naas were rewarded for their efforts with a goal and it was at this stage Maynooth rose to the challenge. Mick Gillick struck first with a brilliant point followed shortly afterwards with a goal by Paddy Comerford. In the dying moments Naas scored another point, as did Stefan Boyle for Maynooth.

Maynooth Team: P. Reilly, P. McCarron, M. Gillick (0-1), B. Twomey, M. Barry, P. Warren, J. Walsh (0-1), C. Canning, C. Henihan, P. Comerford (1-1), J. Galvin, N. McAndrew, N. Carroll, S. Boyle (1-1), D. Rooney.





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Early Irish Society

Sick maintenance (othrus)

This society had no hospitals or state facility to look after the injured or the sick. This situation was handled by a system called sick maintenance (othrus). The word still survives in Modern Irish as patient (othar) and ward, ambulance (otharlann, otharcharr). There are two texts that deal exclusively with this subject. If a person is injured he is brought to his own home for nine days. If he dies during this time the culprit must pay the fines for murder. After the period of nine days a doctor examines him and decides whether he is recovered or not. If he is better then the offender only pays the penalty for the remaining blemish or injury. However if the doctor decides that he will die, then the culprit must pay a heavy fine. It is possible that this may release him from any payment in the future whether the patient lives or dies.

But if the patient needs further care then he is taken away on sick maintenance to another dwelling, probably a relative of the offender. The culprit must carry the expenses until the injured person if fully recovered. This includes the proper food and entertainment for the status of the victim and there are strict rules as to the environment in which the sick person is kept, for example: 'There are not admitted to him into the house fools or lunatics or senseless people or half-wits or enemies. No games are played in the house. No tidings are announced. No children are chastised. Neither women nor men exchange blows ... No dogs are set fighting in his presence or in his neighbourhood outside. No shout is raised. No pigs squeal. No brawls are made. No cry of victory is raised nor shout in playing games. No yell or scream is raised'.

The offender must also provide a replacement for the injured person so that his family do not suffer any loss of income as a result of the incident. Both women and men receive compensation for the 'barring of conception' (*airíadad comperta*) when they are at their reproductive age when on sick maintenance. This is one of the unusual situations where a woman's oath is legally acceptable when swearing she was on sick maintenance at a time suitable for conception. A wife was allowed to accompany a man who was excessively lustful - presumably to protect the women of the house from his unwelcome advances!

There are twelve men and women who are given a payment instead of sick maintenance. These may be those with special skills or indeed people who are likely to cause a problem or a nuisance to the household. In the case of men these would include such categories as the poet, the bishop, the king and the insane. The poet would be too difficult to replace and the king/bishop would be too costly to keep. In the case of the insane – they would be too difficult to maintain in the household. In the case of women they mention those with special skills such as the female physician, female wright and woman revered by the

people. They also include those who would be an annoyance such as the female satirist or the woman who becomes a werewolf! There are some women who cannot claim compensation because of their antisocial behaviour; a woman who does not care who she sleeps with, or she who robs everyone and the sorceress (*baislec auptha*).

Children on othrus

No distinction is made between the sexes and the injured child under seven is treated like a cleric emphasizing the importance of children and their status within society. They receive the maximum comfort and if it is an unweaned child the mother accompanies it while it is being cared for. Between seven and ten, the child is given the normal food to which he would be entitled on fosterage so long as it does not endanger its health (according to physician). After the age of ten, a boy or girl is entitled to 'adult sick maintenance' (ferothrus) according to the father's rank. As in the case of adults the children of high ranking parents are not taken away and a fine is fixed by the judge instead. These are children of poets and queens for example and particular mention is made of the favourite child 'the pet of a household' (dretoll teglaig).

A boy injured by accident while playing has no right to fine or sick maintenance for injury. These games include hurling, jumping, swimming, hide-and-seek, juggling etc. according to the text on games (Mellbretha). But there are other games that are considered dangerous. They are called 'auiltv games' (colchluichi) for which fine and sickmaintenance would arise. They include throwing a wooden javelin into a meeting, an uneven contest 'few against many', and a group of games called 'paramilitary games' (fianchluichi) such as spearthrowing, hurling rocks etc. These would be used as early training for boys who intended to become warriors in the future.

Payments for various injuries

The texts have worked out in detail the payments due for the various injuries to different parts of the body. They seem to have considerable anatomical education and emphasis is placed upon certain body parts apart from others.

It is probable that a judge made the decision as to the payments involved, perhaps on the advice of the physician. The fines may be considerable in certain cases and the system has been carefully thought out and planned. They believed that certain parts of the body were sacred or blessed: 'There are twelve doors of the soul in the human body, the top of the head, the hollow of the occiput, the hollow of the temple, the apple of the throat, the armpit, the breast-bone, the navel, the bend of the elbow, the hollow of the ham, the bulge of the groin, the sole of the foot' and the twelfth that is obscure.

The face is seen as particularly important and it is divided into different sections. Various fines are paid

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for a wound between the brows and the hair, the nose, between forehead and the hair or a broken chin, above the eyelash, the hollow between the two jawbones or between the ear and the hair. Teeth are considered important also and six different toothinjuries are enumerated with the heaviest fines paid for injury or loss of a molar or front tooth.

The physician is entitled to a percentage of the fine paid in certain cases. In the case of the seven principal bone-breakings he gets half the fine but for a wound to the fleshy part of the body he only gets one third and for a less serious wound he only gets one quarter. In the case of an injury leaving a person permanently disabled then further judgements were made, 'after judgement (*íarmbrithemnas*). A person who had a permanent leg injury was required to be supplied with a horse by the culprit. A mark on the face was considered to be particularly serious because it was always visible and it left the person open to ridicule. In this case they were due an ongoing payment for every time they had to appear at a public assembly with the disfigurement.

There is evidence that this practice of taking people away on sick maintenance was abandoned by Irish society at a very early stage and that a much simpler system developed whereby the victim was simply paid the compensation and kept at home. This was probably much safer and more straightforward for everyone involved.



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02/177	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	Gresham House Marine Road Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	Ρ	13/02/02	For an extension to their existing store comprising 1,885 sq.m gross floor area (net sales area 971 sq.m) modifications to existing parking layout, relocation of existing service yard, ancillary parking, landscaping, on site and off site infrastructure	Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/178	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	Gresham House Marine Road Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	Ρ	13/02/02	For the development of petrol filling station incorporating a kiosk/shop (70 sq.m) circulation, signage, ancillary landscaping, modifications to access from the Dublin Road and site works at the cattlemart site	Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/170	Kieran O'Malley	Ballinakill house Enfield Co. Kildare	Р	14/02/02	To convert existing ground floor bedroom and rear utility, all to left hand side of front door into a self contained ground floor one bedroom apartment along with minor alterations to	No 1 The Green Maynooth Co. Kildare

Features

Ts an Urban Speed Limit of 20mph Speed Practical or an Ideal?

One of the key issues discussed by urban communities across Europe is the speed of traffic and in particular a reduction in the general speed of traffic to 20 mph (or its metric equivalent of 30 km/hr). The objective is to change roads that are designed for cars into streets that are designed for people.

The general speed limit of 30mph (miles per hour) or (50-60 km/hr) is no longer considered socially acceptable in many countries. Over the last number of decades, international experience shows that an urban speed limit of 20mph is not only better for road safety and noise, but also gives smoother traffic flow and improves the quality of urban life. It also results in a reduction in the number and severity of accidents and in the promotion of a more healthy and active lifestyle by encouraging cycling and walking. A general 20 mph speed limit is also in accordance with the World Health Organisation charter on transport, environment and health, signed by European ministers in June 1999.

Twenty-five years ago, Dutch city planners began designing neighbourhood streets in which it was practically impossible to drive a car at greater than walking pace; even though the streets had no raised footpaths, people could walk, ride bikes, play, and even meet and converse with their neighbours without fear. In Holland, there are now over 6,500 such areas. The Germans adapted the idea and applied the phrase "traffic calming" to this kind of street design. They also began to develop 30 km/hr (approximately 20 mph) streets and zones that slowed traffic down with physical changes such as ramps, pinch points and other measures.

The concept of special areas, known as 'home zones', where people were more important than traffic, spread to England in the 1990s and by the end of the decade over 450 home zones were established. Each home zone required individual approval by the government, which was a slow and cumbersome procedure and which failed to satisfy increasing demand. Although this procedure has since been simplified, the demand for additional home zones remains strong.

A different approach was followed in Graz (population 250,000) - the second largest Austrian city next to Vienna. In 1992, rather than designating a special area where traffic speeds were restricted, the authorities made 30 km/hr (20mph approx) the normal speed limit covering 75% of roads in the city and then designated roads where the speed limit of 30mph was retained. This alternative approach reduced the need for new signs and drivers adjusted to the expectation that the lower speed limit applied unless there were signs to the contrary. Since then traffic crashes fell by 30 percent. Although crashes involving bicyclists rose by 2 percent, there was no increase in the number of bicyclists injured and a 40 percent decrease in the

number of bioyeliste seriously injured. In addition, there was a presumption that levels of bicycling had increased. In fact some researchers found that it was a more effective way of encouraging cycling than the creation of cycle routes.

Ireland is one the last European countries not to have introduced lower speed limits. In Maynooth, many resident associations such as Parklands and Moyglare are so concerned about the speed of vehicles in residential areas, that additional signs have been erected to encourage drivers to reduce their speeds. However, such signs are advisory only and are not enforceable by the Gardaí. More and more communities want traffic calming but county councils do not have the financial resources to satisfy this demand.

Over the last number of decades, Ireland has largely changed from the imperial system of measurement to the metric system that operates over most of Europe. Although, distance on road signs has usually been given in kilometres, due to the cost of replacing signs, the speed limit remains in miles per hour. However, there are recent indications that the government is considering the replacement of these imperial limits. If so, it is an opportune time for communities which want traffic calming to seek the introduction of lower speed limits. For the government, this would mean that a lot of the existing signs could be retained. If new signs are introduced with the metric equivalents of existing limits, this opportunity for an overall reduction in speed will be lost - probably for another generation.

Research has shown that in the United Kingdom 70% of car drivers break the 30 mph speed limit and in Ireland the percentage is likely to be at least as great and probably greater. Experience elsewhere has shown that where new signs have been erected without accompanying speed control measures, there is little reduction in speed – an average of only 1 mph. Introducing lower speed limits in itself will do nothing to reduce speed unless coupled with an effective enforcement policy.

What would a 20 mph speed limit mean in practice? There are many driving through the centre of Maynooth at peak times that would welcome the opportunity to travel at 20 mph rather than at the current slower speeds. In practice, the main people affected would be drivers passing through the suburbs of Maynooth. In terms of time, the difference between travelling at 20mph and 30 mph through Maynooth is only 2 minutes. Although people are under greater pressures of time than ever before, many communities have decided that this is a good deal in return for greater safety for their children and a better environment in which to live, work and socialise. To return to the opening question - is an urban speed limit

(Is an Urban Speed Limit of 20mph Speed practical or an Ideal? contd.)

of 20mph speed practical or an ideal? As demonstrated in the examples above, it is already a reality in many localities. The real questions are - does Maynooth want /need it and what would be the level of its enforcement ?

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Maynooth Flower and Garden Club. Spring Show Report

Did you drop into Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College Maynooth on Sat 13th or Sun 14th April last? No, well if you didn't you missed the beautiful and creative exhibits presented by Maynooth Flower and Garden Club members and friends at the Annual Spring Show. The theme this year was "Floral Art" and lent its inspiration to such titles as "Sculpture", "The Artist" and "The Sea Shore". Mrs. Felicity Satchwell won best Exhibit in the show for her interpretation of "Earthly Delights".

This year there was a special class for Transition Year students in Maynooth Post Primary. The girls who entered produced lovely spring baskets for the Class titled "A Basket Exhibit" after only one working class in floral artistry. Well done girls!

The club Chairperson Mrs Moira Baxter presented a cheque for \in 4407.57 to representatives of the Arthritis Foundation on behalf of the club. This was as a result of our fund raising efforts in the club and we are grateful to all who attend our club nights and help in any way. Our present charity is another worthwhile charity, The Heart Foundation.

We welcome new members and meet the third Tuesday of the month in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth at 8pm.

Next Club Night: Tuesday May 21st at 8pm in the Physics Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth (May meeting is the only one in the Physics Hall). **Demonstrator: Pauline Tulie**

Theme: "Flower Power"

SPRING SHOW RESULTS

13 - 14 April 2002

Class 1 "For t	he Kitchen" 1st - Jo O'Connell 2nd - Marguerite O'Brien
Class 2	" Sculpture" 1st - Jo O'Connell 2nd - Mary Cleary 3rd - Elsa Lalor
Class 3	" The Artist" 1st - Rosemary Smyth 2nd - Felicity Satchwell 3rd - Imelda Desmond
Class 4	" The Sea Shore" 1st - Sarah Angel 2nd - Noeleen O'Brien

Class 5 **"Earthly Delights"** 1st - Felicity Satchwell 2nd - Maureen Fagan

3rd - Joan Gibson



1st Prize in Transition Year Class Niamh Higgins



Mrs. Moira Baxter on right presenting cheque to representatives of Arthritis Foundation



Best in Show Exhibit by Felicity Satchwell "Earthly Delights"

Features

(Maynooth Class 6	Flower Club Contd). "Springtime" 1st - Pam Acton 2nd - Mary Cleary 3rd - Maureen Fagan
Class 7	"A Basket Exhibit" 1st - Niamh Higgins 2nd - Fiona Lalor 3rd - Orla Clerkin
Class 8	One Stem of Flowering Shrub !st - Margaret Howe 2nd - Aileen Howard 3rd - Tara Mc Kiernan
Class 9	One Daffodil or Narcissus 1st - Moira Baxter 2nd - Sarah Angel 3rd - Aileen Howard
Class 10	One Stem of a scented Spring flower 1st - Aileen Howard 2nd - Marjorie Kelly 3rd -
Class 11	A collection of Spring flowers 1st - Pam Acton 2nd - Tara Mc Kieran 3rd - Aileen Howard
Class 12	3 Tulips 1st - Betty Farrell 2nd - Pam Acton 3rd - Mary Cleary
Class 13	A Collection of Culinary Herbs in a Jam Jar 1st - Aileen Howard 2nd - Betty Farrell 3rd - Marjorie Kelly

PERPETUAL CUP WINNERS 2002

The **MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY PERPETUAL CUP** and RHSI SPOON for Best Exhibit in Show was won by Felicity Satchwell.

The **ULSTER BANK PERPETUAL CUP** and RHSI SPOON for Most Points in Show was won by Aileen Howard.

The **BRADSHAW PERPETUAL CUP** For Winner in Class 3 "The Artist" was won by Rosemary Smyth.

The **SATCHWELL PERPETUAL CUP** for Best Exhibit in Classes 1 and 2 was won by Jo O'Connell.

The **FLOWER POT PERPETUAL CUP** for Best Exhibit in Plant Section was won by Moira Baxter.

The **AOIFA PERPETUAL CUP** for the Winner in Class 6 - "Springtime" was won by Pam Acton.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

How to win the Best Estate Competition?

The Maynooth Tidy Towns Best Estate Competitions sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel attract considerable interest each year. Some Residents Associations seem to have cracked the code on how to do consistently well in the competition every year. For the last three years Maynooth Tidy Towns have offered reports to estates detailing the results. Some residential areas have taken advantage of the information and have gone on to win awards in subsequent years.

In order to help our judges and more especially residents associations, Maynooth Tidy Towns will be inviting residents association representatives to a special event in May where attendees will be advised on how to win the best estates competition. The best estates competitions 2002 will be officially launched at this event.

Annual Collection 2002

Our annual Collection will take place in early June. The collection takes place at the local shopping centres and at the Church gates only.

Litter Awareness Project

In previous Newsletters we advised that a litter awareness project would take place this year. Our current thinking is to provide permanent reminders on litter rather than on a short -term project. Consequently, our plans are not yet finalised. Any ideas or support would be welcome.

"Intel Involved" give Maynooth Tidy Towns more support

Plans are being developed for the planting of a butterfly bed this year. The plants will attract butterflies so it will help to encourage fauna. The project will be delivered with the support of "Intel Involved". The new feature is likely to be planted in Pound Park.

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

Please Note

We have now moved to our new address Unit 5 Newtown Shopping Centre Beaufield Maynooth

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Strike Gold with Kildare Set!!!

Community Games Set-Dancing Winners



popular in the 1920's has been revived after many years by the girls dance teacher Rita Doyle and Anne Gill from Clane whose family and friends danced many a Kildare Set many years ago. Good Luck to the team at the All Ireland and hopefully the Kildare Set will bring us some luck!!!

Maynooth East Team: Gold Medal Winners.

Sharon Lyons, Laura Bennett, Deirdre Mulcahy, Eimear Flynn, Karen Bracken, Aibhe Flynn, Catherine Coyle and Kirsten Walsh.

Maynooth West Team: Silver Medal Winners. Laura Daly, Jessica McGrath, Aisling Dunne, Maartje Oomkens, Anna Piggott, Helen Downes, Aisling O'Connor, Megan Dunne, Emma Fox. arts and theatre, indoor and outdoor sports facilities for anything from basketball to gymnastics, a multifaceted facility to allow for meetings of associations, groups and clubs and be available for adult education and training, and moreover, a place where people can just meet.

So now the work begins, various sites will have to be looked at for suitability, especially in the light of the activities that the centre would have to cater for. A large number of people and organisations have come forward expressing their support and their willingness to be actively involved in obtaining the centre in the town. And of course we are always looking for more volunteers, you can contact us through the Community Offices or Maynooth Action Strategy.

Inklings

You can easily judge the character of a man by the way he treats those who can do nothing for him.

Does Maynooth Need a Community Centre?

Well, more than a hundred members of our community, organisations, and clubs in and around Maynooth, as well as various political notaries, gave a resounding yes to this question at the public meeting held in the Glenroyal on Monday the 15th April. It is at this point that Maynooth Community Centre Partnership would like to thank everyone who attended and although it would not be possible to thank everyone by name, we wish to identify those political notaries who did attend: Some of the needs identified were; a venue for the





NO 1 Paul Kelly

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End of an Era.

It's always a disappointment when a business, especially a family run business comes to an end. When that business in the local mart in Maynooth it is indeed a sad day for the community, when the gates close for the last time.

It is over 40 years since the Doyle family took over the cattle mart in Maynooth. The mart had been closed for a short time before the Doyles took over and turned it into a thriving business.

The brothers, Jim, Pat, Myles, Eugene and Ned worked from dawn to dusk over the next 40 years and turned the mart into the landmark it was to become. Sadly, time saw the passing of Jim, Myles and Eugene. The company survived their passing as a nephew and two widows were still shareholders. Eugene and Ned continued to run the business daily.

In the busy years the mart sales could go on from morning and often didn't finish till after midnight. Buyers from England or agents as they were called would buy in truckloads of cattle on the hoof for sale on the British market. Fifty or sixty cattle in one lot was not uncommon. The Doyles saw many changes over 40 years from being big news that cattle made £10 for hundredweight to present day prices of over £60.

The last decade saw the increase of dairy herds and tillage and the decrease of cattle to mart. The lots decreased to five or less and sales to factories also cut into business.

In the last ten years there is a noted drop of numbers of farmers in the town on mart day. Some say it is the lack of parking in the town or maybe that only 5% of pens in the mart were being filled on mart day. The foot and mouth crisis was an added problem and another nail in the coffin.

Farmers in the area are disappointed by the closing of the mart as it is an extra burden to travel elsewhere.

As the mart in Maynooth closes, the Doyle brothers will not be reaching for the pipe and slippers. They will still be involved in their mart in Blessington.

As the gates of the Maynooth mart close for the last time, we wish the Doyle family and their customers continued success as the Maynooth mart becomes part of the history of the community. It is indeed the end of an era.



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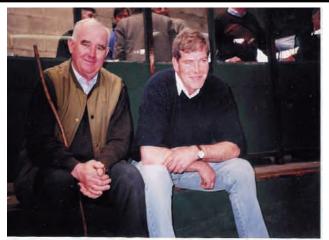
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Maynooth Golf Society News

The Edward Kavanagh Memorial Cup was held at Turvey Golf Club on Saturday 20th April. An evening meal was served by our host and hostess Perry and Ann Twomey in the club house dining suite. The outing was sponsored by Perry and Ann Twomey, Kevin and Bronagh Donovan.

Results are as follows:

1stNiall Byrne 372ndLiam Farrelly 363rdJim O'Keeffe4thDon Sullivan5thPhilip Doyle6thBarry Desmond7thKevin Loftus

Front Nine Mick Fahy Visitors Prize Michelle Farrell Back Nine Gerry McTernan

Longest Drive Barry Desmond Nearest The Pin Barry Farrell



Perry & Ann Twomey, Bronagh & Kevin Donovan, Michelle & Pat Farrell enjoying a meal after the Edward Kavanagh Memorial Cup which was held in Turvey Golf Club



Liam Farrelly, Jim O'Keeffe & Pa Conway in Turvey Golf Club



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Contestants at the Special Olympics Quiz held in the GAA Clubhouse



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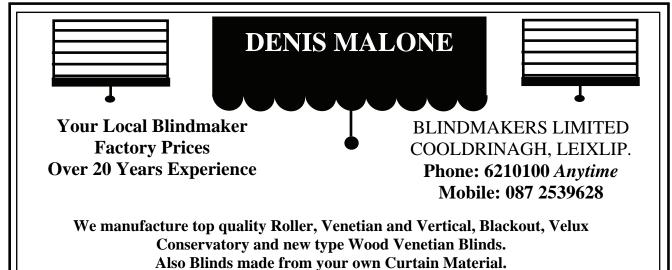


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Bernard Durkan, T.D.

DETENTION PLACES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS

Deputy Bernard Durkan has repeatedly raised in the Dail the question of the lack of detention places for young offenders. The replies from the relevant Ministers have always been to the effect that the matter was either resolved, about to be resolved or due to be resolved.

Recent events clearly indicate a lack of action and coordination between the responsible Departments of Justice, Education & Health and this looks like it is set to continue – this is truly a sad reflection on the system at a time of economic boom.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION CRITICISED

Deputy Bernard Durkan criticised the Minister for Education for putting a number of school projects on the long finger, and for failure to give accurate information by way of reply to Parliamentary Questions on the matter.

He accused the Minister of meaningless bluster of a historical nature instead of dealing with the concerns of parents and school authorities.

FLOODING IN NORTH KILDARE

Deputy Bernard Durkan has repeatedly raised in the Dail the question of flooding in North Kildare as per the 17th of April last when he asked the Minister for Finance the "specific provision of funding to Kildare County Council for the purpose of drainage found necessary arising from the flooding throughout North Kildare in November 2000, the precise locations in this regard and the estimated amounts to be spent and if he will make a statement of the matter", he stated.

Minister's Reply "A number of ongoing meetings have taken place between my officials in the Office of Public Works and representatives of Kildare County Council in relation to reports received from the council in respect of flooding from Meadowbrook, Lyreen and Morrell rivers. The current position is that the county council has identified a series of interim measures that might be taken to alleviate flooding but a report by the council's consultant is awaited on the question of whether these works may have adverse impacts elsewhere. The council is also currently engaged in extending the scope of the existing reports already received to include an environmental impact study and cost benefit analysis which are essential before a full feasibility study in relation to the reports can be undertaken. Until such time as the consultant's report and the EIS and CBA are available, it is not possible to determine the definitive programme of works which will be undertaken and the amount of funding to be expended."

^ Intellectual Disability and Autism Services. ^

Mr. Durkan: I thank the Ceann Comhairle for affording me the opportunity to raise this important issue on the Adjournment.

There is no need for me to emphasise the importance of the scale and quality of the services provided by the Hospitallier Order of St. John of God at St. Raphael's, Celbridge, County Kildare, and those provided at a number of similar institutions, such as Islandbridge throughout the country. There is no need to enumerate the various efforts invested in the provision of those services. I refer here to the efforts made on a voluntary basis by the parents and friends of St. Raphael's, the local community and the management and staff of St. Raphael's to put in place a service that is more urgently required with the passage of time. Everyone recognises that and, in fact, Her Excellency, the President of Ireland, and the Taoiseach both visited St. Raphael's in the past year in recognition of the efforts made there. Imagine, therefore, the disappointment, surprise and hurt on the part of those involved at St. Raphael's when it recently transpired that its budget for the current year has been reduced, in effective terms, to the extent of approximately \in 2.9 million.

We have lived with the Celtic tiger economy for the past number of years. We are informed that we have one of the most successful economies in the western hemisphere and that Ireland is one of the 20 wealthiest nations in the world. In my opinion the management, staff, parents and the children and adults involved at St. Raphael's would not be surprised if its allocation for the current year was made commensurate with the economic factors to which I refer. However, that is not the case. It is sad and disappointing that St. Raphael's budget has been reduced at this point.

It is also sad that it appears that a great deal of effort has been put into providing services in various areas to meet the demands of various competing interests. What demand is greater than that of those who are not in a position to fight their own cause? What demand is

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greater than that of those who are assisting that cause on a voluntary basis? What need is greater than that of the children at St. Raphael's, Islandbridge and the other institutions who are obliged to depend on outside resources and the goodwill of fundraisers who operate on a voluntary basis? These people ultimately rely on the health services - the Department of Health and Children, the Minister and the relevant health board - to provide them with the necessary resources to carry out their work.

Essentially, the authorities at St. Raphael's will be obliged to consider curtailing existing services and not proceeding with proposed new services. The combination of these two will reduce the value and quality of the necessary, either those in existence or those that are proposed. A letter was sent to the chief executive of the Eastern Regional Health Authority pointing out that there was a shortfall of approximately \in 2.9 million in the 2002 budget which, effectively, is a reduction of 5.6%. There are four factors involved here, namely, the shortfall in the amounts provided for some approved pay awards - in other words, a pav award was approved but no provision was made for it - no amounts have been provided for some pay awards, particularly those for psychologists - in light of all we have heard in the House about the urgent need for psychologists in schools and institutions - certain costs incurred in 2001 on an ongoing basis have been treated as once-off costs only - no provision has been made in the 2002 allocation for these costs - and specific pressures on the non-pay budget - for example, insurance, energy and VAT increases - have not been recognised.

There is no need for me to outline that the matters of insurance, energy and VAT are fundamental when taken into account in terms of the operation of the services at St. Raphael's. Insurance costs have become an increased burden in recent times. Notwithstanding the reply that has been prepared for the Minister of State, I ask him to implore the Minister for Health and Children to put in place the necessary resources to enable St. Raphael's to continue to provide existing services and to enhance, as was originally envisaged for the current year, what it has to offer by providing new services.

Mr. Davern: On behalf of my colleague, the Minister for Health and Children, Deputy Martin, I thank the Deputy for raising this matter and giving me the opportunity to outline the position concerning this issue.

This Government has made a significant level of additional funding available for services for persons with an intellectual disability and those with autism in recent years. By the end of this year, we will have provided additional revenue and capital funding amounting to nearly \in 312 million. Within the overall revenue funding which has been provided, specific amounts have been allocated to meet identified needs in existing services and for new service developments. On foot of the changing profile of those who have

been in services for many years, there is a need to review issues such as staffing levels and skill mix. For example, an increased need for additional night cover has arisen in many agencies because of the more dependent profile of the residents due to old age, illness or behavioural issues. An ongoing review process has been underway for a number of years with the health boards and voluntary agencies, with funding allocated annually in recent years to meet these identified needs.

Significant additional funding has also been allocated for the development of new services. Between 1997 and the end of this year approximately 1,700 new residential, 470 respite and 3,000 day places will have been provided. There has also been a significant enhancement of the health related support services for children with an intellectual disability or autism and the specialist support services.

Any funding for either new services or existing needs which may be made available to the health boards or the Eastern Regional Authority in any given year is specifically identified in the letter of determination. This funding is agreed by the Government and must be used for the purpose set out in the letter of determination. I assure the Deputy that the question of developments in respect of which funding has been provided and which have been agreed with the Department as part of a board or the authority's service plans being frozen or seriously curtailed will not arise.

Responsibility for the provision of funding for organisations providing services for people with an intellectual disability or autism in the eastern region is a matter, in the first instance, for the Eastern Regional Health Authority. The Minister understands the authority is in ongoing discussions with the St. John of God Order and other voluntary agencies in regard to its 2002 budget and he has asked the authority to keep him informed in relation to the outcome of those discussions.

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MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS





Cllr. Paul Kelly

Minister McCreevy T.D.

The General Election 2002 will have been called by the time this edition of the Newsletter has hit the streets. The Cumann would like to thank the people of Maynooth for all their hospitality, good humour and interest shown to them on their many visits to the different residential areas of Maynooth over the past 2 years and particularly since January in the more immediate run-up to the General Election.

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann members would like to ask all the members of the Maynooth Community to vote No. 1 for Paul Kelly, and No. 2 for Charlie McCreevy T.D. in that order, to try and ensure the re-election of this excellent Government by returning 2 Fianna Fail T.D.'s for the North Kildare area.

All should check the Register in the remaining time available to ensure that they are listed and able to vote. Should your name be missing please contact Paul Kelly's office in Leixlip or contact myself, Brid Feely on 087-2052649 and we will ensure your right to vote is available.

∈35,000,000.00 Investment for North Kildare Town.

The Cumann were recently informed by the Minister for Finance Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. of the allocation of 35 million Euro for major public water and sewerage schemes in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth. The investment is part of a total ∈111,000,000 being made available between the years of 2002 to 2004 to improve the quality of life in North Kildare. The schemes to benefit include the Treatment Plant and Collection System for Kilcock, Celbridge, Maynooth and Leixlip, the Upper Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme, the Kildare Sludge Treatment Centre scheme etc. The announcement was made publicly on 16th April by the Minister for the environment Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister McCreevy sited the investment as proof that the Government are committed to significant improvements in the water and sewerage services in the towns involved. Cllr. Paul Kelly said the investments were very important for the county given the level of development going on at the moment.

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann support Community Centre for Maynooth.

Following our initial meeting with Minister McCreevy T.D. and Cllr. Paul Kelly with the fledgling "Community Centre Committee" which was held in November 2001, the project has really got off the ground recently. On Monday 15th April a Public Meeting was held in the Glenroyal Hotel at which a significant number of community members and representative attended including Cllr. Paul Kelly and Minister McCreevy. There was broad general agreement on the need for the Centre and a long list of potential users were discussed. A major issue for discussion was of course funding, and the Minister confirmed that such funding would be available although he cautioned that the actual running and maintenance costs when the Centre was erected would be a vital issue for the people of Maynooth to address on a day by day basis.

As members of the Maynooth community, many of the Cumann members will be available of course to play our part in ensuring that the vision becomes a reality, particularly for the youth of today and tomorrow.

∈11 million Enfield Relief Road opened.

Last Friday, 12th April, the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D. opened the new 11 million Euro Enfield relief road, which circles south of the village. Initial figures seem to indicate that the relief road is a success with no movement of the old "bottleneck" problems being passed on to Clonard. The relief road is a stopgap measure until the new Kinnegad-Kilcock link of the M4 Motorway is completed in 4 years time. The Minister, on opening of the road, told the people of Enfield, it was the day they got their village back. No doubt the by-pass will make the village a more attractive place to live for the many who have already moved out and for those many more who will do so in the future.

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Cllr Paul Kelly - Investment in Education must Continue.

Cllr. Paul Kelly has said he will campaign to ensure more investment continues in adult education in the years ahead. He applauded the existing record of the Government on keeping Adult Education high on its agenda and said it was vital that this continue to promote social inclusion and the development of the individual. As part of the 2002 Budget over \in 16 million has been allocated to adult literacy, which is a fivefold increase on the 1997 funding. There are currently almost 19,000 adult literacy students country wide. A "Back to Education Initiative" providing 4,000 extra part time places in further education, and extra Community educational facilitators to support new community based learning groups has been set up.

Launch of Leixlip Recycling Service by the Minister.

Cllr. Paul Kelly attended the Thursday launch of the Leixlip Household recycling Scheme by Minister for the Environment, Mr. Noel Dempsey. It has long been a pet project of Paul's, and indeed it was his motion calling for Leixlip to be selected as the pilot scheme for the countrywide system that was adopted as far back as 2nd November last. The Minister recently launched a major policy statement on preventing and recycling waste "Delivering Change" and Paul says it is a very comprehensive and useful document. It builds on many of the recent initiatives introduced by the Government e.g. the recent plastic bag tax and proposes to set up a National Waste Management Board to co-ordinate, monitor and review all aspects of waste management. The government is committed to providing ∈127 million for waste recovery and recycling infrastructure over the next 4 years, while greater emphasis will be placed on the prevention and re-use aspects of the waste management hierarchy. Paul will ensure that the initiative will be introduced in Maynooth, Clane, Celbridge and Naas also.

North Kildare School Contract Signed.

On 10th April, the contract for the construction of the new North Kildare School Project at Ballymakealy, Celbridge was signed by Education Minister Michael Woods and welcomed by Cllr. Paul Kelly.

Motor Insurance report Welcomed - but Startling!!!

Cllr. Paul Kelly welcomed the report long awaited on the Motor Insurance which confirms what many have suspected for a long number of years. Cllr. Kelly has long been concerned about the ridiculously high cost of motor insurance. Young people have been scapegoats with the majority of insurance quotes actually costing more than the car they drive. Paul believes that it is alarming that the cost of car insurance in Ireland is 50% greater than the next most expensive European country. Paul has called on the Minister Noel Tracy to now act upon the report and he has set a strict deadline of 3 months to progress the recommendations made in the report. The new penalty points system will go some way to addressing the high number of young people killed on our roads due to excessive speed. There is a clear onus on insurance companies and the legal profession to take notice. The report's findings include evidence that the Irish Motor Insurance industry made nine times the profits of their counterparts in the UK.

Cllr. Kelly welcomes commitment of Government to \in 200 Old Age Pension.

Paul Kelly has welcomed the commitment of the present government to introduce a \in 200 Old Age Pension if and when they are returned after the Election, further progress on the already substantial improvements which the government have already made since 1997.

Minister announces \in 4,874,000m Allocation to Sports Capital Programme.

The Minister Charlie McCreevy recently announced to the Cumann that the following local clubs have benefited under the above Programme:

Maynooth G.A.A. Club	\in
650,000.00	
Clane G.A.A. Club	E
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Leixlip Amenities	∈
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North Kildare Club	E
100,000.00	
Rathcoffey G.A.A. Club	\in
275.000.00	

The Cumann would sincerely like to congratulate the Maynooth G.A.A. Club on its successful allocation of the significant funds. The plans for the new Club house etc. will ensure that there is a fine facility for the young people of Maynooth which will be living testimony to the commitment and endeavours of the





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Cllr. John McGinley Demands Grass Cutting Contracts Now:

At the Leixlip Area Meeting of KCC on 4 April Cllr. John McGinley expressed his annoyance on being told that the annual contracts for the grass cutting of public green areas had still not been awarded. He stated that the first cuts should have taken place a month ago and he demanded that the contracts be awarded without any further delay. Deputy Emmet Stagg and his Labour Party colleagues have been fighting for the past number of years to have funding for a Parks Department for the county.

They succeeded in getting £250,000 allocated in 2001 and a similar amount for 2002. Only £50,000 was spent in 2001 because the Council did not award the contracts to anyone and Cllr. McGinley does not want the same thing to happen this year.

The electoral areas of Leixlip and Celbridge have \in 100,000 for parks maintenance this year and Cllr. McGinley submitted a quotation on behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for the maintenance of the public green areas in Maynooth In February. However, the Council took no action, principally, because for some peculiar reason responsibility for the Parks Department function has been given to the Corporate Centre of KCC.

Cllr. McGinley stated that it is unlikely that any other local authority in the world would handle its business in this manner and he demanded that the grass cutting contracts for Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Straffan be awarded immediately in order to assist the voluntary efforts of the Tidy Towns Committees

Dunboyne Road Realignment

Council officials had advised Cllr. McGinley that the much needed realignment of this road would be carried out in March. However as residents in the area know this did not happen. The delay in this \in 120,000 project has been caused because of the need to move an ESB pole which is an obstruction at Dillons Row. The area engineer advised Cllr. John McGinley that if she had to pay the \in 12.290 to the ESB for

moving this pole there would not then be enough money left to do the road and footpath. Cllr. McGinley has resolved the problem by allocating \in 12,290 from his Discretionary Grants for this purpose.

Discretionary Grants Allocation.

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated his Discretionary Grants of \in 48,428:

1	Dunboyne Road Realignment	∈12,290
2	Footpath from Cluain Aoibhinn to Beaufield	∈18,300
3	Remove old hedge at Beaufield/	
	Rathcoffey Road	∈5,100
4	Erects new fence and plant	
	hedge at Beaufield	∈4,200
5	Wheelchair dishing on footpaths	
	in Greenfield Estate	∈6,390
6	Closing off right of way at	
	221 Riverforest, Leixlip	∈848

Area outside Maynooth Castle

Following discussions with the area engineer Cllr. John McGinley has revised his proposals for this neglected area. He has asked the Roads Design Section of the Council to design a scheme to pedestrianise the road at the Castle railings.

There is no need for three roads to and from the College Gates and eliminating cars from the road at the railings will make life much safer for pedestrians as well as enhancing the area.

Safe Route to School Programme

The Newsletter has given details of Maynooth Action Strategy's Document "Bike to the Future" in last months and this months issues. Cllr. McGinley fully supports the recommendations in their report and in order to progress matters he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That Maynooth Action Strategy's document " Bike to the Future" be submitted to the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) with the proposal of Maynooth as the first choice of the Council for funding in the next Safe Route to School Programme."

Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Area Meting on 15 April that the Road Design Section of the Council will forward the report to the DTO for their comments. They anticipate that funding will not be made available prior to the completion of the Land Use and Transportation Study for Maynooth. This integraded Framework Study will take about six months to complete.

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The last Community Council Meeting agreed with the Tidy Towns Committee to close off the Old Straffan Road. It was agreed that this area is becoming a major visual eyesore in the town and that it is of no practical benefit to the people of the town as it is an unattractive area where few people now go. In supporting them Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That the Old Straffan Road at the Harbour Field, Maynooth be closed off and landscaped into the surrounding area."

Banning Through Traffic HGV's from Main Street, Maynooth:

At a recent Labour Party Branch Meeting Deputy Emmet Stagg indicated that with the opening of the Celbridge Interchange, now was the time to take Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) out of Maynooth's Main Street. For years traffic travelling from the North to the South and vice versa had used the route from Kill through to Maynooth to get to Dunboyne. Deputy Stagg stated that under Section 38 of the 1994 Road Traffic Act, it was possible to ban through traffic from the Main Street and direct traffic to use the M4 and Link to INTEL to get to Blacklion and Dunboyne.

Arising from the discussion at the Branch Meeting Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That through traffic HGV's be banned from Main Street, Maynooth, when the INTEL/M4 link opens and that such traffic be directed to the M4 at the link and at the N4/Blacklion junction."

Despite opposition from Council Officials at the Area Meeting on 15 April the Roads Section of the Council have been given the task of preparing a report on the implementation of the motion.

New Hedge Planted at Laurence Avenue

Cllr. McGinley is pleased that the Council acted on his request to have a new beech hedge planted at the Laurence Avenue fence. This was needed because the Council removed the existing shrubs when they laid the new footpath to the Gael Scoil.

ESB Mini Pillar on Footpath from Laurence Avenue to Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the ESB to remove this mini pillar as it is causing an obstruction to pedestrians and as it constitutes a safety hazard they should remove it free of charge.

Wall at Parson Street

The area engineer advised ClIr. John McGinley at the last Area Meeting that it would cost \in 49,500 to rebuild

the wall at the Joan Slade River in Parson Street. The rebuilding is necessary because the existing wall is porous and it causes the houses in Parson Street to be flooded. Cllr. McGinley has asked that money be used from Development Levies to rebuild the wall and so ease the concerns of the residents.

Maynooth Development Plan

It was agreed at the Area Committee on 15 April that the Amended Maynooth Development Plan would go before the full Council on 29 April for approval. There will be no further public display of the Plan as there has been no changes made from the previous display period.

New Public Lights Agreed

The three Councillors present at the Area Committee Meeting on 15 April agreed on new public lights for the following areas:

3 extra lights at the entrance to Castlebridge/ Parklands Estate at a cost of ${\in}4672$

2 additional lights at Leinster Park, Maynooth at a cost of \in 1,041

1 additional light at the end of Rail Park Lane, Maynooth at a cost of ${\in}825$

Completion of Silken Vale Road:

Cllr. John McGinley,s motion "That an Enforcement Order be issued on North City Builders to get them to carry out the final surface dressing of Silken Vale Road, Maynooth, as agreed at the Area Committee Meeting on 4th May 2001." was agreed at the Area Meeting on 15 April.

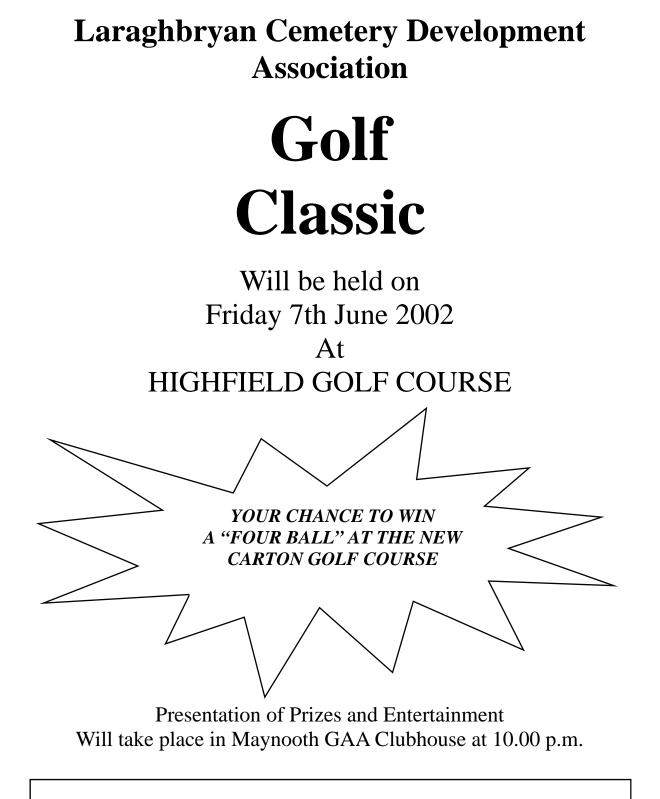
Stewarts Hospital – Swimming Pool Closure:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has written to the Chief Executive Officer of the Stewarts Hospital Foundation, Maura Donovan, requesting a postponement of their decision to end all adult and children's swimming classes from July 1st.

At present 1,500+ swimmers use the facility on a weekly basis with many coming from the Maynooth area. The Stewarts Hospital Foundation are planning to end all adult swimming classes, including lengths, minnows, swimming clubs, parent and child sessions, aqua aerobics, water safety classes and leisure club facilities.

Deputy Stagg has requested the Foundation to allow continued use of the present facilities for the 1,500+

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swimmers on the basis that the feasibility study for the provision of a Swimming Pool in North Kildare should be completed shortly. A draft of the study is with the County Manager at present. That study will identify a site for the swimming pool and the County Manager previously gave a commitment to redress the imbalance in Kildare by providing facilities in the North of the County (at present the Council have swimming pools in Naas and Athy).

In view of the Kildare proposals, Deputy Stagg is hopeful that the Stewarts Foundation will defer their decision until we have our own swimming pool secured for North Kildare.

Children's Playgrounds for Kildare North:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that he is puzzled by recent statements by Fianna Fáil spokespersons that they intend to mount a campaign for the provision of children's playgrounds in North Kildare towns.

They must be aware that Kildare County Council has a programme for the provision of these facilities throughout the County. For example, a site has been earmarked for a playground in the Celbridge Development Plan, two such sites have been identified in Maynooth and there is one available in Leixlip.

What is needed now is not a campaign to convince of the desirability of playgrounds but rather the funding to put them in place and manage them.

The Fianna Fáil spokespersons and candidates should stop shadow boxing on the issue and provide the funding to construct the playgrounds before the present generation of children grow beyond the age where they need them. Fianna Fail should now put their pocket where their mouth is and stop playing politics with the issue.

Senior Citizens Let Down by Government:

The introduction of the Central Heating System Grants for Senior Citizens was widely welcomed.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised that only nominal funding has been provided by the Government. Of 200 Kildare applicants in 2002, only 10 Senior Citizens will be approved for grants to install central heating.

The Government built up their hopes only to dash them.

This is nothing short of a disgrace and the Fianna Fáil/ Progressive Democrat Government should hang its head in shame.

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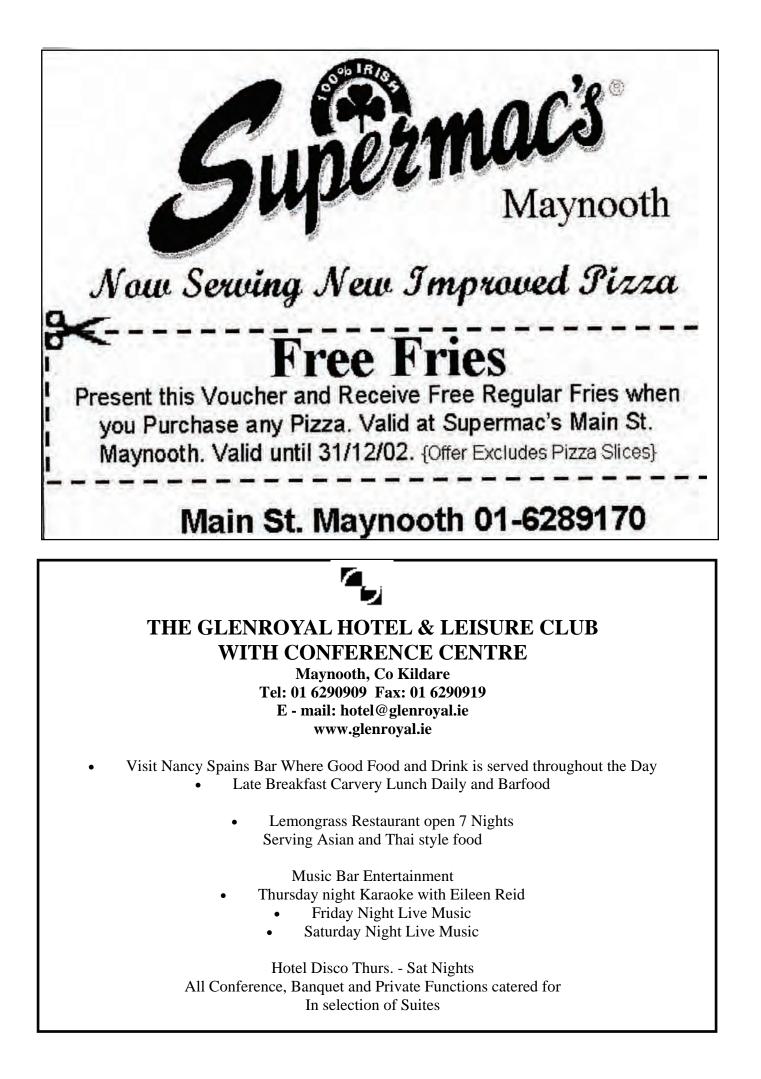
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Dublin Road Dumping

Following several incidents of illegal dumping in the boreen on the Dublin Road the rubbish has now been cleared and an extra barrier placed at the entrance. It is hoped the the new barrier will assist in relieving this menace in the future. It is understood that there are four prosecutions pending following the recent dumping and hopefully the full rigors of the law will be used against those found guilty of this anti-social act. Maynooth Town Football Club would like to thank the Environment section of Kildare County Council and Cllr. John Mc Ginley for their assistance in dealing so promptly with this problem.

Rathcoffey Road Development

On the Rathcoffey Road pitch development front the finalised plans for the first phase are with the Department of Tourism & Sport for approval. Once approval has been received the project will go to tender. The target date to start the ground works is early June. It is expected the work will be complete in 16 weeks weather permitting. Although the all weather training surface will be ready for use next season it is not expected to have the playing pitches come on stream until at least the following season.

A fundraising target of \in 95,000 has been set to realise Phase 1 and efforts are already under way to reach our goal. A pre-tender costing of \in 210,000 is estimated to complete this phase. This is an ambitious project but it will only succeed if the wider community are prepared to invest in the future of our children. For further information on how you can help contact Gerry Folan @ 01-6286994 or John Doogan @ 01-6289720 or by email at the address above.

DDSL Under 9A1 Maynooth Town (1) 2 v Confey Boys (2) 3 Sponsored by Matt Bruton & Assoc. Maynooth

No St Patrick's Day hangover from these two fine sides. A fine competitive encounter entertained the large crowd. Maynooth began in determined fashion and kept the visitors at bay. The Maynooth defenders Garvin Dowling and Ciaran Kearney were proving next to impossible for the visitors to break down. John Comerford played a captain's role akin to Roy Keane. His determined, committed display should be an example to all. Confey found themselves in a contest like never before. Garvin Dowling really put it up for the visitors by scoring a fine goal from a free kick to put the home side 1-0 up at the interval.

True to form though Confey as defending league and cup winners refuse to concede any contest. They levelled proceeding early in the second half to set up a grand stand finish. Superior fitness started to tell however, as the visitors took control of the game. Maynooth found themselves under the cosh now as they conceded ground and possession to the visitors. This cannot be done with a team like Confey and they punished the home side by scoring two soft goals.

Much to Maynooth's credit they seemed to find a new gear and began to reassert themselves on proceedings. Andy Foxe scored a fine individual goal to set up a nail-biting finish. Unfortunately time ran out and the visitors triumphed. Two incidents of slackness in marking and lack of determination to clear the danger cost the home team a famous victory.

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

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7-Apr-02 6,7,11,26 ∈925 MYLES FALLON JOE ERRITY MARTIN CORCORAN								

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Letter to our Readers:

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

Novena To Saint Anthony

O holy St. Anthony I resort to thy protection and aid. And as proof of my affection and faith I offer this light which shall burn everyday. Please comfort me in all my difficulties and through thy lodging in the house of our saviour please intercede for me and my family that we may always hold God in our hearts and be provided for in our necessities. I beseech the St. Anthony to have infinite pity in regard the favour I now ask of thee (here mention favour) please please help me overcome all the difficulties I now leave at thy feet.

Say 3 Our Fathers 3 Hail Marys 3 Glory be to the Fathers.

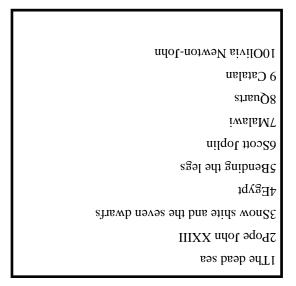
To be said for nine days in succession and each day light a candle and a copy of this prayer left in a Church to increase devotion to this miraculous saint and to help another poor soul in distress.

This miraculous saint grants every favour no matter how difficult and before the termination of the nine days.

May God be blessed, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary please pray for all of us.

O thank you most Holy St. Anthony.

Answers to quiz on page



Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Dreams

Public Seminars beginning May 7th, Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth

"Dreams provide the most interesting information for those who take the trouble to understand their symbols. The results, it is true, have little to do with such wordly concerns as buying and selling, But the meaning of life is not exhaustively explained by ones business life, nor is the deep desire of the human heart answered by a bank account" C.G Jung.

<u>Tuesday May 7th, 2002 Time 8pm (Duration 1hr)</u> <u>Dreams: the Symbolism & Psychology</u>

This lecture will explore the general characteristics of dreams: their structure, imagery and practical meanings. We will discuss how dream images connect to personal inner dynamics and methods of interpretation.

<u>Tuesday May 14th, 2002 Time 8pm (Duration 1 hr)</u> Dreams: The role of the Shadow, the Unconscious Half of the Personality

The Shadow as Jung points out is "90% pure gold", and contains many positive qualities, talents and abilities unknown to ourselves. Through the shadow we can recognise the projections that colour our opinions about others. This lecture will explore ways of working with and retrieving the Shadow through the imagery in dreams.

<u>Tuesday May 21st, 2002 Time 8pm (Duration 1 hr)</u> <u>Dreams: Complexes and the Inner World of the Psyche</u>

Complexes are normal and present in everyone. They are the building blocks of the personality. Their presence is usually marked by a strong emotion i.e. love, hate, rage, sadness etc. Complexes are however regularly personified in dreams. This lecture will explore the influence of masculine and feminine complexes on our personalities. In particular, the role of the Mother complex in men and Father complex in women and how they affect our relationships.

<u>Tuesday May 28th, 2002 Time 8pm (Duration 1 hr)</u> <u>Dreams: The Journey of Individuation</u>

Individuation is the process of becoming aware of what is unique about yourself including your personal strengths and limitations. Feelings of Depression, Alienation or loss of meaning in life can often be the surface waves of the Individuation process in action. Additionally, it can be activated by a relationship break-up, mid-life crisis or the death of someone close. This lecture will outline the progression of psychological steps the unconscious takes during individuation.

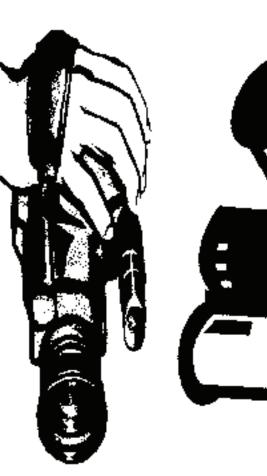
Admission ∈12.00 per session (Concession available) Each lecture will be followed by a question & answer session These lectures are open to all, no prior knowledge of psychology is necessary

Paul Bradley is based in Maynooth and has studied and researched dreams for over five years. He holds a Diploma in Psychology and Psychotherapy and is available for private consultation. He can be contacted on 087 9598840

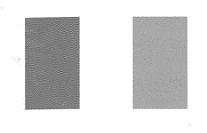
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As we all know by now the greatest winner in Maynooth in May was not a politician but our own Eugene Fitzpatrick from Maynooth Park - one of the town's characters. His Ireland World Cup song to the tune of Smokey's "Alice" was the winner on Pat Kenny's Late Late Show on May 3rd. It was exciting enough for him to reach the final 5 songs and appear on the show but it was clear that the studio audience loved his song immediately and that it was a winner.

Eugene is not well and he is still in the Mater Hospital. So the Newsletter conducted an interview with him over the phone. I asked him what his reaction was to his win: "delighted, I couldn't believe it!" was his understandable response. There were 2,675 songs sent into the competition and he sent in two. When he heard nothing for weeks he had nearly forgotten all about it. Finally, a week before the big night, the phone call came through to the hospital and the representative for the Late Late Show said that Eugene was a hard man to find.

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Editorial

As we go to print the country is still reeling from the shock expulsion of Ireland's soccer supremo, Roy Keane, from the World Cup team. Whether he returns or not is still uncertain but the interest and hysteria generated by this has overshadowed all others events in the country or indeed in the world. The election results, the recounts, the Fine Gael leadership and the formation of the next government faded into insignificance. It is a pertinent comment on the state of the nation that the antics of a football manager and his row with a footballer are more important than the political future of the country or indeed the impending war between India and Pakistan. The World Cup is important without a doubt. We have seen the beneficial effect of Italia '90 and America '94 but the frenzied reaction of the public and the media seems out of proportion with the events.

The election results countrywide were surprising if not indeed shocking with Fianna Fáil nearly achieving an overall majority and the PDs doing extremely well along with the Green Party, Sinn Féin and the flurry of independents. The move towards such large numbers of independent TDs is worrying for the larger political parties and for the wider democratic system in general. If, as expected, Fianna Fáil form another coalition with the PDs then the independents will find themselves side-lined and redundant without the negotiating power utilised by the likes of Mildred Fox in the last coalition. Those who voted for them will have little return for their choice of candidate either. The trend towards the smaller parties is also growing with the Green Party and Sinn Féin picking up many more seats than predicted by the pollsters. The future of Fine Gael is being questioned as they find themselves as Social Democrats flanked by the Labour Party on one side and Fianna Fáil/PDs on the other. There will be a long procss of soul-searching and selfexamination in the months to come. The Labour Party fared little better, failing to gain seats that they had lost in the '97 campaign. They will also have to examine their policies and strategies as they are under siege from both the Greens and Sinn Féin. The loss of such eminent and intelligent TDs such as Alan Dukes, Alan Shatter and Dick Spring does not auger well for the future of the democratic system either.

The election results in North Kildare were not quite indicative of the national result. The dreadful downpour lasting all day did nothing to encourage reluctant voters to travel to the polling stations and the turn out was average at best. Bernard Durkan held onto the Fine Gael seat by the skin of his teeth against Paul Kelly FF, bucking the national trend that saw the demise of such legendary names as Alan Dukes, Alan Shatter and Norah Owen. Charlie McCreevy and Emmet Stagg held their seats comfortably, Stagg improving his first preferences. The Green Party candidate got 1974 first preferences without posters and appearing in the constituency and Kathleen Walsh polled a very impressive 3,919 in her first outing in a general election campaign. How long this Dáil will last is a matter for conjecture but the financial situation will be very different from the previous 5 years.

Finally, as seen on the front cover, Eugene Fitzpatrick won the World Cup Song Contest on the Late, Late Show and we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for his future.

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The May meeting of the Community Council was held on the 20th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There have been two new co-options to the Council. Tom Dempsey for Town Centre and Andrew McMullon for Cluain Aoibhinn.

As this meeting was quite badly attended Hugh Gallagher said that all Residents Associations are not being represented and also we would be writing to all groups that have fallen off, to come back to meetings. As there is a lot going on in the town now re new development, people should have an input. He said at our A.G.M. last month we had two presentations re Kavanagh's and larnrod Eireann.

Local Matters

It had been put forward that the old footpath on the Straffan Road should be closed. However, it was stated that Kildare County Council said it is a good asset for senior citizens who use it. However, Tidy Towns representative, Paul Croghan, felt it should be closed as it is hard to maintain.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council will have it cleaned three times a week and also new public lighting.

Street Signs

Padraig O'Murchú was told that the new street signs are now ready at last. Cllr. John McGinley said the signs would be put up on walls he felt it would be an honour for people to have the signs on their house walls. However, Cllr. Senan Griffin said that there will be negotiations to see how people would feel about them.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan wondered would the Parks grant funding facility support to Tidy Towns to keep the grass cut this year. He felt that things were moving too slow and it would probably be 2003 before they got started. Cllr. John McGinley said that the contract will start now 2002.

He said the contract should have been given out in February and at the next Leixlip Area Meeting, the first Friday in June, it will be sorted out. There is \in 100,000 available for grass cutting.

Cllr. Senan Griffin also felt that Kildare County Council are holding back on this as some people had other ideas on how this money should be spent.

There will be a Best Estate Information Meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 5th June. This should be of great interest to people taking part in this competition.

The Tidy Towns Annual Collection will take place on 7th, 8th & 9th June.

Paul said they would be looking for people to help them on the collection days.

He also congratulated all successful in the elections.

Rubbish Collection

Tom McMullon said that skips are no longer available from Kildare County Council, we can now get gloves and black bags. It was noted that Kildare County Council have new plans for collection of rubbish etc. from estates, but that this information has not come through.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said there are proper ways to dispose of rubbish, the dump at Kilcullen is very suitable for all rubbish.

Website

It was noted that some material appearing on the Maynooth Website is of a dreadful and disgusting nature. While it is easy to access the public bulletin board it was felt that a watch-dog facility was needed. As this is the only site for the town and used appropriately it is very good for the town. Inappropriate material can be removed but it will take time.

Planning

It was stated that Maynooth Community Council should come up with some criteria about how we object to planning.

P. J. Duncan said that the Community Council could carry some clout on some planning matters and it is important that we have all information on planning.

Cllr. John McGinley said we should discuss in depth plans for the Main Street, it is slowly losing it's character. There are two new Public Houses planned for the Main Street and it is slowly becoming nonresidential.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said we should look at planning every frew months, he also felt that we should have some experts on planning involved.

Des Matthews said something will have to be done about the traffic in the town. It was then suggested by Muireann that we should have a special meeting just for planning issues, so the 8th July meeting will be to discuss planning. It was also suggested that we invite other bodies interested in planning, the Planning Alliance Group, also an architect. There is the Maynooth Action Plans to be discussed "What is best for Maynooth", The Public Park, "Carton Avenue", also the Harbour Field. This will be a very important meeting for people who are interested in what happens to Maynooth.

Election of Vice-chairperson

Tom McMullon was elected as vice-chairperson. He was proposed by Paul Croghan and seconded by Des Matthews.

Town Council Status for Maynooth

It was decided to apply for Town Council status for Maynooth. It was noted that we have applied twice before. There is new legislation now in place. On application this will cost \in 1,000 and also 100 signatures are need. After some discussion it was decided to apply.

Community Council Notes Contd.

Festival

It was decided to go ahead with a Festival for this year, it will take place 11th - 14th July.

It will run with some of our usual events - Bar Person of the Year - The Table Quiz and Poetry Night. It is hoped to have more going on in the Arts area this year.

It was also suggested that we have a Heritage Day.

Ronan Barry suggested that maybe we could look at having a Volunteer Person of the Year Award. We will be writing to groups in the town to get involved and asking them to include some of their events alongside the Festival.

it is also hoped to tie in the Festival next year with the Special Olympics.

Editorial Board

As you may know the Editorial Board need more people to get involved. A few interested people have come forward, but more are needed.

Maynooth Community Centre Forum

Hugh Gallagher said that things are progressing well. They have set up a sub-committee to look at funding and other vital areas.

Public Meeting "Kelt"

Kelt will be holding a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 29th May. This should be of interest to social groups that are looking for funding.

Paul Croghan drew attention to the fact that Mr. Willie Carroll had died. Mr. Carroll was involved with the Community Planning Forum. It was noted that he was involved with the Carton Avenue development.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said he will indeed be sadly missed. Cllr. John McGinley said he was a doer and worked hard for community development.

Special Olympics

Ronan Barry told the meeting that there would be an information meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 28th May. He thanked the Girls National school for holding an Olympic Silver Circle Collection, also the Boys National School for holding a No Uniform Day.

The Next Meeting of the Community Council will take place on Monday 10th June in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8 p.m.

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Eugene, who had been in hospital for weeks at this stage, told him that he was very easy to find considering that he could not move out of the place! He didn't believe them either, thinking it was one of his friend's pulling his leg. When the phone call was over, he rang the number back and got the Late Late office. At that stage it dawned on him that this was no joke. The representative of the show said that he never wanted to hear another World Cup song but when he heard Eugene's he played it over and over again. Eugene reckons, by the way, that the second song got lost in the post, but as we saw, he gave it a lash during his second appearance on the show.

He and his sister Catherine were brought to the studio in style - a black stretch limo no less.

I then turned the conversation to the famous people he met including Jimmy McGee and Paul McGrath. But better than that he got a kiss from Liz Bonnin! Later, he received a visit at home from Bertie Ahern, Charlie McCreevy and Paul Kelly. Bertie told him that he was watching the show on the Friday night and when he went to the office the following day he was telling everyone about it. One of the women, a neighbour of Eugene's, told him that she knew him. "I have to visit him" said Bertie and sure enough he did during his election visit to Maynooth.

Other people had hired orchestras and went to great expense when entering the competition. Eugene bought a blank tape in the local supermarket and sang the song in his bedroom without any accompaniment at all. True talent will win out in the end as was proven when he won with an overwhelming, runaway vote from the public on that Friday night.

Photographs appeared in the Sunday World and Mirror and there were many letters to the papers applauding his courage and bravery. Eugene is on dialysis and cannot take up the prize of going to the World Cup. Eircom then offered him a cash amount of \in 10,000. When I asked him what he intended to do with it he said "enjoy it and give some of it the Kidney Association".

On his visit to Bradys and Caulfields everyone was out to celebrate for him. The lads in Bradys sang "Simply the best" and Caulfields hung a huge banner over the bar saying "Well done Eugene". The nurses in the Mater also lined up and sang for him when he returned to the hospital.

Unfortunately he cannot record the song because the copyright for "Alice" belongs to his favourite band Smokey. He has tried to get in touch with the band's management but has not got a response so far.

Then I asked him if he thought he would be home for the World Cup and he wasn't sure. I ventured to say that he might have good crack in the hospital watching the matches. But it costs $\in 2$ for two hours of television and it can switch off at any time. It did just that recently as Manchester United were about to score in a match they were watching.

Finally I asked him if he wanted to mention or thank anyone and he wanted to thank everyone who voted for him and all his friends at home in Maynooth.

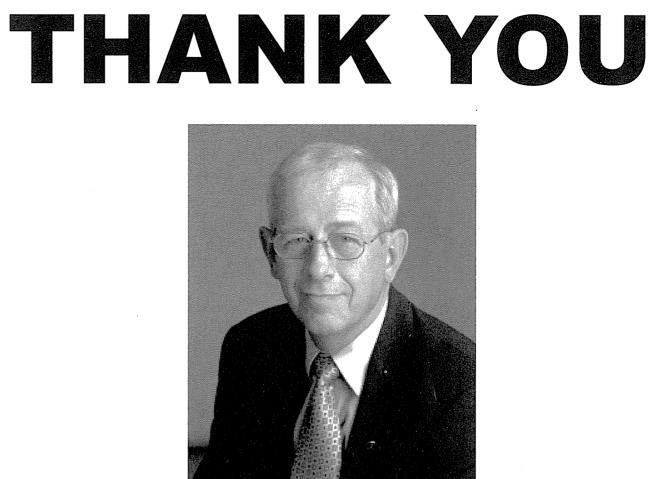
Eugene shows great courage and heroism in the face of serious adversity as he always has. He worked for the Community Council for a number of years and was a most cheerful, happy employee who never seemed to be downhearted. This is a well-deserved win for a man who has written many entertaining songs for us over the years and has sung them in Bradys, Caulfields and at various functions and talent competitions over the years. Way to go Eugene! You are - simply the best. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin



Ronan Gallagher with his mother Ann



Brendan Colfer with his family



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02/749	John Holton	20 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	08/05/02	To erect a porch to the front	20 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	
02/750	Tilo Kruger	15 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/05/02	development will consist of a ground floor extension to the side of existing house	15 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	
02/752	Thomas & Ashling Richardson	519 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	08/05/02	To demolish existing dwellings and replace these with a dwelling incorporating a granny flat	519 - 520 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	
02/766	Jason Keigher	39 Laurence Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	10/05/02	for a detached four bedroom dormer bungalow with biocycle system	Old Railpark Road Barrogstown West Maynooth	
02/772	Mary Nolan & Robert Morris	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth	Р	10/05/02	sought to construct a bungalow and connect to public services at rear of	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	
02/787	Peter Walker .	31 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/05/02	for retention and conversion of rear domestic garage and new 2 storey side extension, incorporating new garage to side of existing house	31 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare.	
02/788	John & Suzanne Maloco	159 Rockfield Walk Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	13/05/02	for a single storey extension, including bedroom with ensuite, sunroom, family room, pantry and utility room	159 Rockfield Walk Maynooth Co. Kildare.	
02/851	Mark & Neva Murphy	36 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	20/05/02	to erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with conversion of garage to habitable space	36 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	
02/859	David McAuliffe & Patricia Ring	249 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/05/02	for construction of double storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of property	249 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	
02/831	Andrew Nolan & Lisa Farrell	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/05/02	to construct a dormer type dwelling and domestic garage, with connection to existing public services located at rear	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	

First Communion Day in Maynooth 2002



Laura Doogan with her father John and mother June



Aoife Twomey & Gráinne Hoban



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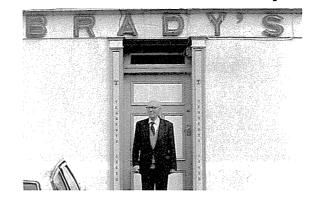
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Bradys "Clock House"



In the recent past we have seen the closing of the Mill and the Mart but with Bradys "Clock House" having been recently sold Maynooth is losing one of it's oldest and most popular families. Established in 1896 by the Pitts family the pub has traded since. Mrs. Pitts took on a young apprentice in 1923. That was when Phil Brady came on the scene. A teenager from Laragh Gcadone, Co. Cavan "of which he was very proud" was to become one of the best known and liked members of the community. Phil, still a very young man, took over the pub in 1923 and this started a long and cordial relationship with the local community. The clubs including the G.A.A.. Soccer, the St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band and many other organisations owe a lot to Phil for their being and survival.

Not alone in Maynooth but all over Ireland, especially the West, Bradys was the landmark most known in the town. No! It was not the college, the Mart or the Mill, but mention Maynooth and the first thing you were asked was how was Phil and mammy, as his wife Breda was affectionately known. A teacher once preached that if you went to Paris and not to the Bastille then you were not in Paris. To visit Maynooth and not go to Bradys then you weren't in Maynooth.

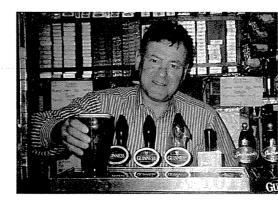
Then in 1935 a young domestic science teacher Breda came to the College. From Ardmore in Waterford "of which she was also very proud" she married Phil 3 years later and formed the basis of the Brady family. Phil and Mammy had 9 children, one of whom died tragically in a cot death. Ann, God rest her soul, also died tragically in a road accident in England leaving two young children. Eileen, Claire and Angela are very successful in their professional careers.

The young menfolk make their living in the business end. John owns a thriving pub in Waterford, Jim likewise in Wexford, Ossie has just retired having sold his ham processing business in Straffan and now Noel is retiring with the sale of the home base in Maynooth.

The kindness of the Brady family will never be forgotten in Maynooth. Phil who died in December 2000 just short of his 94th birthday and Breda died in 1998 at the age of 79 R.I.P. Any child entering Bradys will remind you that they were first presented with a glass of lemonade, bag of crisps and a bar of chocolate. Phil regarded them with respect as he would say rubbing his hands "my future customers". No one left Bradys hungry or thirsty whether they had money or not. Mammy who was always proud of her culinary craft would set up food at the shortest of notice. The stories Phil and mammy had over the years would take books to cover. As Joxer would say "they were a darlin family" and Maynooth will be, despite prosperity, a much poorer place with their leaving.

All that is left now is to wish Noel a long and happy retirement with his golf, his daughter Mandy and his new grand daughter Rebecca.

Good luck and best wishes to all The Brady Clan and thank you for a long and loyal service to the community. Silim nach mbeidh a leithéid áris ann.





When two fond fools together meet, Each look gives joy each kiss so swee Pleasures the burden of the song Toying and playing all day long When wed how cold and cross they'l he

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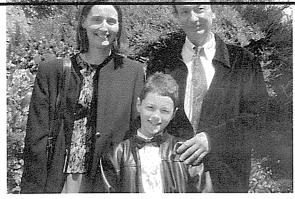
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Electronic Voting Yea or Nav

Rain poured down steadily as the voters of Kilcloon made history, being among the first to sample electronic voting. Area Inspector for Dunshaughlin, Mr. Larry McEnteer, confirmed that the machines had made their entrance with no problem mechanically. Mr. McEnteer thought the early start had made a difference with a good turnout during early morning. When asked his preference Mr. McEnteer had mixed feelings, while the machine was more efficient the atmosphere of the count would be missed, the tally men, the recount and all that goes with the manual vote would be part of our history. On the downside, he thought there would be queuing later on as the voting became more brisk.

A sample of opinions on the electronic vote.



Mr. Henry Carty

Thought it was slower but got through okay.

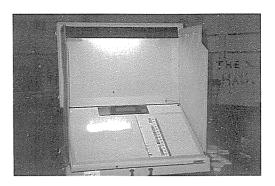


Eileen, Eamonn Kerwin with their daughter Julie

Eamonn thought the public should have had a say about the introduction of the electronic vote. Eileen preferred the paper vote with little Julie agreeing with mam.



James Daly & Tom Crean James found the colour photos helpful and liked the new system. Tom also found the electronic vote good.



Caroline O'Reilly

Caroline thought the new system was grand and gave it her approval.

Mary O'Reilly

Mary thought the electronic vote was a good idea and would solve the problem of the spoilt vote.

The views of people voting in Enfield echoed the same sentiments with the voters having mixed feelings but the general consensus being in favour of the new system with the same type of nostalgia about the passing of the count, the recount, the tally man and the general mayhem of the paper vote.

A word of caution while listening to some of the elected candidates it seems there is a major need for planning and improvement on the announcement of the successful candidates as with some of the elected being the last to know and having to fight their way to acknowledge their success. Still every new venture has it's teething problems and with more work and commitment it looks like the electronic vote is the way of the future whether we like it or not.

Cecilia Murray, Pius Kelly & Annette Foran

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Barrett leads Championship after **Double header at Pembrey**

Team FSI and Maynooth man Ian Barrett couldn't have wished for a more positive start to their debut season in Formula Renault than that which took place at Pembrey, Wales on the weekend of may 11th/12th. Barrett finished second and third respectively in Sunday's two races, and is now joint top of the British BARC leader board with 24 points, along with Nicky Wilson.

The omens were good from the start. Barrett was quickest in Friday's practice run and was optimistic going into Saturday's qualifying session. Qualifying for Race 1 didn't go according to plan however as gearbox trouble halted Barrett's progress after only seven laps, but he did manage to hang onto sixth place, with Gonzalo Rodriguez taking pole. After the FSI crew rectified the gearbox problem, things picked up in qualifying for Race 2 as Barrett stormed his way to second on the grid, finishing just one tenth of a second behind Frenchman Olivier Playle.

On Sunday, Barrett made a great start in Race 1, forcing his way up to fourth after just one lap. He continued to fly through the field, picking off Jeremy Smith on lap 5 and then passing Nicky Wilson to take second place with just three laps remaining. Barrett kept the pace up right until the final lap and finished only one second behind winner Philip Keane.

Much was expected of Barrett in Race 2 as he began on the front row of the grid. After an excellent start which initially saw him take the lead from Olivier Playle, Barrett was forced wide on the first corner and fell back to fifth place. However, the young Irish driver wasted no time in clawing his way back to third, clocking up the second fastest lap of the race in the process, finishing behind England's Jeremy Smith and Scotland's Nicky Wilson.

'I'm very happy with the results in both races, and I'm delighted to be joint top of the leader board even at this early stage,' said Barrett, adding 'we're just hoping to carry this form into the next round and stay in contention for the top places."

The next round of the British BARC Formula Renault Championship takes place at Donnington, Derby shire on June 30th. And with this excellent start behind them, Team FSI and Barrett will be keen to impress once more, in this their first season at this demanding and competitive level.

Shane Folan

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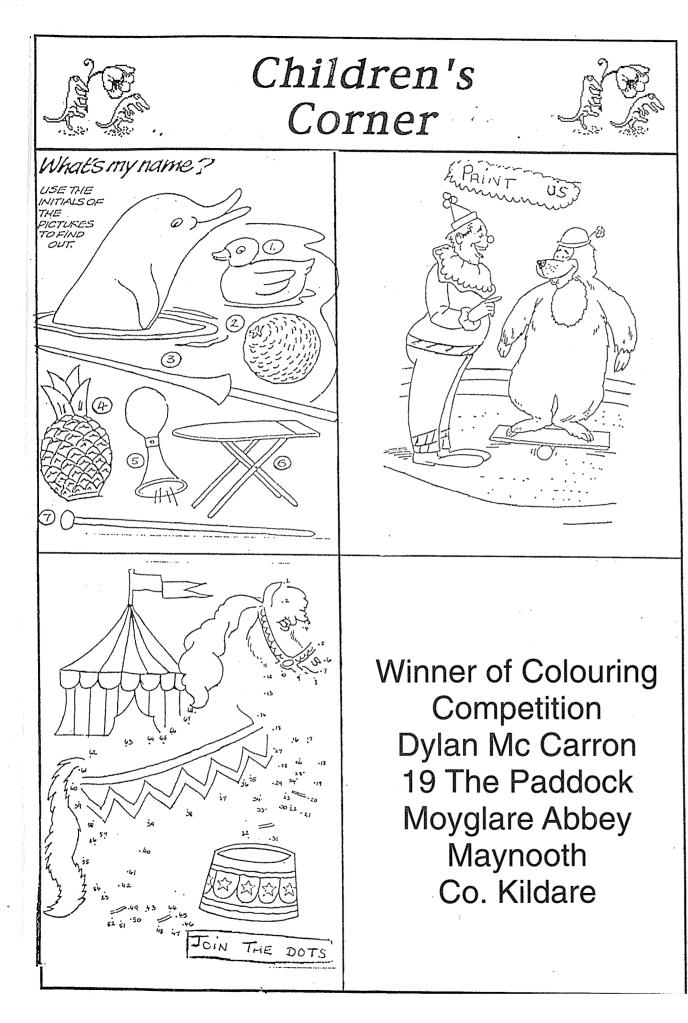


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JUNE IN THE GARDEN

Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Continue to trim or cut hedges. Secure the shoots of climbers or wall shrubs. Early-flowering clematis species need to be pruned now. Old flowering shoots, and dead branches of shrubs, that have already flowered, e.g. flowering currant, broom and rock roses need pruning now.

Flowers:

Clear flower beds of remains of spring bedding male flowers from melons and dust the pollen on to plants. These may be replaced with permanent ones the female flowers to fertilize them. Keep all or summer bedding plants which have been greenhouse plants watered as required. Dampen the thoroughly hardened off. Thin out sowings of hardy floor to increase humidity and shade and ventilate and half-hardy annuals. Tall growing flowers need according to weather and temperatures. Continue to continuous support and tie new growths to stakes. feed and water potted plants in the home. Mulch and water bulbous plants such as lilies or gladioli. Continue sewing hardy biennials and General: prennials in a seed-bed. Plant out dahlias, fuchsias, and chysanthemums. Nip out the buds on the main growth to form bushy plants. If bulbs are Mow lawns regulary. Lift weeds and creeping stems overcrowded they can be lifted when the leaves have with a rake so that the mower can cut them. Apply turned yellow. Clean and dry them and store in cool summer dressings of weedkiller and fertilizers. Now is a good time to start making plans for any changes in and airy place until time for replanting in autumn. Water and weed all plants. Apply fungicides, fertilisers the garden. and insecticides.

FRUIT:

Place polythene sheeting or straw round strawberry plants and cover them with netting to protect from slugs and birds. Remove runners or lift rooted ones for planting elsewhere. Thin the clusters on apples, pears and plums if too many fruits have formed, after the natural June drop that occurs this month or early in July.

Support the shoots of the cane fruits. If too many canes have formed thin them out. Prune lightly red and white currants and gooseberries. Follow manufacturers instructions carefully when spraying fruit trees and bushes with insecticides and fungicides.

VEGETABLES:

Earth-up main crop potatoes and start lifting early cultivars. Plant out hardened off leek plants and celerv.

Continue sowing green vegetables for late crops. Transplant young plants from seed-bed and plant in their permanent position. Thin out where necessary. Locate small sowings of salad crops among other veg for continuous supply. Now is a good time to sow Swedes for winter use. Hardened-off tomatoes may be planted out but cover them with cloches. Support space to grow.

Under Glass:

Place cinerarias, primulas, azaleas, winter cherry, cyclamen and calceolarias in cold-frame for the summer and return them to the greenhouse in autumn for winter and spring flowers. Make sure the plants are shaded from the hot sun and kept well watered. Water and feed tomato plants regulary and start picking the fruits. Remove sideshoots and continue to secure them to supports. Thin out grape bunches by about one-quarter. Check cucumber plants at desired height. Tie and support young shoots and remove flowers without embryo fruits behind (male). All growths beyond two leaves after fruits to be removed. Remove

Plants for Children to grow:

Antirrhinums can be great fun for nipping noses or by squeezing the sides can be made to ' talk'. Nasturtium leaves can be used to make dolls' hats. Sunflowers can be sown indoors at the end of May and transferred outside to a sheltered position. The children can have great fun measuring the growth of these flowers and later on eating the nutritious seeds.





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General Tips:

Breadcrumbs:

Instead of relying on shop-bought dry breadcrumbs, vou can use crushed cornflakes, unsweetened bran cereal, or matzo meal. Or make crumbs from fresh or lightly toasted white bread; crushed toasted slices with a rolling pin or an empty bottle, or whizz fresh, dry or toasted bread in an electric blender or food processor.

Butter:

Margarine can replace butter in most recipes. Hard margarine is best used for shaped, rolled or dropped biscuits; soft margarine will make biscuits spread out more over the baking sheet.

Chilli Peppers:

To peel fresh chilli and sweet peppers, first roast them under a grill or on a long fork over a gas flame. Turn often until the skin is charred all over, then immediately seal in a plastic or brown paper bag for 15 minutes. The skin will then come off easily when required.

Cutlery:

Dry cutlery as soon as it is washed, even if washed in a dishwasher. Some stainless steel will mark when airdried and knife blades are particulary vulnerale to hard-water minerals, which corrode them.

Glass:

Never pick up broken glass with your bare-hands-or approach it in your bare feet. Carefully sweep it into a dustpan, wrap it in newspaper, and throw it out. To pick up tiny slivers of glass, wipe all around the breakage area with a paper towel or cotton wool smeared with moist soap. Rinse with a water-soaked paper towel and wipe dry.

Onion Cutting:

If you have a microwave, here is an easy way of preparing onions, for cutting, trim off the ends of the onions-don't peel them. Place them on kitchen paper in the bottom of the oven and microwave on high for a minute. You will be able to remove the skin more easily and won't cry when you chop them up. Alternatively, leave the root end and cut off the top end only. Then peel back the skin over the root end and hold onto it as you cut the onion. The milky juice at the root end is thought to be the cause of tears.

Picnics:

If you are planning a picnic but have no coolbox or bag, make your own by lining your picnic basket or box with cold beverages; and then pack the food in the centre. But remember that the cold cans are no substitute for ice; only use this trick if you have a short distance to travel and your food is unlikely to spoil.



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Father Patrick Peyton 1909 - 1992 The Rosary Priest

Father Patrick Peyton died 10 years ago this month. He was born in Attymass in the picturesque verdant valley between the Atlantic Ocean and the Ox Mountains of County Mayo on January 9, 1909. From his earliest memories the family would gather together nightly to say the Rosary. It touched him tremendously, fostering in him a love for the Faith and prayer. For him his home was a cradle, a school a library - a "little church."

At the age of 19 he accompanied his older brother to America, to be a coal miner at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Both Peyton boys went to work in coalmines of Scranton. It wasn't long before his older brother entered the seminary and Patrick became a janitor at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Scranton. A year later, Patrick entered the Congregation of Holy Cross.

In 1939, two years before he was to become a priest he contracted a serious illness while studying at the major seminary of the Holy Cross Fathers in Washington, D.C. He discovered "no man is an island" and he was totally dependent on the medical people for his life. As he deteriorated further, he heard the doctors pronounce that it was hopeless. They could do no more and the only answer was a prayer. He regained his health totally and on June 15, 1941 he, along with his brother, was ordained. Father Patrick was intent on repaying Our Lady for her intercession in his healing. That payback came seven months after his ordination while he was on retreat.

It happened when Mutual Radio Broadcasting System, then the largest, granted him a half-hour to broadcast the Rosary across the country. he asked Cardinal Francis Spellman to be the speaker and set the day for Mother's Day, May 13, 1945. It was also the 28th anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima. He invited an Irish family from Iowa who had lost five sons during the war to lead the Rosary. He convinced Bing Crosby to appear as well. Soon Crosby was campaigning for Father Patrick, recruiting such Hollywood Catholic luminaries as James Cagney, Grace Kelly, Loretta Young and Pat O'Brien. Soon the famous phrase by Father Patrick Peyton became a household term, "the family that prays together, stays together." By 1947 his Radio Hour had gone international with "Father Pevton's Family Theatre." A year later he began his worldwide crusades. He also produced fifteen films, one for every mystery of the Rosarv.

He came to Ireland in the 1950s to huge Rosary rallies. He stayed on the air through the fifties as more families huddled around the radio, praying the family Rosary, flocking to hear him wherever he went around the world. Every Parish promoted the program and Father Patrick became known as "Our Lady's Priest" and the "Rosary Priest." Another famous phrase he coined. "a world at praver is a world at peace."

Patrick passed away in San Pedro, California on June 3, 1992 at the age of 83. His cause for beautification has been introduced in Rome. Many have come forward extolling his virtues, from Hollywood stars to the common man; proof that many are truly intent in perpetuating the message he learned from his wise and devoted parents while still a toddler - to truly rise and stand tall for God, we must start on our knees.

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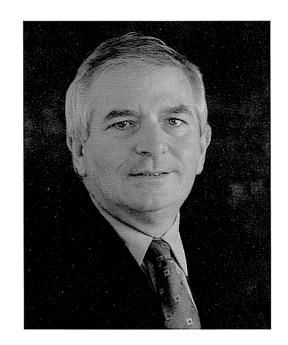
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Dorin's Recipes Gluten - Free

This guide provides clear descriptions and suggestions for use of the wide range of tasty foods that can be enjoyed as part of a gluten-free or wheat-free diet. It includes instructions for preparing and cooking a wide range of gluten-free and wheat-free meals and snacks. The gluten and wheat-free diet using a wide range of ingredients is a very healthy diet. There is no need to cook separate meals for those who require this diet, simply provide it for everyone in the family.

FORBIDDEN: FOOD INGREDIENTS TO AVOID

Wheat: grain containing high levels of gluten. Bulgar: soaked and dried wheat.

Durum: a type of wheat.

Strong flour, bread flour, brown flour, wholemeal flour, granary flour: all made from wheat.

Oats: contain some protein similar to wheat gluten but may not cause problems for all coeliacs. Best avoided. Barley: contains some protein similar to wheat gluten. Rye: contains some protein similar to wheat gluten. Triticale: contains some protein similar to wheat

aluten. Spelt: contains some protein similar to wheat gluten.

Semolina: made from wheat.

Couscous: made from wheat.

Pasta, macaroni, spaghetti: made from wheat. Baking powder: may contain wheat flour.

Stock cubes: may contain wheat flour.

Mustard powder: may contain wheat flour.

Soy sauce: this is normally soya beans fermented with wheat flour, check the food list for brands that do not contain wheat flour.

Suet in packets: may contain wheat flour to stop the suet sticking together.

Muesli:

Serves 4

Equal quantities of:

sunflower seeds, chopped dates, chopped figs, sultanas, banana chips, chopped mixed nuts, pine nuts, cooked flake rice, honey.

Method:

Mix 2oz of each ingredient and keep the mixture in a sealed container in a cool dry place for up to a week. Serve with milk or pour on a fruit juice.

Variations

Add equal quantities of any of the following: cooked flake millet, shredded coconut,

Cottage Pie:

- Serves 4
- 1 medium onion
- 4 medium potatoes
- 4 medium carrots

1 small swede 1lb minced beef

14oz tinned tomatoes

2 cloves garlic, crushed

salt to taste

fresh ground black

pepper to taste.

Method:

Cook and mash the boiled potato. Cook and mash the swede and carrot together. Chop the onion and fry in a little oil until translucent. Add the minced beef to the frving pan and cook for 8 minutes over a moderate heat. Stir while cooking. Add the tinned tomatoes and crushed garlic to the minced beef and bring to a simmer. Transfer the minced beef and tomato to a casserole. Laver the mashed swede and carrot above the minced beef. Layer the mashed potato above the carrots. Pattern the potato with the back of a fork. Add a sliced tomato to decorate the top before baking. Bake in a preheated oven, gas mark 6, 400f, 200c for 20 minutes.

Tuna and Rice: Per person

2oz long grain rice Tuna fish



Method:

Cover the rice with 1/2 pint water for each 2oz portion. White rice should be boiled for 20 minutes until soft but not disintegrating. Brown rice should be boiled for 40 minutes. Then drain the rice. The water in which the rice has been boiled can be used to make sauces or soups. For a fluffy texture, rinse the hot cooked rice well with boiling water. Flake the tuna, mix with the hot cooked rice and serve immediately. Serve with a gluten-free mayonnaise or a white sauce.

Variations:

Many other cooked fish can be flaked and served in this way as a lunch dish. Try adding cooked peas or cooked sweet corn to the dish. Serve with Mushroom and Onion Sauce.

Olive oil

1 medium onion

4oz mushrooms

herbs as available (thyme, sage, rosemary etc) Method:

Chop the onion and drop into the oil, frying gently till beginning to turn transparent. Chop the mushroom and add to the onion. Fry together until the onion is golden brown and the mushroom softened. Now cover with boiling water and simmer for five minutes.

Leek and Potato Soup:

DO NOT use stock cubes unless you are sure they do not contain gluten.

Serve 4 1 pint stock 4oz well-chopped onions 4oz leeks, cut into rings 8oz chopped potatoes 1oz butter or oil Salt to taste fresh ground black pepper to taste



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Method:

Cook the onions and leeks slowly in the butter or oil for 10 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients and the stock. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 40 minutes. Allow to cool slightly and then liquidise. Bring back to the boil before serving. Serve in warm soup bowls. Garnish with chopped chives.

Chicken Kiev:

Serves 2 2oz butter or margarine Chopped parslev 1 clove garlic, chopped 2 boned and skinned chicken breast 2oz cornflakes 1 egg, beaten Oil for frying



Method:

Mix the butter, garlic and parsley into a paste. Slice each chicken breast deeply from the side but don't cut right through. Spread the butter paste between the flaps of the chicken breast and then use cocktail sticks to hold the flaps together. Crush the cornflakes to a fine powder inside a plastic bag. Dip the chicken in the beaten egg and then into the crushed cornflakes until they are fully coated. Fry the chicken portions in oil on a medium heat for 25-30 minutes or until they are a golden colour and cooked through.

Grilled Trout:

Per person 1 trout Butter or garlic butter Flaked almonds



Method:

Clean and wash the trout. Score the deepest flesh diagonally and rub butter to the skin. Grill briefly under a fierce heat to crisp the skin but then reduce the heat to medium and grill more slowly until cooked. Cooking time depends on the thickness of the trout. Allow 6 minutes each side for a small trout and up to 10 minutes each side for a larger trout. The trout is cooked when the thickest flesh comes away from the bone. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds for the last 2 minutes under the grill.

French Lemon Sponge Biscuits:

Makes 20 3 eggs 4oz sugar 2oz rice flour 1oz potato flour 1oz ground almonds 1 lemon



Method:

Seperate the eggs. Mix the egg yolks with the sugar and beat until it forms a stiff paste. Mix in the ground almonds, the rice flour and potato flour and the grated



rind of the lemon. Beat the egg whites until stiff and then fold this gently into the mixture. Cover a baking tray with greaseproof or non-stick baking parchment. Spoon the mixture onto the paper. Dust with caster sugar. Bake in a preheated oven, gas mark 3, 325f, 160c, for 8-10 minutes. Turn out onto a wire tray and return to the oven, gas mark 1 for 1 hour.

Coleslaw:

Serves 4 2 apples 8oz hard white cabbage 6oz carrot 2oz celery 2oz onion 1oz parsley 1 teaspoon caraway seed 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 tablespoon vinegar Salt to taste



Method:

Core and dice the apples, slice the cabbage as thinly as possible, slice the celery and onion and grate the carrot. Mix all the ingredients together and mix again before serving. Vary the proportion of ingredients as vou require.

Nut Loaf:

Serves 4 1oz vegetable oil 8oz onion, chopped 2 cloves garlic, crushed 5oz gluten-free breadcrumbs 8oz chopped hazelnuts 2 eaas 1/4 pint water Herbs to taste; sprig rosemary Salt to taste

Method:

Chop and fry the onion and garlic in the oil briefly until soft. Mix the chopped nuts and breadcrumbs in a food processor. Mix the breadcrumbs, nuts and onion together. Beat the eggs, herbs, seasoning and water into the mixture. Place the mixture in a greased and lined 1lb bread tin. Bake in a preheated oven, gas mark 6, 400f, 200c, for 45-60 minutes. Serve hot or cold with a salad.

Cauliflower Cheese: Serves 4 1 medium cauliflower For the sauce: 1oz cornflour 1/2 pint milk, meat juice or stock (gluten-free) Salt and pepper to taste 4oz grated cheese



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Take one medium cauliflower or solid white broccoli. Remove any old and damaged leaves, but any young leaves should be kept. Turn the cauliflower upside down and split the stem from the base to separate the head into portions. Place in a pan with the head upwards and cover with water. Boil for 15-20 minutes until the stem is tender. Mix the comflour into a paste with a little cold milk or water. Stir in the remaining milk, meat juice or stock without heating and add the grated cheese. Now slowly heat the sauce to simmer, stirring continuously. Simmer very gently for 5 minutes. Pour the sauce over the cooked cauliflower and brown slightly under the grill before serving.

Variations :

Many other vegetables can be served in white sauce as a lunch dish. Try carrot and peas, leeks and potato, beetroot.

Beefburgers:

Serves 4 2oz potato 1 onion 2oz pea flour 1 eaa Mixed dried herbs Salt to taste 1lb minced beef



Method:

Cook the potato and onion together in water until soft, then drain and mash well. Beat together the egg, flour, herbs and salt. Mix in the minced beef and potato. Sprinkle a little of the pea flour on a tray and spoon out the mixture onto the flour. Flatten the mixture for beefburgers, or roll into sausage shapes. Fry in fat or oil, or grill, turning to cook both sides, until brown. Serve with egg and chips.

Chilli Con Carne:

Serves 4 4oz red kidney beans 1oz onion, coarsely chopped 1 clove garlic, crushed 2 tablespoons olive oil 1lb minced beef 8oz tomatoes 2oz green pepper 1/2 pint water 1 teaspoon chilli powder 1 teaspoon cumin powder 1 teaspoon chopped oregano 2 bay leaves 1 teaspoon chopped parsley Salt to taste

Method:

Soak the kidney beans overnight in 2 pints water. Discard the water, then boil vigorously for at least 30 minutes in fresh water. Discard the water and then

continue to boil in 1 pint fresh water for 1hour until tender. (or use tinned kidney beans.) Fry the onion and garlic in the olive oil until soft. Add the minced beef and fry until brown. Add the remaining ingredients, except the kidney beans, and simmer gently in 1/2 pint water for 20 minutes-1hour. Then drain the cooked kidney beans, add them to the meat and simmer for a further 30 minutes before serving. Serve with rice and a side salad.

Pizza in a Pan:

Serves 3 to 4 For the base: 1 large banana or 4oz grated carrot or apple or 4oz tofu. 1 egg 1/4 pint milk or water 4oz rice flour 4oz cornflour (1oz soya flour-optional) Salt to taste 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda 1/4 teaspoon tartaric acid 1 tablespoon olive oil or 2oz grated cheese For the topping, use any or all of the following: 2oz tomato puree 2oz chopped tomato 4oz grated cheese 1oz chopped olives 2oz anchovy fillets 1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs 2oz olive oil

Method:

Beat the banana/apple/carrot/tofu to a smooth puree with the milk and egg. This is best done in a liquidiser. Mix all the dry ingredients for the base together with a tablespoon oil. Fold the flour mixture into the puree. Do not overmix and do not leave to stand or you will lose the light structure to the pizza dough. Spread the batter to fit a 10 inch frying pan. Place the pan over a low heat. Use one tablespoon olive oil to cook each side of the pizza base for about five to ten minutes until brown. While cooking the second side, spread the top with tomato puree and scatter the chopped tomato, grated cheese, herbs and olives all over. Place the anchovies on top and sprinkle with a tablespoon olive oil. When the underside is cooked place the pizza under a preheated grill for 3 minutes. (transfer to a grill pan if your frying pan has a plastic handle.) Serve when the cheese has melted.

Variations.

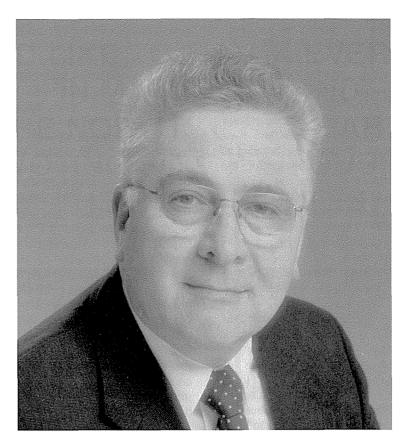
Use sorghum or millet flour in place of the cornflour. Use a base of mashed potatoes.

Use a base of grated raw potato tossed in corn oil.

Taken from the book Gluten-free Cookery by Peter Thomson



THANK YOU



Bernard J Durkan, T.D.

I wish to thank most sincerely the people of Maynooth who voted for me in the General Election. I will continue working on your behalf at local and national level.

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Early Irish Society (Continued from last month)

We have seen that women were primarily wives and mothers within early Irish society but there are some women who lived professional lives as well. The first of these who was widely recognized was the female physician of the tribe (banliaig túaithe). Her main concerns were probably midwifery and the texts refer to the woman who attends a woman at childbirth. In the stories the doctors are always male and the women who have the power to heal are not called doctors. The women usually heal by bathing, preparing food and potions. But they can also heal lovesickness by the fact of being a woman. The early Latin texts called penitentials warn against women and their tendency to use and abuse magic. They are also branded as abortionists. The penitentials were handbooks for the clergy that outlined the eight deadly sins and the penances that should be given for them. (There were originally eight sins and with the passage of time the sin described as despair was dropped from the list.)

Healing and sickness contained an element of magic as they believed that the otherworld people could make humans sick or cure them of illness. But there was a real distinction between the male physician and the women who dealt with magic, childbirth and potions.

We have seen the complex system of sick maintenance that existed in this society and it has been said that it indicates a society that was willing to support the injured and wait for them to recover. This would mean that their labour was not desperately needed and there was a surplus to support them while they were ill. There were doctors then who could also be nutritionists and bonesetters and blood-letters but not really medicine men. The best cure for illness was to keep warm, eat well and avoid the stress of ordinary life!

One of the most prized positions within this society was that of the poet and there are certain references to the female poetess although they are few and far between. The poet was the most esteemed member of the professional class and one of his principal functions was to perform satire and praise poetry for his king or patron. The profession was considered hereditary like all others, therefore there was little chance of a women becoming a fully-fledged poet. There was no rule or law against it however and although rare they are not unknown. In the Cattle Raid of Cooley the poetess Fedelm warns Medb of the impending disaster. She is referred to as a prophetess (banfháith) and she practices the skill called knowledge that illuminates (imbas forosna) by which she predicts the future of the battle.

Another poetess mentioned in the sagas is Líadan who was engaged to another poet Cuirithir. They had originally agreed to marry because they would produce such wonderful poet children! But Líadan decided to

become a nun and the engagement and pending marriage was doomed. But her status as a primary poetess is recognized by the saga writer.

The death of an historical poetess is found in the Annals, she was Úallach daughter of Muinechán and she is described as the woman poet of Ireland (banfhili Érenn).

We know that there were also female satirists (bancháinte). The male satirist was an acknowledged member of society and he had a social standing and status. Illegal satire was severely treated but legal satire was quite acceptable. On the other hand the female satirist is excoriated within this literature. They are described as being illegal and seen as malicious traders in sorcery and witchcraft. The Christian church may have influenced this view; these women may have flouted their rules in matters of childbirth. abortions, spells and incantations. One of the outstanding female satirists in the Heroic Cycle of literature is the woman called Leborcham whose name means the stooped, skinny one. She is an old woman who causes trouble and strife whenever she opens her mouth. In the famous tale Loinges Mac nUislenn (The exile of the children of Uisliu) that describes the relationship of Deirdre and Naoise and their escape from Conchobar king of Ulster Leborcham plays a pivotal role. When Deirdre describes the man she would like to marry, he who would have the three colours black, red and white. Leborcham tells her where to find Naoise. Without this intervention it is unlikely that the momentum of the relationship would continue at all. Therefore Leborcham's verbal utterances lead to the elopement and subsequent deaths of four people, the exile of 3,000 Ulster heroes and the mourning in the province for 16 years! That is the power of the female satirist according to these male, clerical writers.

In law she is free from the responsibility of bringing up children. Her children cannot achieve chieftaincy and she is one of the women who cannot be brought away on sick maintenance. She is considered a disruptive influence and this would affect her children also. She is also termed the one who is sharp with words (birach briathar) and associated with the female werewolf and vagrant woman. A woman who satirizes every lawful person is said to lose her honour price altogether but if her head of kin has done her wrong she may lawfully satirize him.

There are many terms for various working class women and also many, many derogatory terms that describe the different levels of sexual engagements and prostitutes that existed within this society.

The most common term for a servant or a bond-maid is the word *cumal*. This is a word impossible to translate. Originally it was the term for a female slave which was one of the basic units of currency in the early period. The term for a male slave was mug and they were very important to the economy of Ireland until at least the 12th century. It is said that Dublin became the centre for the European slave trade and that it was one of the major economic strengths of the

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Early Irish Society contd.)

period. It is a lot cheaper to run a country on unpaid slave labour than pay the servants. As we know of course Patrick arrived here originally as a slave. The church tried to free the slaves at the beginning but with the passage of time they too became involved. They could have originally been prisoners of war, foreigners picked up by the many slave-traders or people who could not pay the extensive fines that were the main prop of the legal system. It is implied in one law text that parents sometimes sold their children into slavery. They have no rights: they cannot act as a witness and can only make a contract if ordered to do so by their masters. There is no legal protection against death or bad treatment from their masters either. A run-away slave is an absconder and cannot be given protection. Mind you, we did see that women who leave their marriage without cause were treated in exactly the same way. If a female slave became pregnant, the man had to arrange for the child's upbringing. This is the case if the father is not a slave himself. Her son cannot become a lord because it is believed that his vices would be like his mother. But the saga material does not agree. Niall of the Nine Hostages, the ancestor of the famous Uí Néill dynasty, was the son of a slave named Cairenn and a king. But he is exceptional. But there is one example of an historical king whose mother is called Cres cumal - Cres the slave, he was Flaithbertach son of Muirchertach of the Cenél nEogain of Ailech who died in 1036.

When a freewoman becomes pregnant by a slave, she alone is responsible for the upbringing of the child. The Church states that if a man makes a slave pregnant he must set her free and do a year's penance.

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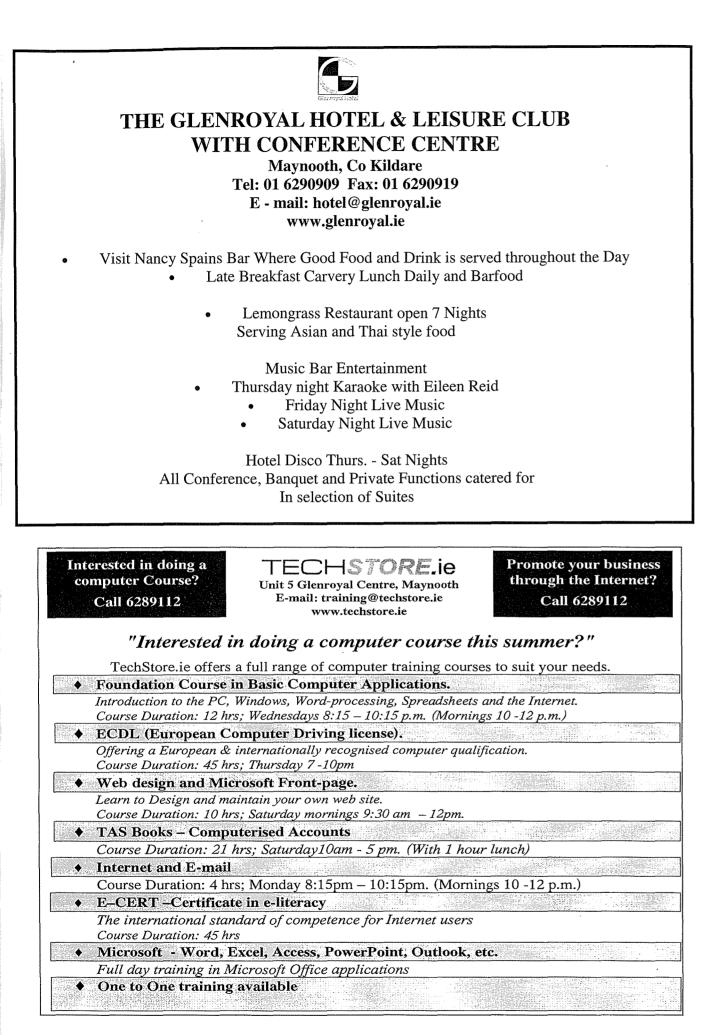
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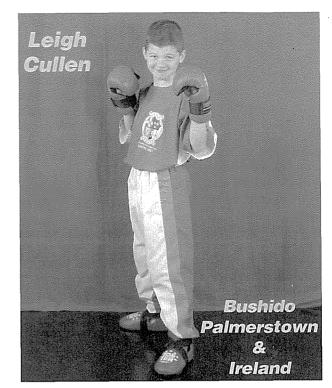
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Irish National Kickboxing Team 2002



Local Maynooth boy Leigh Cullen age 11 from Beaufield has qualified to represent Ireland on the National Kickboxing Team 2002, in the World Kickboxing Amateur Championships in Massa Carrara Italy in August 2002.

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- Boys Light Contact 45 kgs

Leigh trains with his club Stewarts Bushido Palmerstown and will be travelling to Italy in August to represent Ireland. He has being training for 5 years to represent Ireland. He was successful in representing Ireland last year in Austria. Leigh trains five times a week and this alone shows great commitment to his chosen sport. The Bushido style of Karate Kickboxing teaches children an exciting sport, also self discipline, self respect, self defense, good manners and interactive skills.

As the funding for the trip depends on the children gaining their own sponsorship ∈ 1,000, Leigh will be looking for sponsorship. If you wish to contribute contact Chris Cullen at 086 3298110.



Leigh has gualified in four categories: Boys Semi - Contact - 40 kgs

- Boys Semi Contact 45 kgs
- Boys Light Contact 40 kgs

Leigh Cullen with the Irish Team

THE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION SPONSORED WALK.

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SATURDAY 9th. JUNE '02.

MEETING POINT:- MAYNOOTH RAILWAY STATION at 2.30 pm.

Readers wishing to support the above cause are invited to attend a Sponsored Walk from Clonsilla along the Royal Canal to Maynooth via Leixlip, a distance of 12 Kms. / 7.5 Miles. Perhaps you may have a friend or relation who may like to take part. Pass the word around. Refreshments will be made available along the route for those participating. A charge of \in 10 per Adult and \in 5 per student / minor will cover train fare to Clonsilla and the balance goes to the fundraising effort. Completed Sponsored Card holders rail fare. If you would prefer to assist further with the cause, Heart Foundation Fundraising Cards are available from Martin at 087-7996532

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Our first evening hike of the year took place on Wednesday evening, April 24th. This hike covered a distance of 14 Kms / 9 Miles. The weather was mixed. We had a light shower about half way through the hike. We were finished before 9 pm.

On Sunday 28th April we completed a hike taking us from Crone Wood over Powerscourt Mountain to the start of the river Liffey and then passed under Kippure Mountain and around the Lough Brays. We had mixed weather conditions to say the least. We started off in rain, followed by heavy hail showers and a spell of sunshine. As we passed along the Lough Brays nature dumped a heavy snow shower on us for about two minutes. It did not bother us in the least as we were all properly dressed for the occasion. Finally we stopped in at the Glencree Interpretative center for a relaxing cup of tea.

For the May Bank Holiday Club members spent three days in the Mourne Mountains using Newcastle (Co. Down) as a base. Walks were tailormade to suit The weather was perfect with requirements. sunshine each day and a light wind. Tans all round. Everybody went home happy.

On Sunday 12th May we had an Easy hike along the coast from Newcastle, Co. Wicklow to Bray. We will report on this in next month's issue.

On Wednesday May 22nd we intend to conduct an Easy Evening Hike taking us on a circuit around Howth Peninsula. The meeting point for this hike will be at the car park beside the pier in Howth village at 6 pm. This will cover a distance of 11 Kms / 6 Miles with ascent of 250 M. /820 Ft. We will not delay. It is important to be there on time.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID of IRISH HEART FOUNDATION.

On Sunday June 9th Martin Byrne has planned a sponsored walk (Distance 12 Kms / 7.5 Miles) from Clonsilla to Maynooth in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. A very worthy cause. Most families in this day and age have some member who may some day benefit from this foundation's resources. This walk will raise money for Martin to support the Irish Heart Foundation cause when he takes on the challenge of trekking through Vietnam later in the year. So why not take a sponsorship form and support the cause or failing that, attend the activity on the day and subscribe towards the cause with your subscription. Anybody attending who will not have a sponsorship card is asked to donate \in 10 per adult and \in 5 per student and minor and this will cover train fare to Clonsilla. Members of the Club will support Martin on his day out and we encourage as many people as possible to attend this outing. We will all meet at Maynooth Railway station from 2.30 pm. but no later than 2.45 pm. and take the Orient Express to Clonsilla. Details and sponsorship forms are available from Martin at 087-7996532.

We will have further details on times etc. in the next edition, so if interested keep an eye out. For those attending on time there will be a reduced Group Rate. Ticket holders and those arriving late can make their own arrangements with larnrod Eireann.

Our evening hike for June will take place on June 12th in the mountains to the east of Blessington. As this hike will be Moderate grade, it is confined to Club members.

Sunday June 16th takes us into the Dublin Mountains, starting at the Noel Lemass Memorial close to the Featherbeds, and finishing up at Johnny Fox's pub in Glencullen. This hike will require the use of a minibus. Seats will have to be booked and paid for in advance no later than Sunday 9th June. The expected cost will be in the region of $\in 12$ per person and will be non refundable except where the bus will be cancelled due lack of support. This could result in the activity being cancelled. Anyone interested in booking contact 6285367 for details. Bookings by all will have to be made and paid for on time. If there is insufficient response for this hike by June 9th, it will be cancelled. There is no point turning up on the day and expect to attend. Although it is mid summer, those attending will need to have proper equipment for the occasion. The hike is on open mountainside, exposed to the elements, and proper footwear and raingear are essential. In addition don't forget the suncream.

June 22nd brings us to the Ring of Imaal mountain challenge, a grueling 22 mile hike starting in the village of Donard in West Wicklow and following a mountain circuit via Lugnaguillia back to Donard. A number of club members are taking part in the event and they will have the back up of members of the club. Sunday July 7th has members of the club off to the Cooley peninsula to trek from Ravensdale to Carlingford. This is a long hike and is limited to members of the club. As this is a linear hike the use of bus transport by all is essential. Seats must be booked and paid for before June 1st. First come first served basis as seating is limited.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

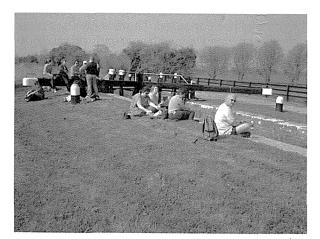
(Maynooth Hillwalking contd.) Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. From the next edition the Club will have its own telephone number. For the moment contact numbers:-6285367, or 086-2703348

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IPPA The Early Childhood Organisation

Play week 2002.

Playweek takes place on week 13th May 2002 where playaroups fouss on something special to celebrate. The children of Stepping Stones Playschool Maynooth held a Teddy Bears picnic, with songs and stories.

The IPPA is a national voluntary organisation with a membership of over 1800 childcare providers, delivering early childhood care and education services to more than 30.000 children and their famlies. Since its foundation in 1969, IPPA has provided support, advice and chilcare training with a focus on improving the quality of pratice for pre-school children. The organisation has been a leading advocate for policy development and resources for sector.

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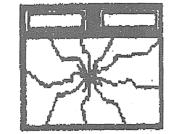
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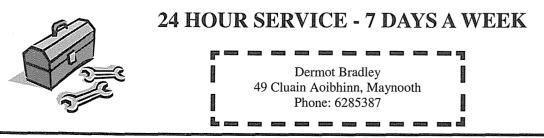
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Sixth prize: Sports bag and many more. Londis would hope to make this an annual event.







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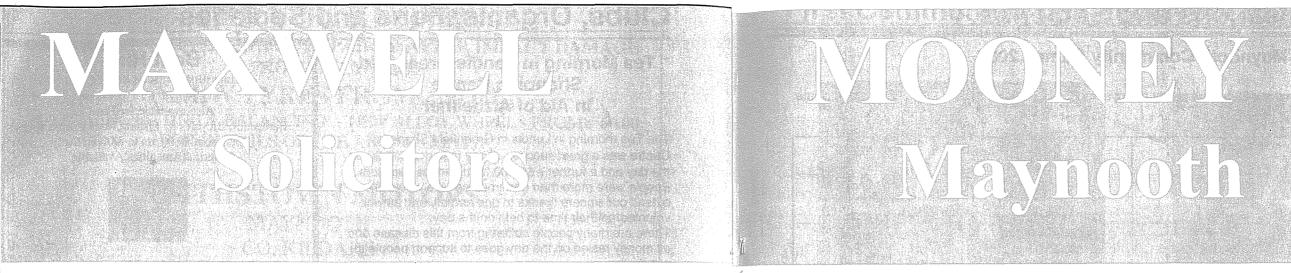
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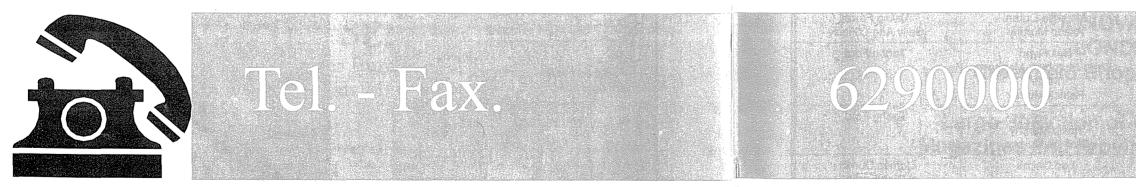
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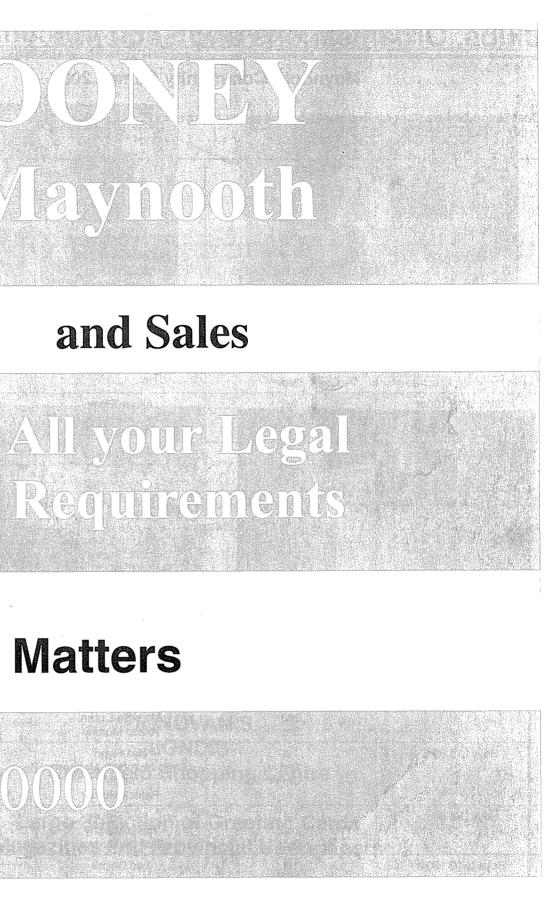
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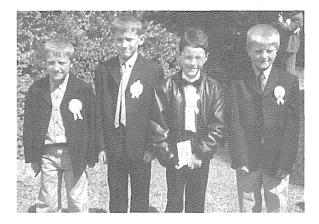
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Maynooth Community Games 2002

Despite the bad weather on Sunday 28th April plenty of boys and girls turned up at the G.A.A. field to participate in the local athletics. Results as follows.

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U/8 60m	1st 2nd 3rd	Sarah Greally Louise Doran Sarah Curran	Ciara Brennan Sarah O'Leary
Girls U/8 80m	1st	Sarah Greally	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Louise Doran	-
	3rd	Sarah Curran	-
Girls U/10 100m	1st	Grainne Hoban	Karen Feehan
	2nd	Katie Curran	Rebecca Hogarty
	3rd	-	Shauna Hayes
Girls U/10 200m	1st	Grainne Hoban	Karen Feehan
	2nd	Katie Curran	Shauna Hayes
	3rd	-	Rebecca Hogarty
Girls U/12 100m	1st 2nd 3rd	Ailbhe Flynn Nicola Murphy	Claire MacNamara Elaine Houlihan Meabh Durkin
Girls U/12 600m	1st	Nicola Murphy	Claire MacNamara
	2nd	Ailbhe Flynn	Caoimhe Brennan
	3rd	-	Elaine Houlihan
Girls U/13 Walking Race	1st 2nd	Nicola Murphy Ailbhe Flynn	Claire MacNamara
Girls U/14 100m	1st	Alison Murphy	Sarah Hogarty
	2nd	Grace Kennedy	Aisling Farrell
	3rd	Michelle Doran	Sally Ann O'Reilly
Girls U/14 800m	1st	Alison Murphy	Aisling Farrell
	2nd	-	Sally Ann O'Reilly
Girls U/16 100m	1st	Elaine McAulliffe	-
Girls U/16 1500m	1st	Elaine McAulliffe	-
Girls U/14 Long Puck	1st	Roisin Hoban	Sarah Hogarty
	2nd	Michelle Doran	Aisling Farrell
	3rd	Alison Murphy	Sally Ann O'Reilly
Boys U/8 60m	1st 2nd 3rd	Neil Flynn Philip Murphy & Matthew Melie Patrick Murray	Tadhg Ford - -
Boys U/8 80m	1st	Neil Flynn	Tadhg Ford
	2nd	Philip Murphy	-
	3rd	Patrick Murray	-
Boys U/10 100m	1st	Lee Cairns	James Durkin
	2nd	-	Cian Forde
Boys U/10 200m	1st	Lee Cairns	Cian Forde
	2nd	-	James Durkin
Boys U/12 100m	1st 2nd	Christopher O'Reilly Johnny Curran	David O'Grady
Boys U/12 600m	1st 2nd	Christopher O'Reilly Johnny Curran	David O'Grady

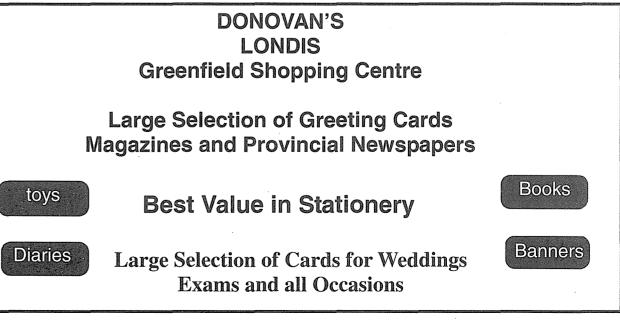
First Communion Day in Maynooth 2002



Jack Hogan, James Durkan, Owen Cullinane & Kevin Cowhey



The Murphy family with John Corcoran





Dale Boylan



The Faherty family with Hughie

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(Maynooth Community Games 2002 Contd.)

Event	Place	East	West
Boys U/14 100m	1st	Daragh McCarthy	-
Boys U/14 800m	1st	Daragh McCarthy	-
Boys U/16 100m	1st 2nd 3rd	Danny Walsh - -	Sean MacNamara Eanna McDermott Morgan McInerney
Boys U/16 1500m	1st 2nd	-	Sean MacNamara Eanna McDermott
Boys U/12 Long Puck	1st	Christopher O'Reilly	David O'Grady

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who competed in the U/6 and Tiny Tots Races

The local competition for the gymnastics were held in the Parish Hall on Monday 22nd April. Results as follows:

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U/8	1st 2nd 3rd	Aisling Gallagher -	Ciara O'Sullivan Niamh Murray
Girls U/10	1st	-	Emma Lynch
Girls U/12	1 st 2nd 3rd		Claire MacNamara Sinead Murray Roisin Murray
Boys U/8	1st 2nd 3rd	Patrick Murray Adam Dignam Shane Keogh	Shomeek Bhattacharya Conor Gunning
Junior Gymnastics		Richard McHugh Thomas Mooney Killian Madden Luke Mills Robert Cooney Daragh Byrne Ronan Gorey	Sarah Collins Natalie McKenna Emma Collins Aoife O'Sullivan

Many thanks to Leonard for all his help "Leonard School of Gymnastics" Parish Hall every Monday. Tel: 087 2462885.

> Good Luck to all the competitors going to the County Finals. Swimming Athy Pool Saturday 1st June Gymnastics Athy Sunday 2nd June Athletics Newbridge Friday/Saturday 21st/22nd June

Congratulations to the Set Dancers Maynooth East who came 5th in the All Ireland in Mosney on Saturday 18th May. On the same weekend some girls took part in the special activities weekend.

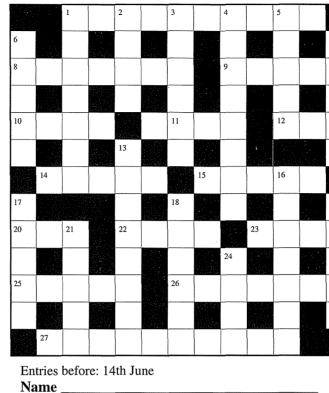
> Maynooth East: Sinead Kearney - Niamh McAuliffe Maynooth West: Eimear Connolly - Louise Walsh

The girls enjoyed the weekend and took part in the Sports Introduction Programme, cycling, futsol, volleyball, skittles.

Camogie

Maynooth West played Kill on Tuesday 14th May and now play Clane in the Semi Final. Maynooth East to play Ballyna. Semi Final dates to be arranged.

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- 1. Office section (10)
- 8. Quiddity (7)
- 9. Kingdom or Empire (5)
- 10. Bakers use it (4)
- 11. Hate reformed gives warmth (4)
- 12. Celestial body we orbit (3)
- 14. Postal mark of approval (4)
- 15. Deadly snake (5)
- 20. To give guns to a certain body part (4)
- 22. First in queue (4)
- 23. Religious usually have one (4)
- 25. Sticky organic substance, tree have it (5)
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- 1. Sweet dish following meal (7)
- 2. Enjoy one Friday night (4)
- 3. Stumbled and lurched (6)
- 4. Snickers, could be a long run (8)
- 5. As summer..., I think of holidays (5)
- 6. Stool pigeon (5)
- 7. Within group (5)
- 13. Recognised superiority (8)
- 16. Poof of purchase (5)
- 17. Creature, living in stories and forts (5)
- 18. Very Skilled in field (6)
- 19. Look this up to find (5)
- 21. One who builds with stone (5)
- 24. Enclosure for animal (4)

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Community Games Contd.)

Basketball U/16 Girls

Maynooth East went to the County Finals in Athy on 20th April and came home with Bronze Medals.

Team: Elaine McAuliffe Mary Hawkins Aoife Hoban Clare Barry Karen Corcoran Lisa Shiel Grace Lucy McAree Eibhlin Garr Pamela Flanagan.

Girls U/15 Soccer

Maynooth East girls played against Confey on the 19th May. The girls played well but did not get through to the next round.

Team:

Grace Lucy McAree Clare Barry Alison Murphy Sarah Murphy Eimear Flynn Alison McAuliffe Ailbhe Flynn

Elaine Dunne Lisa Shiel Elaine McAuliffe Eibhlin Garr Lynda Haves Deidre Murphy

Olympic Handball

Under the guidance of Elana Karpenko a team of boys represented Maynooth East. Even though they did not aet through the boys enjoyed the experience.

Team:

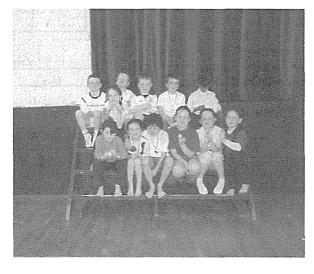
Ivan Karpenko Garret Doolev Ciaran Dooley Maurice Cowhey Eoin Curran Sean Moore Cathal Foley Darragh Dunning Michael Fahev

Finally the committee would like to thank all in the community who gave donations and supported the Church Gate Collection. The children need your help. Thank you.

Some time ago Maynooth Community Games had a set of singlets (white with black stripe) anyone know of their whereabouts please contact any committee member.









Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Town F. C. Notes E-mail: maynoothtownfc@eircom.net

As the season draws to a close and we start to look forward to supporting the 'Boys In Green' in their World Cup campaign some game still remain outstanding. At the time of writing our under 8 squad under the guidance of John O' Regan have been crowned league champions. Congratulations to John, the parents who assisted through the year and especially to the players. The senior Saturday team suffered the heartbreak of going out to a very late penalty in their Mitten Cup semi-final against Liffey Wanderers. The side gained some compensation by finishing runners-up in their league. A tremendous achievement for a side that was promoted only last season. The under 17's league campaign has suffered severely from weather and the lack of referees. However the side are still in with a chance of a top 3 league spot and are currently awaiting a refixturing of the Ronnie Bradshaw Cup semi-final against Ashbourne Utd. The first fixture was abandoned at half-time due to a flooded pitch with Maynooth well on top. Well done to all 15 teams that competed this season and a special thank you to all the team managers and assistants for their efforts throughout the year. God luck also to Maynooth Town Ladies team whose campaign has just started.

Off the pitch the Rathcoffey Road development has gone to tender and we await the final contract price to decide how much of the project can be realised in Phase 1 with the current available funding. Letters requesting a \in 100 donation have gone to members, parents and supporters and it is hoped that everyone will give serious consideration to supporting the efforts made to date. The business and wider community will have an opportunity to support the venture through direct donations or supporting fundraising events over the coming months.

Fancy A Skydive

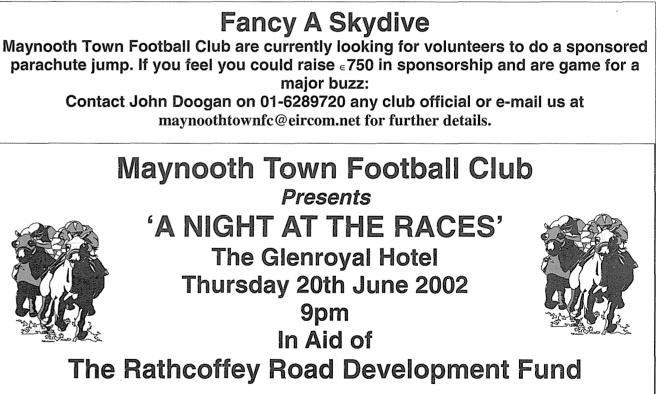
parachute jump. If you feel you could raise e750 in sponsorship and are game for a maior buzz: Contact John Doogan on 01-6289720 any club official or e-mail us at

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28-Apr-02	5,7,8,13	∈1150	DAMIEN WILLIAMS	KAY TRACEY	C. KIEL
5-May-02	3,11,12,23	∈1225	A. HICKSON	MESCALL	P O' SULLIVAN
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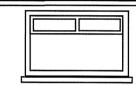
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

The Club nights are held on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth (except where otherwise stated). New members and visitors always welcome.

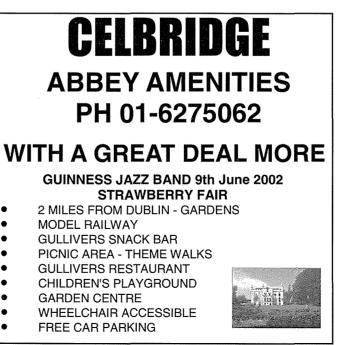
Admission $\in\!4$ - Refreshments served.

The June club night is of special interest to brides-tobe or anyone interested in wedding flowers.

Date: Tuesday 18th June Time: 8 p.m. Venue: Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth Demonstrator: Richard Haslam Theme Title: Bridal & Wedding Evening

Competition on the night: A & B: "A Hand Tied" in a suitable container C: "A Terracotta Pot" An Exhibit Space - 60 cm Plant Competition: 1 Rose

Jo O'Connell PRO.



Maynooth Tidy Towns News

First of all to report this month is the Maynooth Tidy Towns annual collection will take place on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 7th, 8th, 9th June. This collection will take place outside the shopping centres and at our church gate on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Our 2002 Tidy Towns Campaign is well under way. Thanks to members of the committee for their continuing work in beautifying the green areas outside the church, particularly Bob for his great grass cutting work, also his work in the large Pound Park.

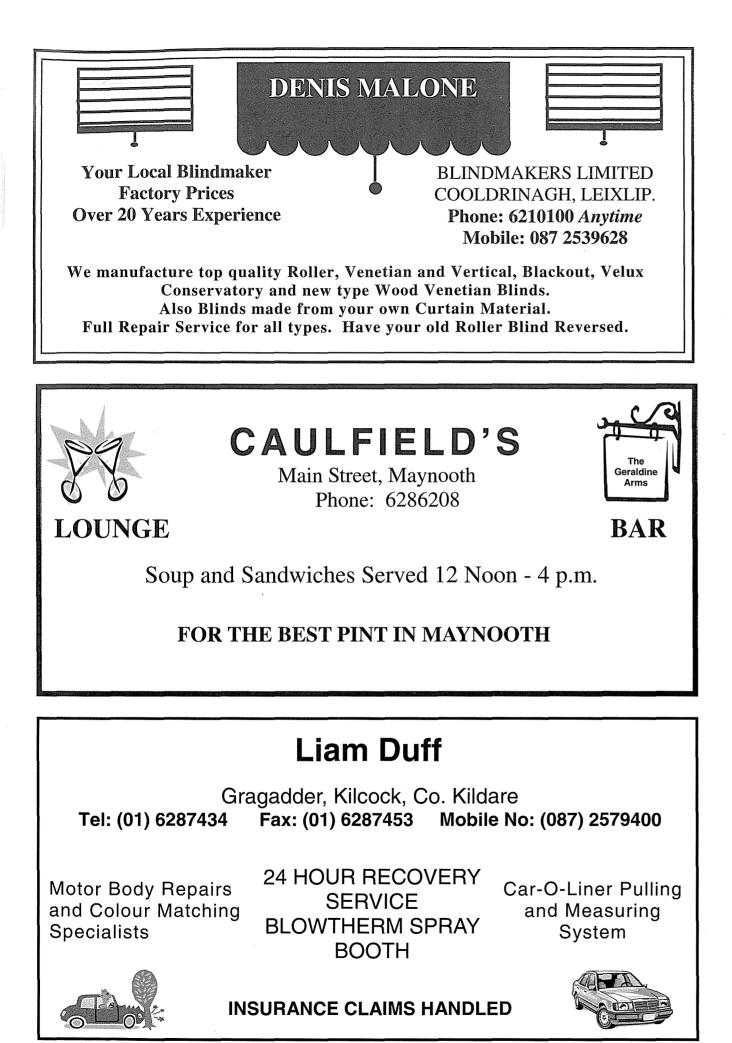
We ask the business people to look after the hanging baskets on Main Street which Intel have kindly sponsored. Moira Baxter and team are looking after the planting up of the baskets. We also thank the various members of the business community for their individual floral presentations.

We thank our committee members and participants on our Community Employment Maynooth Environment Group and their excellent work in the large and small Pound Parks. Kildare County Council are providing an improving litter collection and street cleaning service. We look forward to planning grass cutting priorities with Kildare County Council in the medium to long term.

Please remember our collection and if you want to contribute to Maynooth Tidy Towns by way of monetary or that very valuable commodity <u>time</u>, please contact us at the Maynooth Community Council Office.

Richard Farrell PRO.





Murder of the Month – the released rapist

Ronald Sailes arrived in Plymouth in November 1978 but local police were unaware of the dangerous character that they now had in their midst. He soon became a fixture at a local pub and also frequented dance halls for the over-25s and found no shortage of women who were prepared to dance with him. He was 44 when he arrived in the city and was passably good looking. Then he met a 54-year-old divorcee who is referred to as Janet Brown. She was interested in going further than simply dancing but she warned him that if he wanted to continue this relationship that he would have to clean up his act. She was guite a catch for him, considering that he had no job, no prospects and a very black past. Janet ran a property-letting company and also owned a beautiful bungalow in Plymouth's upmarket area. She ordered him to cut his hair, lent him money for clothes and to get a job. He was quite willing to obey and as time passed he was becoming respectable enough for her to be seen with him publicly and tell her daughter about him. The daughter gave birth to a son and stayed with Janet. She noticed how happy Janet was and that he was prepared to carry out all sorts of odd jobs around the place. He was very content at the weekend.

Eventually Sailes admitted his past to Janet and her daughter but they were still happy to have him in their lives. But Sailes wanted more companionship - he had no one to spend time with during the week and was boring the customers at the pub. He would bore anyone who came near him. He had found a job but his co-workers were not keen to socialise with him either. But then one of them took pity on him and invited him for a drink; the co-worker brought with him his 34-year-old partner, a divorcee with three children, and they became friends. Sailes spent a lot of time at their flat in Arundel Crescent and he considered this to be a second substitute home. Again, he was prepared to do anything for his new friends. The divorcee's eldest daughter was also living with them, 16-year-old Anita Quayle. She was finding it hard to get a job and Ronald tried to get her one at the café where he worked. Although he failed they were very grateful to him. When Anita got chicken pox he also brought her to the hospital on various occasions.

But this cosy arrangement was doomed to failure when Sailes told the divorcee on June 10th 1979 that he had seen her partner in the company of another woman. The woman confronted her partner who denied it all and Anita's mother said that she did not want him anywhere near them any more. He tried to ring them on a number of occasions but they refused to talk to him. He went to spend more time with Janet Brown until she was busy and he was at a loose end on Wednesday 13th June and ended up at the flat in Arundel Crescent where Anita was still recovering from chicken pox. Alone, she allowed Ronald in.

He was seen next at midday of the same day wearing

a surgical collar and walking away from the flat. When the labourer returned to the flat after work he could get no answer. Not having his keys he eventually tried to open the door and it gave way when he kicked it. When he saw no sign of Anita, he went upstairs to look for her. Her feet were sticking out under the bedclothes. When he pulled back a blanket he saw the pillow over her face. When he lifted it at first he thought that she was trying to pull a funny face until he realised that her tongue was sticking out and that her throat was cut.

He ran to a phone on the street and rang the police. A patrol car was on the scene immediately but it was too late for an ambulance. Anita had been suffocated but the cause of death was a frenzied knife attack. She was stabbed seven times and three had entered her heart and another in her lungs. The weapon was a three-and-a-half inch knife and she had been killed by someone sitting on her. The ashtrays in the house were full of cigarette butts, many of them the brand that Sailes smoked. The killer had been in the flat for a very long time. The first person suspected was Sailes. The police were horrified when they investigated his past.

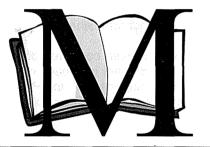
Ronald Sailes had been convicted of 2 horrific rapes and had served 16 years in Broadmoor. He had been released under supervision to Plymouth's Friary House after-care hostel. The police were totally unaware of the danger in their midst. The first rape took place when he was in borstal and he raped a borstal officer's wife. After his release from jail in 1961 he got married but it did not last. He lured a woman and her 6-year-old child to the house telling them that his wife was ill. He tied up the little girl and raped the mother. He was sent to Broadmoor for 15 years and had just been released. He had actually confessed the two crimes to Janet Brown but he had not confided in his Arundel Crescent friends.

He disappeared for a short while and the police contacted Janet. She allowed her phone to be tapped and Sailes rang after a number of days. He denied the murder, saying the he had picked up the knife. He was arrested in Strathclyde on June 17th without a struggle. He was still wearing the same clothes and a knife with blood on the blade. He told them that he had called to the flat, he and Anita talked while smoking and drinking coffee. Then he said that the conversation took a sexual turn and that Anita was willing to have sex. But when he found out that she was having a period he stopped. Then he said that got dressed and chatted again. At 11.30 he said that he heard someone coming up the stairs and when Anita looked as if she would scream he hit her across the face. He said that he tried to strangle her and then stabbed her. But a year later when the case came to court. Sailes claimed that he was innocent and that he had an alibi. He said that he had called to the flat, that he began to have sex but then stopped when he saw she had a period. He continued that he had no cigarettes, that he went to buy some but when he returned to the flat that Anita was dead and that he picked up the knife. He

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maintained that he had panicked because he had a police record.

He was not believed however and it took the jury only an hour to find him guilty. This time the judge sentenced him to life imprisonment. He refused to comment on his release from Broadmoor but it emerged that he was one of six inmates released by a senior psychiatrist who had gone on to commit serious crimes. One of them was the serial killer Graham Young who poisoned his victims. It was stated that Sailes was free to come and go as he pleased very much. Anita's mother laid the blame fair and square with the authorities and said that a public inquiry should be initiated. Janet Brown actually stood by him and maintained his innocence. She said that he could not have committed such a vicious crime and that she still loved him. One QC described the release of the six men from Broadmoor as letting a mad dog loose.





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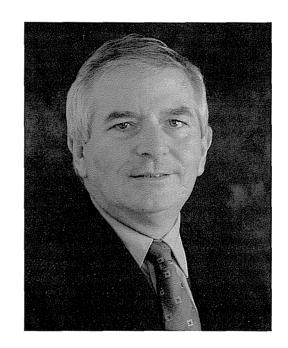


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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Question:

I bought a camera when I was in France recently. When I got back to Ireland I discovered it was faulty. I have written to the shop where I purchased it and received a reply denying any liability. Is there anything else I can do besides taking legal action?

Answer:

Yes there is, following the setting up of a European network to help consumers settle cross-border disputes out-of-court.

The pilot phase of the European Extra-Judicial Network (EEJ-Net) was launched in October 2001 and it is expected it will be permanently established this year. The network covers all EU countries as well as Norway and Iceland.

The network deals with any cross-border dispute between a consumer and a supplier over goods and services, such as problems over deliveries or defective products. The dispute is dealt with by a single, one-stop national clearing house in each member state. This clearing house provides information on rights and entitlements to dissatisfied customers. It also supports those who wish to pursue their complaints through the out-of-court dispute resolution system in the country where the business from which the products or services were obtained is located

The clearing for Ireland is European Consumer Centre, 13A Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, Tel: (01) 809 0600. Information on this and other complaint and appeal mechanisms available to consumers, clients of professional people and other members of the general public are available in the latest edition of Comhairle's publication "Where to Complain" which is available along with other information from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question:

A cousin of mine has been in full-time residential care for a number of years. He lost his Disability Allowance which he used to receive when he was admitted. However, other residents where he is living have retained their allowance. Why is this?

Answer:

Whether a person retained or lost his/her Disability Allowance (DA) depended on when they went into fulltime residential care. Your cousin may be able to requalify for DA however.

Up to August 1999, anyone who had an entitlement to DA which is paid by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs and who had to go into full-time residential care lost their entitlement to AD. Since June 1997, it was paid at half-rate to those in part-time residential care.

However, since August 1999 anyone entering full-time

residential care has retained his/her allowance. In addition, in May 2002 people in part-time residential care who were receiving a half-rate DA became entitled to the full rate.

If your cousin went home for an extended holiday, i.e. for three weeks or more, he could apply for DA. If he did qualify again he would be entitled to retain it when he re-entered residential care.

He would, like other residents, have to contribute part of his DA to the residential unit but would retain a portion of it for pocket money.

Further Information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question:

I understand that in May 2002 entitlement to a companion Free Travel Pass is being extended to people on Invalidity Pension. I know some Invalidity Pensioners who already have it. How would they already have it if it is only now being extended to them?

Answer:

While previously people on Invalidity Pension could hold a Companion Free Travel Pass they would have qualified for it on other grounds.

Under the Free Travel Scheme which is operated by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs a Companion Free Travel Pass may be issued to certain people with disabilities who are medically unfit to travel alone. It allows a person, aged 16 or over, to accompany the travel pass holder free of charge when travelling.

Among the groups eligible for the travel pass are:

- recipients of Disability allowance medically accessed as unfit to travel unaccompanied.
- those receiving Blind Person's Pension or satisfying the blindness condition for it and those who are registered as blind.
- those who are certified as wheelchair users and are receiving an eligible social welfare payment.
- those receiving full-time care and attention from someone in receipt of Carers Allowance.

Previously, If you were receiving Invalidity Pension you might qualify for the travel pass if you met other criteria, such as being a wheelchair user as Invalidity Pension was qualifying payment or receiving full-time care from a Carer's Allowance recipient. From 1st May 2002 the conditions have eased. If you are in receipt of Invalidity Pension you are eligible for a Companion Free Travel Pass provided you are medically

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medically accessed as being unfit to travel alone. Application forms are available from your local Social Welfare Local Office.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 6285477.

Question:

It was announced in Budget 2002 that the Department of Social.Community and Family Affairs Free Schemes were to be incorporated into a Household Benefits Package. Can you please give the details?

Answer:

The new Household Benefit Package was introduced on the 1st May, 2002 and it incorporates the Electricity/Gas Allowance, the Telephone Allowance and the Free Television Licence.

The same groups of people who were eligible for the Electricity/Gas Allowance and the Free Television Licence are still eligible for them under the Household Benefits Package as the same for qualifying apply. However, the eligibly criteria for the Telephone Allowance have been relaxed and are now the same as those for the other benefits. Therefore, if you qualify for an Electricity/Gas Allowance or the Free Television Licence you will also gualify for the Telephone Allowance provided that the telephone is registered in your name.

The allowances available under the new arrangement are the same as those available under the old schemes.

A single application form, HB1, is used when applying for any of the benefits in the benefits in the Household Benefits Package. Applicants who are not getting a qualifying payment from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs or elsewhere and who have to satisfy a means test will have to fill in an additional means assessment form. Application forms are available from your Social Welfare Local Office.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 6285477.



Maynooth Action strategy – Bike to the Future, a cycling strategy for Maynooth (Contd. from last month)

Universities

Student cyclists are a characteristic of universities in many historic towns and cities. In the case of Maynooth, however, despite being historic, the number of third-level student cyclists is relatively small.

St. Patrick's College and the National University of Ireland Maynooth have an approximate student population of 550 and 5173 respectively, of whom it is estimated that 50% reside in Maynooth. An increasing number of students drive to university with the result that now there is a shortage of car parking facilities, despite the provision of a significant number of spaces.

In the older part of the campus mainly associated with St. Patrick's College, there are a number of extensive areas available for car parking. In contrast, cycle parking is limited in number, poorly located and old fashioned in design. Parking is limited in number - there are only spaces for 76 cycles beside the main entrance to the university and a further 10 outside Rhetoric House. As proximity to destination is the principal factor influencing the parking of cycles, the location of the cycle stands beside the main entrance, while secure, is too remote from the main buildings. The design is old fashioned in that the frame of the cycle cannot readily be locked to the cycle rack and the frames are open to the weather despite students being on campus for much of the day.

In the newer part of the campus associated with the National University of Ireland, in addition to the main car parks on the eastern and western sides of the campus, almost all buildings have an adjacent car park although cycle parking is often omitted. Cycle stands are provided for approximately 280 bicycles. However, it was also noted that the most common design was the same as for St. Patrick's College and that a number of the racks were not fixed to the ground although there were predrilled holes in the feet. Furthermore, in one location, more than six students had chosen to park their cycles under the building overhang in preference to using a nearby cycle stand. It must be acknowledged, however, that most of the stands were well located - close to the building entrance.

For residents on the National University of Ireland campus, cycle parking was provided at one set of apartments. At the second set of apartments close to the Moyglare Road, cycle parking was also provided but was only accessible either by going over a grassed area or using a walkway where two prominent signs indicated that cycling was prohibited.

Commuter Cycling

As a small town, the number of adults who live and cycle to work in Maynooth is relatively small with not *

much scope for expansion. Of greater relevance and potential are the numbers who either are employed Intel, although located in Leixlip, draws its employees from a wide hinterland including Maynooth. The company has provided cycle parking, shower and changing facilities in order to encourage cycling as a means of getting to work and is in the process of developing a mobility plan.

Maynooth Business Park received planning permission in 2000 and is currently under construction. As part of its application to Kildare County Council, an Environmental Impact Assessment was lodged, which considered the impact of transport. As an advanced building project, outfitting details will be specified when individual tenants are secured. In view of its distance from the railway station, it is to be hoped that an enlightened approach to mobility will be adopted especially as ample capacity has been provided to accommodate facilities such as cycle parking within the site.

Leisure Cycling

There are two main groups of leisure (or recreational) cyclists. The first is made up of individual cyclists who meet informally at regular intervals to cycle. Their level of fitness is much higher than the population at large and they are not reliant on infrastructure or facilities about the town but their presence on the roads around Maynooth reinforce the view of cycling as a "normal" activity.

The second group of leisure cyclists view cycling as a family orientated pastime and their ambitions are more modest. Outside of the morning and evening rush "hours", most of the roads radiating out from Maynooth are relatively quiet but the roads linking these radial routes form a ring that is practically traffic free at off-peak times.

Maynooth and its hinterland have much to offer visitors who come for a day trip. In addition to the attractions in the town itself such as St.Patrick's College and Maynooth Castle, there are several more either on or relatively close including Castletown House, Taghadoe Church and Round Tower, Carton House, Connolly Folly, Larch Hill House and Straffan Butterfly Farm. These are all within a few miles of Maynooth and accessible to most cyclists.

While larnród Éireann provides a rail service from Dublin to Maynooth that has recently been upgraded, the transport of cycles is restricted.

In a European context, the European Cycling Federation has proposed a "EuroVelo", a European wide network of cycle routes from north to south – from the Baltic to the Mediterranean – and from east to west - from Moscow to Galway. Some sections, such as the Kingfisher Route in the cross-border counties, have already been constructed. Other parts are at the design or construction stage. It had been proposed to locate a section through Kildare en route to Galway although it has not been possible to ascertain its exact position. Some cycling groups are also in the process

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of developing cross-county routes using lightly trafficked roads.

Royal Canal

One of the attractive features of Maynooth is the Royal Canal, which runs close to the centre of the town. However, unlike elsewhere, no shops, bars or restaurants open onto it - only the harbour area connects the canal to the town and its use by townspeople is largely limited to the area between Bond Bridge and New Mullan Bridge where a hard surface on the canal bank allows use by pedestrians and cyclists throughout the year.

In 1995, the Royal Canal Corridor Study was published. While seen as a model for canals in general, it set out a framework for the development of the Royal Canal from Kilcock to the River Liffey. Although reputed to be a comprehensive document, there was a complete absence of positive proposals in relation to cycling.

In a consultative document "The Future of Irish Waterways" (1999) commissioned by the Heritage Council, a further strategy for the management and development of canals was set out. Although the report highlighted the need to make better use of the canals by catering for walkers and cyclists, the role of cyclists was qualified by need to avoid conflicts between competing users. Since then, as there have been no actions or proposals on cycling, the opening up of canals to cyclists is, at best, a low priority.

Since April 2000, a North-South Implementation Body for inland waterways, Waterways Ireland, has taken over the responsibility for the Royal Canal. It has confirmed its opposition to surfaced cycle paths along canals in rural settings. This is in stark contrast to other European countries, where underutilised or disused canals have been revitalised by the construction of paths for walkers and cyclists. Political Support

Politicians throughout Western Europe seek to increase the numbers of people cycling in order to decrease reliance on the private car and to increase levels of fitness and general protection of the environment.

However, there are mixed messages coming from successive governments. On the one hand, the Department of Environment and Department of Health are supportive of cycling. On the other hand, the positions of the Department of Education and Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and The Islands (to which Waterways Ireland are answerable) are, at best, neutral on the issue.

Kildare County Council

Enquiries were made to Kildare County Council on the role of the Road Safety Officer. While the Council is concerned with road safety in general, it does not encourage cycling in schools.

With regard to traffic management in Maynooth, although largely ignored, all traffic is prohibited from turning into Pound Lane from the Dunboyne Road and

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Moyglare Roads. As cycle traffic does not cause the same congestion as two-way vehicular traffic, the rationale for this prohibition applying to cyclists is difficult is comprehend.

Approximately two thirds of the deaths in the Dublin region involving cyclists also involved HGVs as the driver is unable to see the side of his trailer when carrying out a left hand turning movement. Despite the construction of the Maynooth-Kilcock Motorway, a significant amount of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) still pass through the centre of the town en route to other destinations.

Leinster Street is designated as the location of a cycle track and route for pedestrians accessing the town. It is also the most important route to the town centre for train passengers. Despite this, the County Council has encouraged developers to construct vehicular entrances onto Leinster Street rather than on Parson Street.

At the junction of several laneways and Main Street, there is a standard triangular "Yield" sign with an additional sign that reads "Pedestrians, Drivers" which gives rise to concerns on a number of grounds. The information is ambiguous – do pedestrians and drivers yield or does the cyclist yield to them? Regardless of which is correct, this sign is found not only at the junction of public roads but also at private entrances. Furthermore, the effect of the proliferation of signs is the deterioration of the general visual streetscape.

With regard to the Parsons Hall cycle tracks, there are no signs indicating the start and finish of the cycle tracks. Also, just before a road junction, the road markings "End" are misleading as the cycle track continues on the other side of the junction. Accidents

The growth in numbers of children travelling to school by car has largely arisen due to parental concerns about the risk of accidents and personal security. With traffic levels rising sharply over the last decade and accident levels in Ireland above the European norm, the concerns of parents are warranted. However, Safe Routes to School were first introduced not to reduce traffic congestion but to address safety concerns. Therefore, any strategy must address not only the health, but also the safety, of our children.

Accident rates for pedestrians and cyclists are likely to be low but this is a reflection more of the low frequency of cycling and walking than on good driving habits or observance of speed limits. In fact, concerns about speeding on the Moyglare Road are such that Kildare County Council proposes to introduce traffic calming in the short term.

One further point in relation to safety and avoidance of accidents concerns the number of cyclists. At present, as the number of cyclists is relatively low and most are off-road, vehicle drivers do not readily take cyclists into consideration while driving. If the number of cyclists rise significantly, many are likely to cycle on road, which will not make drivers more tolerant, (in fact they are likely to make some drivers more intolerant), but their presence will, at least, be more visible and

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15-20 minutes, even for young children. Obviously, shorter distances will be cycled in proportionally shorter periods. In heavily trafficked streets, a bicycle is often faster and travel time more predictable than in a car, a fact that should not be overlooked in an age when people are under pressure of time.

Why Support Safe Routes To School?

Reduction in Accidents

The first reason for supporting Safe Routes To School is a reduction in accidents. The improvement in Odense has been highlighted above. In the United Kingdom, which introduced Safe Routes To School in the mid-1990s, a cyclist is more likely to be killed there than in the Netherlands, Denmark or Sweden, despite higher levels of car ownership. Also, in the United Kingdom, the cyclist casualty rate per distance travelled is also more than ten times higher than in the Netherlands and British child pedestrian rates are the second worse in Europe. In Ireland, Safe Routes To School is only in its infancy.

Health

The second reason concerns the health of our children. The newly published Government Health Strategy confirms that the level of obesity in children is increasing and puts this down to a more sedentary lifestyle with children being less active than previous generations. It also stresses the importance of daily exercise to children, and parents, by encouraging children to walk or cycle, will help to ensure the long term health of our children.

Environment

There are concerns in Europe about rising levels of carbon dioxide. While carbon dioxide emissions across the European community rose by 2 per cent between 1985 and 1997, the contribution by the transport sector grew by 43 per cent. The large increase in car ownership in Ireland and the increased usage of cars is a contributing factor.

The additional traffic generated by school runs is well known to all road users. More children walking or cycling rather than travelling by car will reduce traffic congestion. However, whether this is a short or longterm gain will depend on the growth of traffic. Sustainability

The principles of sustainability, which have been adopted by Irish government and local authorities, have been endorsed as the basis for future planning and growth. This commitment was set out in a document "Sustainable Development – A Strategy for Ireland" in which transport planning, a reduction in the growth in demand for transport and alternatives to the car are stressed. The European Union is also concerned with sustainable development and has made it one of the three goals of the European Spatial Development Perspective.

Empowerment

Empowering school children to travel without parents or guardians increases their self-reliance and selfconfidence. There is also an inherent feeling that school children are missing out on something that (most) parents remembered as joyful when they were young and part of growing up. Groups of children travelling together also gives them an opportunity to socialise with their friends and discuss the happenings of the day, which is less feasible when travelling in a car with a parent.

Empowering young people to travel by themselves may also have the effect of a significant time saving for a parent. Alternatively, a parent cycling with a child may result in an improved level of fitness for the parent as well as the child.

Educational

A survey of some 107 teachers in the United Kingdom found that 87% thought that walking to school gave children the chance to wake up before they reached the classroom, 93% thought that it made them more aware of road safety issues and 60% thought that it helped them to settle down in the classroom. While the survey was only in relation to walking, similar benefits would result from increased cycling.

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considered part of "normal" traffic.

Irish Cycling

In the past, Irish Cycling (formerly the Federation of Irish Cycling) was primarily concerned with competitive cycling. Within the last few years, however, they have carried out a detailed study of the strength and weaknesses of their organisation and developed a strategy document that sets out their aims and aspirations for the future. They seek to represent cyclists in the wider sense- competitive, leisure, mountain biking as well as interest in cycling related matters such as cycle training, cycle routes etc.

As many of the goals appear to be common to both Irish Cycling and Maynooth Action Strategy, cooperation between the two organisations would be to mutual benefit.

Traffic Management

Traffic management is indirectly relevant to cycling in that the management of motorised traffic will have an impact on other forms of transportation.

When traffic queues build up to a critical level, cars begin to divert and "rat run" through roads and streets that are not designed as a relief. In practice, congestion is worse in Maynooth than that apparent in the centre of the town as cars use the "ring roads" to avoid the centre of Maynooth at peak times.

In the past, protection by the local authority/ Gardaí of "quiet country roads" from rat running traffic was not practical unless roads were permanently closed. Now, technology such as programmable barriers are available which will allow the local authority to more effectively manage traffic and in the future, the Community of Maynooth will have more options in deciding on how traffic is managed.

Planning

Maynooth is located in one of the transport corridors identified for growth in the transport strategy for the Greater Dublin area. It is adjacent to the N4 Maynooth-Kilcock motorway and possesses a recently upgraded rail link.

Kildare County Council is currently in the process of finalising Amendments to the Maynooth Development Plan 2001 as required under Planning Acts. It is proposing to rezone for development a number of parcels of agricultural land mainly to the east and south west of the town

The main projects for which planning applications will be lodged or for which planning permission has already been granted are as follows:

An application for planning permission has recently been lodged with the Council in respect of the site of Kavanagh's Mill. A mixture of commercial and residential units is proposed.

In the vicinity of Leinster Street, a number of key sites are likely to come up for development within the next few years, which will have a bearing on the centre of Maynooth for generations to come. Planning permission has already been granted for lands to the north of the town for residential purposes. All the



above will benefit from a strategy to promote cycling.

"SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL" AND SCHOOLS Introduction

Over the last twenty years, as more children have been driven to school, it has become increasingly dangerous for children to walk or cycle with the result that more and more children are driven to school. This circle MUST be broken.

"Safe Routes To School" is a government-funded programme, the objective of which is to increase the proportion of school going children who walk or cycle to school and to decrease the numbers travelling by car.

Within a Safe Route To Schools project, walking and cycling are both equally valid. However, cycling should be considered more important on account of its potential replacement for the car over longer distances.

Essential Elements of Safe Routes To School

The essential elements of a "Safe Routes To School" project are as follows:

- Baseline survey of existing modes of transport
- Summary of the schools transport and road safety problems
- Consultation between school authorities and parents and pupils
- Proposed initiatives with objectives and targets
- Programme for implementation

Road safety problems include the identification of gaps in infrastructure and areas along the main routes to school where children have an increased risk of an accident.

History Of Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes To School was initiated some twenty years ago in the city of Odense in Denmark because of concerns about the level of accidents involving school children. Before the project, there were 14.3 accidents per year but after twenty years, there were only 2.7 accidents, a reduction of 82%. This was mainly due to a reduction in vehicle speed, which had the secondary effect of accidents being less severe when they did occur and was achieved at the same time as numbers walking and cycling increased. Today, only 21% of children are driven by car, 14% take the bus and 65% walk / cycle to school. It is their aim to have 100% on foot or bike in the future.

Safe Routes to School has spread to several countries including the United Kingdom, France, Slovakia, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Netherlands, New Zealand and Australia. In the United States, in 1999, the state of California launched a \$20 million Safe Routes To School programme, which was nearly seven times oversubscribed.

In Ireland, pilot Safe Routes to School projects have been funded by the Dublin Transportation Office and organised through the local authorities including Kildare County Council. One such project is currently underway in Newbridge.

Maynooth lends itself to cycling on account of its size, as the travel time between any two points is less than

MAYNOOTH & DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS

The connection between Maynooth and drive-in restaurants is not apparent at first sight. However, let me explain. According to Jesse Kirby "People with cars are so lazy they don't want to get out of them to eat" - while this is a generality, he should know as he founded a successful chain of drive-in restaurants in America.

In Maynooth, a similar attitude by drivers is commonplace. During Sunday services, on the Kilcock Road, drivers have had to be asked not to park on the grass as the area is maintained by the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee while on the Moyglare Road cars are parked with all four wheels on the footpath, which is very considerate - of other drivers. While this could be defended in part if no other parking was available, on many occasions, there is either space available or would be if car parking were better organised in the schoolyard adjacent to the parish hall. The same attitude by drivers is apparent on Mill Street where so many vehicles travel up and down the footpath that the Council should install traffic lights to control them. Also, on Main Street, if no parking spaces are readily available, cars are parked in the common area between footpath and laneway so that the route for pedestrians and cyclists along Main Street is blocked. Furthermore, at one public house, vehicles drive up the footpath behind bollards in order to minimise the distance to walk in carrying equipment from vehicle to the premises.

The general behaviour of drivers in Maynooth was particularly obvious last year when, due to the closure of the parish church, services were celebrated in St. Patrick's College. In the initial weeks, most cars were left in the triangular car parking area beside the Aula Maxima. However, two months later, while the car park beside the Aula Maxima lay half empty, the area around the Church entrance was full of cars. It was fortunate indeed that the parish church reopened in February, otherwise, by now, cars would be parked in the church porch!

The behaviour of pedestrians in St. Patrick's College was also interesting to observe. In general, there are no footpaths to separate pedestrians from traffic so pedestrians are entitled to, at least, equal consideration with motorised traffic. However, on hearing an engine, pedestrians tended to move out of the way. You can speculate for yourself whether these pedestrians were drivers returning to their car who wanted to reinforce the primacy of cars over pedestrians or non-drivers who automatically moved aside for fear of being run over!

Alas, we are no different from many other communities in Europe. However, elsewhere communities are refusing to accept such behaviour and support for organisations such as the Living City,

Streets for People and for events such as Car Free Day across Europe is on the increase. So, who are non-drivers? In addition to those who cannot afford a car, there are children, walkers, cyclists, parents with prams or buggies, those who never learnt to drive, those who do not have the temperament to drive, those who are unable to drive any longer, the blind and even drivers - for, after all, even they have to walk to and from their car!

One city where the needs of "all" road users are considered is York in England. In the 1980s, York City Council began implementing a series of radical transport planning measures to reduce car traffic and to assist in making planning and development decisions, they devised the following priority road user hierarchy:

- Pedestrians
- People with disabilities
- Cvclists
- Public transport users
- Commercial and business vehicles
- Car-borne shoppers
- Coaches, car commuters and visitors

Thus, the needs of vulnerable road users were given greater consideration that non-vulnerable groups. Like Maynooth, York is a historic city - it has a cathedral and university and is an important tourist destination. In terms of scale, the two are very different but would Maynooth benefit from similar principles guiding transport policy? Would such policies assist Maynooth in making decisions - for example on moving a bus stop or erecting additional traffic lights?

Unlike the nearby towns of Leixlip or Lucan, Maynooth was fortunate that when the modern town was established in the 18th century, it was laid out with wide footpaths for pedestrians. At the start of the 21st century, it will be unfortunate, to say the least, if the rights of vulnerable road users are ignored. If so, the town and community of Maynooth will be diminished.



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Teresa Laurence, Donna Marie O' Donnell with a friend



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MAYNOOTH ICA Caoga bliain

The Annual General Meeting of the Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association was convened in the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour on 2nd May 2002. Mary McNamara began her second year as guild president.

Maeve Moloney presented her with a framed photograph as a memento of Daffodil Day. Betty Farrell, Bernie King and Jo O'Connell were welcomed to the committee on this auspicious year of our Golden Jubilee. Helen Dovle presented ∈1300 raised by sponsorship to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Betty Farrell thanks all who supported her Alzheimer's Society Day.

The president presented the Maisie McMyler Cup to Imelda Delaney. Mary O'Gorman and Rosemary Hanley were recipients of other cups. There are still vacancies on Kildare Week courses on 17th-21st June 2002 at the Adult Education College at An Grianan Termonfechin, County Louth, Prospective members of the guild are invited to our next meeting. Mary McNamara and Viva Kerins will participate in courses. courtesy of the guild which offered scholarships. Prize winners were 1. Dorothy Dornan; 2. Rosemary Hanley; 3. Teresa Brennan. A vote of sympathy was passed with Betty Farrell on the death of her sister-inlaw

As the Maynooth ICA Guild is 50 years old this year any members past or present with photographs or memorabilia are invited to attend our meeting on the 10th June in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth, at 8 p.m. onwards or contact Mary McNamara at 01 6290929.

Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's National Tea - Day

I wish to thank most sincerely all those who supported my Tea-Day.

The I.C.A. for allowing me the use of the hall. My fellow workers and friends who generously bought Cakes, Bread, Jam and Bric-a-Brac and also those who gave up their morning to help.

The Banks, Super Valu, Tesco, The Credit Union. and Senior Citizens Committee, and many more who gave donations.

All greatly appreciated. Amount deposited ∈710.40.

Many thanks to everyone.

Betty Farrell.

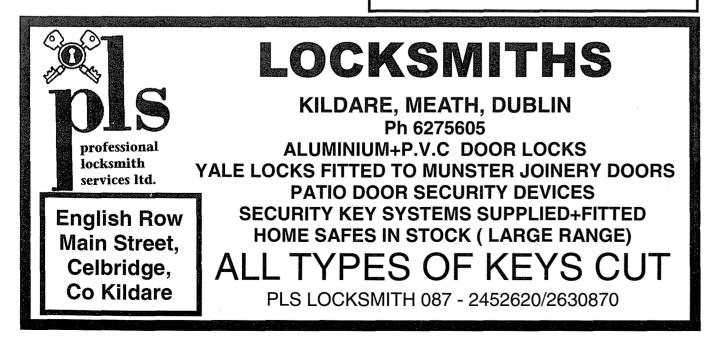
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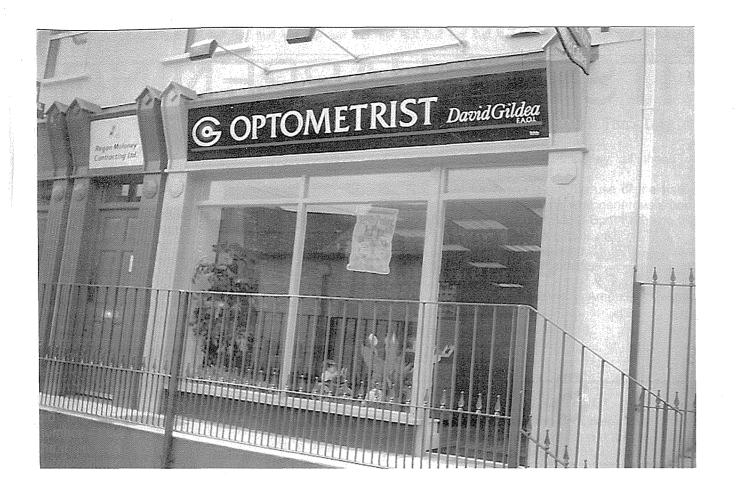


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Poets' Corner

The Undertaker (by Patrick Murray)

When the undertaker comes around Wonder of whose dead hits the countryside Another corpse to the grave bound In a deep hole long and wide

He wears his black suit and collar neat The wisest man of all All the mourners fondly him greet And hope it's not them next in call

The hearse is driven quietly around To the church with prayers to say As it passes there is not a sound While poor old George is buried today

The Mass is said, the Gospel read For the deceased not long gone The congregation prayers are said Been the Good Lord cherished one

To the graveside people walk behind The hearse driven slow but sure Another corpse the undertake bind With wreaths and flowers around so pure

Ah but one is buried and who is next Is going on in his mind The bold undertaker surely blessed With more money his pocket to find

He will greet all with mannerly ways As he walks along the neighbours greet And those near the end of their days The undertaker you cannot defeat

He is shrewd, cunning and a well-dressed man With a suit as black as coal You better live best you can Or you will be buried in a six-foot hole

More flowers, conversation of grief abide The undertaker hears it all Laps all the chatter inside And who is next in call

You could say he is a messenger The angels by his side What are all the pravers for Is within his mind abide

The undertaker is a good sincere man Money paid for a service done A job he does best he can And it's not all that such fun

> Everyman for his own skill Is true to say for all The undertaker tops the bill With another soul in his call

Haikus (by Bridget Moloney)

Eastern sun rising, White sphere cuts through rectangle, Emotions explode.

> Stars shine, Helios burns, Girl looks up in awe. A white apparition floats by.

Screech of brakes, horns blow. Ambulance arrives swiftly. Darkness follows.

Seasons (by Linda McCourt)

As magnificent as all the world, every single day, As beautiful as every season, in every tiny way. The summer the envy of all the seasons. The weather that makes us smile. Even the bitter winter has a warmth about it life that's so worthwhile The spring new life and happiness. flowers and nature so sweet. The autumn being swept by a breeze, that lifts the leaves from the trees. Any breeze of any season can sweep my heart away. A love for life that nature brings with every Passing day!

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DRV	Drive files	No,unless you know it's unused		
EXE	Executable files, usually programs	Beware, some are part of Windows, leave alone if unsure		
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HTML	html file for reading in Wed browsers	Read it first		
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IFN	Hardware configuration information Yes, but you won't be able to inst from your Windows CD			
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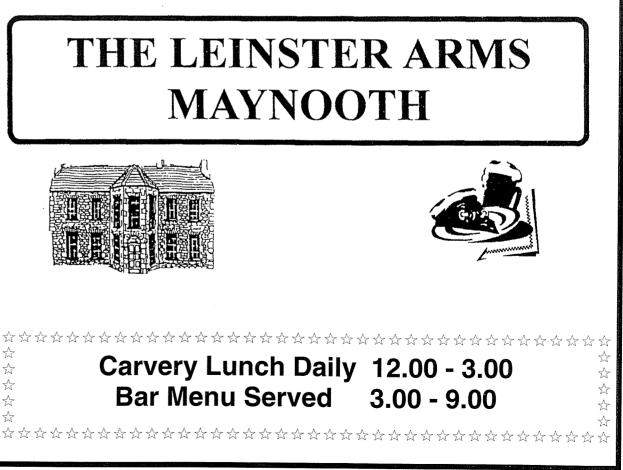
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Tender Drawings for Bond Bridge:

Tender drawings for Bond Bridge and approaches were presented to the Leixlip Area Committee meeting on 7th May. The Meadowbrook Stream and the Joan Slade river will be culverted from the Greenfield Lane bridge to the Parson Lodge entrance. Cllr. John McGinley has been assured that the cleaning of the Joan Slade will be carried out as part of the contract (cost \in 28,250). The target date for the commencement of the work is next September, however the contract documents have not yet been signed by the County Manager 'as he has to identify a source of funding'. Cllr. McGinley stated that there should be no need for any further delay as funding sources have already been identified.

Tender Drawings for the Meadowbrook Link Road:

As with Bond Bridge, tender documents for the Link Road were presented to the Area meeting. In this contract culverting of the stream will take place between Meadowbrook Court and Meadowbrook Avenue. High walls will be constructed to join existing walls at the back of House No.'s 6 and 7 Meadowbrook Court and 34 and 35 Meadowbrook Avenue, thus creating two new safe green areas. Railings will be provided at the pedestrian openings from the Estate onto the Meadowbrook Road. Walls with railings on top will be provided at the large open areas bordering the Meadowbrook Road. However, the meeting was advised that the contract documents are still with the County Manager for approval. Cllr. John McGinley stated that as this road has been a Council priority for some time any further delay would be totally unacceptable.

Proposal to Ban North/South Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Council's Senior Engineer to his motion banning North/ South HGV's from Main Street, Maynooth when the INTEL Link to the M4 opens. Cllr. McGinley disagrees with these views and would welcome the opinions of the people of Maynooth. Please ring John at 7026536 or E Mail at jmcginley@eircom.net.

Report for Leixlip Area Committee Meeting 7th May 2002

Motion by Councillor McGinley regarding proposed weight restriction (to through traffic) on R148 Between its junction with Blacklion Road and The Square in Maynooth.

At the last meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee I recommended that such a restriction not be imposed for a number of reasons and gave an undertaking to examine this issue further and report for the Committee meeting of 11th May. We have considered this issue in some detail and for the following reasons, my recommendation not to impose this weight restriction remains:

- The imposition of any weight restriction will 1 result in additional HGV volumes being concentrated through other local routes affecting other local communities. In this case, if imposed, it would be likely that some proportion traffic destined for N7/N8 would choose travel through Celbridge town via the R405 and R403. The completion of the Shakleton Road would encourage such movements and additional truck movements along this route should not be encouraged. Unless a similar ban is placed on many more local roads in the area, other communities may be affected by trucks endeavouring to avoid the 6 Km detour e.g. communities along local roads through Movgaddym Crewhill and Mariaville (Movglare Road), Donaghmore, Railpark, Barrogstown, Ballygoran and on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth. All of the above routes are less suitable than current route and safety issues would have to be considered.
- There are design issues relating to the necessary 2 signage on the M4. For example, trucks travelling eastbound on M4 would have to be advised by motorway signage that specific movements through the town to the R157/N1/N2 should be diverted through the Celbridge Interchange. In my opinion this signage would be difficult to design, may generate confusion on the motorway; trucks coming off at the Maynooth Interchange in error would have to make u-turns on the Straffan Road to re-enter onto the M4. This issue will have implications for safety both on the M4 in the vicinity of the Maynooth and Celbridge Interchanges, and on the Straffan Road itself.
- 3 Such a weight restriction would be difficult to enforce.

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This is a section of regional road which are strategic routes between towns and provide connections between national routes. The success of our economy is dependent on the road haulage industry and inappropriate restrictions will have an adverse affect on the industry. Such restrictions should only be applied where there are compelling reasons to do so.

In the short-term, it is likely that some of the traffic currently using the route will divert naturally via the Celbridge Interchange (opened October 2002) and reduce flows through Maynooth Town Square.

The reported volumes avoiding the M50 Toll Bridge are unquantified. To an extent this may be attributed to queuing problems at the Toll Bridge. The construction of the second toll bridge is well underway, and this is expected to be completed by October 2003. It is likely this will also reduce some of the movements currently diverting to the Dunboyne Road.

In the medium-term, I recommend the construction of an orbital route from the junction at Blacklion to the Straffan Road, as generally shown (objective T1.5) on the Maynooth Development Plan.

This report has been referred to the NRDO for their comments regarding signage.

Ronnie Lyons (Senior Engineer) 7/5/02

Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement Scheme:

Tenders have now been sought for the Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement Scheme which includes two new houses, a new road at the front of the houses and drainage and new surface on the back lane. This much needed work for the area comes as result of long time pressure from Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley.

Proposed Closure of Old Straffan Road at the Harbour:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Area Engineer:

" It is a handy and less strenuous way of accessing the canal for older people than using the Straffan Road. Also if it is blocked off by gates/barriers it will still be accessible by foot and this will defeat the purpose. If it is blocked off by filling with clay then the turnstile and gateway will be blocked off which at present is used as access to the Harbour Field. Also drainage would have to be installed as at present the path drains freely along here.

An alternative to the above would be to install public lighting to discourage loitering and maintain the area by keeping it clean. This path is cleaned several times a week by this section."

Again Cllr. McGinley would welcome the views of the public.

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Improvement Works:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Councils Road Design Section to his motion that costings be provided and that a programme be drawn up for the completion of Maynooth Town Improvement Works:

" The following is a break down of the estimated cost to complete the outstanding issues on the Anthony O'Neill town improvement scheme for Maynooth:

Kilcock Road ∈ 285,000

Bridge Area ∈113,000

Carton House ∈71,000 Leixlip Road ∈816.000

We have asked the Finance Department to examine the issue of funding from development levies to complete the work. It should be noted that contract documents and drawings are required prior to tendering for this work. If funding is available this office currently is under staffed and does not have the resources available to complete the work."

Cllr. John McGinley stated that with the major developments at the Mill and at TESCO imminent development levies should be sufficient to fund the work and the question of understaffing should not arise as the work can be contracted out to the private sector.

Main Street Trees:

As a result of Cllr. McGinleys motion the recommended work on Maynooths Main Street trees will be carried out with funding from the Parks Department.

Maynooth Development Plan Agreed:

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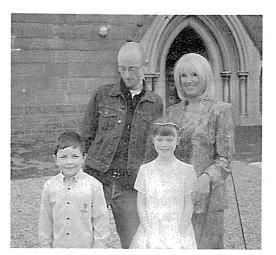
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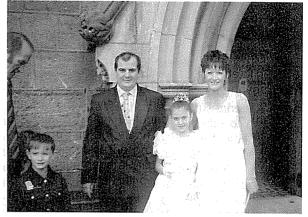
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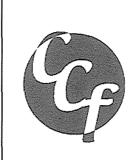
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An excellent production of the show Bugsy Malone was put on recently by St. Mary's Boys' National School.

158 children packed the stage, including some of the girls from the Convent School. The parish hall was packed to capacity each night, and the show was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. It was an outstanding performance by all the children, their hard work and dedication over the last 6 months certainly done them justice.

Maynooth is a very lucky town to have such wonderful talent in it's midst.

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Editorial

The face of the Main Street will change again over the next number of months as the new bookshop moves into one of the houses there and as Caulfields finally begin their renovations. There will be drinkers searching the town for another watering hole. Some of them will be unfamiliar with the other establishments and the shock will sink in steadily over the weekend as it becomes apparent that the famous bar no longer exists. Many will welcome the proposed developments but there are others who will miss the old-fashioned premises and down to earth atmosphere. There goes the march of progress but where to it marches is not so clear. Bradys will follow suit shortly so that all the public houses in the town will have changed themselves beyond all recognition. Planning permission has also been granted for another pub, also on the main street adding to the concern that it is losing its residential quality.

The Newsletter is pleased to hear that Tesco have agreed to meet with the Community Council to discuss their large proposals on the Dublin Road. This is a very welcome trend whereby developers are willing to reveal their intentions and to present them to the community. It is unfortunate that many resident associations are no longer represented on the Council and that this information is not being reported back to the larger community.

The depression following our exit from the World Cup in Korea/Japan seems to have deepened rather than lessened over the ensuing week. Perhaps we were all so attached to our television sets and looking forward to the next match that we failed to notice that summer had resolutely refused to arrive in Ireland. Gloriously high temperatures in Europe further serve to emphasise the never-ending rain that has threatened to bankrupt the farmers and send those who require sunshine to survive to the depths of depression. It is of no consolation that most of the favoured countries have also been eliminated or that FIFA have admitted that there were bad decisions made by various referees or that the Irish supporters were voted as the best in the world. We may not have lost a match but our return home has rekindled the Keane V McCarthy debate all over again. What if ... what if ... In any event, congratulations to the squad and roll on the European Championships. Considering the welcome that was given to the team in the Phonix Park, one wonders what would happen if Ireland actually won a tournament of any kind! The country would surely shut down completely for a week at least.

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The June Meeting of Maynooth Community Council was held on the 10th June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There were three new co-options to the Council: Eddie Toban (Railpark) Mary Mullan (Moyglare Abbey).May Jennings (Castledawson)

Website

A brief discussion took place regarding the Maynooth website.

As already stated there has been some unpleasant material coming up on the site. P. J. Duncan wondered what safeguards are in place to stop this sort of thing. Peter Connell said the bulletin board is well managed, he said some young adult had used the website some time ago to put out some unsavoury stuff, and it was taken off inside 24 hours.

It was also said there are proper channels for people to use and this would be the most appropriate way to go.

Festival

Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson, made an appeal to members of the Council to come on board to form a committee, also any person that would like to get involved with the Festival.

He said he is hoping that other groups in the town would come along and get involved.

It is proposed to call the Festival "The Maynooth Geraldine Festival". The castle is 800 years old next year and it is appropriate to commemorate this. It is also hoped to include the Special Olympics in the celebrations.

Planning for Maynooth

Ronan Barry had put forward the question about what criteria we had about objecting to planning.

Paul Croghan said M.A.S. had produced two very good booklets on the subject of planning for the town.

The first booklet dealt with infrastructure and history, second booklet on development and the Business Park. Planning should be looked at from a general point of view. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Kildare County Council are inviting submission from selected towns in North Kildare, Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth, to be selected as primary growth towns in Kildare.

Tom McMullon said that he was aware that some public house in the town had paid \in 70,000 to Kildare County Council for use of footpath outside the pub. He also said he was sure that other developments are paying huge levies to Kildare County Council. He wondered what was being done with the money, and is the money spent locally.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that money will be needed to

Senan felt that most levies are generally spent locally. He also noted that in upgrading the sewerage system which could be in Leixlip this would benefit Maynooth.

Ann Burns said that our meeting with the Kavanaghs representatives was some what late in the day and more people should have been involved. She felt that a public meeting was the way to go. However it was also noted that this does not always work and Maynooth Community Council is the best place to look at things as we represent a wide selection of groups in the town.

Peter Connell said that M.A.S. had made a submission to Kildare County Council on planning.

It was also noted that our hedgerows are disappearing and it is very important that we keep them as it is a natural environment for wild life.

The 8th of July meeting will be to discuss planning. **Tescos will attend this meeting to discuss thir development.**

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Muireann Ní Bhrolchain said that an Editorial Board has now been set up. If there is still anyone interested they can still come forward.

Summer Project

Claire O'Rourke thanked Hewlett Packard for a donation of 1500 and wished the children a good time on the Summer Project this year.

Tidy Towns (Best Estate and Shop Front Launch)

Paul Croghan said they had a good turn out of estate representatives. He said all information will be sent out to estates that were not there. He said their annual collection went very well and he thanked all involved with this.

Paul congratulated Kildare County Council for doing a great job in keeping litter under control.

However Tom McMullon felt that Newtown Shopping Centre could do with a clean-up.

Richard Farrell pointed out that submissions to Kildare County Council Litter Draft Management Plan should be made by 14th June.

It was also noted that all approach roads into Maynooth will have flower beds, also two new flower beds in Pound Park and the hanging baskets, sponsored by Intel, are to go up again this year.

Paul said things were looking up for Tidy Towns as they have five new members on board.

Recycling

Recycling is now the way forward. It is a matter of educating people about how to recycle properly stated Cllr. Senan Griffin. Cllr. Senan Griffin is a great advocate of the recycling system. He felt he might be misunderstood when reference was made to the dump in Kilcullen, instead of recycling. He also noted recycling is costly. He said that Galway had reduced it's waste by 60% in the past 8 months. If it can be done in one county it can be done all over he

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in the car park is being left in a dreadful state. People that are bringing rubbish to the bank are leaving what they bring the rubbish in.

It was also stated that people don't need the big rubbish bin and they can get a smaller one at less cost.

Also making a compost heap will take a lot of household waste, as well as garden waste.

It was suggested that a public meeting should be set up and to get an expert on recycling to talk.

Wall on Moyglare Road

A brief discussion on the low wall along the Kilcock Road and Moyglare Road took place.

Cllr Senan Griffin said the wall is jutting out some and it should be removed for safety reasons. He wondered would the Tidy Towns have any objections to it being removed.

Paul Croghan said that maybe a cycle track could be put in place. He said the wall slowed traffic down and maybe we could look at other alternatives.

Next meeting of the Community Council will take place on Monday 8th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson P.R.O. There will be an article on recycling facilities and hints on waste reduction in the next issue of the Newsletter

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Dr. Peter Mark Roget (1779 - 1869) philologist, scientist, physician.

For those who use Roget's Thesaurus it is one of the most important books ever printed, along with The Bible. In order to communicate one's exact intention... or one's precise meaning, the Thesaurus, being a list of synonyms or verbal equivalents, is a necessary tool.

The first draft of the Thesaurus was written in 1805. However for a period of 47 years Dr. Roget used his manuscript as his personal, secret, treasure trove. Not until he was 73 years old did he decide to reveal and publish this great manuscript.

Since 1852, Roget's Thesaurus has never been out of print. In fact, each succeeding edition has increased the popularity of the work. The original 15,000 words included in the 1805 manuscript has increased to over a quarter of a million in the 1992 edition (the tenth printing). With such an increase in size, it is encouraging to notice that the basic content still remains intact...for example, where the 1805 Thesaurus traces the word:

existence: "Ens, entity, being, existence, essence...", the 1992 Thesaurus contains existence: "existence, being, entity, ens,...essence...".

Roget wrote in the Preface to the first edition. It is now nearly fifty years since I first projected a system of verbal classification similar to that on which the present work is founded. Conceiving that such a compilation might help to supply my own deficiencies, I had, in the year 1805, completed a classed catalogue of words on a small scale, but on the same principle, and nearly in the same form, as the Thesaurus now published. I had often during that long interval found this little collection, scanty and imperfect though it was, of much use to me in literary composition, and often contemplated its extension and improvement; but a sense of the magnitude of the task, amidst a multiple of other avocations, deterred me from the attempt. Since my retirement from the duties of Secretary to the Royal Society, however, finding myself possessed of more leisure, and believing that a repertory of which I had myself experienced the advantage might, when amplified, prove useful to others, I resolved to embark in an undertaking which, for the last three or four years, has given me incessant occupation.

National Print Museum

Few trades have been more affected by the introduction of computer technology than the ancient craft of printing. Newspaper production, in particular, saw the traditional skills and machines in use since the middle of the last century virtually wiped out in a few short years.

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But today's technology owes everything to its early practitioners, the skills they brought to the task and above all, to the ingenious, inventive machines they created.

The National Print Museum, situated in the former Garrison Chapel in Beggars Bush Barracks, off Haddington Road (near Grand Canal DART), houses a unique collection of implements, artefacts and machines from all sectors of the printing industry in Ireland. Many of them are still in full working order.

The visitor can view cases of type, recalling the days when each letter was assembled by hand. Also on display are examples of the ingenious 'Linotype' machines. At the end of the last century these transformed the industry. Operated by keyboard, they used molten lead to cast type that could be melted down and recycled.

Also on view are some ornate and highly efficient printing presses, such as the Wharfedale, for many years the 'work-horse' of printing houses.

The art of book-binding and stitching is on show, as well as a fascinating pen-ruling machine, used to produce children's ruled copybooks for schools all over the country.

On the walls of the gallery is a collection of newspaper pages, demonstrating changing styles of presentation and recalling historical events. The gallery is also home to an array of early computers, used for photosetting and responsible for the loss of so many unique hand skills.

The old military buildings surrounding the Museum create a unique historic backdrop for the exhibition. The barracks was the first to be handed over by the British to the new Irish State in February 1922. It was here also that one of Ireland's famous revolutionaries, Erskine Childers was executed in 1922, during Ireland's Civil War.

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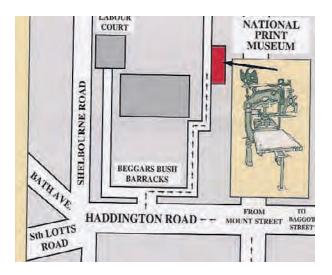
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Maynooth Action Strategy – Bike to the future, a cycling strategy for Maynooth

(Contd. from last month)

Platform For Change

In November 2001, the Dublin Transportation Office published the final report of the "Platform for Change, Strategy 2001-2016', which sets out the overall transport strategy for the next fifteen years in the Greater Dublin area including Maynooth.

As school runs affects traffic congestion particularly in the morning period, the Platform for Change addresses the issue and the following extract is taken from the section on Safe Routes To School.

"A Safe Routes To School (SRTS) programme will deal with children's journeys to and from school. The key objective is to promote health and safety as well as a move towards sustainable transport. Pilot SRTS projects will be completed in 2002. These will include the production of guidance documents for teachers, parents and pupils. In addition, a survey will be conducted across all schools, to set a baseline to monitor progress under the programme. The SRTS programme is envisaged to become part of general school management."

Details of funding are not mentioned but the whole purpose of the document was to consider where to concentrate investment. Based on the experiences in Ireland and elsewhere, there are two possible approaches. One is that the local authority selects locations in which to focus initiatives. The second option requires schools to develop travel plans and to concentrate resources (or at least to concentrate resources initially) on those schools that demonstrate most commitment to the objectives of the programme. In addition to Safe Routes To School, Platform for Change also deals with the promotion of cycling, provision of adequate cycle parking facilities and the provision of tourist and recreational cycling facilities.

In relation to cycling targets, the following extract is taken from the section on cycle mode:

"The overall objective is to increase the proportion of short trips (up to 6km) made by bicycle to 30% by 2016. Trips to places of education and commuting trips up to 10km in length will be particularly targeted as suitable for cycling.

The conclusion is that those communities, which take on board the vision contained in *Platform for Change*, will receive financial assistance if they can demonstrate their commitment to the objectives.

School Travel Plans

In the United Kingdom, a second strategy to encourage walking and cycling to school is a requirement for schools to produce "School Travel Plans". Its components are similar to a Safe Routes То

School project: but in contrast to Safe Routes To School where transport professionals develop the project, the school authorities in consultation with parents and pupils draw up a School Travel Plan. Some of the proposed initiatives will be under the control of the school authorities and will be paid for out of school resources. Others, such as changes to the layout of roads, will be a matter for the local authority. However, the local authority will often not have the finance to carry out all measures proposed within its administrative area and so the school plan is used as a basis for comparing different schools and their commitment.

In the United Kingdom, Transport 2000 produced a guidance document on the production of school travel plans. The guide also briefly described a number of travel plans varying in size from 4 to 50 pages. It is likely to be the model for an Irish equivalent, produced under the Platform for Change.

Travel Survey

The travel survey is a baseline measurement of existing travel patterns against which changes in mode of transport or "modal switch" can be measured. The travel survey normally takes the form of a questionnaire that is completed by each pupil, with the results entered into a computer where the data can be readily analysed.

In the United Kingdom, Young TransNet is particularly interested in using the Internet to encourage research into the inequalities of transport opportunities for children and young people. The Young TransNet website allows participation in an on-line travel survey in which the participants, in addition to recording existing travel information, choose options on how to promote the non-use of private vehicles. Young TransNet also welcomes participation from outside the United Kingdom and their database includes information from other European countries such as Slovakia so that it is possible for one community to compare their results with similar communities across

In Ireland, for the pilot Safe Routes To School projects, a paper questionnaire was distributed. Platform for Change refers to a baseline survey of all schools but gives no indication of what form this might take but it is likely that the form will depend on the individual school. One option, which could be considered, would be an online survey in Maynooth as the ownership level of home computers is estimated at 60%.

Weight of Books

Concern has been expressed at the possible damage to the growth/posture of school children due to the weight of books, especially at second level. This also influences decisions on the mode of transport as it is a further inducement for pupils to be driven to school rather than walk or cycle. However, this issue can be addressed by initiatives under Safe Routes To School.

Features

Bike to the Future Contd.) **Helmets**

While every parent wishes to reduce the risk of injury to their child, the wearing or non-wearing of helmets is a contentious issue with firmly held beliefs on both sides. In the United Kingdom, many school authorities insist on the wearing of helmets as school policy but the level of cycling is generally much less than in countries such as Holland and Denmark where there is no insistence on helmets but where the culture of cycling is strong. As teenagers, in particular, view the wearing of a helmet as "uncool", making it a requirement may result in them being put off cycling.

The Way Ahead

Through this document, Maynooth Action Strategy lobbies for inclusion in the next Safe Routes To School Programme, as inclusion will ensure funding for the provision of additional cycling (and pedestrian) facilities. This is the key to the promotion of cycling, and is the foundation stone on which the other elements depend. If funding is not provided, the strategy collapses.

Reference has already been made to the discontinuities in the existing cycle track. It is proposed that part of the solution, to be confirmed by Safe Routes To School, will be a safe route between Straffan Road and Main Street cycle tracks (distance 200m) and between Main Street and the Moyglare Road schools (distance 300m).

The most optimistic timetabling of events would see a decision on the Safe Routes to School programme before the end of March 2002 in order to allow the travel survey, formulation of proposals, public consultation, detailed design and construction within the following fifteen months. The attitude of the schools to the development of school plans in general and, in particular, the willingness to carry out a travel survey, while not critical, could speed up the delivery of this strategy.

Maynooth Action Strategy also proposes that a more broadly based Steering Committee be set up to drive the development and implementation of the strategy. The Steering Committee would develop proposals, discuss with various groups within Maynooth how the *Bike to the Future* strategy might be promoted within their organisation and aggregate reports on the level of cycling.

It is recommended that the Steering Committee carry out the following tasks:

- Seek co-operation with Irish Cycling for the promotion of cycling in Maynooth.
- Seek the support of organisations engaged in indoor and outside activities for "*Bike to the Future*".
- Inform the Community of Maynooth of the ongoing development of the cycling strategy using the Maynooth Action Strategy web site.
- Promote recreational cycling routes and use the Maynooth Action Strategy web site to publicise them.

- Develop a proposal for funding from local industry to encourage cycling among adults.
- Develop a cycle related proposal for the promotion of tourism.
- Consider the development of travel plans with the schools and universities in Maynooth.
- Seek the installation of cycle parking at the three main shopping centres in Maynooth.
- Develop further proposals to promote cycling.

Kildare County Council

It is recommended that Kildare County Council carry out the following tasks:

- Submit "Bike to the Future" to the Dublin Transportation Office with the proposal of Maynooth as the first choice of the Council for funding in the next Safe Route to School programme.
- Include in the Safe Routes to School brief a consideration of the problems accessing commercial premises in the town centre.
- Install a cycle rack at the junction of Leinster Street and Main Street and cycle stands elsewhere along Main Street.
- Maintain the markings and review the signage on Main Street.
- Ensure the completion of the existing Parsons Hall cycle track in accordance with current standards.
- Reverse the prohibition on cyclists turning into Pound Lane from Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road.
- Ban heavy goods vehicles using Maynooth as an access route from the motorway to the Dunboyne Road after the opening of the Celbridge Interchange.
- Provide cycling related/safe routes to school publications in Maynooth Branch Library.
- (Elected Members) Endorse *Bike to the Future* strategy.
- (Elected Members) Support EuroVelo and other cross county route.
- (Elected Members) Review the Council's endorsement of Waterway Ireland's strategy on canals.
- (Elected Members) Endorse the nomination of Maynooth as the first choice of Kildare County Council in the next Safe Route to School programme.

Conclusion

Since work commenced on this document, two policies have been published which set out government thinking on health and transportation – the Health Strategy and the final report of the *Platform for Change*. The Health Strategy expresses concern about the future health of our children if present lifestyles continue. The *Platform for Change* restates that traffic congestion will not be solved by the funding of new roads, but by a modal switch, where practical,

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from the private car to sustainable modes of transport. Both reinforce the view of an enhanced role for cycling in the future.

In every town and village throughout Ireland, complaints about traffic and traffic congestion are to be heard. Cycling is not a panacea for all the traffic problems of Maynooth but, by addressing it at all levels of the community, a strategy that has not been tried elsewhere in Ireland, Maynooth could become a role model for other communities. The Tánaiste memorably quoted "Boston or Berlin" in relation to economic policy but the two cities also reflect the differences in transport policy. Boston is noted as a city, which, in the past at least, has done little to encourage cycling. Berlin, on the other hand, is noteworthy for encouraging the integration of cycling and train travel. Every day, when we leave our homes, we make a choice, usually automatically, in relation to transportation. In the future, when we leave our homes, our choice between "Boston" representing the car and "Berlin" representing the cycle will hopefully be

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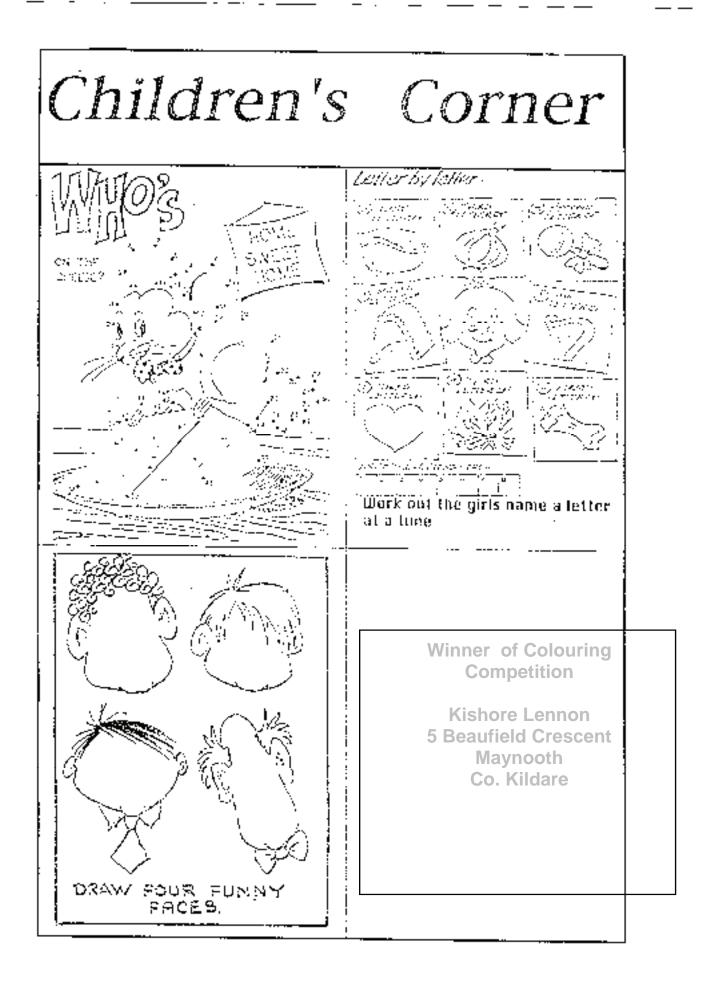
You who would pass me by and would raise your hand against me, remember that I am the heat of your earth on cold nights; the friendly shade screening you from summer heat: the source of refreshing draughts; the beam of your house; the board of your table; the bed on which you lie; the timber of your boat; the handle of your hoe; the wood of your cradle; and the shell of your coffin. HARM ME NOT. (posted on a Tree in a Spanish Park)

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LARAGHBRYAN GOLF CLASSIC

On Friday 7th June, the Laraghbryan Cemetery Association held its second annual Golf Classic at Highfield Golf Club. It was very well attended with 27 teams playing on the day. We would like to thank Highfield for putting the course at our disposal for the day and, also to the catering staff who provided the golfers with a fabulous steak meal afterwards. The course itself was in very good condition, considering the very inclement weather that we have had recently. We would like to thank everyone who played on the day and especially the businesses and individuals who sponsored teams, tee boxes and holes on the day. Without that much needed sponsorship and support it would be very difficult to run what turned out to be a very successful day. Thanks are also due to the very hard working committee who went out to get these sponsorships. We must also say a special word of thanks to Carton House Golf Club who sponsored the overall prize for the day fourball on the new Mark O'Meara course.

The funds raised last year and this year has given the committee the opportunity to have work started on the restoration of the old historic church ruin in the cemetery in conjunction with Kildare County Council and the Office of Public Works.

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

- 1ST (88pts) M.Hegarty, S.Groarke, T.O'Connor.
- 2nd (86pts) T.Johnson, M.Ryan, R.Carey
- 3rd (83pts) J.Gaffney, T.Gaffney, T.Gaffney.
- 4th (83pts) J.Moore, R.Delamere, S.Tracey

Nearest the Pin: J.Gaffney

Longest Drive : G.Brabston

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

For and on behalf of The Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee



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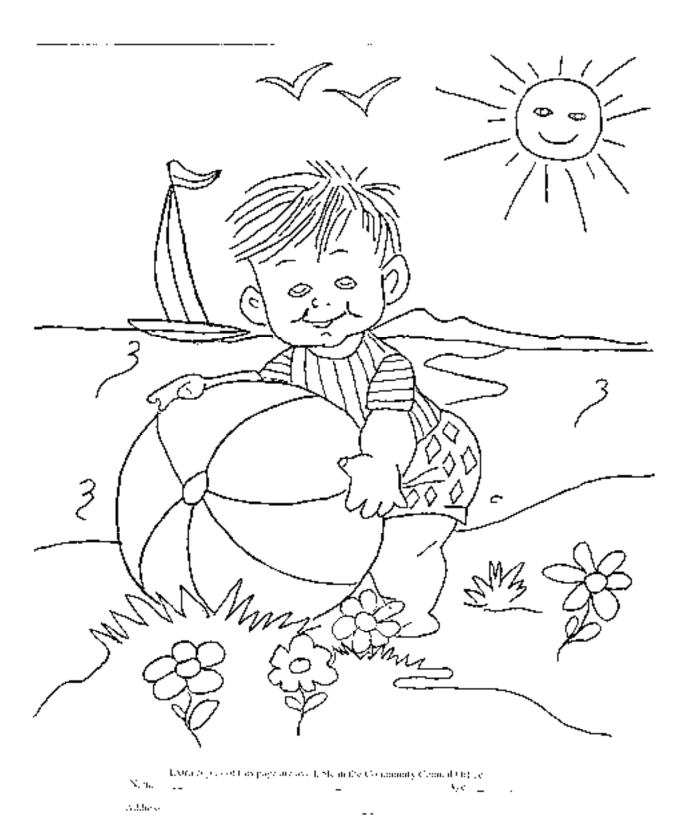
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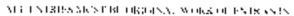
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Maynooth Swimming Club

At the time of going to print we have just completed the Senior Galas for both buses. The results for each section are below. Well done to everybody that took part. All our competitors went home with a medal. Our thanks to Oliver and all his instructors for organising the galas. The Junior Gala will take place on the 22nd June. Results of the Junior Galas will be published in the August edition of the Newsletter. As usual we will have the family swim on the last day of this term the 29th June. All fees must be paid on that date. We had a very successful A.G.M. on the 7th June. Many parents of members attended. Many committee members have resigned but fortunately we have many to take their place. A new committee was formed, names will be published in a later edition. I am sure by now all our members are aware of our dilemma with Stewarts and with the fact that they are closing for renovations. The following is a statement from Sean Priestly on behalf of Stewarts Hospital for our A.G.M.

"Given current levels of use and in the context of a planned program of repairs I am optimistic that inconvenience to the club, if any, will be minimum".

Any other inquiries can be addressed to the secretary Mary Murray Phone No. 6244256. I hope all our members have a wonderful summer and we will see you all please God in September. We need new names for our waiting list. Please feel free to call if your child is over 5 and under 12.

		Senior Gala 1st Bus 3rd	Group		
Event Place		Results	Place	Results	
Front Stroke	1st	Sarah Nolan	1st	Aoife Twomey	
	2nd	Niamh Donaldson	2nd	Niamh Kearney	
	3rd	Aisling Plunkett	3rd	Sarah Lawler	
	4th	Sean Stoll	4th	Roisin O'Riordan	
Back Stroke	1st	Sarah Nolan	1st	Aoife Twomey	
	2nd	Niamh Donaldson	2nd	Sarah Lawler	
	3rd	Aisling Plunkett	3rd	Roisin O'Riordan	
	4th	Sean Stoll	4th	Niamh Kearney	
Breast Stroke	1st	Sarah Nolan	1st	Sarah Lawler	
	2nd	Niamh Donaldson	2nd	Aoife Twomey	
	3rd	Aisling Plunkett	3rd	Roisin O'Riordan	
	4th	Sean Stoll	4th	Niamh Kearney	
		Senior Gala 1st Bus 4th C	Group		
Front Stroke	1st	Sinead Ni Bhrion	1st	Gillian Behan	
	2nd	Regina Lyons	2nd	Susan Moore	
	3rd	Stephen Roche	3rd	Garvan Dowling	
Back Stroke	1st	Sinead Ni Bhrion	1st	Andrew Corbett	
	2nd	Regina Lyons	2nd	Owen Cullinane	
	3rd	Gillian Behan	3rd	Sean Keenan	
Breast Stroke	1st	Regina Lyons	1st	Owen Cullinane	
	2nd	Gillian Behan	2nd	Andrew Corbett	
	3rd	Sinead Ni Bhrion	3rd	Sean Keenan	
		Senior Gala 2nd Bus 3rd	Group		
Front Stroke	1st 2nd 3rd	Kevin Molloy Bronagh Fitzgerald David Rush & David Toner			
Back Stroke	1st 2nd 3rd	Kevin Molloy David Toner Bronagh Fitzgerald			
Breast Stroke	1st	Bronagh Fitzgerald	1st	David Rush	
	2nd	Kevin Molloy	2nd	David Toner	
	3rd	Thomas Quinn	3rd	Emma Toner	

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		Sen	ior Gala	2nd Bus 4th Group		
Event	Place	Results	Place	Results	Place	Results
Front Stroke	1st 2nd 3rd	Emma Fox Andrew Forrester Sarah Quinn	1st 2nd 3rd	Clare MacNamara Stephen Forrester Poppy Campbell	1st 2nd 3rd	Daragh Fitzgerald Colman O'Murchu & Brian Murray Cormac Molloy
Back Stroke	1st 2nd 3rd	Emma Fox Brian Murray Cormac Molloy	1st 2nd 3rd	Clare MacNamara Cian Walsh Poppy Campbell	1st 2nd 3rd	Karen Feehan Sean Gerard Cushen Sean Sloyan
Breast Stroke	1st 2nd 3rd	Emma Fox Cormac Molloy Andrew Forrester	1st 2nd 3rd	Clare MacNamara Stephen Forrester Conor Sloyan	1st 2nd 3rd	Colman O'Murchu Sean Sloyan Sarah Quinn & Brian Cushen

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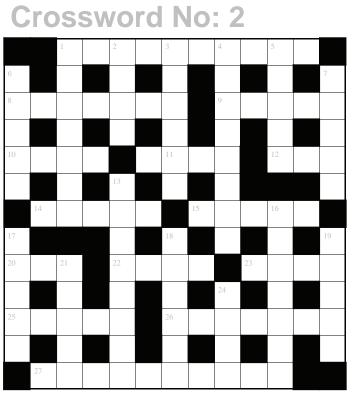


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- 10. Unclean tax (4)
- 11. Become fuzzy (4)
- 12. Make an offer at auction (3)
- 14. Formal proclamation (4)
- 15. Absurd situation (5)
- 20. Pull behind (4)
- 22. Baking compartment (4)
- 23. Double sheet bend or reef for example (4)
- 25. Keyboard instrument (5)
- 26. Native of an Jewish state (7)
- 27. Not to be depended (10)

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Down:

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- 2. Inactive (4)
- 3. Enters ones name (6)
- 4. Belonging on the edge of town (8)
- 5. Beat rapidly (5)
- 6. Apart from (5)
- 7. Covering for a lamp (5)
- 13. Beg from any available source (8)
- 16. Comply or surrender (5)
- 17. Simple backless seat (5)
- 18. Star sign (6)
- 19. Set of principles (5)
- 21. Police vehicle is after Paddy (5)
- 24. Insect lava for food? (4)

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Early Irish Society – the law, courts, lawyers and judges

(Contd. from last month)

The early Irish seem to have been quite a litigious people. This is indicated by the existence of many legal texts. The legal profession is highly regarded within the hierarchy also and we have plenty of information on the various types of lawyers who functioned in the courts. There is little or nothing available on actual court cases, precedence or the like but we do have lots of information on the types of fines and penalties that were paid or suffered by those who broke the law.

Laws covered a multiplicity of situations and events. We have seen the laws on marriage, divorce and fosterage for example but the legal profession were engaged in all levels of society and in many aspects of people's lives. There are laws dealing with those of unsound mind, senility, land and inheritance, buildings, movable property, loans, deposits, killings, injuries, rape, satire, animal-trespass, trees, cats, dogs, accidents, contracts, pledges, sureties, hostages, distraint and legal entry, witnesses and the punishments for various crimes. There is also information on the procedures involved in a law case and the other ways in which cases could be decided including drawing of lots, ordeals and duels.

The Judge

At the head of this legal profession, as still happens today, was the judge (brithem). The word literally means 'making judgements' and has passed into the modern language as *breitheamh*. The term brehon law comes from the Anglicisation of the word from the 13th century onwards. One law text says that there are three different types or grades of judge. The highest of these has the ability to make judgements in law, poetry and canon law as well. But this threefold division is unusual and other texts only refer to the master (ollam). It would appear that each little area (túath) had its own judge who was probably appointed by the king of that area. The relationship between the judge and the king is emphasised by many texts. He probably advised the king on all his legal affairs. Perhaps they also got income from teaching in various law-schools and they may have been independently wealthy people from a prosperous background.

There are many references to the attributes necessary in a good judge and indeed to their imperfections, for example 'foolishness, ignorance and negligence'. He must swear on a bible that he is telling the truth – obviously this occurred after the coming of Christianity. If he is not prepared to do this he is no longer seen as a judge in his area. He must also take responsibility for his wrong judgements and he must pay a fine. But if he makes a more serious error, for example if he only hears one side of the case, he loses his position. Some examples are very vivid; the judge Sencha gives a wrong judgement and his face becomes covered in blemishes. When another judge, a woman called Brig as it happens, gives the true judgement these blemishes disappear. The judgement involves women claiming their right to certain property. It seems that in court there could be more than one judge and later texts make it clear that this was normal. This would make it more difficult to make a wrong judgement. Certain of the sagas talk about the king giving the judgement himself. This was one of the ways in which he could nullify his kingship. If he gave a wrong judgement and this could be shown to be wrong then he was considered incapable of kingship. Some kings tried to hold on whereas others retired gracefully when they realised their mistake.

The story of the *Battle of Moytura* discusses the nature of positive and negative kingship with the king Bres epitomising the negative aspects. He is asked to give a judgement on how a subject of his died and he proclaims that he was poisoned by herbs. The body is cut open to reveal three coins in his stomach and the king is proved an unfit sovereign. Instead of accepting this decision Bres travels abroad to look for help to regain his kingdom and a huge battle ensues.

Another notable example, this time of positive kingship, is that of Cormac mac Airt the prehistoric king of Tara who was fostered by his predecessor Lugaid mac Con. As a little boy he witnessed a court case between two women. One of them was claiming compensation for the loss of her woad to the sheep of the other woman. The king declared that the sheep should be paid in compensation but with that judgement the wall in Tara began to fall down. Cormac stood up and proclaimed that the judgement was false - the wool of the sheep should be given as compensation instead of the actual sheep. Both the woad and the wool would grow again. The wall stopped falling - a dramatic and visual demonstration of the power of true judgement. The king stepped down and Cormac took over the kingship of Tara. The place is still called Claenfherta Temra, the crooked wall of Tara, and the placename still survives. There are many, many sagas and texts that discuss the nature of true and untrue judgements and kingship proving how important this was to the early Irish.

The advocate

The second most important member of the legal profession was the equivalent of our modern day barrister or advocate (*aigne*). The term is still used in modern Irish and the term for the Attorney General is *Ard Aigne*. As one might expect, it was his job to plead for his client in the court and if he won his case he claimed one third of the award made by the court. There is another word for this profession, *fethem* that literally means a guardian. This person may have been the head of the family who could appear in court on their behalf. But it seems that both are one and the same by the time the laws are written down. (Contd. next month)

Computer Tips

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MSG	Program massage	Read first, then decide	
NLS	Code page National language support Depends on the language		
OCX	Application extension	Best left alone, unless you know Windows inside out	
OLD	Old versions of (usually) INI files	Yes, but move to another location first	
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PRX	FaxPro compiler program Kilcock, Co. Kildar Phone: 0405 57072 / 57	Best left alone	
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Murder of the Month – The murdered doctor

On Monday July 11th 1960 Dr. Edward Roy Bartels received a phone call to his home in Dubuque, Iowa. The caller identified himself as an Ed Stevens and said that his wife had been taken seriously ill. He gave the address as 1134 Locust Street. It was 7.30 p.m. when the doctor checked his watch. As he left the house with his bag he shouted to his wife where he was going. She was pregnant with their fourth child and putting their three children to bed. She asked him to be careful and he got into his car and drove off. Ruth, his wife, was never to see him alive again. He did not even bother to change out of his slippers.

She settled down to read a book and at 10.30 p.m. the phone rang again. She was surprised to hear the stranger's voice explaining that he was Mr. Stevens and that his wife was worse than expected and that the doctor would be with her all night. Although she felt uneasy, Ruth accepted the message and returned to her book. But the following morning when Edward had not returned she began to worry. She got in touch with his parents and his office but no one had seen him. Then she rang the police. At first they assumed that he had disappeared willingly, perhaps he had a mistress but as they investigated his life they realised that he was a very straight and right-living individual. There was nothing unusual in his past or present. He was a native of Dubuque and he had gone to the University of Iowa and the College of Medicine after spending 2 years as a navy hospital orderly. He spent some time in Fresno County Hospital, California but returned to his home as a GP. He was a family man, preferring to spend his time with his wife and children than socialising. They attended church social clubs but generally stayed at home in their new house.

It soon became obvious that the call had been a hoax, there was no Mr. Stevens in the house at Locust Street. The police began to search every house on the street but no one had seen the doctor. Finally two days later a Charles Porter identified Edward Bartels and he had been accompanied by another man who lived just next door to him. The stranger had only moved in. The landlady knew little about him either when the police called to her door. He was Sam Newman she said and he had paid in advance. There was no sign of him in the room and there were all the signs of a hurried departure. But he had left some evidence behind him that mentioned some other names. Victor Feguer amongst them. An unemployment report card was issued in this name and the police concluded that this was his real name. The landlady supplied them with a description as well and the police had an artist's impression put together. This was issued to police in Iowa, Wisconsin and

The newspapers had got wind of Bartels disappearance but the police managed to keep news of the suspect from them. Information began to pour hospitals of a man behaving suspiciously and looking for 'Dexedrine substantials' that was an appetite appeaser that was habit-forming. The suspect may have hoped that the doctor's bag would contain drugs. When the description of the suspect arrived from the nurses there was no doubt that it was the same man. Then a phone call from a shop near Locust Street revealed that the suspect's phone conversation with the doctor had been overheard. Then Ruth Bartels phoned the police distraught. She had received a phone call from a man who told her that her husband was dead.

The Chief in charge, Lucas, notified the newspapers and sent out a warning to watch for Bartel's car. Feguer was leaving a trail behind him. He offered a car for sale to a salesman – it would appear that the kidnapping of the doctor may have been carried out just to get his car! Feguer certainly seemed to have a fascination with cars.

Enquiries revealed that Feguer had been released from prison in Michigan on April 14th 1960. He had served time for breaking and entering but nothing indicated that he was a killer. He was involved in low level crime: stealing, robbery and forgery. One landlady said that he told her that he was going to Chicago for an eye operation. He wore very heavy glasses - indeed he did not have the look of a killer about him at all. The police searched his background. He was from a small town, St. John, in Michigan that had a population of only 5,000 people and the chief of police there was able to fill them in. He lost his mother at seven and life had gone downhill after that. His father abused him; he was given to grandparents who died leaving him homeless. He drifted slowly into deeper trouble and was sent to a reform school at 14 for stealing. Eventually he served nine years before the recent release.

After a week it became clear that the FBI was required. Reports began to come into the police of two men trying to sell a car in Birmingham, Alabama and the car salesman was suspicious and informed the police. Officers were sent to other car dealers in the area to wait for the wanted pair. The FBI surrounded them and arrested the two men. The second man was Jack Howard Hale who had been hitchhiking and Feguer had given him a lift. They were driving the doctor's car and the bag was still in the back. The suspect had an automatic pistol in his lap and the licence plates on the car had been changed. Feguer refused to speak to them but his companion, just released from jail following a sentence for larceny, was less reticent. He told them that the doctor's body was across the river in Illinois. Feguer had told him about the incident but he did not have all the details.

On July 21st, the following day, two brothers walked across their farm to find out what was causing a terrible smell for a number of days. They discovered the doctor's body, his tie still intact and his slippers still on his feet.

The news about Victor Feguer reverberated throughout the state and into his native town of St.

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John. Residents were aghast that he could commit such a crime. He pleaded guilty and was examined by psychiatrists who declared him sane and fit for trial. He was found guilty and hanged on Friday, March 15th 1963. He was the first person to be executed in Iowa in 30 years. The next execution there took place in June 11th 2001 when Timothy McVeigh was executed for his bombing and killing of hundreds of people.



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02/954	Brian Herbert	101 Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	30/05/02	development will consist of alterations to roof to facilitate attic conversion, the addition of a porch and hall to the side and a breakfast room to the rear	101 Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/966	Michael Geraghty	Newtownmaccabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	30/05/02	development will consist of (1) the demolition of the existing dwelling house (2) construction of new split level dwelling house on the same site, complete with associated site works, septic tank and percolation system	Newtownmaccabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/977	Walil Kubba & Hilal Al-Sayer	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	31/05/02	For replacement of 2 stables and pony box	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/993	Ciaran & Mary Leavy	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	31/05/02	For extensions to the side and rear and porch to front of existing house	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare.
02/1000	Pat Comerford	Old Greenfields Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	04/06/02	For retention of first floor attic conversion	Old Greenfields Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1018	Eddie Gaynor	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/06/02	For retention of domestic garage, store and first floor conversion of existing	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Annual Collection 7-9th June 2001

Maynooth Tidy Towns annual collection took place on the weekend of the 7/9th June 2002. We are grateful to the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas for the generous support we received at our collection points around the town.The collection is our only source of fundraising this year and we will make sure that it is wisely spent.We appreciate the co-operation of Tesco(Ireland), Supervalu, Londis and the Public houses for facilitating our collectors. Our thanks to all our committee members for giving up their time to collect.We would in particular like to thank Tom Mc Mullon, Marie Gleeson and Bernadette Duffy who despite not being members of the tidy towns committee generously assisted us with the collection.

Grass Cutting in public places

We have been pursuing with Kildare County Council the implementation of a grass cutting programme for the open spaces around the town funded under their Parks Department budget. At the time of writing the matter was still progressing. As an interim measure Maynooth Tidy Towns has undertaken this task as many open spaces around the town are growing out of control, Maynooth Tidy Towns is in place to supplement the maintenance work carried out by Kildare County Council. Our role is to enhance the town rather than undertaking maintenance tasks.Maynooth cannot wait for the slow wheels of bureaucracy to arrange for this work to be done.Without the active involvement of Cllr. John Mc Ginley it is unlikely that this matter would even have got to the stage it is at now and we look forward to be able to inform you of a successful outcome in next month's newsletter.

Hanging baskets back in the town centre this year.

In the week after the June Bank Holiday our hanging baskets made a return adding a little splash of colour to the town centre. We are grateful for the support of Intel Involved in this project again this year. The hanging baskets are supplied by Intel Ireland and we acknowledge the support of the residents and businesses in this project. Thanks to Moira Baxter for her efforts on this project.

Best Estates and Shop front competitions 2002

These competitions are sponsored again this year by the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure centre. At the official launch in the hotel on Wednesday June 6th the Glenroyal Managing Director, Ray Grehan, said that he was delighted to be associated with the competitions again this year. As a supporter of tidy towns for many years the Glenroyal Hotel purchased a ride-on mower for Maynooth Tidy Towns four years ago, Bob O' Reilly chairperson of Maynooth Tidy Towns commented in acknowledging the ongoing support that we have received from the Glenroyal Hotel.In conjunction with the launch we held a workshop for residents associations to go through the best estate judging criteria. Residents Associations unable to attend on the night will be given copies of the criteria in advance of the judging which takes place in July. Best of luck to everyone.

Carton Avenue

Maynooth Tidy Towns is disappointed at the delay in the work to enhance this important amenity area in the town. We are unaware of the reasons for the fact that the mounds of rubble and clay are still in place despite plans to replace these by a more appropriate fence.We are aware that the late Mr.William Carroll, former Director for Community and Enterprise with Kildare County Council was a driving force behind getting this project off the ground.His untimely death in May was a shock to everyone involved in community activity in County Kildare.

Pound Park

Intel Involved has supported another project for us in the Pound Park. Two new butterfly shrub beds have been put in place in recent weeks. The new features add new focal points to the park and we are very pleased with the way that they have turned out. We also acknowledge the ongoing work being done by the Maynooth Environmental Group, Community Employment Project in the upkeep of the two Pound Parks. These areas are particularly important as key open spaces in the town centre.

Paul Croghan, Secretary, Maynooth Tidy Towns.

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To the community at large in the Maynooth area we would like to invite you to volunteer some of your spare time in helping the language students to improve their spoken English. We are also asking some of the voluntary organisations in the Maynooth/ Kilcock/Leixlip/Dunboyne areas to contact us at the school, as some of the students may be able to help with some voluntary work.

Further information: Divine Word School of English, Divine Word Missionaries, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

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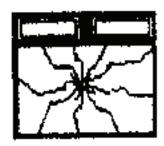
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Maynooth Summer Project

July is with us once again and with it comes the Summer Project and as always packed with fun activities to keep the children amused for two weeks.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and everybody who contributed so generously to our church gate collection on the 17th March.

As we are completely a voluntary body we are continuously looking for volunteers for our committee and all help on day trips would be greatly appreciated.

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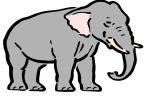
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Day	Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue	
Tuesday	2nd July	10.30 a.m 12.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Registration Day ∈3 - ∈7 Family	
Monday	8th July	10.00 a.m 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Tour National Stud & Japanese Gardens	
Tuesday	9th July	2.00 p.m 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Quiz	
Wednesday	10th July	11.30 a.m 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling Tallaght	
Thursday	11th July	2.00 p.m 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Bingo	
Friday	12th July	11.00 a.m 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Newbridge House & Activity Park	
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Monday	15th July	11.30 a.m 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Barge Trip on Canal Robertstown	
Tuesday	16th July	2.00 p.m 4.00 p.m.	ICA Hall	Bingo	
Wednesday	17th July	10.30 a.m 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Zoo	
Thursday	18th July	2.30 p.m 4.30 p.m.	GlenRoyal	Disco	
Friday	19th July	11.30 a.m 4.00 p.m.	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Centre Maze-In-Maze Prosperous	

If you are available to help out during the Project please give your name on Registration Day. The Summer Project is run entirely on a voluntary basis.

This year registration day is Tuesday 2nd July at the ICA Hall between 10.30 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. All children must be 7 years of age on or before 1st July 2002.

- 1 Booking for all away events must be made and paid for on Registration Day.
- 2 All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on Registration Day.
- 3 On all trips, children must bring sufficient food for the day and also rainwear.
- 4 Parent, please put suntan lotion on the children where necessary.
- 5 At some events children will be allowed to spend a small amount of pocket money.









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Maynooth ICA Caoga bliain

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. The incoming committee for 2002-3 are President Mary McNamara, Vice-president Teresa Brennan, Secretary Jo O'Connell, Treasurer Grainne Kelly, P.R.O. Maeve Moloney, Community Council Representative Dorothy Dornan, Craft promoter Marie Breen, International Officer Marian O'Donnell, Contest Secretary Betty Farrell, Hostess Teresa Corcoran. Congratulations to Nora McDermott (member of Maynooth guild) who has been appointed Treasurer of the County Kildare Federation of the Irish Countrywomen's Association.

Ronan Barry of the Maynooth Special Olympics Committee gave the guild a progress report, and enlightened the guild on the next stages towards the unique event in June 2003 to which the ICA Maynooth have offered support. Bernadette Rafftery regaled us with her photographs and account of her one-day airtrip to Iceland from Belfast.

Thank you to members who generously supported Betty Farrell's collection for Alzheimers Day, Grainne Kelly's coffee morning for the MS society and who collected for the Irish Heart Foundation. Competition winners were:

- 1 Maeve Moloney
- 2 Helen Doyle
- 3 Mary McNamara/Imelda Delaney

Maynooth Golf Society

Results of our Kilcock Golf Club outing held on the 30th May.

1st Overall:	Terry Moore	41 pts
2nd	John Tiernan	38 pts (B.9)
3rd	Philip Doyle	38 pts (B.6)
4th	Michael Flynn Jnr	38 pts
5th	Gerry McTiernan	36 pts (B.9)
6th	Emmet Savage	36 pts (B.6)
7th	Mick Flynn	36 pts
Front 9	Mick Fahy	18 pts
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Features

JULY IN THE GARDEN

Conserving water in the summer months

In July we can generally count on some very hot days. At this time of year the garden should, in theory, be a riot of colours as plants are still making rapid growth and will benefit from a feed of liquid fertiliser, commonly known as water. This source of water should be sought very carefully and "wise watering" should be practised. Here are some tips on how to conserve water in the summer time without damaging your plants:

- Try to water in the evening after sunset to avoid evaporation and burning of plants;
- Try to recycle water, use that dishwater on the plants-the suds will not damage the plants, in fact it will even help to deter aphids from roses and other plants. However do not use water that is laden with strong detergents.
- Use barrels to collect rainwater, which can then be used as an alternative to hose-pipe water.
- Leave grass cuttings on the lawn, this helps to retain moisture in the ground, but do make sure to remove all water stealing weeds.
- Don't be tempted to take out the sprinkler or hosepipe.
- f you have a dishwasher give it a summer holiday and plunge your hands in the kitchen sink for a change as each cycle uses 104 pints water.
- Don't allow your plants to become water addicts! Yes do water them well, but only when they need it.

Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Continue to prune and trim hedges. Cut back old unwanted shoots on shrubs that have finished flowering. Prune clematis. Remove dead flower heads from roses. Secure new growths of wall shrubs and climbers. Feed, water and mulch plants regularly and do not let rhododendrons and hydrangeas suffer from drought. Weed regularly and where necessary use pesticides.

Flowers:

Regularly dead-head flowering plants to ensure further blooms. Now is a good time to start picking flowers for dried winter flower arrangements. Keep lilies and gladioli watered well. Stake chrysanthemum plants, in pots outdoors, and tie stakes to straining wire to keep pots from blowing over. Water and feed regularly. Lift and clean tulip bulbs and store in cool dry airy place for planting again in the Autumn. Plant Autumnflowering bulbs. Early- flowering irises can be lifted and divided. Only re-plant healthy portions. Regularly water and feed flowering plants and use pesticide sprays when necessary. Weed borders. **Fruit:**

Spread nets over cane and bush fruits to protect frombirds. Pick fruits when ripe. Prune canes and bushes when fruits have been picked. If new plants

required, layer loganberries and blackberries. For black currants take tip cuttings. Apple, pear and plum trees need Summerpruning and thin out fruit if not done last month. Remove polythene or burn straw around strawberries when picking is complete. Spray with fungicides and insecticides when required and make sure all the fruits are watered thoroughly. **Vegetables:**

Harvest all vegetables as they mature. Remove the remains of beans, cabbages, early peas and other vegetables that have finished cropping and use ground for other crops. Sow turnips, carrots, pickling onions, lettuces, spring cabbages, parsley, beet, peas and winter spinach and radishes. Feed and water outdoor tomatoes, marrows and cucumbers and remove male flowers from the cucumbers. When main shoots have covered the required growth stop them. Regularly hoe the soil to remove weeds and add mulch if possible. Thin out herb seedlings. Lift shallots and place them in a sunny place to ripen.

Under Glass:

Water and feed tomato plants regularly. Pick fruits as they ripen, remove tips of main shoots as plants reach the desired height. Remove sideshoots. Keep supported. Top-dress root areas of cucumbers with well-rotted compost with general fertiliser mixed in or with animal manure. Remove male flowers and all shoots at two leaves beyond each fruit. Shade from hot sun and syringe daily with water. As cucumbers ripen, pick them. Again remove sideshoots to two leaves beyond melon fruit and support developing fruits with nets hung from roof wires. Syringe daily with water and remove some leaves to allow plenty of sun to reach fruit. Keep flowering plants shaded and remove flowers as they fade. Propogate pot plants such as impatiens (busy lizzies) begonias, ivies and hydrangeas. Now is a good time to make further sowing of gloxinias, primulas, calceolarias and cineriarias for Spring flowering and thin them out as soon as possible. Each day ventilate, water and dampdown the greenhouse and where necessary shade plants. Don't forget to water and feed indoor

General:

Continue to mow lawns regularly. Continue to lift weeds and creeping stems with rake to prevent spreading. Carry out any repairs to greenhouse or other outdoor buildings.

Safety in the Garden:

Keep a regular check on garden implements especially those run on electricity. Check for any wear and tear on flexes. Make sure to use a circuit breaker at all times. These are not expensive compared to a life. Ensure that any step ladders used when trimming the top of tall hedges are secure. Make sure that all weedkillers and insecticides are kept locked away from children at all times. Its best not to use these at all when children are around. Check and buy, when possible, pet friendly products. Don't use chemical sprays on windy days.



DREAMS

Public seminars on the Symbolism in Dreams & The Psychology of Carl Jung

July 17th , The GlenRoyal Hotel, Maynooth.

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<u>Wednesday, July 17^h Glen Royal Hotel, 8pm.</u> <u>Dreams: Common Themes & Images</u>

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<u>Wednesday, July 24th Glen Royal Hotel, 8pm.</u> <u>Dreams: The People & Characters in our Dreams</u>

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General Tips

Books



Have you just spilled water on a book's pages? Put the book into a frost-free freezer. It will draw out the moisture and unstick the pages. If this process leaves the pages of your book crinkled, try pressing them with a warm iron.

Boots

To dry boots, stuff them with balls of newspaper and leave. **Never** place them in front of a radiator or fire, or in the sun, because the heat will crack the leather. When dry, rub with a leather conditioner such as saddle soap, then polish.

Burned Cookware

To clean burned food from pots or pans, wet the burn, sprinkle with salt and leave for 10 minutes. Scrub well. Or cover the burned area with a paste of bicarbonate of soda and water. Leave it on overnight, then scour. Be aware, however, that bicard and other alkaline substances will etch the surface of an aluminium pan if they are left on for more than an hour.) For stubborn burns, scrape off as much burned food as possible with a wooden spoon and fill the pot half with water. Add a strong detergent or scouring powder, boil for 10 minutes and leave overnight. Then scrub.

Carrots

Mix a packet of carrot seeds with a cup of unused ground coffee. Not only does the extra bulk make the tiny seeds easier to sow, but the coffee aroma is said by some gardeners to repel root maggots and other pests too. You can also add a few radish seeds to the blend. While the carrots may take 3 weeks to sprout, the radishes will be up in a matter of days to mark the rows. And when it's time for you to harvest the radishes, you'll be thinning the carrot seedlings and cultivating the soil at the same time.

Cheese Grater

Brush a little cooking oil onto a grater before using it; that way, you'll find that cleaning it after use will be easier.

Cleaning

Clean the toilet bowl while you are away by pouring in 2 fl oz bleach and leaving it until you return. (don't use bleach if you are already using a tank held cleaner that's released when the toilet is flushed; the two may react chemically.) Or you could use a more environment friendly cleaner such as vinegar or lemon juice.



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Dorin's Recipes For Vegetarians

Stir-Fry, Spring Vegetables with Noodles Serves 4

- 3 spring onions, finely sliced
- 1/2 inch root ginger, peeled and finely grated
- 2 cloves garlic, finely sliced
- 3 oz French beans
- 6 oz baby sweetcorn
- 1 lb courgettes
- 8 oz leeks
- 8 oz young carrots
- 2 tbs vegetable oil 3 tbs soy sauce



- 1 tbs black bean sauce
- 2 tbs dark sesame oil
- 8 oz Chinese egg noodles, cooked and drained
- (if you like you can use rice noodles)
- 6 oz firm tofu, cut into cubes and browned in olive oil 2 tbs sesame seeds

Method:

Prepare the spring onions, ginger and garlic. Trim all the vegetables and slice them finely, diagonally. Heat the oil in a wok and add all the prepared vegetables plus the spring onions, ginger and garlic. Stir-fry briskly together for 4-5 minutes. Add the soy sauce and black bean sauce and stir-frv for a further 2 minutes, then cover and cook gently for 5 minutes or until all the vegetables are tender but still slightly crisp. Add the dark sesame oil. Add the cooked noodles and the browned tofu, and toss to mix with the vegetables. Sprinkle with the sesame seeds and serve

Curried Chick Peas with Onions

Serves 4

- 2 tbs olive oil
- 2 onions, thinly sliced 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tbs sesame seeds
- 1 tbs curry powder or to taste
- Sea salt
- 2 x 14 oz cans chick peas 3 tbs fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp light soy sauce
- 3 tbs chopped fresh parsley Freshly cooked rice to serve



Method:

Heat the oil in a large frying pan and cook the onion and garlic very gently, covered, for about 25 minutes or until soft and golden. Stir in the sesame seeds and curry powder. Season with salt. Cook uncovered for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain the chick peas, reserving 4 fl oz of the liquid. Add the chick peas to the pan with the reserved liquid and cook, stirring frequently, until the chick peas are hot and almost all the liquid has evaporated. Stir in the lemon juice, soy sauce and parsley. Serve hot, spooned over rice.

Carrot Salad Serves 4 8 medium carrots, grated 4 tbs chopped parsley 7 spring onions, finely chopped 3 tbs vinaigrette dressing

Method:

Mix together the carrots, parsley and spring onions in a salad bowl. Dress with the vinaigrette and mix thoroughly.

To make the vinaigrette dressing

- 1-2 tsp wholegrain mustard
- 2 tbs fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbs wine vinegar

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

5 tbs extra virgin olive oil

Crushed garlic to taste.

Method:

Mix the mustard with the lemon juice and vinegar and season with salt and pepper. Stir in the olive oil gradually so that the dressing thickens as you work. It should become creamy in consistency. Stir in the garlic. Allow to stand for up to 30 minutes before using, to allow the flavours to develop.

Watercress Salad with Garlic Croutons Serves 4

- 2 thick slices of bread, crusts removed
- 1 clove garlic, cut in half
- Olive oil for frying
- 2 bunches of watercress
- A handful of crisp lettuce leaves
- 6 tbs vinaigrette dressing



Method:

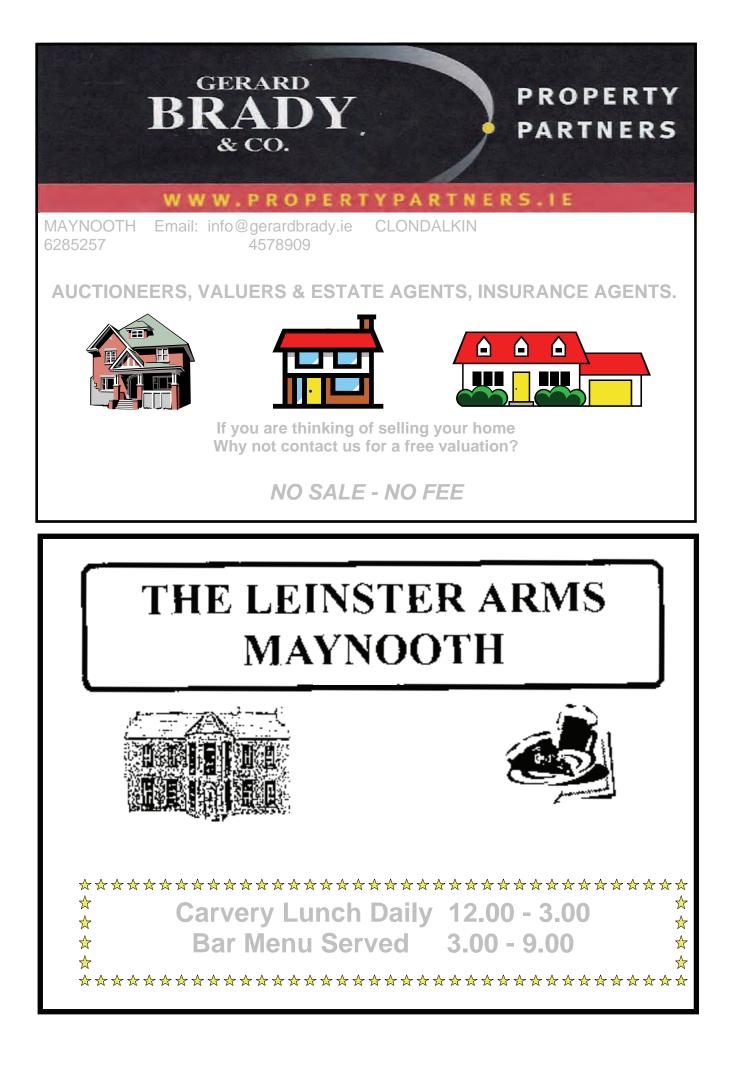
Cut the bread into small cubes. Rub the cut side of the garlic over the surface of a frying pan, then discard the garlic. Heat enough oil for shallow frying in the pan, about 1/2 inch, and fry the bread gently until golden brown all over. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen paper. Prepare the watercress and lettuce. Line a salad bowl with the lettuce leaves. Toss the watercress in the dressing until well coated. Pile the watercress inside the lettuce leaves and scatter the croutons over the top.

Nutburgers in Soft Baps

- 2 onions, peeled and chopped
- 2 celery sticks, finely diced
- 4 oz butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons mixed herbs
- 2 tablespoons wholemeal flour
- 1/2 pint water
- 2 teaspoons vegetarian stock powder
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons yeast extract
- 1 lb mixed nuts, grated
- 8 oz soft wholegrain breadcrumbs Sea salt and freshly-ground black pepper To finish







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Dried breadcrumbs to coat Olive oil for shallow frying

Method:

Fry the onions and celery in the butter or margarine for 10 minutes, browning them lightly. Add the herbs, stir for 1 minute, then mix in the flour and cook for a further 1-2 minutes. Pour in the water and stir until thickened. Add the stock powder, soy sauce, yeast extract, nuts, breadcrumbs and salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Allow the mixture to cool, then form into 12 flat burgers about 1/2 inch thick, and coat with dried breadcrumbs. Cook on a flat, oiled tin (or frying pan). Serve in soft burger baps, with chutney and pickles as required.

Warm Herb Bread

1 wholewheat cob loaf 4 oz butter, softened





Method:

Set the oven to 200c, 400f, Gas mark 6. Make slices in the loaf 1 inch apart, cutting almost through so that the slices are still joined at the base. Beat the butter with the herbs until soft. Spread the herb butter on both sides of each slice of bread. Push the slices together to re-form the loaf, then wrap it in foil. Place on a baking tray and bake for about 20-25 minutes.

Quick Pizza

8 oz self-raising wholewheat flour 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon sea salt 2 oz butter or margarine 8-9 tablespoons water For the topping 2 onions, peeled and chopped 2 tablespoons tomato paste 1-2 teaspoons oregano or dried herbs Sea salt, sugar and freshly-ground black pepper 4 oz button mushrooms, wiped and sliced 1 small green pepper, de-seeded, chopped and fried 3 oz grated Gouda cheese To garnish Radish slices

Method:

Set the oven to 220c, 425f, Gas mark 7. Brush a large baking tray or 12 inch round pizza plate with oil. Sift the flour and baking powder into a bowl. Add the salt, rub the fat into the flour with your fingertips, then pour in the water and mix to a pliable dough. Either divide the dough in half and roll out into two 8 inch circles, or make one large circle to fit the pizza plate. Put the dough on the baking tray or plate. Prick all over. Bake for 10 minutes. Meanwhile prepare the topping. Fry the onion in the oil for 10 minutes, then remove from the

the heat and add the tomato paste, herbs and salt, sugar and pepper to taste. Spread this mixture on top of the pizza base, top with the mushroom, green pepper and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake for 15-20 minutes. Garnish with radish slices and parsley sprigs before serving.

Spinach Patties

- Serves 4
- 1 lb spinach leaves, washed
- 2 oz curd cheese
- 3 teaspoons freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs

2 oz fresh white breadcrumbs

- Vegetable oil for frying
- Walnut sauce
- 2 oz walnuts, toasted
- 4 tablespoons fresh white breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon walnut oil
- 3 fl oz milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon chopped chopped fresh tarragon
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

In a large saucepan, cook the spinach with only the water that clings to the leaves for 2-3 minutes until just wilted. Cool slightly, drain and squeeze out excess liquid. Set aside to cool completely. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce. Place the nuts in a food processor or blender and grind until fine. Add the breadcrumbs and oil and, with the blade running, gradually add the milk through the funnel, until smooth. Stir in the remaining sauce ingredients and season to taste. Finely chop the cooled spinach and beat in the curd cheese and parmesan cheese, 1 egg and salt and pepper until mixed. Beat the remaining egg in a small bowl. Form the spinach mixture into 8 patties and dip first into the egg and then into the breadcrumbs until well coated. Heat the oil in a small frying pan and fry the patties for 3-4 minutes on each side until golden. Drain on absorbent kitchen paper and serve hot, warm or cold with the walnut sauce.

Carrot, Fennel and Potato Medley

- Serves 4
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 potato, cut into thin strips
- 1 fennel bulb, cut into strips
- 2 carrots, grated
- 1 red onion, cut into thin strips

Chopped chives and fennel fronds, to garnish Dressing

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp garlic wine vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp clear honey

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:





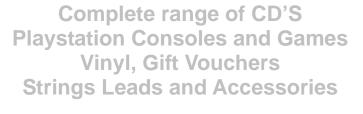




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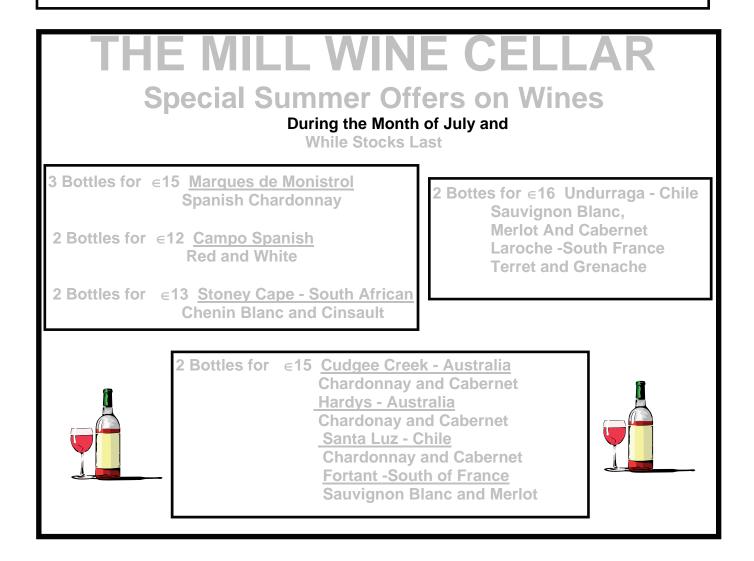
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Heat the olive oil in a frying pan, add the potato and fennel slices and cook for 2-3 minutes until beginning to brown. Remove from the frying pan with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Arrange the carrot, red onion, potato and fennel in separate piles on a serving platter. Mix the dressing ingredients together and pour over the vegetables. Toss well and sprinkle with chopped chives and fennel fronds. Serve immediately or leave in the refrigerator until required. **Variation**

Use mixed, grilled peppers or shredded leeks in this dish for variety, or add bean sprouts and a segmented orange, if you prefer.

Brown Rice, Vegetable and Herb Gratin Serves 4

- 3 1/2 oz brown rice
- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- 1 red onion, chopped



1 carrot, cut into matchsticks

courgette, sliced

- 2 3/4 baby corn cobs, halved lengthwise
- 2 tbsp sunflower seeds
- 3 tbsp chopped mixed herbs
- 3 1/2 oz grated Mozzarella cheese
- 2 tbsp wholemeal breadcrumbs
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper

Method:

Cook the rice in a saucepan of boiling water for 20 minutes. Drain well. Lightly grease a 1 1/2 pint ovenproof dish. Heat the butter in a frying pan. Add the onion and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until softened. Add the garlic, carrot, courgette and corn cobs and and cook for a further 5 minutes, stirring. Mix the rice with the sunflower seeds and mixed herbs and stir into pan. Stir in half of the Mozzarella cheese and season with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon the mixture into the greased dish and top with the breadcrumbs and remaining cheese. Cook in a preheated oven, 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4, for 25-30 minutes or until the cheese begins to turn golden, **Variation**

Use an alternative rice, such as basmati, and flavour the dish with curry spices, if you prefer.

Beans in Lemon and Herb Sauce

Serves 4

2 lb mixed green beans, such as broad beans, French beans, runner beans

2 1/2 oz butter or margarine

- 4 tsp plain flour
- 1/2 pint vegetable stock
- 3 fl oz dry white wine
- 6 tbsp single cream

3 tbsp chopped mixed herbs

2 tbsp lemon juice Rind of 1 lemon

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Cook the beans in a saucepan of boiling salted water for 10 minutes or until tender. Drain and place in a warm serving dish. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the flour and cook for 1 minute. Remove the pan from the heat and gradually stir in the stock and wine. Remove the pan from the heat once again and stir in the cream, mixed herbs, lemon juice and zest. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour the sauce over the beans, mixing well. Serve immediately.

Cook's Tip

Use a wide variety of herbs for flavours, such as rosemary, thyme, tarragon and sage.

Kidney Bean Kiev

- Serves 4 Garlic butter
- 3 1/2 oz butter
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- Bean patties
- 1 lb 7 oz canned red kidney beans
- 5 1/2 oz fresh white breadcrumbs
- 1 oz butter
- 1 leek, chopped
- 1 celery stick, chopped
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 egg, beaten
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Vegetable oil, for shallow frying

Method:

To make the garlic butter, put the butter, garlic and parsley in a bowl and blend together with a wooden spoon. The garlic butter mixture on to a sheet of baking parchment, roll into a cigar shape and wrap in the baking parchment. Leave to chill in the refrigerator. Using a potato masher, mash the red kidney beans in a mixing bowl and stir in 2 3/4 oz of the breadcrumbs until thoroughly blended. Melt the butter in a frying pan and sauté the leek and celery for 3-4 minutes, stirring. Add the bean mixture to the pan together with the parsley, season with salt and pepper to taste and mix well. Remove from the heat and leave to cool slightly. Shape the bean mixture into 4 equal sized ovals. Slice the garlic butter into 4 and place a slice in the centre of each bean patty. Mould the bean mixture around the garlic butter to encase it completely. Dip each bean patty into the beaten egg to coat and then roll in the remaining breadcrumbs. Heat a little oil in a frying pan and fry the patties, turning once, for 7-10 minutes or until golden.

Juices

These are very refreshing at any time of year, and always best when the fruit is in full season. Mix any fruits of your choice in a blender. It is best to drink these juices as soon as possible, but can be kept in the fridge for a few hour.





Question

I believe that you can now claim income tax relief on maternity care expenses. Can you please give the details ?

Answer

You can claim tax relief for certain medical expenses incurred by you whether for yourself, your spouse and certain relatives and dependants. You cannot claim for any expenditure that will be reimbursed by, for example, VHI. The relief is given at your highest tax rate subject to a minimum threshold which you must pay.

The Finance Act 2001 provided for income tax relief "routine maternity care". Prior to 6th April 2001, routine maternity treatment covering the first 14 days of treatment in a hospital and all treatment and care not provided by the hospital was not allowable.

It was the practice of the Revenue Commissioners to treat expenditure incurred on a caesarean section operation as outside the scope of the relief for years prior to 2001. Following a review of the position, income tax relief will be granted for expenditure incurred in relation to caesarean section operations carried out prior to 6th April 2001.

The normal time limits for repayment claims will apply to any claim made for years of assessment prior to 2001.

Further information is available from your local tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre 01-6285477

Question

I am 66 years old and am living in Ireland. However, I am receiving a social security pension from Germany. Am I entitled to free medical care here?

Answer

You may be entitled to a Medical Card which would entitle you to free medical care.

Under European Union (EU) Regulations pensioners living in Ireland who are receiving a social security pension from another EU state are granted a Medical Card, provided they are not employed or selfemployed here, and are not receiving an Irish social security pension.

While there is no means test for people entitled to a Medical Card under (EU) Regulations you will have to give details about your income in order to establish that your application rightly comes under EU Regulations. If you have unearned income of more than \in 3,174 per year (\in 61 per week) you may be regarded as self- employed and would have to satisfy a means test to qualify for a Medical Card.

You will need to obtain Form E121 from the department of social security in the country paying your pension. If you are receiving your pension from the UK you will not require the form but you will need to provide proof that you are receiving a UK pension.

You apply to your local Health Board for the Medical

Card.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre 01-6285477.

Question

I am on maternity leave and I intend taking additional unpaid maternity leave. How will this affect my annual leave ?

Answer

An employee is entitled to a basic 18 weeks Maternity Benefit by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. In addition, a further 8 weeks maternity leave may be taken which will not be covered by Maternity Benefit.

While you are on the initial paid maternity leave you are treated as if you are in work. It cannot be counted as part of any other leave entitlement, for example, sick leave or annual leave. As annual leave entitlement is based on hours worked during the "leave year", this period of maternity leave can be used to accumulate annual leave. You are also entitled to have the credit for any public holiday(s) that occurs during this leave period. You could receive this credit as an extra day's annual leave for each public holiday.

The additional unpaid maternity leave cannot be used to accumulate annual leave. However, you are entitled to the credit for any public holiday that occurs during that time.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre 01-6285477.

Question

I have been working part-time for the past five years. I am now giving up work to look after my mother who is very ill and in need of full-time care. As I only work 17 hours a week will I be eligible for Carer's benefit?

Answer

Carer's Benefit, which is based on social insurance contributions, is a payment made by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs to people who leave employment to look after someone in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid for up to 15 months.

Providing you meet the contribution conditions and the Department decides that your mother is in need of fulltime care and attention you should qualify for Carer's Benefit.

Previously you would have had to be working 19 hours a week or 38 hours a fortnight in order to qualify. Since 11th April 2002 the number of hours which a person is required to work during the 13 weeks immediately prior to claiming Carer's Benefit has been reduced to 17 hours a week or 34 a fortnight. You should apply for Carers Benefit 8 weeks before you intend to leave work in order that your eligibility can be assessed before you leave.

You can apply for carer's leave from work and your

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You would be paid Carer's Benefit while you are on leave and could return to work when the carer's leave finished. The right to return is broadly similar to the right to return after maternity leave. You must give your employer notice of your intention to take carer's leave 6 weeks before the leave starts.

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Maynooth G.A.A. News

U14 Division One Football League Maynooth 3-04 Moorefield 1-05

Maynooth had an impressive win over Moorefield. Maynooth have found it difficult to beat Moorefield on previous encounters at this level but in this encounter it was the men from Maynooth who triumphed in Moorefield.

Maynooth Scorers : Paul O'Reilly 2-00, Michael Murphy 1-01, Paddy Comerford 0-01, Conor Canning 0-02.

Team: Michael Fox, Philip McCarron, Peter Warren, Matthew O'Gorman, Mickey Gillick, Jonathon Galvin, Sean Durkan, Jeffrey Walsh, Conor Canning, Thomas Donnelly, Michael Murphy, D. Corbett, Paddy Comerford, Paul O'Reilly, Ronan O'Malley

Subs: (both used) Alex Cash, James Molloy.

Under 16 League Division 2 Maynooth 1-04 Round Towers 1-05

Maynooth made the long journey to Kildare Town and despite bad playing conditions and a much stronger and more physical opposition the Maynooth boys played well and managed to keep Round Towers to a single point victory thanks to an excellent Maynooth defence.

Maynooth Scorers: Stephen Kane 1-01, Sean McAllister 0-02, (1 free) Mark Cummins 0-01

Team and Panel: Sean Kennedy, David Baxter, Sean McAllister, Brian O'Malley, David Gahan, Kevin Comerford, Adam Gunn, Stephen Kane, Niall Corcoran, Damien O'Neill, Luke Daly, Eanna Lohan, Declan Bambrick, Mark Cummins, Andrew Higgins.

Subs: James Thompson for D. Bambrick, Mark Cooney for A. Higgins, Paul Curran for A. Baxter, David O'Haire, Tadgh Dunne, Martin Hoare.

Best for Maynooth were Stephen Kane, Sean McAllister especially when moved from full back to midfield as he turned the game around in favour of Maynooth, David Gahan, Luke Daly.

Junior Camogie League: Maynooth 4-01 Celbridge 3-01

Despite an absence from the camogie scene for two years the girls of Maynooth are back in force and proved such to near neighbours Celbridge in a tight match played in Celbridge recently. Celbridge began well and playing into a strong wind in the first half led by a goal at half time. The Maynooth team although missing two key players (Nuala Forde, Sandra Gillick) through injury did not let their heads fall and a quick second half goal by Deirdre King levelled the game. However Celbridge were quick to respond and Aine Magee found the net in favour of the home side. Both teams battled hard and it was Maynooth's goal taking ability which eventually proved the difference. Maynooth Scorers: Michelle Gillick 0-01, Deirdre King 1-00, Ann Comerford 1-00, Ciara O'Neill 1-00, Naomi

Devereux 1-00. Team: Lisa Fox, Jeni Reid, Sharon Cummins, Cheryl Naughton, Mags Farrell, Ann Marie Farrell, Kate Delaney, Elaine McNamara, Michelle Gillick, Niamh Mulready, Deirdre King, Muire Ennis, Ciara O'Neill, Naomi Devereux, Ann Comerford. Subs: Edel Barry, Ailish Smyth.

Maynooth C Team Junior League Div 3 Maynooth 1-10 Confey 0-6

Maynooth had an impressive win on home soil over Confey which earned them their first two points of their league campaign recently. Confey started the better team and led at half time by 0-5 to 0-04. Maynooth however came back strongly when an excellent taken goal by Mark Hanlon put them in front, further points were added by corner forward David Comerford and sub Peter Finnan firmly put Maynooth as winners.

Team: Fergie Devereux, Colin O'Neill, Martin McTernan, Diarmuid Devereux, Stephen Brennan, Colin Cushen, Tadgh O'Corcoran, Eamon O'Flaherty, Denis Downey, Brian Downey, Michael Madden, Paul

Broughan, Martin Conway, Mark Hanlon, David Comerford.

Scorers: Mark Hanlon 1-01, Eamon O'Flaherty 0-02, Denis Downey 0-01, Colin O'Neill 0-02, Peter Finnan 0-01, David Comerford 0-01.

Senior Football League Division 2

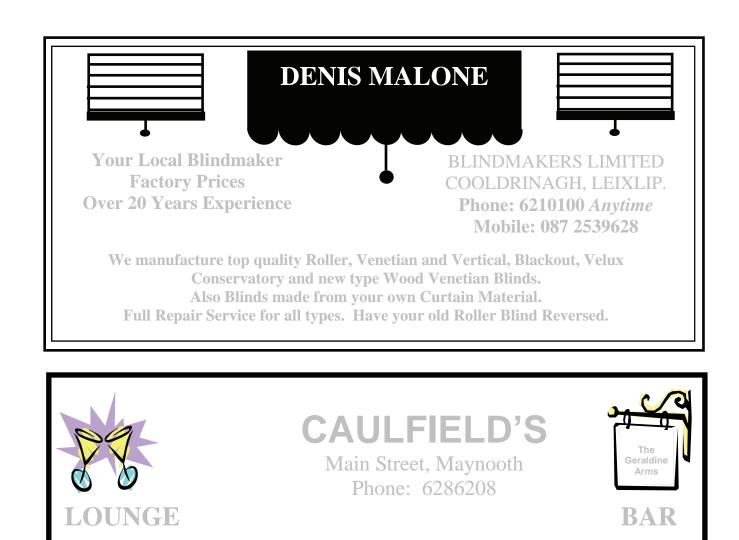
Maynooth have had a good start to their league campaign having played seven games they stand third in the league table on ten points. They are two behind Clane (who have only played six) and just three behind Celbridge. Maynooth have won four, lost one and drew two.

Results:

Maynooth 1-08 Clane 0-14 Maynooth 2-12 Caragh 0-03 Maynooth 0-16 Rheban 1-09 Maynooth 1-08 Milltown 2-05 Maynooth 1-08 Ballymore Eustace 0-10

Intermediate Football Championship Maynooth 0-13 Rathcoffey 0-08

Maynooth had a comfortable win over Rathcoffey in their opening match of their 2002 championship campaign at Coneff Park, (Clane Saturday 25th May) despite the absence of both team captain, Hugh Nevin and Niall Naughton, both due to injury. Darren Naughton opened the scoring for Maynooth with a well



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converted free after just two minutes of play, Thomas Farrell soon after kicked over an impressive 50 and soon after this Maynooth got their first point from play. It was almost ten minutes before Rathcoffey scored with a free kick. Maynooth added further points from play by both Donal McAvenue and Darren Naughton to lead 0-05 to 0-01 early in the first half. Maynooth had a well deserved five point lead at half time and it was at the start of the second half that Rathcoffey introduced sub James Nugent who proved to be one of their most influential players throughout the second half. However the Maynooth lads were to hold tough and eventually proved clear winners. Team: Paul Flood, Mick Noone, Paul Stynes, Alan Nugent, Barry O'Brien, Pascal Ennis, Killian Carr (0-02), Killian Fagan, Damien Doyle, Donal McAvenue (0-01) Karl Ennis (0-01), Thomas Farrell (0-03), Johnny Nevin, Padraig O'Sullivan, Darren Naughton (0-06).

Subs: Conor Diggins for Paul Stynes, Derek Fleming for Damien Doyle.

Best for Maynooth included: Pascal Ennis and Killian Carr in defence, Karl Ennis and Tom Farrell in the forward line and of course one must mention Darren Naughton who kicked an impressive six points on the day. Maynooth now face Naas in the next round of the championship on a date still to be confirmed.

Underage Girls Football

In April underage football training began on Saturday mornings for the girls aged between 8 - 15. So far there has been a huge response from both girls and their parents with some fifty girls turning up for training on a weekly basis. However we are still recruiting both players and helpers, so if you are interested drop down to our pitch on the Moyglare Road on Saturdays from 11.30 a.m. until 12.45 p.m.

Underage Camogie

Maynooth U14 Camogie team were narrowly beaten in the b feile final recently.

Both Maynooth east and west did exceptionally well in the community games U14 camogie despite being split in two. Maynooth east had an initial win over Naas and then lost out to a much stronger and more experienced Clane/Rathcoffey side in the semi-final, while on the other side of the draw Maynooth West had an impressive win over Kill and then over Johnstown/Ballyna but lost out narrowly to Clane/Rathcoffey in the county final which was played in Newbridge recently. Well done to al the girls who took part and a special thank you to Patricia, Ann Marie and Tom who put in a huge effort in getting the girls ready.

Well done to Mikey Gillick who came second in the U14 feile skills competition.

Hard luck to our U14 hurling team who lost to Ardclough by 5 points and narrowly missed out in a place in feile.

Our U9 hurlers are very busy at the moment taking part in blitzes every week.

Leinster G.A.A. Hurling Camp will take place July 8th - 11th (Boys & Girls) in Maynooth. Places limited. Book early. Contact: Aiden Sinnott 01 6285376 or at pitch Saturday Morning.

Reminder: All Memberships are now overdue for 2002. Subscriptions: Family \in 50 Single \in 32 Student \in 13 U18 (non family) \in 6.50

Maynooth G.A.A. Lotto Results					
Date	Numbers	Jackpot	5 x Consolation Prize Winners ∈25 each		
6th May	1, 5, 16, 22	∈1,200	M. Donnelly, Eddie Lyons, Taz, Annette Killoran, Marie Carr		
12th May	4, 8, 13, 23	∈1,300	Aoife Greally c/o David O'Grady, Aidan Dempsey, Lily Riardon c/o Domo, Gerry Mulcahy c/o Domo, Les Jurin c/o Domo		
19th May	1, 6, 16, 21	∈1,400	Adam & Kim Nevin c/o Domo, Denis McDermott, Aoife Greally c/o Domo, Nuala Doyle c/o Domo, Paddy Flynn c/o David O'Grady		
26th May	5, 12, 14, 23	∈1,500	Mags Farrell c/o David O'Grady, Geraldine Cash, V. & N. Dunne c/o Patsy, Gerry Long c/o Club, Paula McTiernan		
3rd June	7, 17, 18, 24	∈1,600	Maurice McMahon c/o Club, Sean Murray c/o Domo, Sean Groake, Eugene Mara, Deirdre Horan c/o The Barbers		

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Players of the Year Presentation Night. L-R Martin Mc Ternan Senior Saturday Player of the Year - Noel Healy Senior Sunday Player of the Year - Alan Brennan Under 17's Players' Player of the Year. The tropies were sponsored by The Leinster Arms. The Senior Saturday team were also presented with their Division 1 league runners-up medals on the night. Gaining the 2nd spot was a great acheivment for the side who were promoted from Division 3 last year. In the close season things off the park are in full swing. Having received final approval for the tender process from the Department we are now ready to sign contracts for work to commence on the Rathcoffey Road development. Weather permitting the contractor should commence work in the next few weeks to install the drainage and car parking. Hopefull the contract will not be delayed by our lovely summer weather.

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Date	Numbers Jackpot		3 x €35 Winners					
19-May-02	2,9,12,14	€1375	CONOR SAULTS	ESTER HALLIGAN	CARMEL GREHA			
26-May-02	2,9,14,19	€1450	BERSO'	CAROL CONWAY	E. Mc NUTT			
2-Jun-02	4,8,11,28	€1525	PATRICK WILLIAMS	PAUL RAFFERTY	TOMMY BROPH			
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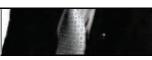
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What is Dyspraxia ?

Some children, despite adequate teaching, a stimulating environment and generally normal intellect, have difficulty with movement and specific aspects of learning. Dyspraxia is a difficulty with thinking out, planning and carrying out sensory/motor tasks.

How can Dyspraxia be recognised ?

The child with dyspraxia may have a combination of several problems in varying degrees.

- These may include:
- Poor balance.
- Poor fine and gross motor co-ordination.
- Poor posture.
- Difficulty with throwing and catching a ball.
- Poor awareness of body position in space.
- Poor sense of direction.
- Difficulty hopping, skipping or riding a bike.
- Sensitive to touch.
- Confused about which hand to use.
- Intolerance of having hair or teeth brushed, nails and hair cut.
- Slow to learn to dress or feed themselves.
- Find some clothes uncomfortable.
- Difficulty with reading, writing.
- Speech problems slow to learn to speck and speech may be incoherent.
- Phobias or obsessive behaviour and impatient.

Children with dyspraxia can be of average or above average intelligence but are often behaviourally immature. They try hard to fit in to socially accepted behaviour when at school but often throw tantrums when at home. They may find it difficult to understand logic and reason. Not all children with dyspraxia have all of these problems. Many parents will say that their children have some of these problems but if your child has dyspraxia, either diagnosed or not, you may have observed a cluster of these difficulties.

There is no cure for dyspraxia but the earlier a child is treated the greater the greater the chance of improvement. Occupational therapists, physiotherapists and extra help at school can all help a child with dyspraxia to cope or overcome many difficulties. However, a lot of the skills that we take for granted will never become automatic to such children and they will have to be taught these skills. Dyspraxia is also known by other names including:

'developmental co-ordination disorder' (DCD),

'clumsy child syndrome'

the hidden handicap

'motor learning problems'

'minimal brain dysfunction'

or 'sensory integrative problems'.

Dyspraxia in the Pre-School Child

Indicators may include:

• History of lateness reaching milestones e.g. rolling over, sitting, walking and speaking.

- May not be able to run, hop or jump.
- Appears not to be able to learn anything instinctively but must be taught skills.
- Poor at dressing.
- Slow and hesitant in most actions.
- Poor pencil grip.
- Cannot do jigsaw or shape-sorting games.
- Art work is very immature.
- Has no understanding of in/on/behind/in front of etc.
- Unable to catch or kick a ball.

Dyspraxia in the School Age Child

Indicators may include:

- All the problems of the pre-school child may still be present with little or no improvement.
- PE is avoided.
- The child does badly in class but significantly better on a one-to-one basis.
- Attention span is poor and the child may react to stimuli without discrimination.
- May have trouble with maths, copying from the blackboard.
- Writing is laborious and immature.
- Unable to remember and/or follow instruction.
- Generally poorly organised.
- Commonly anxious and distractable.
- Finds it difficult to keep friends or judge how to behave in company.

What do children with dyspraxia need?

Children with dyspraxia benefit most from one-to one therapy. They need the support of qualified professionals on a regular basis to help them reach their full potential. Children with dyspraxia need support and understanding in the educational system.

What does the family of a child with Dyspraxia need?

The challenges presented by living with a child with dyspraxia frequently go unrecognised outside the immediate family unit. In addition to the normal stresses and strains of raising a family in today's society, families of children with dyspraxia cope daily with their child's ongoing frustration at their own limitation. They also cope with demand and strain of constant teaching. Families must also deal with their child being misunderstood by the general community and in the educational system. What families need most is for dyspraxia to be better understand and With greater awareness, recognised. both professionals and the general community could respond to the needs of families in a more supportive way by providing adequate therapy, adequate support in the educational system and practical help to





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Traffic Lights at The Roost



Cllr. John McGinley

Residents will be aware that Cllr. John McGinley has been fighting for the installation of traffic lights at the bottom of Main Street for the past three years. The long wait is nearly over as the Leixlip Area Committee were given the following update on 8 June:

"Preliminary design prepared for the installation of traffic lights at The Roost. Consulting engineers approved to examine this proposal in the context of planning applications at the Mill and at TESCOS. The consulting engineers will examine the potential impact of these developments on the Parson Street junction and other major junctions in the town."

The first draft of the design was presented at the meeting and it made worrying reading as the consultants are proposing to reverse the existing lane layout from the Square to the Roost i.e. they propose having two lanes from the Square to the Roost and one lane from the Roost to the Square. Cllr, McGinley pointed out at the meeting that this proposal made no sense and would make the traffic congestion much worse. It was agreed that the consultants would attend a future meeting in order to explain the thinking behind their proposals.

It was agreed that double yellow lines should immediately go on the roadway from the bridge at Mill Street to the corner at Bradys Estate Agents so as to provide a left turning lane from Mill Street onto Main Street.

Geraldine Hall/Harbour Field

The transfer of these properties to Kildare County Council ownership has still not taken place, however the County Secretary has given a commitment that he will do everything possible to speed up the deed of transfer. Cllr. John McGinley has asked for an engineers/architects report on the feasibility of refurbishing the Geraldine Hall so that it can be used for community use.

Banning Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Main Street Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to ban HGV's from Main Street when the INTEL Link to the M4 opens in October is meeting very strong opposition from the Council engineers. The fact that not all of the Area Councillors are supporting his motion is not helping matters. The Council engineers are of the view that some 40% of the traffic will automatically go to the motorway link anyway and that the ban would be very difficult to enforce. Cllr. McGinley agreed to the engineers request that we should wait to see what happens to the traffic movements when the link opens. Cllr. McGinley asked that a sign be put at the Blacklion/Leixlip road junction to read "All Barberstown Bound HGV's turn Left for M4" and another sign at the roundabout at Barretts on the Straffan Road to read "All Dunboyne Bound HGV's turn right onto M4". This would encourage the HGV's to avoid the delays of going through Main Street and more importantly would make Main Street much safer. If this action does not work Cllr. McGinley will re-introduce his motion banning the HGV's from Main Street.

New Roundabout at Blacklion/Dunboyne Road Junction

The PART X (planning permission) for this much needed roundabout and a widening of Kildare bridge was agreed at the June Area Meeting.

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Grass Cutting of Public Areas:

The Council have finally got their act together and a contract for the cutting of grass in public areas will be awarded as soon as revised tenders are to hand. Cllr. McGinley has asked that Pound Park and the Harbour Field be included at the request of the Tidy Towns committee.

Area Outside Geraldine Castle:

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

"That a scheme to pedestrianise the roadway next to the Geraldine Castle, Maynooth, be prepared and costed and that the adjacent green area be landscaped and surrounded by a high kerb in order to prevent vehicles from driving on it."

Maynooth Street Name Signs:

The Council will shortly be asking house owners for permission to erect the Street Name signs on their buildings. The Council don't expect any problems as most people consider it an honour to have such signs erected on their buildings. Also the signs are very attractive and are of a high quality.

Traffic Calming Back Lane/ Pound Lane:

At the request of residents Cllr. McGinley has asked that traffic calming ramps be provide here instead of chicanes.

Pruning of Trees in Pound Park, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to prune these poplar trees as they are blocking the light from some houses. He has suggested that cutting them in half would be in order.

Doctors Lane Potholes

Cllr. McGinley has again asked the Council to fill in the potholes at the "turning point" on Doctors Lane.



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Sponsored Walk in aid of Irish Heart Foundation

On Sunday June 9th Martin Byrne completed a sponsored walk (Distance 12 km/7.5 miles) from Clonsilla to Maynooth in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. He would like to pass on his sincerest gratitude to those who supported him both with his annual collection on Saturday May 25th. and his sponsored walk Sunday last 9th June. His two ventures collected a total of ∈2,580 for the Irish Heart Foundation. The generosity of the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas is amazing. Forty participants on the hike got a brief historical overview of the canal and its bridges from local historian, Declan O'Connor. Our evening hike on June 12th took us to the mountains to the east of Blessington for a moderate hike. It started off a very pleasant evening ramble on a summer 's evening but alas the low clouds and rain swept across the west Wicklow mountainside from the plains of Kildare.Sunday June 16th hike to the Dublin mountains was cancelled so that we could enjoy the Irish/Spanish match. We all know the results of that by now.

June 22nd. The Ring of Imaal Mountain Challenge, a gruelling 25.5 mile hike starting in the village of Donard, in West Wicklow and following mountains circuit in an anti-clockwise direction taking in the historical Brusselstown Ring Fort, Keadeen and Ballineddin Mountains, Slievemaan, Lugnaqullia, Camenbologue, Table Mountain, Lobawn and back to Donard. The hike took in an Ascent of 5,700 ft. A number of members of the club will be attending this challenge. As part of their training programme over the past six weeks they have completed the Blackstairs Walk, 17 Miles with 3,000 and the Galty Walk consisting of 15 miles and 3,000 ft.

A number of members of the Club went out to support our colleagues and we completed the inner circuit of the Glen of Imaal finishing for light refreshments in Fenton's of the Glen.

Saturday 29th of June the Club brings us on an Easy hike along the Grand Canal from Sallins to Hazelhatch. This hike was planned after the publication of the last edition of the Newsletter. It was a pleasant 10 mile hike which will bring us past the village of Ardclough, the Lyons Demesne finishing up for refreshment (at your own expense) at Hazelhatch. You have a choice to two watering holes.

Sunday July 7th. Members of the Club are off to the Cooley Peninsula to trek from Ravensdale to Carlingford. Because we will not have the services of a bus we can conduct only one event, **namely a** Moderate hike. With the Foot and Mouth restrictions long behind us it is hoped that the weather will be kind to us and we can retrace the footsteps of the legendary Brown Bull of Cooley, (Tain Bo Cuailnge), Cu Chulainn and Queen Meave of Connacht. For those attending the hike a quick visit to the Long Woman's grave will be possible. This hike will cover a Distance of 6 Miles/9 Kms. with an Ascent of 2,200 Ft. 670 M. and is limited to members of the club.

Sunday July 21st brings us to our popular haunt,

Glendalough where we will complete two hikes. One easy hike covering a distance in the region of 9 miles with an Ascent of 800 ft. Our regular participants will complete a harder hike in the same area.

For the month of August because of holiday etc we will not be conducting activities for non-members. We are planning a Rambling trip to Donegal taking in Slieve League and the cliffs around Glencolumcille and also north Donegal with Errigal and the Devils Glen.

We will be back in September again with an Introductory Easy hike from Marley Park along the Wicklow Way and return to the cars via Two Rock Mountain. Date to be confirmed later but it will be before the All Ireland.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below.

Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

Mountain Safety Note:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly. Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. We hope to be able to have a photograph of one of our events in the next issue.

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APPRECIATION



EAMON GALLAGHER

Maynooth has lost a lot of characters in the last few years but one that will be missed more than many is Eamon.

A most loved man in the community and his popularity was seen with Maynooth church being overflowing on the evening of his arrival and again for his funeral mass the morning after. The amount of people who travelled to his beloved Achill for his burial was heartwarming to the family.

Eamon a Garda was a very popular member of the force as could be seen by the amount of members around Maynooth on both occasions. The stories they were telling of Eamon from his service in Kevin Street, Old Kilmainham and Ballyfermot would have you in stitches.

There were also a few from the other side of the law with whom he was also popular. His expression of the OHC (Ordinary Honest Criminal) was "sure the poor old creature sure he has his own problems". Such was the nature of the man.

Socialising was one of his great points. Eamon could converse in both Irish and English preferably Irish if the company was suitable. He would sing his great Sea Shanties in Bradys and one song which I think he wrote himself was "the crab" was always requested. Old poems could flow from Eamon as freely as drinking a pint.

There is not enough space in this magazine to write on Eamon, you would need a fair few looks. All that is left is to offer our sincere condolences to Ann and all the family who are very shocked but also relieved that his suffering is over. "Gone from this earth to a better land I know" are the words from a song he used to sing and if there is such a place Eamon is there with his friends.

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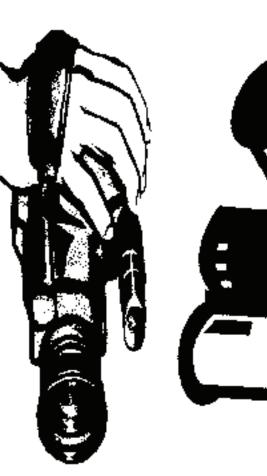
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Clare Faulkner Brady's Clockhouse Barperson of The Year

Clare Faulkner of Bradys overcame strong opposition to become Maynooth's barperson of the year.

Claire is from Inishowen in Donegal and is studying in NUI Maynooth. She has been working in Brady's for over 12 months, where she has become very popular with her workmates and customers.

Proof of her charisma and personality is that in less than a week she collected sponsorship of over \in 800.

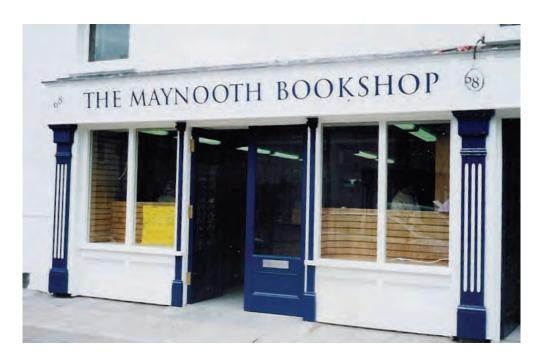
Runners up who also did magnificently were Dawn Byrne of the Glenroyal ($\in 600$), Paul Rafferty of Caulfields($\in 550$). Also in the field were Jacqui Kinsella (Leinster Arms) and Trevor Naughton (Straffan Court Hotel) who also contributed greatly.

The Community Council would like to thank the contestants and also the sponsors who contributed generously to the event.

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Maynooth Book Shop

John Byrne has moved from his premises on the Square to a new and spacious premises at 68 Main street (Across from the Library) The new shop gives him more scope to display his vast array of books. The new shop front takes the bare look off that part of the street. John and his ever helpful staff will still look after the customer as always and we wish him luck in his new premises.

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Editorial

We would like to welcome the erection of the street signs in the town by Kildare County Council. A committee researched the old names of the streets and back lanes. Where there were different traditions both names were included. There will be ongoing debate as to the historicity of some of them, for instance the inclusion of Leinster Street along with the more commonly used main Street. The Community Council sponsored the competition for the town crest that is included on the signs.

Tesco made a detailed presentation to the Community Council regarding their intended development on the Old Dublin Road. Coupled with the Dulcedo Development on the Kavanagh's Manor Mill site this will turn Maynooth into a prime retail centre. The proposal includes two very large retail units, seven smaller units and a petrol station. It was promised that it would include intensive landscaping and pedestrian walks and cycle racks.

Dulcedo Development also gave the Council a written, revised report. This means the reduction of the height of some buildings by one or 2 floors.

But there is still some serious concerns regarding the increase in traffic. The town is already impassable at times and serious consideration will need to be given to proper traffic management. It is of the greatest urgency that Bond Bridge, the Meadowbrook Link Road and the Blacklion Road Link are completed as quickly as possible. Otherwise, these developments will cause gridlock during the peak hours. We look forward to a positive outcome from Kildare County Council's meeting on the 29th July.

This year's scaled down festival went well and most events were well attended. There is a full report elsewhere in this publication along with a comprehensive list of all sponsors.

Maynooth Community Council News

The July meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 8th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Tesco Ireland proposed New Development Plan

A presentation was made to the Community Council on the proposed new development at Tesco's.

Mr. Michael Sullivan, Development Manager, Tesco Ireland and Mr. Finbarr Barry, Planning Consultant gave the presentation. Mr. Sullivan said that there would be seven new retail units on the same design as already there and two large units at the rear. Mr. Sullivan said the landscaping will be done on a courtyard theme, with large and small areas. He said the front avenue will be lined with lime trees and beech trees, also the petrol station at the front of the new development will be encircled with well planted trees.

At this stage Mr. Sullivan threw it open to the floor for discussion.

Sean Cushen raised the question about what way the walkways or paths would be finished, it was said that all pathways would be paved all the way round.

Hugh Gallagher wondered about the overall architectural design and was informed that it will be in keeping with what is there already.

The answer to Padraic O Murchú's query about access for pedestrians he was told that there would be dedicated pedestrian walks and cycle racks.

Hugh Gallagher asked could a cinema go into one of the units. Mr. Sullivan said if a cinema developer came forward with a viable idea that they, Tesco Ireland, won't discourage anybody putting up a cinema.

Tom McMullon said there is a large population now in Maynooth and a cinema is needed.

Cllr. John McGinley wondered what would bring a development like Tesco to Maynooth. Mr. Sullivan said that their people had looked at all this and feel that Maynooth is very suitable for this development. Pedestrian and public access by the canal was raised. Mr. Sullivan said he didn't see that a connection to the canal from the new development was possible. It was generally felt that access along the canal to Tesco would be a great asset for the public.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said lighting will have to be put in along the canal for safety reasons and to prevent it from becoming an anti-social area.

Patraig O Murchú asked why they felt a petrol station was needed. Mr. Sullivan said it is good planning, it will keep people from going through the town and people can shop and use the petrol station at the same time.

The question of increased traffic was raised by Ann Burns. Mr. Barry said they have a traffic consultant working on the plans and could involve further planning. Mr. Barry said plans are still with Kildare County Council and that they expect a decision in October.

Des Matthews asked the question as to what would be going into the new extension at Tesco. Mr. Sullivan said it would include clothing etc. He said they need more room already. It was also noted that 70 - 90 new jobs would be created in Tesco, with a further possible 200 jobs in the retail units.

Tom McMullon hoped that Tesco would look on M.C.C. with generousity in the future as we are a voluntary run group.

Cllr. Senan Griffin felt that Tesco were not sympathetic to local needs and hoped that they would evaluate their outlook on supporting local groups. Mr. Sullivan said they have a plan to employ long term unemployed. He said they always support charities. They usually support some of the main charities. He said they would rather do this than support other smaller ones.

They do the collecting on an ongoing basis. Ann Burns felt that the public may not be aware of this and that employees of Tesco do a lot of this collecting.

Séan Cushen on behalf of the Tidy Town Committee stated the grass along Tesco's should be cut, Mr. Sullivan said this would be done immediately.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said the Community Council should visit K.C.C. proposing that Maynooth be made a primary retail in North Kildare.

At this point Hugh Gallagher thanked Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Barry for their fine Presentation on behalf of the council.

Kavanagh - Manor Mill Site.

Dulcedo Developments presented Maynooth Community Council with their revised proposed document for the Manor Mill Site. These changes come under the heading as follows:

- Reduction in Residential Element of the Development.
- Relationship of the development to the castle.
- Impact of the development on traffic.

"Reduction in Residential"

A discussion took place on the proposed changes. The reduction in the over all height of the development was welcomed. This meant that Block D would be reduced by almost 1 full floor, Block G by 1 full floor and Block H by 2 floors.

This is a significant reduction. The total residential accommodation has been reduced by 10% (23 apartments 21,089sq feet). The floor to ceiling heights in the entire residential development has been reduced to 2.5m which minimizes the overall height of the development.

"Relationship to the Castle"

As a result of the residential reduction, the proposed development to the Castle has been further enhanced

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"Plans on Traffic"

Consultations have concentrated in designing a system to alleviate the existing traffic congestion and to provide additional capacity to the network, which will be more than adequate to cater for this development.

The full document can be vewed in the Community Council Office. It was generously felt that the overall changes are a great improvement and can only be of benefit to the town. Ann Burns felt that the buildings were still high, even if the over all height has been reduced. It was also noted that The Maynooth Development Plan allows buildings up to 4 storeys. It was agreed to write to K.C.C. with our concerns.

Moyglare Village

Gerry Mc Cann felt that another meeting with the Tesco developers might be needed.

Gerry enquired if a traffic survey was done. He was told there was none done. Also that the T.P.S. are consulting with Tesco and Manor Mill developers. It was also wondered if any plans to move forward the ring-road to allievate traffic. Gerry said the town is impassable almost.

Planning Committee

It was suggested that a special group should be set up to look at planning. It was also said that the link road from Moyglare should go ahead. Múireann said we should be looking at how the town and Parson Street is developing. Richard Farrell said the planning and development group fell down because it was not supported. It was decided that Hugh Gallagher, Senan Griffin and John McGinley would form the Planning group. Cllr. Senan Griffin felt it was there just to inform the Council about future planning. It was also noted that there are 4 new Public Houses planned for Maynooth.

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley informed the meeting that K.C.C. seem to have a problem with going ahead with the Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link projects. He also said that the media were not allowed in for some of the meeting. It was also stated that 158 acres has been rezoned, and levies from this was to cover road improvements.

Clir. Senan Griffin said he was shocked at the latest developments with K.C.C. A special meeting will be held on the 29th July. Des Matthews said that there is no point in all the new development going on in Maynooth if Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link don't go through now.

Street Signs

The long awaited Street Signs are up. They are very Old-World and look great.

Next Meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place on 9th september 2002 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Pollution in The Canal

In the last 12 months or so the condition of the canal has deteriorated drastically.

Last year one could see anglers between the two bridges and beyond as far as the bridge at Laragh. Now in the last year a massive undergrowth has developed and a dirty yellow scum has appeared on the surface comparable to the surface of a slurry pit.

It has left the canal unfishable except for one small spot on the harbour. Instead of 20 to 30 anglers of last year we now have one or two.

Anglers, local and from the city enjoyed their fishing but alas no more.

Even the pleasure boats that appeared every week now also have disappeared.

Will Maynooth lose another one of its assets before someone does something about it.







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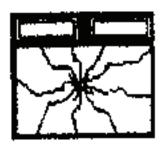
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Letters to the Editor

To whom it concerns

Over the past few months there have been quiz night in The Leinster Arms. The Money raised each Monday combined with the money with at our monster quiz and raffle on the Tuesday May 28th total led almost \in 4000, and was donated to Maynooth Special Olympics Committee. We therefore like to publicly to thank the following for their time and generous donations.

The Bike Shop Kilcock - Guinness Ireland - Heineken -Beamish & Crawford - Irish Distillers - Equestrian World - Mary Doyle, Florist - Top of the Crop - Tara Wines - Anne Doohan, Florist - Doyles Fruit & Veg -Donatellas- Dawsons Menswear - Maynooth Jewellers - Helen Gray - Conroys Chemist - Lanigans Pharmacy - Philip Antonys - Jim's Shoe Repair -Anne O' Neills -Three Pin Electric - Bruce Betting Shop - Hot Heads -Londis - Nuz Stop - Tesco - FM 104 - CKR FM -Antony Cleary - The Patrons of The Leinster Arms -N.U.I. Maynooth.

Thanks to the ticket sellers collectors and correctors too numerous to name. Thanks to our regular Monday Night Quizzers that consistently donated their winnings back to charity Particularly "Foxy & the Gang " and "Pat & Michael Delaney & Team " Finally thanks to those that did not want to be named. You know who you are!

The Monday Night Quizzes will return later in the year and we look forward to your continued support.

Paul Daly, Martin Brady, Sinead Delaney.

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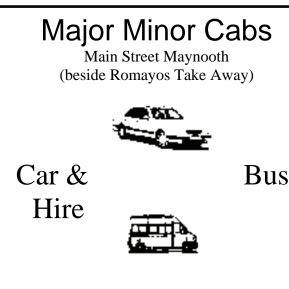
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Restaurant Review

Jack Astors

Jack Astors restaurant is situated in Mill St, Maynooth. In my opinion it is too well hidden from the town. It has no wheelchair access so obviously it cannot cater for a person in a wheelchair or their families. The restaurant itself is quite narrow and there are a few things that could be changed. The seating is not very comfortable and the tabletops are glass which I found moved a lot. My two friends also found the restaurant quite unappetising. We found the menu not great; salmon was the only fish dish.

Our starter was chilli prawns that consisted of all sauce and no prawns and there was no bread at the table. The main course had no garnish and no vegetables, the duck was nice but it lacked a lot of flavour and it was slightly tough. The steak was nice, done to perfection but the pepper sauce was a gravy and cream mix with no pepper and too much sauce on the plate.

The staff were very friendly and they dealt well with a complaint at another table nearby. But we found the music very loud which put us off our meal as we could hardly hear ourselves talk. Also the wine we ordered was not in stock. I noticed through the kitchen door that the chefs were not wearing hats. They are legally obliged to do so.

The meal was very expensive at over $\in 100$ for three people. So if you have money and do not mind whether you get value for your money or not I would recommend a visit. But if you want value for money I would stay at home and cook your own dinner.

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Early Irish Society (Contd. from last month)

Women were not considered equal to men in any early society and the Irish situation was no different. They had little or no independent legal capacity, they could not act as witness in court, make a contract without the permission of her 'superior' usually her husband, father, son or the head of her kin. A queen (*rígain*) was no different from other women and she did not have any extra legal powers independent of her husband according to the law at any rate. But as always with early Irish legal material, the sources do not always agree and there are divergent opinions on the progressive capacities of women from the 8th to the 12th century. By the mid-twelfth century it appears historically that women had achieved a degree of autonomy.

But one text says: 'Her father has charge over her when she is a girl, her husband when she is a wife, her sons when she is a (widowed) woman with children, her kin when she is a woman of the kin (with no other guardian), the church when she is a woman of the church (i.e. a nun). She is not capable of sale or purchase or contract or transaction without the authorisation of one of her superiors'.

Indian law says something quite similar: 'her father protects her in childhood, her husband protects her in youth, and her sons protect her in old age; a woman in never fit for independence'.

This means that a woman cannot give pledges such as cattle, horses, silver, gold, copper etc. without her husband's permission but again the texts disagree among themselves. Surety was the means by which this society undertook contracts and because of the far-reaching consequences if the principal absconded, women could not be given the same freedom as men. Welsh law is very similar and there is a similar prohibition in Roman law that passed into the Irish Canon law as well. There was one exception, called the domina in the Latin texts who corresponds with the woman called a bé cuitchernsa in Irish - the woman of equal status with her husband as we have seen earlier. This would be a woman who owned property in her own right and she could probably pledge her separate property up to the amount of her honourprice. This would vary from one woman to another as we have seen, because the woman's price depended on that of her closest male relative. But the commentaries on the laws disagree greatly from one another. Without giving too much complicated details we will see in this one example the divergence that exists: the first wife of equal status according to one text may go surety up to her honour-price with her husband's permission, another text allows her to do this without her husband's permission, a third text limits the amount to one-third of their honour-price and a fourth limits it to two-thirds of their honour-price - it would appear that the restrictions were being broken down with the passage of time.

A text on surety shows that a married woman, even at

an early period, was entitled to pledge certain objects for the liabilities of another party even if they are limited. This might happen in the case that a relative needed the equivalent of modern bail. The text says: 'if it be cattle or horses or gold or silver or bronze or iron that she had given the pledge, that contract is set aside if it be (concluded) without asking permission of her husband; and if the husband (subsequently) recognise (i.e. ratify) it, it is to him that the interest (or the pledge) is paid'.

Female oath and witness are not allowed either except in very exceptional cases. Female evidence is generally seen as 'biased and dishonest' and one text gives the example: 'the testimony of a woman is not accepted, just as the apostles did not accept testimony of women about the resurrection of Christ'. This ignores the fact that the women's testimony in that particular case was correct! Early Irish literature abounds with examples of how women gossip, lie, they are two-faced and are generally not to be trusted! Misogyny is alive and well among the monks and scribes who were responsible for much of this early material.

There are some exceptions – a woman's evidence is admissible when she is giving testimony regarding female entry (*bantellach*). This is the case of a woman claiming land for herself in dispute with other contenders. A nun may give evidence against a cleric and a female witness who accompanies an injured woman on sick maintenance may give evidence if that woman is ill-treated or abused.

Female oath (*bannoíll*) is usually considered to be invalid also. There are three people whose oath cannot be taken, women, an undutiful person (usually to his parents) and a dumb person. A woman can give an oath when she is in childbirth and when she is swearing to her productive period while on sick maintenance and also if she swears to the paternity of her child while in danger of death during childbirth. This latter is also the only case in which the evidence of one witness is valid, normally there is need for more than one witness.

Others within society whose evidence is not admissible include a prostitute, a slave, a robber and someone who has the reputation of ingratiating himself with everyone. A man cannot give evidence in a case involving the family of the woman he loves because he could make a deal with the family over the daughter.

The commentaries add that female evidence is conclusive in some sexual matters, for example if a husband claims that he cannot consummate the marriage due to a physical defect in his wife. She is then examined by female witnesses and their evidence is conclusive. Incidentally – if they do actually find a defect the bride price is returned to the husband but if there is no defect the bride price stays with the wife.

(Contd. next month)

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

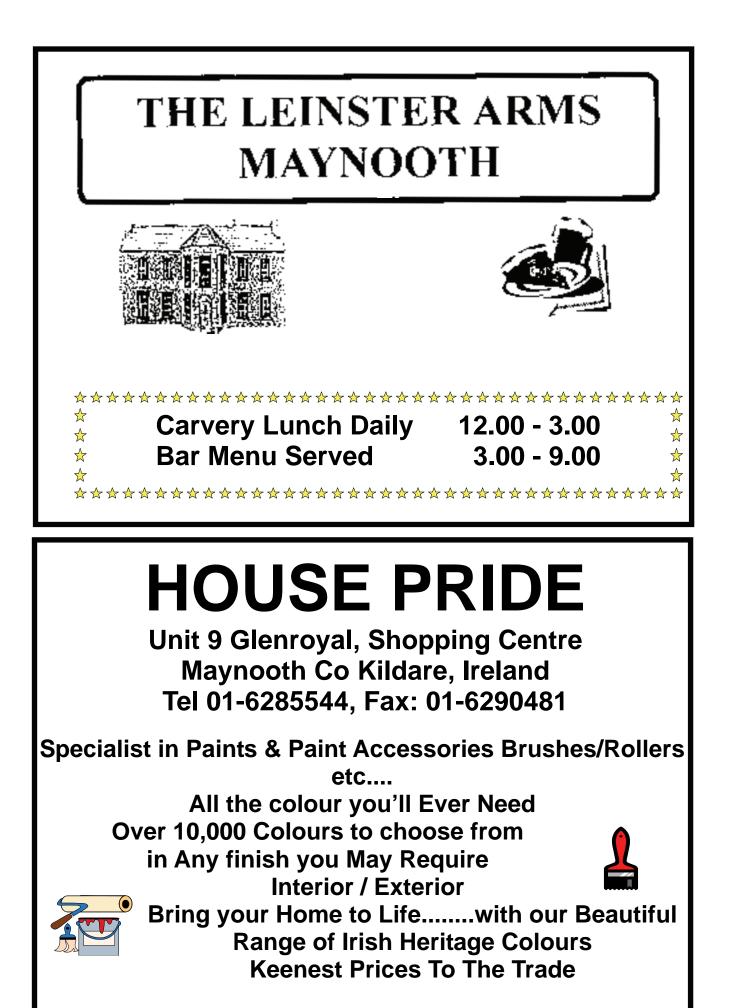
SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN MAYNOOTH

Most Host Town- Special Olympics Committee have been really amazed by the support shown to them in their fundraising effort over the last few weeks. Martin Brady, Paul Daly, the staff and patrons of the Leinster Arms pub in Maynooth have, through their Monday Night Quiz series, raised enough to completely Sponsor 13 of the Brazilian athletes who will hosted in Maynooth in June 2003. As if this was not enough Martin Brady has volunteered himself for a sponsored weight loss and we believe that the pounds are already beginning to fall off. The support of the Leinster Arms is very much appreciated indeed. The Presentation Convent Girls Primary School in Maynooth drew the Olympic circles in coins at the end of May and, not only was this a spectacular sight, but it also raised enough money to sponsor three athletes from the Brazilian team. The Boys National School combined a non - uniform with the Ireland - Saudi Arabia match to raise funds and of course this meant that boys were suitably attired in green white and gold to celebrate the Irish team's victory! The Gaelscoil are saving their non - uniform day until October to tie in with the Halloween break. Eighteen brave ladies took part in the Evening Herald Ladies Mini -Marathon on June 3rd on behalf of the Maynooth Special Olympics Host the Town Programme. All the ladies successfully completed the course and are feeling much fitter than ever before! They will be be collecting their sponsor ship money over the next two weeks but have already it looks like they will be responsible for sponsoring quite a number of athletes. The Lions Club has also lent its support to sponsoring quite a number of Brazilian athletes. They have offered part of the proceeds from their barn dance and barbecue held in Maynooth on the 22nd of June to Maynooth Special Olympics - Host Town Programme. We are grateful for their interest and help. We are also grateful to the Mallaghan family of Carton Demense for allowing us to hold a Golf Classic on their superb new O'Meara golf on August 15th which we hope will prove very attractive for all golf lovers. The Mallaghans have been extremely generous and helpful to us and we thank them most sincerely. Of course this Golf Classic would not be possible without the extraordinary organisational skills of Doreen Duignan and we deeply appreciate the time and effort she has put into this undertaking.

We are still looking for people to volunteer to help with the organising and running of all the activities and events during the visit of the Brazilian team to Maynooth from the 16th to 20th June 2003.We need individuals, or even better, families to agree to adopt an apartment where the Brazilian athletes will be housed. This would involve helping to make the apartment more homely for the athletes, being around at certain times of the day (with other family members if possible, especially younger people) and generally just creating a welcoming atmosphere. If you are your names to Marie Gleeson 085 7220504, Elaine Bean 01 6291880, or Ann Kelly 01 6289705. If you would simply like to make a donation you can do so at Bank of Ireland, Maynooth (sort code 90-15-03, account number 99940288). Many thanks again to everyone for their continuing support!



One of the new Street signs



Festival Children's Art Competition

The prize giving of the Children's Art Competition was held on the 11th July in the Community Library. The event was organised for the Festival by the Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth in conjunction with Maynooth Community Library.

There was a great turn out of work with forty entries in three age categories 4-6, 7-10 and 11-13. It was obvious that the artists put in a lot of thought and work into their creations. The inspiration for their subjects came from stories such as *The children of Lir* which were beautifully drawn and painted by Madeleine Martin and Kim Moen who won first and third prize in the 4-6 and 7-10 group respectively.

Other special interests especially wildlife were depicted. In the 11-13 category first prize went to Daryl Fitzsimons for a dramatic pencil drawing of the 'Long Eared Owl' and an elephant study entitled 'The Gentle Giant' that showed great drawing ability by Jennifer Feehan who won third prize. Sarah Curran's 'My Pet' in the 4-6 category had great attitude.

Landscapes from home and abroad featured with Mia Martins 'Waterfall' which won first prize in the 7-10 category and Tory O'Neills 'Ancient Egypt' brought an exotic flavour to the exhibition and won 3rd prize in the 4-6 group. Heather Gaffney won a deserved second prize in the 7-10 group. Castletown House, an ambitious subject, was drawn by Eanna MacCann and won a deserved second place in the 11-13 category. Certificates of commendation were given to Rónán MacCann in the 7-10 group and to Ailbhe Flynn in the 11-12 category. There were bright imaginative collages from Emma and Alison Brennan.

The competition was strong and all the entrants deserve to be mentioned. Certificates of excellence were given in recognition of their work. In the 4-6 category there was Noelle Brennan, Aidan Steinberg, Lorna Brennan, Dionne Dunworth, Dara Lynch, Jane Healy. The 7-10 included Ursula McGinn, Darren Coyle, Mikaela McDonnell, Katie Curran, Blaine Morgan, Tara O'Neill, Tom Oliver, Tom Healy, Stephen Colfer. The 11-13 group included Emma Brennan, Alison Brennan and Ivan Karpenko. All art works were on display in the Community Library for the festival period.

Thanks to our judges Brian Tuohy Chairman of The Castle Keep Art Group, Fiona White, Librarian, Maynooth Community Library and Louis Darlington Chairman of Abbey Art Group Celbridge for their selections. Thanks also to Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin of Maynooth Community Council for attending the prize giving and taking photographs.

Winners of the children Art Competition











Festival Report

Participants of the Table Quiz







This year's festival was quieter than usual but all events went well. I would like to thank the following people for their help on the committee – Willie Saults, Hugh Gallagher, Marie Gleeson, Tom McMullon, Andrew McMullon, Christina Saults and Helen O'Reilly. I would also like to thank the workers in the office for their assistance in organising raffles and the table quiz workers – Helen O'Reilly, Marian Kiely Wallace, Niamh Holland, Sarah Ann Hurley and Annette Foran.

I would like to thank our sponsors and those who contributed spot prizes for the raffles: Dulcedo Development, Tesco and the pubs and hotels who contributed – Bradys, the Glenroyal Hotel, Leinster Arms, Caulfields, Straffan Court Hotel, Maynooth G.A.A., Martin Maguire Haulage, CPL, Maynooth Credit Union, Ulster Bank and all who contributed sport prizes (see back page for details).

On Wednesday night Law of the Land played in the Leinster Arms. They are a rebel band and the ballads were enjoyed very much by locals and visitors. Some guest singers performed, including Tom McMullon, giving a fine rendition of *Kevin Barry*.

The Castle Keep Art Group organised a children's art competition and there were about 40 entries. Some of these were excellent. The winner's were presented with their prizes on Thursday evening in the library by Brian Tuohy, chairman of the group (report elsewhere). The band played in the square at 8 p.m. on Thursday evening. Luckily it managed not to rain for a short time.

Thursday also saw the table quiz take place in the Leinster Arms. The attendance was not large but the questions were enjoyed by those taking place. Andrew McMullon made an excellent quiz master and the winners were Paul Daly and his Leinster Arms team.

On Friday night the action moved to the GAA club where there was traditional music and singing with David Jolly and friends; also Rita Doyle's dancing school entertained the audience with a wonderful performance. Again this was very well attended and thanks to all who performed.

On Saturday there were two musical events with Harry Flood entertaining in Bradys and John "Bolla" Fleming and his band in the Leinster Arms. Both venues were packed and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The bars had chosen their candidates for the barperson of the year and there were representatives from Caulfields, Bradys, the Leinster Arms, the Glenroyal Hotel and the Straffan Court Hotel. We would like to thank all those who sponsored them and the men and women who were prepared to run for these five establishments. The winners were as follows:

1st Clare Faulkner from Bradys pub, 2nd Dawn Byrne from the Glenroyal Hotel and third was Paul Rafferty from Caulfields.

It is noteworthy that two of the smallest pubs in the town at present feature in the prize-winners.

Dorin's Recipes

Fillet Steak Royale

- Serves 4
- 4 fillet steaks, about 6 oz each
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped finely
- 6 oz button mushrooms, sliced
- 7 fl oz white wine
- 5 fl oz double cream
- 2 tsp wholegrain mustard
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Tarragon sprigs, to garnish (optional)

Method:

Flatten steaks with your fist or with a meat mallet. Heat 2 tbsp oil in a frying pan and fry steaks, turning regularly according to taste, meanwhile, heat oil in another frying pan and sauté the onions for 3 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook for a further 2 minutes. Add the wine and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in the cream, mustard, tarragon, garlic and seasoning and heat gently to warm through. Serve steaks on a bed of mushroom sauce, garnished with tarragon sprigs, if liked.

Tip: follow this guide for perfectly cooked steaks, Rare: 4 minutes

Medium: 6 minutes Well done: 8 minutes

Lemon Grilled Prawns

Serves 4

2 tbsp olive oil

1 oz butter

1 onion, peeled and finely chopped

- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 unshelled king prawns
- 4 lemons
- 2 tbsp freshly chopped parsley or basil

Method:

Heat the oil and butter in a large ridged griddle pan or ordinary frying pan. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and fry for 5 minutes until lightly browned. Season. Rinse prawns under plenty cold running water, drain well and add to the pan. Fry for 3 minutes stirring, then add the juice of two of the lemons and cook for a further 2 minutes until piping hot. Tip the prawn mixture into a large bowl and sprinkle with the parsley or basil. Serve with remaining lemons, cut into wedges, and plenty of crusty bread.

Chef's Salad

1 clove of garlic, peeled

1 lettuce, washed, drained, dried and broken into pieces

2 tomatoes, quartered

1 small bunch radishes, sliced

1 green pepper, cut into strips



- 4 oz each cooked ham and chicken, cut into strips.
- 1/2 cucumber, sliced
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, quartered 2 oz Gruyere cheese, cut into strips



For the Dressing: 8-9 tablespoons oil, 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 2-3 tablespoons vinegar, 1 clove garlic, halved., sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Method:

Prepare the dressing: Put all the ingredients in a screwtop jar with salt and pepper to taste. Close the jar and shake well. Rub the inside of the salad bowl with the whole clove of garlic. Put the prepared salad ingredients in the bowl and pour in prepared dressing. Removing the halved garlic cloves. Toss lightly just before serving.

Mixed Sprout Salad

Use a selection of sprouts of your choice to make this easy salad.

- 4 oz mung bean sprouts
- 2 oz alfalfa sprouts
- 2 oz adzuki bean sprouts
- 1 large carrot
- 2 sticks celery
- 1/2 onion 2 dessert apples
- 2 oz raisins

Mayonnaise

Method:

Rinse the sprouts: peel and grate the carrot, onion and apples. Chop the celery. Add the raisins and enough mayonnaise to coat the ingredients.

Devilled Ham Rolls

Serves 4 11 oz can sweetcorn 4 tablespoons French dressing 2 large potatoes, cooked 2 red skinned eating apples 2-inch piece cucumber 6 oz cream sauce 2 teaspoons wholegrain mustard 3 tablespoons milk Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 8 thin slices cooked ham Lemon juice Watercress



Drain sweetcorn and mix with French dressing, place on serving dish. Dice potatoes, one apple cored, but unpeeled and cucumber. Beat cream cheese, then beat in mustard and milk. Stir in potatoes, apple and cucumber. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide potato mixture between slices of ham and roll up. Place on bed of sweetcorn. core other apple and cut







Dorin's Recipes Contd.

into slices, sprinkle with lemon juice and use to garnish rolls together with watercress, you can add slices of tomatoes if liked.

Chicken Waldorf Salad

Serves 4 4 red-skinned apples 2 tablespoons lemon juice 4 celery sticks 12 oz cold chicken, diced 2 oz walnuts, halved 1/4 pint mayonnaise 1 large lettuce 8 oz peas, cooked



Method:

Core and slice the apples and sprinkle with lemon juice. Reserve 12 slices for decoration and dice the rest. Clean and chop the celery. Wash and drain lettuce, chop heart and mix with the diced chicken, chopped apple, celery, walnut halves and the mayonnaise. Line salad bowl with outer lettuce leaves and pile in salad. Decorate with piles of peas divided by apple slices round the edge.

Basic Mayonnaise:

Beat 1 teaspoon caster sugar and 1/2 level teaspoon each sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and wholegrain into 2 egg yolks. Add 1 teaspoon tarragon or wine vinegar or lemon juice. Pour 1/2 pint olive or corn oil into a measuring jug. Beat in a few drops at a time until sauce begins to get pale and thick, then increase the flow, beating all the time. Halfway through the process, thin with 1 tablespoon of lemon juice.

Spinach Salad

- 1 lb young spinach
- 6 oz cooked ham
- 1 green pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 garlic clove
- Wholegrain mustard
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 hard boiled eggs

Method:

Use only absolutely fresh young spinach leaves for this salad. Strip the leaves from the stalks, wash them carefully and dry in a salad basket or on a soft cloth. Arrange the spinach leaves in a salad bowl. Dice the ham. Remove the stalk base, seeds and membranes from the pepper and cut into narrow slices. Mix these two ingredients with the chopped chives and arrange in the centre of the bowl. Mix up a dressing from the oil vinegar and crushed garlic clove, seasoning to taste with mustard; salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the salad. **Serving**; Garnish with slices of hardboiled eggs and serve the salad as a light lunch dish on its own, with crusty bread, or as a side salad.

Drinks

Serves 2



Mango and banana

Place 1 banana, peeled and 1 mango peeled, stoned and chopped in a blender, blend until smooth. Add 1 carton plain yoghurt and honey to taste. Mix through. Pour over crushed ice.

Raspberry and strawberry: Serves 2



Blend 4 oz each strawberries and raspberries and 1 banana, peeled and chopped in a blender, blend until smooth. Add a little ice, blend until crushed.

Kiwi crush: Serves 2



Place 4 kiwi fruit, peeled and chopped in a blender, blend until smooth. Divide 1 kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced between 2 tall glasses along with a little crushed ice. Add 2 tbsp lime cordial mineral water.

Cheese Scones

Makes 15

8 oz self-raising flour
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
1/2 teaspoons dry mustard
1 oz butter
4 oz cheese
1/4 pint milk
Cooking Time: 12 minutes
Oven Setting: 220c, 425f, Gas mark 7

Method:

Sift together flour, salt and mustard. Rub in finely, grate the cheese and add 3 1/2 oz to the flour mixture, bind together with milk to form a soft dough. Roll out on a floured table to 1/2 inch thickness and cut into 15 rounds with a 1 1/2 inch plain cutter. Place on greased baking sheet, brush with milk and sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake in a hot oven for about 12 minutes. Cool on a wire tray. Serve with butter.

Indian Salad

- Serves 2-3
- 4 oz long-grain rice
- 4 oz French beans
- 2 oz button mushrooms, sliced
- 2-inch length
- 2-inch length cucumber, diced
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1-2 teaspoons concentrated curry sauce

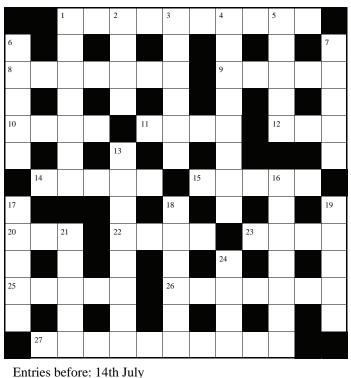
Cook the rice in boiling salted water for 15-20 minutes. Rinse in cold water. Cut the beans into 1 inch lengths and blanch in boiling salted water for 2 minutes. Refresh in cold water. Mix together the rice, beans, mushrooms and cucumber. Blend the mayonnaise with the curry sauce, add to the rice and mix to coat evenly.







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- 1. Speeding planks in vehicles (10)
- 8. Dines at in place of (7)
- 9. Entertain a nice event (5)
- 10. Courage or coarse sand (4)
- 11. Not so mush (4)
- 12. She's a month (3)
- 14. First appearance in pubic (4)
- 15. Term I earn (5)
- 20. Strike lightly a faucet (3)
- 22. Teases with playthings (4)
- 23. Drunken speech (4)
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- 2. Cast off an outhouse (4)
- 3. Contender (6)
- 4. Taste, sir, for professional entertainers (8)
- 5. Illusion in sleep (5)
- 6. Slightly burn (5)
- 7. Remains corsets (5)
- 13. Of elegance of manners (8)
- 16. Unlawful (7)
- 17. take quite a bargain (5)
- 18. Oppressive Ruler (6)
- 19. Dry and brittle (5)
- 21. I top a paved area (5)
- 24. Expensive form of address (4)

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Across: 1 University; 8 Scholar; 9 Birth; 10 Dirt; 11 Blur; 12 Bid; 14 Edict;15 Farce; 20 Tow; 22 Oven ; 23 Knot; 25 Organ; 26 Israeli; 27 Unreliable.

Down: 1 Ushered; 2 Idle; 3 Enrols; 4 Suburban; 5 Throb; 6 Aside; 7 Shade; 13 Scrounge; 16 Concede; 17 Stool; 18 Gemini; 19 Ethic; 21 Wagon; 24 Grub.



Gardening Hints



Herbs for the patio

Most herbs are naturally compact, scented and drought-tolerant and they do well in the warmth and shelter of a patio. Being near the house makes them convenient for picking. Very compact herbs, such as parsley, thyme, coloured-leafed sages and the various basils, are particularly suitable for hanging baskets, while mints, scented-leafed pelargoniums (some of which are good for cooking), chives, French tarragon and nasturtium or calendula marigold (both of which have edible petals) will grow in containers. Trimmed bay trees or a large group of small-leafed sweet basil makes good specimen plants in large pots to stand on either side of a door. You can grow herbs in raised beds and the very drought-tolerant varieties, such as creeping thymes, will grow in gaps made where paving slabs have been removed. They do not mind being trodden on occasionally and when they are bruised, they release wonderful herbal scents. Naturally you cannot use chemicals to keep the patio weeded once the cracks are planted with herbs; hand weeding with an old dinner fork or a daist grubber is the safest answer.

Thyme, sage and verbena

Variegated and coloured-leafed herbs make attractive additions to baskets and wall planters. They often perform better than more conventional basket plants in hot, dry summers, thriving in the well-drained conditions and not minding the occasional missed watering. They also smell good, so hang them where people can gently rub the foliage and release the aromatic oils. In general, variegated herbs are not as strongly flavoured as plain-leafed species, but their foliage is useful for garnishing dishes and drinks. If you are growing herbs in a basket for the kitchen, you could plant a combination of good culinary types along with more decorative varieties and add a few edible flowers, such as nasturtium, calendula (pot marigold) and viola for extra colour. Herbs add significantly to the range of foliage plants that you can use in baskets. For baskets in full sun, try sages, such as the allpurple Salvia officinalis ' Pupurascens', the pretty pink, white and purple variegated S. o 'Tricolour' or the vellow-variegated S.o. 'Icterina'. Creeping thymes are useful all year round for covering the sides of basketsplant bushier more upright types in the top. There are many golden and variegated varieties to choose from and you will find them in both the herb and alpine sections of garden centres. For baskets in shade, try using one of the variegated mints, golden marjoram or the feathery leafed golden feverfew.

1. Terracotta wall pots in sunny positions lose moisture rapidly, so always line them with plastic before

2. To ensure that the hole at the bottom does not clog up with potting mixture, add a layer of gravel or stone chippings before filling the planter with soil.

3. For a seasonal mixture of herbs and bedding plants, use a peat based multi-purpose potting mix. For longer-term herb plantings, choose a soil-based mix.

4. Plant the gold-variegated lemon thyme in the centre of the wall pot to soften the edge. Add a variegated sage behind and slightly to one side. The sage will need pinching out to keep it bushy and in scale with the container.

5. Plant a white-flowered trailing or upright verbena in the centre and another variegated sage to match the one on the opposite side. Deep cerise-pink, scarlet, purple or golden-yellow flowers would work equally well.

6. Fill the gaps at each end with more verbenas. Most trailing types will need cutting back now and then to keep them under control. This may not be necessary with the blue-purple cascade variety, which has more delicate foliage and flower.

7. Hang the arrangement on a wall that is in sun for at least half the day. Feed and water regularly. Keep a watch for powdery mildew on the verbenas and spray them with a systemic fungicide at the first sign.

A Spring Basket

At the end of summer, dismantle the basket, removing the salvias and verbenas. You could leave the thyme in position and fill the space behind with crocus bulbs, such as Crocus chrysanthus ' Cream Beauty' or 'Zwanenburg Bronze', or gentian blue Scilla sibirica. Pack the bulbs in tightly for a good display in early spring, or remove all the plants and replace them with blue or purple winter-flowering pansies.







. Stop feeding roses, and shrubs in containers, as it'll encourage soft growth that will be prone to frost damage.

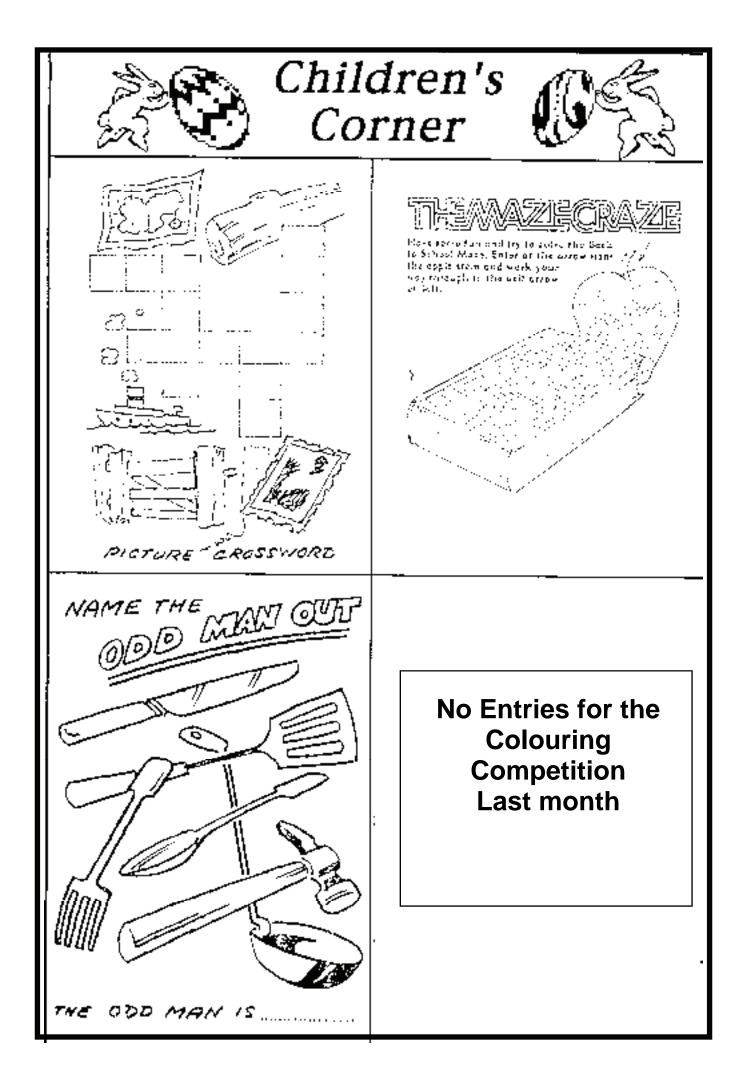
- . Complete summer-pruning of wisterias.
- . Propagate rhododendrons by layering.
- . Finish trimming conifer and evergreen shrub hedges.

. Start preparing ground for seeding new lawns next month.

- . Pot hyacinths for Christmas flowering indoors.
- . Prune summer-fruiting raspberries, taking out fruited canes and tying in new ones 4 inch apart.
- . Prop up heavily laden branches of fruit trees.

. Prune side shoots on gooseberry cordons to within 1 inch of the old wood.

- . Cut and dry herbs for winter.
- . Earth up or wrap blanching varieties of celery.
- . Lift, dry and store onions and garlic.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Hillwalking Club

This month we include two photos of recent activities. One was taken on the recent Irish Heart Foundation sponsored walk from Clonsilla to Maynooth in which over forty people attended. The second one was taken on the Clubs weekend outing to the Mourne Mountains during the May bank holiday weekend. it is hoped to make this an annual event.

June 22nd saw the Ring of Imaal Mountain Challenge, a gruelling 26 mile hike starting in the village of Donard, in West Wicklow and following a mountain circuit in an anti-clockwise direction taking in the historical Brusselstown Ring Fort, Keadeen and Ballineddin Mountains, Slievemaan, Lugnaquillia, Camenbologue, Table Mountain, Lowbawn and back to Donard. The hike took in an ascent of 5,700ft. A number of members of the club attended this challenge. Well done to all.

Saturday 29th of June the Club brought us on an Easy hike along the Grand Canal from Sallins to Hazelhatch. We had 7 non club members who attended the event, a number of whom had not walked with us before, and it was enjoyed by all.

Sunday July 7th. Members of the Club were off to the Cooley peninsula to trek from Ravensdale to Carlingford. We did not meet the Tain Bo Cuailgne, Cuchulainn or Queen Meave on our travels but the news is the sheep are back in the Cooleys again. We did come across the Long Womans Grave at the Windy Gap.

Sunday July 21st brings us to our popular haunt, Glendalough where we will complete two hikes. One easy hike covering a distance in the region of 9 miles with an ascent of 800ft. Our regular participants will complete a harder hike in the same area. There is a lot of interest in this Easy hike at the moment.

For the month of August because of holidays etc. we will not be conducting activities for non-members. We are planning a Rambling trip to Donegal taking in Slieve League and the cliffs around Glencolumcille and also north Donegal with Errigal and the Devils Glen and maybe a quick visit to visit the Eagles.

We will be back in September again with an introductory Easy hike from Marley Park along the Wicklow Way and return to the cars via Two Rock Mountain. Date to be confirmed later but it will be before the All Ireland.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below.

Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. We hope to be able to have a photograph of one of our events in the next issue.

Our new Club Telephone is **086-3984172** E-mail: maynooth_hillwalking_club@yahoo.com Web page:

www.geocities.com/maynooth_hillwalking_club

Be Environmental Friendly on your next visit to the countryside.

We are all interested in the environment and want to ensure that it will still be there for future generations. A brief note worth considering the next time you are out in the countryside or mountainside enjoying that barbecue or picnic with your family, friends or relatives. Remember to bring home your rubbish. Do not discard those left over, cans, bottles etc. behind you hoping that nature will incinerate your rubbish. I want to illustrate the amount of time required to decay rubbish regularly left by casual visitors to the countryside.

Apple Core	2-3 weeks
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Orange Peel	3-6 months
Paper Tissue	3 months
Cigarette Butt	3 months
Matches	6 months
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Plastic Bottle	100-1,000 years
Plastic Bag	1,000 years
Glass Bottle	4,000 years
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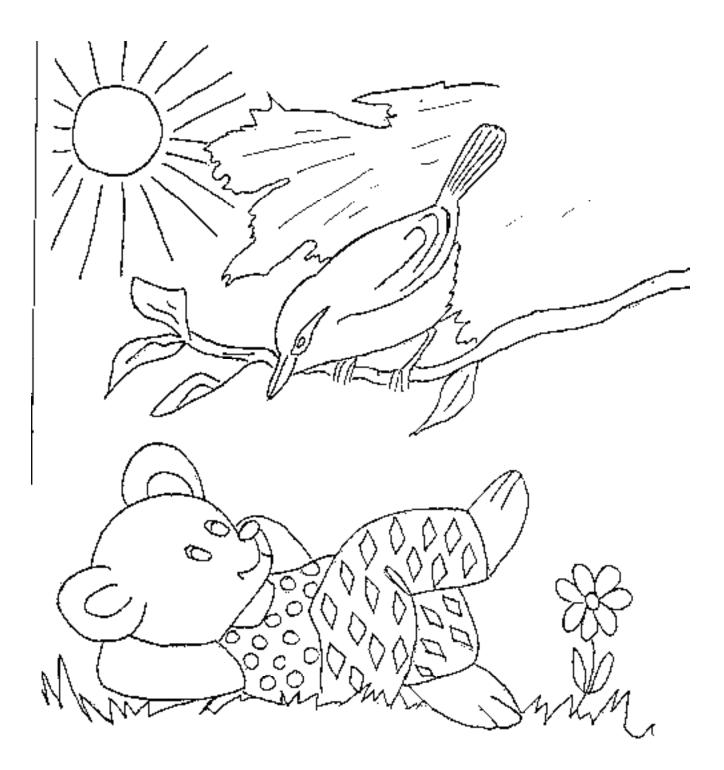
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Maynooth Hillwalking Club Members during some of their outings







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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

I am separated with two sons aged 18 and 16. I get One-Parent Family Payment and until last year I have been getting the Back to School Allowance. Can I still claim the allowance for my son now he is in college?

Answer

The Back To School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is a special payment to assist with the costs of children's school uniforms and footwear at the beginning of the school year. It may be claimed for a child aged 18-22 in full-time education for whom a Child Dependant Increase is payable.

Families claiming a social welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Board payment are eligible for this scheme if their own income is below certain thresholds. For example the weekly income limit for a one parent family with two child dependants is \in 238 and \in 334 for a couple with two children.

Those taking part in a Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) or in receipt of Back to Educational Allowance are also eligible. The allowance is also available to people on employment schemes such as Community Employment, Back to Work Allowance, and Revenue Job Assist who retain their secondary benefits, (i.e. gross weekly household income is less than \in 317.43). If they do not meet this condition they can apply under the normal income limits.

The allowance is 80 for each child aged 2-11 and 120 for each child aged 12-17. The payment for 18-22 in full time education for whom a Child Dependant Increase is payable is also 120.

The Scheme runs from !st June to 30th September and is administrated by the Health Board as part of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme. Families should apply to the Community Welfare Officer at their local health centre.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01-6285477

Question

I am working but I find it difficult to get work due to my disability. Is there a grant available to help me buy a car?

Answer

There is a Motorised Transport Grant available from the Health Board towards the conversion or purchase of an adapted car.

To be eligible for the grant you must have a disability such that you need to make adaptations to a motor vehicle must be essential in order for you to make a living. You must be physically and mentally capable of driving and you must hold a full driving licence.

In certain circumstances someone else may be approved to drive for the person with a disability where he/she is not physically or mentally capable of driving. Sometimes the grant may be made to a self-employed person or to a person who has not already taken up employment but would be able to do so if transport difficulties were overcome. On occasion a grant may be made to someone living in a very isolated area even though they may not be in employment.

You apply to your local Health Board for the grant and you must satisfy a means test. The maximum amount of the grant is \in 4,370.

Further information on entitlements for disabled drivers as well as information on entitlements in general is available in the latest edition of Comhairle's publication "Entitlements for People with Disabilities". Copies are available along with other information from

the Citizens Information Centre at 01-6285477.

Question

We are going to France in August. Our 16 year old son who is included on my passport is coming with us. Should he have a separate passport.

Answer

Children under 16 may have their names included on a parent's passport or they may get a separate passport, but children aged 16 and over need separate passport. If they are under 18 years of age, parental consent form,PAS M, signed by both parents or guardians is required to get a passport or to have their names included on a parent's passport.

All application, whether or not a previous passport was held, must be accompanied by the long form of the Birth Certificate (or a an Adoptive Certificate) showing the names of the parents.

Children under 18 may apply for a three year passport (12) or a standard ten- year passport (57).

Application forms including PAS M, are available from AA Garda stations. They are also available from Post Offices showing the Service Plus logo as they provide a 'Passport Express' services cost 5.40 and guarantees receipt of a passport within 10 working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation.

Ordinary postal applications for people living in Clare, Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary or Waterford should be sent to the:

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Tel: (021) 4272525/4276964 or LoCall 1890 426900. Applications for people living elsewhere in the State should be sent to the:

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/1104	Thomas & Ashling Richardson	519 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	18/06/02	To demolish existing dwellings and replace those with dwelling incorporating a granny	519 - 520 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1159	James McMahon	43 Laurence Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	26/06/02	To construct a single- storey porch extension at front of existing two- storey terrace house	43 Laurence Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1260	Kildare VEC	VEC County Offices Limerick Road Naas Co. Kildare	Ρ	09/07/02	To construct a temporary classroom along with site works	Maynooth Post Primary Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1298	Mark Dunne	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	15/07/02	For a two storey house and secondary effluent treatment system	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1302	Monica Feron	125 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	16/07/02	To erect a two storey house adjoining the side of a shop	125 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1322	Malachy & Brid Keenan	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/07/02	To extend existing dwelling with two bedrooms, one ensuite	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1365	Sap Landscapes Ltd.	The Loose Milltown Newcastle Co. Dublin	Ρ	22/07/02	development will consist of an agricultural based two storey depot and warehouse building with storage and staff facilities at ground floor, ancillary offices at first floor, first floor mezzanine storage areas, a separate single storey machinery shed	Ballygoran Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games had a very enjoyable season taking part in 11 events in total: Chess, Basketball, Athletics, Art & Modelling, Swimming, Gymnastics, Soccer, Camogie, Set Dancing, Olympic Handball and Table Quiz.

Many thanks to all who helped out coaching organising these events.

Congratulations to all who participated at both local & county levels.

County medals as follows: Swimming: Gold

Gold	Gavin Doyle
Silver	Claire Cowhey
Bronze	Elaine Houlihan
Bronze	Eimear Connolly

Swimming Squad U.13 Bronze Medal

Ailbhe Durkin, Elaine Houlihan, Eimear Connolly & Emma Fox.

Good Luck to Gavin in Mosney.

Gymnastics:

Bronze Medal Bronze Medal Athletics:

Shomeek Bhattacharya

Bronze Medal

Aisling Farrell

Ciara O' Sullivan

Many thanks to all who helped during the year especially for all donations and support from the local communities. Also thanks to Marie Breen & Margaret Houlihan for re-designing the Community Games Banner which looks very well.

Please note the A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2002 at 8 o' clock in the G.A.A. Centre. Please come along and help the children of Maynooth to continue enjoying Community Games.

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Junior Gala	1st bus group 1.		
Front Stroke	Front Stroke		
1. Anna King 1. Owen Wilson			
2. Claire King2. Sean Kearney3. Sarah Collins3. Shane Roche			
		1. Holly Meade	1. Meabh Walsh
Emma Collins			
Back Stroke Back Stroke			
1. Emma Collins	1. Owen Wilson		
2. Sarah Collins	2. Sean Kearney		
3. Anna King3. Shane Roche			
Claire King			

Junior Gala 1st bus group 2

Front Stroke

1. Laura Doogan

- 2. Kate Killeen
- 3. Ruth Hurley **Daire Sherwin**

Back Stroke

- 1. Maeve Donaldson
- 2. Eamonn O' Brien
- 3. Jack Connelly **Bronagh Dunning**
- 3. Jack Connelly

Front Stroke

1. Maeve Donaldson

- 2. Daire Sherwin

Junior Gala 2nd bus group 1

Front Crawl

- 1. Vivien Bermingham
- 2. Michelle Bermingham

Back Crawl

1. Vivien Bermingham 2. Michelle Bermingham

Junior Gala 2nd bus group 2

Front Stroke

- 1. Holly Meade
- 2. Ronan Gallagher
- 3. Peter Sheeran
- Victoria Forrester

- **Bronagh Dunning**

2. Ronan Gallagher

3. Pe

Senior Group 1st Bus, Instructor Deirdre Leah



Senior Groups 2nd Bus with Instructors Barbara & Oliver

Ciara Newson

- 2. Shauna Cullen



Back Stroke 1. Laura Doogan

- 3. Ruth Hurley
- Kate Killeen

Front Stroke

1. Meabh Walsh

2. Shauna Cullen

3. Ciara Newson

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Each year the company holds an Open Day when young people, who may be interested in joining, can come along and get a first hand experience of the work of the company before deciding to join. The small number of vacancies are filled on an application basis and not by audition as the company sees it's role as working with and encouraging young people who may be interested rather than just taking the best. The company has a unique policy of fees being paid only on a weekly basis so that those who are not fully interested in the on-going work are not tied in by a large financial commitment at the beginning of term, as the company recognises that learning comes easier with enjoyment.

Entry to Open Day on 7th September is free of charge but you are required to stay for the three hours. Thereafter, if you are interested in joining, you can fill in an application form.

General Tips

the Airing Cupboard

To keep table linen from creasing, install a wooden or metal rod just beneath a low shelf and hang the linen on hangers padded with cardboard tubes, from finished rolls or kitchen towel.

Fold and store bed or bath linen in sets, rather than by size. That way you can grab a complete set when you want it instead of having to pick through several stacks.

Bird Feeders

Make a funnel to load a bird feeder by cutting off the bottom of a plastic milk or fruit-juice bottle. Unscrew its cap and hold it upside-down when you're ready to fill the feeder with seed.

Fill a nylon-mesh bag, the kind onions or oranges are packaged in, with suet and pieces of bread. Hang it outdoors, but near a window, so that you can watch the birds feed.

Tie a string around the top of a pine cone; roll the pine cone first in room-temperature bacon fat or peanut butter and then in birdseed or breadcrumbs.

Eggs

Don't discard an egg just because its white is cloudy. Most likely its the freshest egg of all. Since 1 or 2 dayold eggs still retain a little carbon dioxide.

The gas is harmless and tasteless.

For a perfect poached egg, add a tablespoon of vinegar to the water. It helps to set the white.

Freezer Smells

To prevent food smells, wrap all foods in moistureproof, vapour-proof, pack-ageing materials, preferably marked for freezer use. Old bread wrappers, wax paper, margarine tubs or plastic super market bags are not as effective.

Fruit

It you have a big bunch of bananas or a large quantity of other fruit that you're afraid may ripen all at once, place a few in a brown paper bag with holes made in it. The bags traps ethylene gas, making the fruit inside ripen almost twice as fast.

Fully ripened fruit belongs in the refrigerator. Unripe fruit is best kept at room temperature in an openweave basket that allows air to circulate.

If fruit has become overripe, don't throw it away. Puree it in a blender or food processor with a little lemon juice and sugar and spoon the result over ice cream.

Do not wash soft fruits unless absolutely necessary. Instead, wipe away dirt with a paper towel or brush it off with a pastry brush. However, if you do have to wash strawberries, they will retain more juice and absorb less water if you wash them before hulling. And always rinse the berries quickly in running water instead of soaking them.

Hairbrushes

To clean hairbrushes (and combs,too), soak them in warm water with a little detergent added to it. Rinse thoroughly, then leave to dry face-down on a towel. Comb through brush bristles to remove hair trapped in them.



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Murder of the month – a teenager in love

Sometimes a murder seems so futile and such a waste of a young life. The death of Valerie Sellers is a case in point. This 19 year-old waitress fell hopelessly in love with 24 year-old John Christopher McMenemy in 1960. She lived in Gronant, Flintshire with her parents and she soon brought her new boyfriend home to meet them. Her father was not particularly impressed with the Liverpudlian labourer. He was even less impressed when they soon announced that they intended getting married. Isaac Sellers did not think that McMenemy had the income to support his daughter and he mentioned this to both of them. The couple continued to see one another and staved in their parent's houses in Gronant and Liverpool. Time went on and there was no sign of them getting married. Valerie's father was somewhat relieved but in the following year, July 1961, he asked John if he intended to marry her at all. The couple said that they still wanted to get married but that they did not have enough money and McMenemy said that he did not see any possibility of his supporting Valerie in the foreseeable future.

Shortly afterwards Mr Sellers heard a row between the couple and McMenemy telling Valerie that he would never marry her. Valerie ran downstairs to tell her father what he had said and that they would not be going out that night as planned. Mr Sellers allowed the boyfriend to stay in the house that night. McMenemy said that he was beginning work at Mosytn Ironworks the next day. He borrowed his bus fare from Mr Sellers and disappeared until August 12th. He turned up suddenly and paid back money that he owed to Valerie's father. Mr Sellers had confined Valerie to her room when he saw who the visitor was and he then told McMenemy that he was no longer welcome in the house. After he left, Mr Sellers told Valerie that he would wake her for work next morning and then he told her about the recent visitor.

When her father went to wake her at 5.30 next morning there was no sign of Valerie – Mr Sellers immediately assumed that she had gone off with McMenemy. His one fear was that they would elope to Scotland, where anyone over 16 could marry without permission.

As it happened, the couple were wandering around Liverpool, sleeping rough. On August 17th they were on the road from Liverpool to Warrington, about 8 miles from Warrington when a Mr Edward O'Sullivan stopped his car and he brought them to a café in Warrington. The following day the three of them travelled to Scotland but they returned to Liverpool later on the same day. The following morning at 1.40 they were seen walking, arms around one another but Valerie seemed upset.

Only two hours later there was an anonymous call made to a GPO operator saying that there was body behind the Liverpool Stadium. When two policemen went to investigate, they found Valerie's body, covered by her raincoat with a man's tie beside her. She had been stabbed 14 times.

The anonymous call was located to a phone at the Pier Head and the police headed straight for that area where they found McMenemy in bloodstained clothes and his tie was missing. When they asked him what he had been doing in the last hours, he said simply walking about. They said that they were investigating the murder of a young woman and he told them that she was his girlfriend and that 'it' was in the back of his waistband. This 'it' turned out to be the murder weapon – a sheath knife. He said that he had stabbed her once and when she began moaning that he put her out of her misery.

McMenemy made a statement to the police where it emerged that he killed her because she refused to give him the small amount of money that she had in her purse. When he took it from her, she tried to get it back and as he had the knife in his hand he attacked her with it. After killing her he went and bought cigarettes and coffee and then thinking about what he had done he had made the anonymous call. He had thrown away the remaining money. It emerged at the trial that great force was needed to inflict the injuries upon Valerie.

To add to the pathos of this senseless killing, it also emerged that Valerie was 2 months pregnant at the time of her murder.

McMenemy was found guilty by the jury and sentenced to death. There was an appeal on November 17th where his counsel looked for a manslaughter verdict because of diminished responsibility. Mr Justice Ashworth dismissed the appeal and the execution was set for December 8th but at the last minute doctors appointed by the Home Office found that he was not fully responsible for his actions and his sentence was reprieved. He served 12



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Other recycling centres:

Kylemore Park North, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10

This is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. –1 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. It accepts glass, cans, newspapers/magazines, cardboard, plastic bottles.

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Batteries: almost all the schools in Kildare have a battery recycling scheme. You can bring domestic batteries there. Just check with your local school.

Compost Bins: available from Kildare County Council at a cost of \in 38. These have full instructions with them. They can be got from the Council and also from Naas Town Council tel. 045 876 472, Leixlip Town Council tel. 01 624 5777, Silliot Hill Recycling Centre tel. 045 482143. You can compost all vegetable and fruit kitchen waste and well as garden clippings, teabags as well as some paper and cardboard. Be careful not to put weeds or material with weedkiller of sprays into the compost bin.

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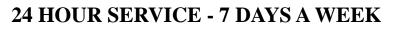
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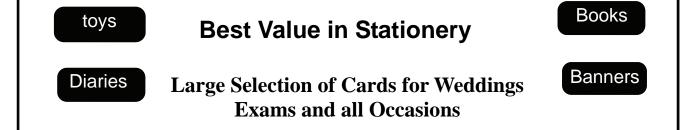




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Sean MacBride founded amnesty Ireland in 1961. He served as chairperson for it's first fifteen years and he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1974 for his work on human rights. Today there are local groups all over Ireland with over 11,000 members. Local groups create awareness of Amnesty and its work in their community, take part in current campaigns and do long term work on specific cases or situations.

There is a local group for County Kildare starting up in Maynooth looking for people interested in becoming active member. The extent to which you become active in the work of Amnesty International depends totally on you, and how much time you can give. It is about finding a level of involvement that suits you. This may vary from time to time. It could mean writing one letter per week, or per month, joining a local group, or just buting Amnesty Christmas cards. Whatever it is - it all helps. However, we need more people to join our County Kildare group. Come to our monthly meetings and participate in getting this new group up and active.

We meet the second Tuesday evening of each month

at 8pm in St. Mary's Boy's National School, Moyglare Road, Maynooth. The next two meetings will be on 13th August and 10th September. All are welcome to come and see what it's about.

For more information: www.amnesty.ie E-mail; gerardaocinneide@yahoo.com Gerarda O' Cinneide @ 01 - 6292505

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How can anyone repay this debt Every thing was given freely Nothing in return was ever asked Except they often endured ingratitude And misunderstanding

The only way we can repay them Is to ensure their love for us becomes an arrow of time That journeys in to the future

When we will imitate them And do the same for our children And for those who are not our children For that is their gift to us all

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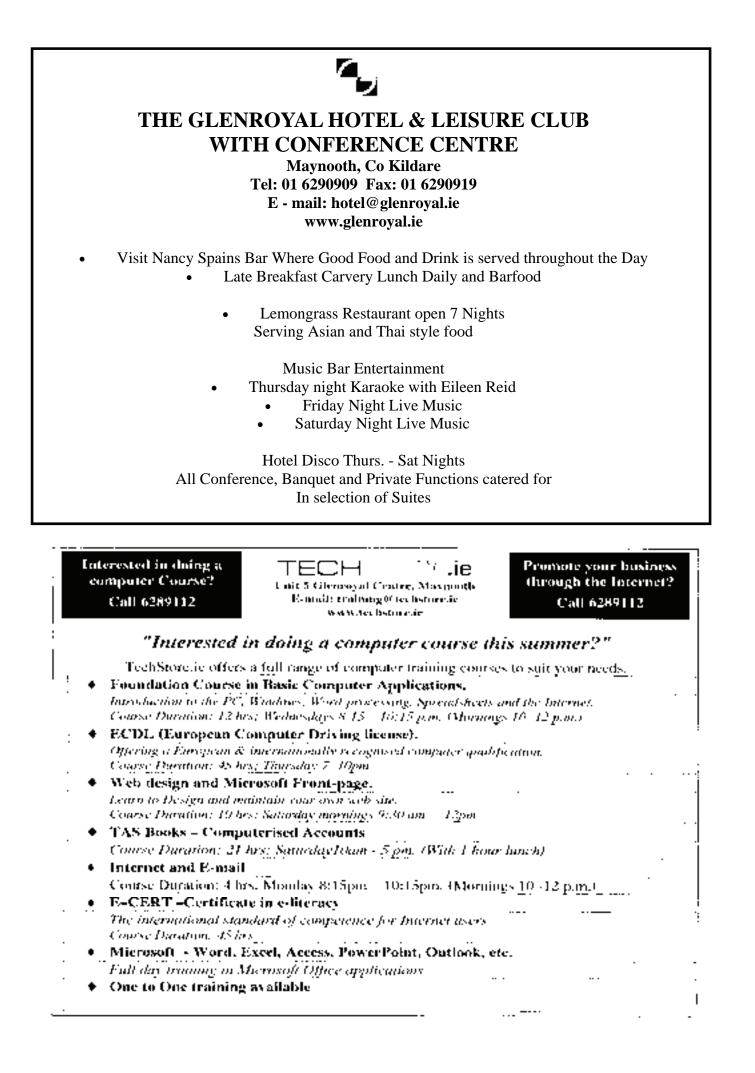
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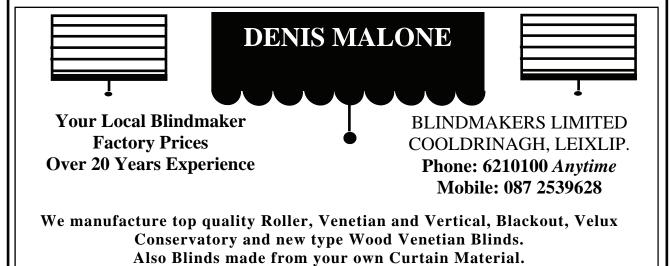


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Bond Bridge / Meadowbrook Link Road

In the June Issue of the *Maynooth Newsletter* we advised the community that tender drawings were presented to the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council at their meeting on 7th May. However the contract documents had not been signed "as the manager has to identify a source of funding." Alarm bells began to ring as the Councillors were told at their meeting on 4th April that "works were due to commence in September / October."

At the Area Meeting on 7th June Cllr. John McGinley expressed his serious concern at the hold-up in going to tender and the County secretary undertook "to report on the matter during the coming week". This did not happen and Councillors were told that the County Manager would attend the Area Meeting on the 5th July "to inform the members about the status of these projects" i.e. Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road. The manager did not attend and the County Secretary and other officials reported instead. They advised the committee of their new estimated costs for both projects and they implied that because of the increased cost that it would be difficult to do both projects. On teasing out the make-up of the increased costs it soon become obvious that the council officials were not comparing like with like, i.e. they had added ∈1.5m to the cost of the Bond Bridge project in order to carry out the new culverting which is one of the needed flood alleviation measures. The Area Councillors had been told all along that these flood alleviation measures would be paid for by the OPW/Department of the Environment. Furthermore, the officials had not included the development levies from the newly rezoned lands in the Maynooth Development Plan as a source of funding. In order to put an end to this prevarication by the Manager and his officials Cllr. John McGinley asked that a written report be produced, outlining the sources of funding for the projects, for a Special Meeting of the Area Committee on the morning of 29th July. If the report is unsatisfactory Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. McGinley will raise the issue at the full Council Meeting that afternoon.

Harbour Area

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley, Waterways Ireland are attending the next Leixlip Area meeting of the Council in order to discuss the public use of their car park at the Harbour and the installation of public lighting along the harbour.

Bus Shelter opposite the Glenroyal and at O'Neill Park

Bus Eireann has agreed to ask their advertising contractor to provide a bus shelter at the stop opposite the Glenroyal. Cllr. John McGinley has also asked them to provide one at the stop opposite TESCO at O'Neill Park.

Carton Avenue / Harbour Field

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to remove the unsightly mounds of clay at the entrance to Carton Avenue and at the entrances to the harbour field There is no longer a need for these as a new law has been passed which allows for the immediate removal of trespassers.

Action Area Plans

The Maynooth Development Plan calls for two Action Area Plans i.e at The Harbour Area and at the new 55 acre public park at Carton Avenue (Doyles Land). Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that it is the Councils intention to have these plans agreed by the end of the year. As these plans are drawn up in consultation with the community it is essential that the publics views are known by next October at the latest. The Community Council and Maynooth Action Strategy have sub committees working on this issue at present and if you wish to make an

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input please contact them or contact Cllr. John McGinley at 6285293h or 7026536w or jmcginley@eircom.net

Childrens Playgrounds

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

"That General Development Levies be revised in order to cater for the provision of children's and teenager playgrounds in towns where there is a demand for such facilities."

The Council opened it's first children's playground in Newbridge at the end of June. As a result of a previous motion from Cllr. John McGinley it is Council policy " that the Council works with local communities in order to provide children's playgrounds in towns where there is a demand for such facilities."

The Maynooth Development Plan states that public children's playgrounds will be provided at the Harbour Field and at the new public park at Carton Avenue. The passing of Cllr. McGinley's new motion will ensure that funding will be available for playgrounds throughout the county.

Greenfield Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out the following works in Greenfield Estate:

- That substantial road repairs be carried out at the entrance to the Estate / Shopping Centre.
- That the trees along the wall between No. 1 Straffan Way and No. 1 Greenfield Drive be pruned
- That the Leylandii trees at the side of house No. 24 Greenfield drive be completely removed.

Maynooth Post Primary School Extension – Still being examined

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by County Kildare VEC that the revised Developed Sketch Scheme for the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School has been submitted to the Department of Education.

The revised Developed Sketch Scheme is currently being examined by the Department and Deputy Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister for Education to ensure that there is no delay in this examination and to allow the project to proceed to Detailed Design.

It is now over two years since County Kildare VEC

overcrowding and the Department are holding up this project.

Interim Flood Alleviation Works Commence

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been pursuing the office of Public Works and Kildare County Council in relation to the provision of flood alleviation works in Maynooth. Deputy Stagg has been advised that funding has been provided for the following works in Maynooth:

- Cleaning out 4 Km of Lyreen River.
- Cleaning out 1.6 Km of Meadowbrook River.
- Repair wall at Parson Street.
- Re-opening of redundant channel at Mill Street Bridge.
- Remove existing culvert at Old Greenfield and replace with 3m x 1.6m box culvert.
- Provision of automatic river level recorders on Lyreen River.

Excessive Proposal at Parson Street Rejected

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanála to overturn Kildare County Council's decision to allow planning permission for 4 terraced houses to replace an existing bungalow on a ¼ acre site at Parson Street, Maynooth.

The proposal was excessive and out of character with existing development in the area.

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Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

With the euphoria of the World Cup a fading memory it's time to turn back to the more important local matters. Well done to the 'Boys in Green' for supplying some great moments to saviour during the tournament. It's worth reminding ourselves that all their careers started some where not too unlike the Harbour Field with some committed parents and mentors ensuring they got their big chance.

This seasons teams are now entered into their respective leagues and we continue to grow year on year. As our Ladies team come to the end of their season the 2 senior teams are already back in preseason training. We will compete at all age groups from under 8's through to under 16's at schoolboy/ girl level with last years under 17's now competing on the senior stage. With two U8's, two U9's, two U10's, U11's, two U12's, U13's, U14's, U15's and U16's a total of 16 teams including the seniors and Ladies will compete this season. Good luck to them all.

Off the field work on the Rathcoffey Road site has now started. The recent wet weather has put the project three weeks behind and the timeframe for completion of the ground work before the end of the planting season is now tight. The contractor is hoping with no further delays we will be able to get the seed in the ground before the end of October. There will then be a 12 month maintenance period before the club takes back control of the ground. We would ask all parents to remind their children to stay off the site until the work is completed. The topsoil is currently being stripped and then grading work will be carried out. Drainage pipes will then be installed and the topsoil replaced. The current car parking will also be extended. When ready for use this will be a top class playing surface and will bring all teams together playing at the same ground for the first time in the clubs history. In all we will then have 3 full size pitches and 1 pitch for the 7-a-side game. Further development will take place as funding becomes available. This is a major achievement for the club and the town and is the result of many years hard work by a handful of committed people. It is important now the new blood becomes involved to continue to build for our children's future.

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Acknowledgement Una McGovern

Late of 818 Old Greenfield who died on Sunday 26th May 2002. Her sons Kevin, Noel, their families, her brothers, sisters and their families wish to express their recent sad loss. We would like to thank all those who attended the rosary, removal, funeral mass and cremation. Those who sent mass cards, sympathy cards and floral wreaths. To the neighbours and friends in Old Greenfield who were very helpful at this sad time.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Sean Ryan who was especially kind and helpful. The doctors and nursing staff of St. James Connolly Memorial Hospital who cared for her in her final weeks. We would also like to thank Patrick Malone Of O' Reilly Undertakers who made things a lot easier to deal with. We could not thank you all individually, but please accept this token as an acknowledgement of our appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions. Una McGovern, May she Rest in Peace

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me here you are my Mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God. Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in this my necessity, there are none that can with stand your power. O show me here you are my Mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray of us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen. Say for 3 days. Pub. promised.

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Thomas (Tom) Nolan 85 Newtown, Maynooth. Died 20th September 1993 Also A Birthday rememberance 27th September DAD, I often lie awake at night. When the world is fast asleep. I think of the dad I lost. With tears upon my cheek. I cannot get over losing you. No matter how I try. I've got to go on living, I know that is true, But it is just an existence, It's nothing without you. I have so many precious memories dad, And in my heart they will stay. No amount of passing time, Will ever take them away, Lots of things have happened dad, Since you went away, Things you should have shared with me, If only god had let you stay. Memories I have, and in my heart, They will stay of a dad, Who meant the world to me.

Sadly missed by his loving daughter, Elizabeth and Eddie xx

NOVENA

PRAYER TO VIRGIN MARY (Never known to fail)

O' Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel ,fruitful vine splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God.

Immaculate Virgin assist me in this necesssity,

O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are my Mother O Holy Mary Mother of God,

Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succumb to me in my necessity.

There are none that can withstand Your Power, O show here you are my Mother,

O Mary concieved without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times)

Holy Mary I place this case in your hands(3 times) Sweet Mother I place this case in your hands(3 times) O thank you for your mercy to me and mine, Amen.

This prayer must be said for 3 days, after that the request will be granted.

This prayer must be published.

Birthday Greetings

To Lorraine Conneely, Pagestown, Maynooth. Happy 7th Birthday. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Stephan, Aedeana, Amy and Cindy the Dog.

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Please note you can now E-mail your notes to us at maynoothcc@eircom.net

Sept 2002

Editorial

The Newsletter would like to sympathise with the families of Holly Welles and Jessica Chapman on their dreadful loss and their continuing searing and painful ordeal that is set to continue. We can only imagine their hurt, pain and suffering. Maybe it will serve as a reminder of all those people who have gone missing in Ireland over the years and perhaps inspire someone to come forward to help the police in their enquiries. Our sympathies go out to all those in such circumstances. May Holly and Jessica rest in peace.

On a slightly more cheerful note we would like to heartily congratulate the Leaving Certificate students from Maynooth Post-Primary School on their examination results. As usual the students did extremely well and continue to perpetrate the reputation of the school as one of the best in Ireland. At a time when the education system is under scrutiny at all levels it is perhaps a salutary reminder to the town that we are extremely fortunate to have the services of such an excellent establishment to look after our teenager's education. Some students did extraordinarily well with 575-80 points being the top marks achieved. We wish them all the best of luck in their chosen careers whether in the recently maligned IT courses or the more traditional professions such as medicine, law and the arts.

We would also like to welcome our new students to the town. There will be well in excess of 5,000 students descending on the College within the next four to five weeks. Our town lives at two distinct rhythmic paces, the hectic packed term time when three schools and two Universities try to weave their way around the streets and the quieter summer rhythm although this is now much busier than days gone by. The arrival of term time for all educational establishments will bring to the fore again the traffic problems that this town faces. Hopefully, many will try to use the school buses and try to walk or cycle to school and College although our prevailing bad weather makes the latter options messy and difficult. Maynooth deserves more attention from the local authority than we have received heretofore. This town is entirely unique in Ireland and it has been continually neglected in this respect. It has been noted here already that two major developments are planned for the Dublin and Galway ends of the town and it seems appropriate that we insist again that the local authority provides the proper infrastructure to service these developments. Otherwise, the quality of life in this small but growing town will become intolerable. Increased prosperity is stunted by the prospect of a serious decline in the quality of life.

Finally we would like to draw attention to the fact that the Post Office is on the move again. It opened in the Tesco Shopping Centre on Monday 19th August in sparkling and bright new premises. This is far more suitable than the building they inhabited for the past number of years. Is our Post Office the most mobile in the country we wonder? How many times has it moved since it was situated on the Main Street in the mid-eighties? We reckon this is the fourth move but perhaps we are wrong. We are not infallible although we would sometimes like to consider ourselves so.

Poets Corner

The Chase

As I stood on a wet Saturday afternoon watching the thoroughbreds Taking their place in the parade ring On a track I was not familiar with As they moved main parade ring And jockey owners trainers gathered their wits

As I stood and watched across the parade ring One horse took my eve His name was the Illvwhacker He stood out apart from the rest The power in his loins and shoulders Came beyond my surprise that this Animal could run and jump the fences in front of him As he stood sixteen two

He was a remarkable fine beast and Proved himself on the home turf His jockey had a natural instinct on How to ride this animal The bell rang for jockeys to mount Jockeys on board he walked around the ring In remarkable style

They file out on to the race track and canter to the wire With the Illywhacker going down last Jockeys had the girths saddle and bridle checked over By the handlers at start Finally in to line with the Illywhacker bursting just in time To be in line with the rest of the field As they to to the first at a blistering pace The Illywhacker is definitely in the race As the race unfolds with three to go It looks as do the Illywhacker has stolen the show

Four in a line and one to jump the Illywhacker with enormous jump Hits the front as the crowd in the stands including myself Hits the sky and the Illywhacker shows his bright eyes For another days racing now over the Illywacker is once again in the clover

Martin Russell



Dawn where Fox gloves gather Where blue bells ring field mice clean their whiskers and the cricket sings.

> Circles on the water Near the sleeping swan sway the water lilies On the moon lit pond.

> > Liam Murray

Kids Going To School

Another morning has arrived As the little kids get out of bed Just look at the innocent hardy child Awaken from dreams with a sleepy head Immediately they get ready for the day With clothes neat and a hurried meal With their little hearts full of play They face another school time ordeal To the school they hurry along Not knowing the reason for it at all In their fantasy world nothing is wrong As they all line up at the whistle wall Drawing, Arithmetic they have to learn With curious eyes and a working hand Sometimes alone for Mum they yearn But when school is over all is grand Their enchanting faces learning a lot Will benefit them in future years A good education their kids have got May they learn with fun and little fears Each child to grow strong and unique With goodness, culture and caring ways For future generations they will fear To lead this world to better days

Patrick Murray



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Any queries, call Evelyn Pender **Community Relations Manager** Intel Ireland Tel 606 7305 Mobile 087 987 2786

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Siobhan Keogh T.CR.G/A.D.C.R.G Colm Keogh T.C.R.G. Aisling Keogh T.C.R.G.

History of the Tully School

The Tully School of Irish Dancing has been in existence for 35 years.

The School was founded by the late Lil Tully in 1965. Lil gualified as a dance teacher in that year under the guidance of the famous Lilly Comerford. It was at this stage Lil began teaching in the Crumlin area and soon after in the Ballyfermot area. As well as teaching dancing Lil also performed as a dancer at the launch of our national television station R.T.E. at the Shelbourne Hotel. Lil also performed on one of the most famous radio shows, "Take the floor" with the best dance Master of them all Rory O'Connor.

These days however the school is run by her daughters Siobhan & Aisling Keogh and her son Colm Keogh all qualified teachers while Siobhan is also a qualified Adjudicator. Siobhan and Colm both teach in the Crumlin area and Aisling is now taking the school to Galway.

Siobhan has extended the Tully School to North Kildare since she moved to Maynooth 8 years ago by teaching in Straffan since she qualified in 1990, and the opening of the Maynooth class September 2000.

The school has visited all corners of the globe including most of Europe & America and more recently South Africa - thrilling audiences with their performances.

The School also participated in the Show 100% pure Irish Dance and the children were dancing to a sell-out audience with Twink in the Olympia Theatre, in which every child in the class performed.

The Tully school of dancing is one of the most established schools of Irish Dancing in the country. It is Siobhan, Colm and Aisling's ambition to keep the school up and running for the next 35 years.

The Class Times are as follows:

Monday	Straffan Hall	5.45 p.m.
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Saturday	ICA Hall Maynooth	10.45 a.m.

Contact No. 6290127/086 8962008



7th September, 1pm-spm and Silken Thomas himself. See Archery and Falconry

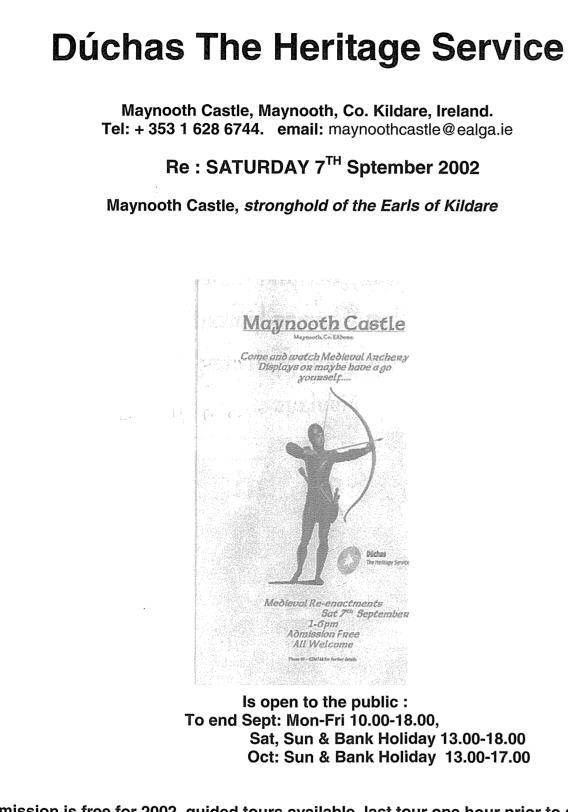
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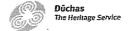
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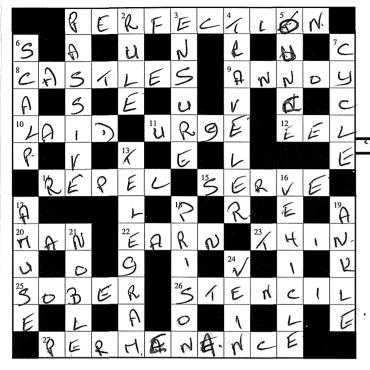
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- 1. State of being faultless (10)
- 8. Historic buildings (7)
- S. Irritate (5)
- 10. Have arranged table, dial back (4)
- 11. Drive forcibly toward (4)
- 12. Snake-like fish (3)
- 14. Resist control (4)
- 15. In tennis, its your turn to ace (5)
- 20. A dogs best friend (3)
- 22. Gain by labour (4)
- 23. Slender build (4)
- 25. Not drunk (5)
- 26. Plate used for tracing letter and patters (7)
- 27. Existence in the same form forever (10)

Doodle Box

Down:

- 1. Offering no active resistance (7)
- 2. Line of conduct (4)
- 3. Make safe (6)
- 4. Person who rarely settles (US style) (8)
- 5. Unit of weight (5)
- 6. Over head; under hair (5)
- 7. To ride a bike (5)
- 13. Message sent by telegraph (8)
- 16. From of transport (7)
- 17. Keep happily occupied (5)
- 18. House for crime (6)
- 19. Foot joint (5)
- 21. Person of high rank (5)
- 24. Vessel that carries blood (4)

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Across: 1 Dashboards; 8 Instead; 9 Treat; 10 Grit; 11 Less; 12 May; 14 Debut; 15 Merit; 20 Tap; 22 Toys ; 23 Slur; 25 After; 26 Avenges; 27 Collateral.

Down: 1 Dislike; 2 Shed; 3 Bidder; 4 Artistes; 5 Dream; 6 Singe; 7 Stays; 13 Cultural; 16 Illegal; 17 Steal; 18 Tyrant; 19 Crisp; 21 Patio; 24 Dear .

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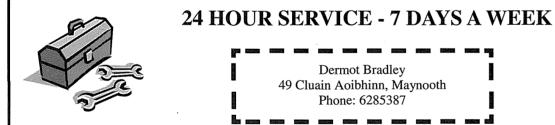
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02/1412	Dr. Linda Finley	97 Carton Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	26/07/02	Change of use of premises at the junction of main Street and Convent Lane, Maynooth from residential accommodation with signwriters workshop and store to chirpratic clinic and ancillary accommodtion, the proposed development will consist of internal refurbishment	Main Street and Convent Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1442	Martin Bambrick	42 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	31/07/02	For proposed additional bedrooms over garage to side and single storey extension at front	42 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1445	Edward Frayne	Barreen Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	01/08/02	For two storey extension to rear of two storey house, erection of store for domestic use and installation of Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Barreen Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1446	Fionan Hardiman	The Plant Place Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	01/08/02	development will consist of the demolition of an existing two storey dwelling and greenhouses to the rear of the site and the construction of 16 no. 1 & 2 bed apartments with vehicular access from the Dublin Road	Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1450	Emma Fay	545 O'Neill Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	01/08/02	For domer bungalow to rear	545 O'Neill Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1453	Vincent Howley	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/08/02	For new sunroom to rear	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1457	Divine Word Missionaries	Mariavilla Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	01/08/02	for two single storey rear extensions in the Service yard	Divine Word Missionaries Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1464	Dermot D'arcy	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	02/08/02	for the construction of dwelling house, domestic garage and biocycle waste water treatment system on site	Windgates Maynooth Co. Kildare

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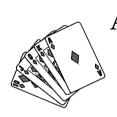
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/1466	Donal Kavanagh & Michelle Morley	15 Meadowbrook Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	02/08/02	For a two storey 4 bedroom detached house to the side of existing house	15 Meadowbrook Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1471	Joe Farrell	Moortown Maynooth Road Celbridge Co. Kildare	Ρ	06/08/02	development will consist of the conversion of existing garage to home office, new garage/shed and exension to existing dormer dwelling	Moortown Maynooth Road Celbridge Co. Kildare
02/1477	NUI Maynooth	Nation Univesity of Ireland Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	06/08/02	for the construction of an extension to the existing students social centre at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, comprising of offices, common room and ancillary accommodation at ground floor level, meeting rooms within roof space etc	NUI Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1483	Noel Foster	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	06/08/02	to erect a bungalow and bio-dsic small waste water treatment unit complete with percolation area	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1490	Paul Murphy	2201 Highfield Estate Newbridge Co. Kildare	Р	07/08/02	for a new, relocated entrance gateway in lieu of the existing to agricultural lands	Ballygoran Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1510	Aidan Sinnott	114 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	08/08/02	retention sought for the development consisting of single storey extension of utility room extended kitchen and sunroom to the side and rear of existing house	114 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1523	Damien & Peter Cassells	Celbridge Road Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/08/02	Permission sought for 2 dormer bungalows and demolition of existing dwelling	200 Celbridge Road Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/1532	Adrian & Patricia Sweeney	22 Parklands Close Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	13/08/02	Permission sought to erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house and continuance of use of existing garage conversion	22 Parklands Close Rail Park Maynooth

Dorin's Recipes

ROAST LOIN OF PORK

Serves 4-6 1/2 tbsp dried thyme 1 bay leaf. crumbled Freshly ground black pepper to taste 1 tsp wholegrain mustard 3 tbsp fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs 3 lb unboned loin of pork, trimmed of all fat Thyme sprigs, to garnish

Method:

Mix together the herbs, seasoning and breadcrumbs in a bowl. Spread the mustard evenly over the surface of the pork and press on the breadcrumb mixture so it sticks to the mustard and evenly covers the surface. Place the meat on a rack in a roasting pan and roast at 190c, 375f, gas mark 5 for 2 hours or until juices do not run pink when joint is pricked with a fine skewer. Garnish with thyme sprigs and serve hot.

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FAT Roasting the joint on a rack allows a greater amount of fat to drain off during cooking.

SALT Coating the meat with the mustard and herbs provide ample flavouring without adding salt.

VITAMINS A first - class protein source, pork is also rich in B vitamins.

BAKED EGGS WITH MOZZARELLA

Serves 4

1 large ripe tomato

1 spring onion, trimmed and chopped 1/2 oz Mozzarella cheese, diced

4 stoned black olives, sliced

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

3 fl oz double cream

4 eggs

Parsley sprigs, to garnish

Method:

Preheat oven to 190c, 375f, gas mark 5 and lightly butter 4 ramekin dishes. Skin and seed the tomato and finely dice the flesh. Mix with the spring onion, cheese, olives, basil and seasoning. Divide between the 4 dishes. Heat the cream in a small pan until almost boiling, pour over the tomato mixture and crack an egg into each dish. Place in a roasting tin and pour in enough boiling water to come two-thirds of the way up the sides of the ramekins. Bake for 10-15 minutes until eggs are just set. Cool slightly, garnish with parsley and serve with toasted bread fingers or Melba toast.

BLACKBERRY AND APPLE TART

Serves 4 4 oz plain wholemeal flour 4 oz plain flour 4 oz polyunsaturated margarine FILLING 2 large eating apples 8 oz blackberries, thawed if frozen 1 tbsp apricot jam, melted, for topping



make the pastry, mix together the flours, then rub in the margarine and 1 fl oz water, adding an extra 1 tsp water, if necessary, to form a firm dough. Turn out the dough on to a floured surface and knead lightly. Wrap in cling film and chill for at least 1 hour. Unwrap, roll out and line a 8 inch loose-bottomed flan ring. Peel, core and thinly slice the apples. Sprinkle the blackberries into the flan case and surround with a neat arrangement of apple slices. Bake at 200c, 400f, gas mark 6 for 25-30 minutes or until pastry looks golden and crunchy around the edges. While still hot, brush with the jam. Serve hot or cold.

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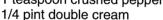
VITAMINS The tart is rich in vitamin C - blackberries are a good source. Vitamin C is vital for healthy skin and hair.

MINERALS The fruit has potassium.

FIBRE Soft fruit such as blackberries are an excellent and often ignored source of fibre. The use of wholemeal flour in the pastry increases the fibre content.

HAM IN WINE SAUCE

Serves 4 1/2 pint dry white wine 3 sprigs of tarragon 1 1/2 oz butter 4 thick slices ham 3 shallots 2 tablespoons vinegar 1 teaspoon crushed peppercorns



- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- 1 tablespoon butter and flour
- Thickening (beurre manie)

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Method:

Put the wine and tarragon (reserving a little for garnish) in a pan over a low heat. When beginning to boil, remove from the heat and leave to infuse for 10 minutes. Generously grease an ovenproof dish with the butter and place in the slices of ham. Pour over the strained wine. Cover the dish with buttered greaseproof paper or foil and put in a moderate oven 180c, 350f, gas mark 4 for 10 minutes. In a small pan boil the very finely chopped shallots with the vinegar and crushed peppercorns until the liquid is almost completely evaporated. When the ham is heated through, strain the wine into a saucepan and reduce by one-third. Add the shallots, cream and tomato puree. place over a medium heat and beat with a wire whisk. Thicken this sauce with the beurre manie (butter and flour worked together) and adjust seasoning to taste. Pour over the ham slices and sprinkle with chopped tarragon.

COD IN CURRIED CREAM SAUCE Serves 4-6 2 lb cod Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 onion

4 shallots 1 1/2 oz butter

- 3 tablespoons brandy
- 2 tomatoes or 1 tablespoon tomato puree 1 small clove garlic
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 pint double cream
- Pinch of cayenne
- Garnish:
- Chopped parsley Method:

Wash and wipe the fish and cut into even pieces. Season. Fry the very finely chopped onion and shallots in a frying pan with the hot butter. When golden add the cod, and cook until firm over a high heat. Sprinkle with brandy and flame. Add the peeled and crushed tomatoes (or the puree diluted with a little water) and the crushed garlic. Season with salt, pepper and curry powder and cook for 10 minutes over a low heat, stirring from time to time. Drain the fish and keep warm. Strain the sauce through a conical sieve and place over a high heat. Add the cream and simmer for 2 minutes, beating with a wire whisk so that the cream thickens. Return the fish to the sauce, adjust seasoning and add a pinch of cayenne. Pour into a serving dish and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

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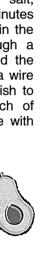
CRAB STUFFED AVOCADOS

Serves 4 2 avocado pears 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1 can crabmeat Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Mayonnaise: 1 teaspoon French mustard 2 egg yolks 7 fl oz oil Garnish: Lettuce leaves Paprika Chopped parsley Method:

Cut the avocado pears in half and remove the stones. Sprinkle the cut surfaces with half the lemon juice. Drain and flake the crabmeat. Prepare the mayonnaise by blending together the mustard and egg yolks, adding the oil a little at a time. When firm blend in the remaining lemon juice and season to taste. Season the avocado halves and fill each with a little crabmeat. Top with the mayonnaise and then the rest of the crabmeat. Arrange on a bed of lettuce leaves and sprinkle with paprika and chopped parsley. Serve well chilled.









TURNIPS WITH PARSLEY SAUCE

- 1 1/2 lb small turnips
- 2 oz butter
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 pint thick cream
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 tablespoons finely
- Chopped parsley

Method:

Scrub the turnips clean. If they are really tiny, leave them whole. Otherwise cut them in halves or guarters. Cook until tender in lightly salted water, and drain. Dry put over a very gentle heat, then stir in the butter, mustard, and cream, adding salt and pepper to taste. Stir in the chopped parsley and serve with lamb, duck, beef or chicken.

DEVILLED STEAKS

Serves 4

1 tablespoon olive oil

- 4 fillet steaks, about 4 oz each
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 6 tablespoons dry red wine
- 4 tablespoons strong beef stock
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon crushed fennel seeds
- 1 tablespoon sun-dried tomato puree
- Large pinch chilli power
- Chopped fresh parsley and parsley sprigs, to garnish Method:
- Heat oil in a non-stick frying pan until smoking, then add the steaks. Cook for 2 minutes, turn over and cook for a further 2 minutes for medium/rare steaks.
- Cook for a little longer if well-done steaks are preferred. Remove from the pan, season and keep warm
- while making the sauce. Pour vinegar, red wine and stock into the pan and boil for 30 seconds. Stir in garlic and fennel seeds. Whisk in the sun-dried tomato puree and chilli powder, to taste. Simmer until the sauce is syrupy. Place steaks on warm plates. Pour any juices into the sauce, bring to the boil, taste and season. Pour sauce over the steaks. Garnish with chopped parsley and parsley sprigs and serve with grilled tomatoes and roasted diced potatoes.

CAULIFLOWER WITH CHERVIL

- 1 medium cauliflower
- Mavonnaise
- 4 tablespoons thin cream
- 3 tablespoons chopped chervil

Method:

Clean the cauliflower, divide it into sprigs and cook in boiling water until barley tender; drain. Thin the mayonnaise with the cream. Stir the chopped chervil into the mayonnaise and mix lightly with the cooked cauliflower. Allow to cool. Serve soon after cooling; do not chill. This is best served as an hors d' oeurve.





Celbridge Support Group C/O St. Eustace Centre, Main Street, Celbridge, Co. Kildare

To Whom It May Concern,

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> communication skills parenting skills for parents of 8-12 years aromatherapy.

It is envisaged these courses will last approximately 8 weeks for 2 hours per session. The cost of these courses is maximum \in 10 for the 8 weeks. Registration date and enrolment is on 18th September at 10am in Celbridge Library. No previous experience or educational level is required. Everyone invited to attend, come and give your opinion and register for a course.

Yours faithfully, Lisa Hynes

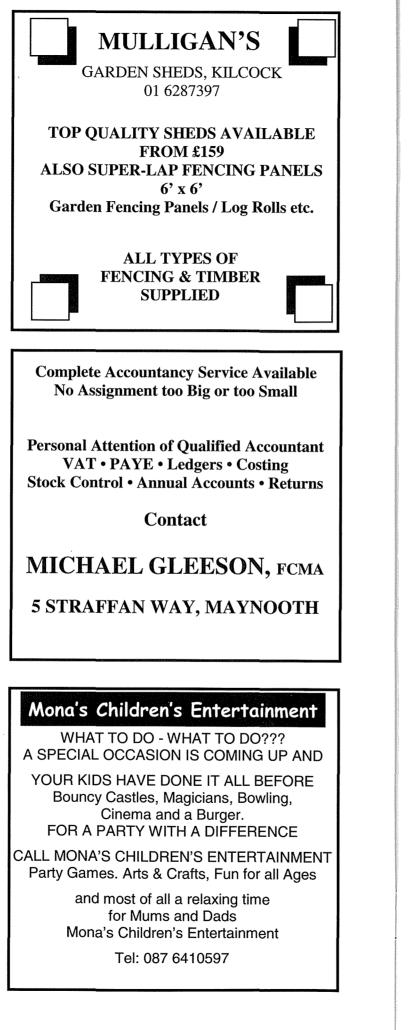
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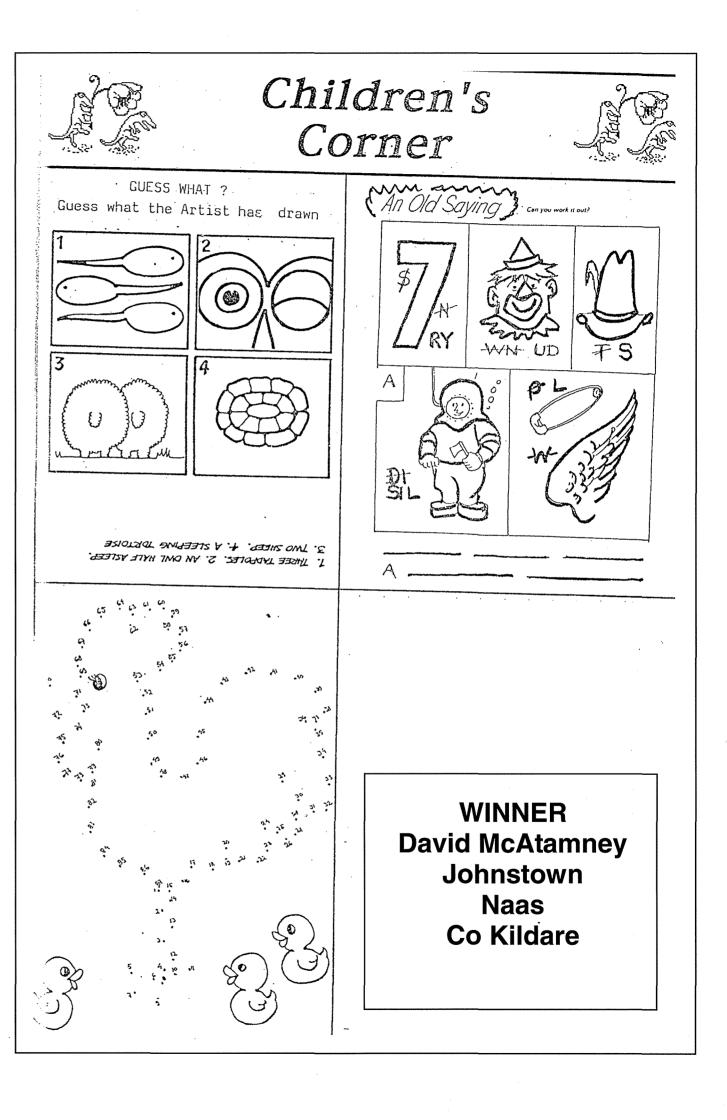
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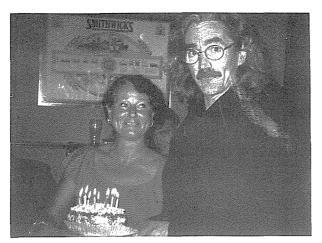
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50th Birthday Celebrations



Don Foley (the birthday boy) and Muireann Ní Bhrolchain

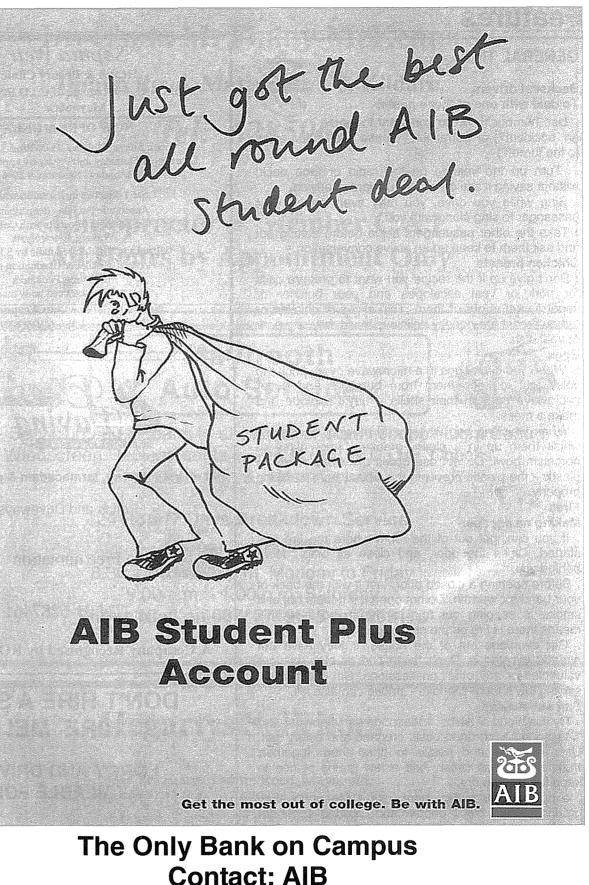


John Saults, Tony McTernan, Esther & Eddie Halligan at the birthday celebrations



John Waldron, John Doogan, Andrew McMullon & Muireann Ní Bhrolchain at the birthday celebrations





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. Turn up the volume on the radio or tape deck, without saving it's to drown out unwanted advice.

. Sing while you drive, you may even inspire your passenger to sing along with you.

. Take the other passengers aside before setting out and ask them to keep up an active conversation.

Chicken breasts

. Don't give up if the recipe you want to prepare calls for pork or veal escalopes and your butcher or supermarket is out of them. Thin slices of chicken or turkey breast are equally delicious in virtually any pork or veal dish.

Eggs

. When you cook eggs in a microwave oven, prick the volks first to keep them from bursting. And never microwave eggs in their shells - they'll explode and make a mess.

. When whisking egg whites and making meringues, whisk them up in a clean, grease - free, glass or porcelain bowl. Do not use bowls or whisks made of plastic - the plastic prevents the whites from whisking properly.

Fires

Making an escape:

. If you can, get out of the room where the fire has started. Close the door, and close all other doors behind you.

. Before opening a closed door, test it with the back of your hand for warmth. Do not open it if it feels hot or if smoke is seeping out from under it, because this means there is fire on the other side.

. Get everyone out of the house, if they have not already vacated it. Don't try to find or pick up your valuables or any other possessions. Get out quickly, staying low if there's smoke - smoke can also kill.

Salt substitutes

. Try this blend of herbs: 1 teaspoon garlic powder and 1 teaspoon each dried basil, oregano and celery salt. Use a mortar and pestle to grind them together; transfer to a salt cellar. Add a few grains of rice to keep the mixture dry.

. a specier salt replacement, use 1 teaspoon each ground cloves, black pepper and crushed coriander seed mixed together with 2 teaspoons paprika and 1 tablespoon rosemary.

Washing machines

. If your washing machine doesn't work, check the plug first, then the socket outlet. Next, see if both the hot and cold taps are turned on. (turn them off when the machine is not in use; constant pressure on the hoses eventually makes them leak) Check that the control switches are properly set.



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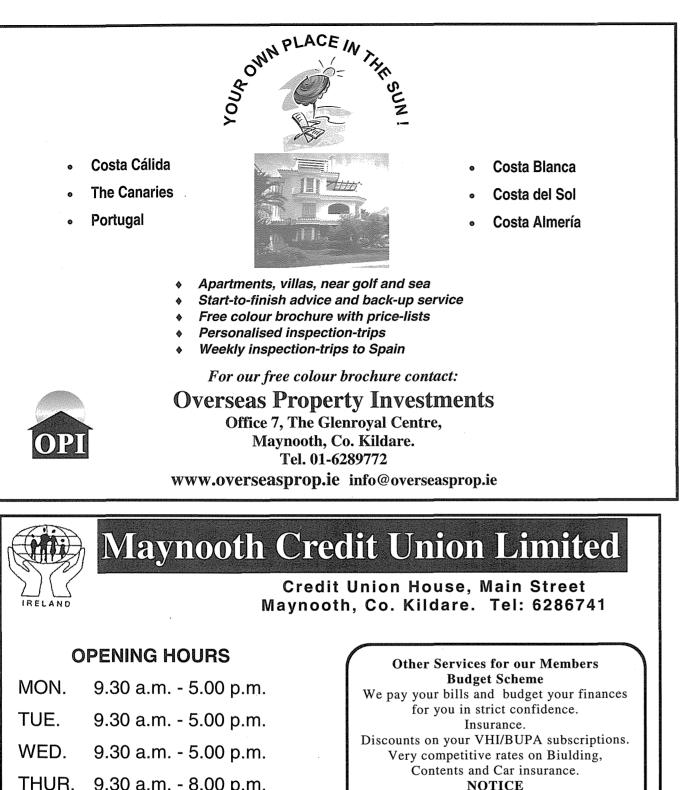
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Joan Slade River

There has been great work done on the Joan Slade river from Parson Street to Meadowbrook. The work is being done by the Board of Works (notice not by Kildare County Council) It was an eyesore of rubbish and overgrowth but when it is developed and finished it should be a nice walking area around the river. With the cleaning and widening of the river, it may help to prevent the flooding of Parson Street as we have seen in the past. As the stream that flooded Meadowbrook not long ago flows into the Joan Slade, hopefully the residents will not have to experience the same horror as they did two years ago. It is very good to see something constructive and sensible happening in Maynooth.

BEFORE AND AFTER







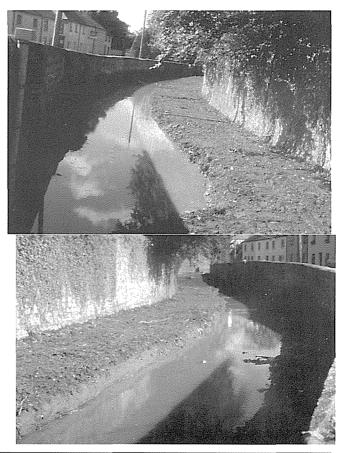
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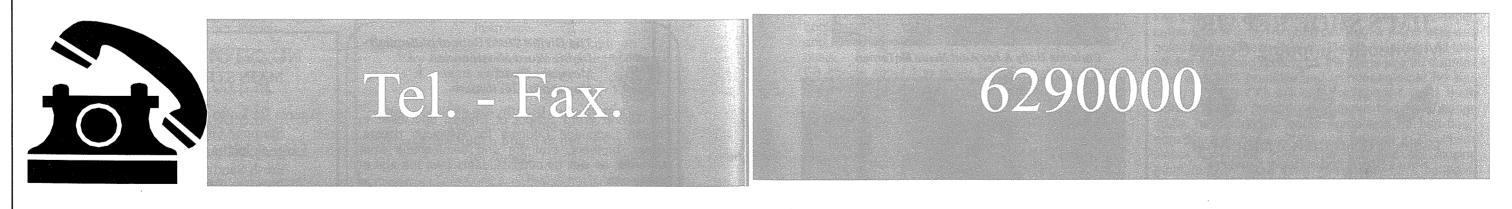
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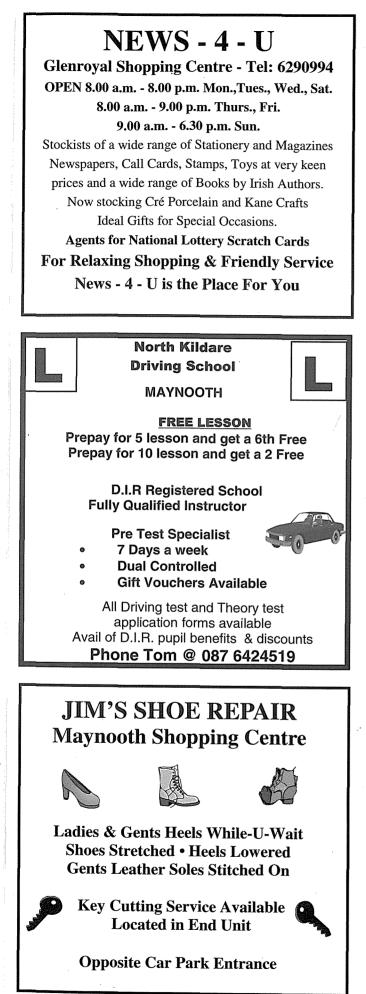
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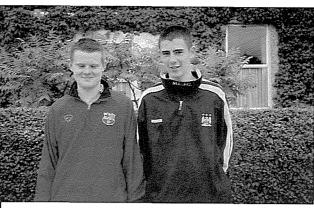












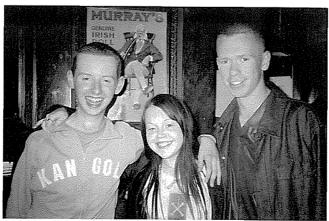
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Features

Challenge of the 9 dragons – sponsored walk in aid of the Butterfly Children

(Interview by Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin)



Paul O'Rafferty was serving in a crowded Caulfields when I first tried to do this interview with him but we managed to have a quiet chat the following morning, quite early, over a cup of tea. Paul represented Caulfields in the Festival's Barperson of the Year and came a very creditable third considering the small premises and lesser clientele since renovations began some months ago. He told me then that he was interested in some publicity for a cause that he had recently espoused due to hearing a radio interview about the 'Butterfly Children'. He donated his prize money from his win to this fund.

Paul is about to undertake the walk of his life, a total of 200 km over an eight-day period of time in Hong Kong. He wants to raise money for children suffering from a disease known as Epidermolysis Bullosa, EB for short. This is a dreadfully distressing and painful genetic skin disorder that causes skin layers and internal body linings to separate and blister at the slightest touch. This is why they are called the Butterfly Children – the slightest touch can damage them.

The photographs in the leaflets that he brought with him were horrific and heart wrenching to see. Little bodies covered in blisters, tales of premature death and above all, the pain endured constantly on a daily basis.

EB effects about 1 in every 18,000 newborn children and it is a genetic condition that can run in families. It appears in all populations, race groups and in both sexes. It ranges from a relatively mild form with localised blisters that still cause significant distress to the most severe forms that cause external scarring leading to general debilitation, deformity, cancer and premature death. It costs \in 256 to fund a highly skilled researcher for one day and a donation of \in 32 could bring an effective treatment an hour closer.

This disease means that parents cannot hug, touch or comfort their children in case it makes matters worse, morning can bring more blisters simply from turning in bed, swallowing can mean tearing the skin in your throat when you swallow. For those of us without experience of such an illness, it does not bear thinking about.

Paul will be raising money with sponsorship cards and also going around the town with a bucket, he needs a total of \in 3.000 as his contribution to the walk. This money will go towards the development of a specialist national service for adolescents/adults that is being developed at St. James's Hospital and towards the simple changing of dressings for the blisters. There is a society devoted to this cause DEBRA - the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association that was founded in 1988 by a group of parents whose children suffered from EB. They are developing an EB nurse specialist service in Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin, the EB clinic there is supported by a Debra team of EB specialists and they give support, advice and help with welfare services and respite care.

There is some hope for a cure or at least treatment and a lot of the work is carried out by the Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin. There is a plan for a research and wound healing section in Cork University Hospital.

Paul leaves Dublin on November 21st and arrives in Hong Kong on the 22nd. The walking begins on the morning of the 23rd with the first of nine ridges in the area that are known as the 9 dragons, hence the title Challenge of the 9 dragons. This section of the walk lasts three days and then the 26th remains a free day. Between the 27th and the 30th of November he will walk the remaining 6 ridges in the area of Kowloon, the new territories, and then there is some little free time before returning to Dublin on December 2nd.

He is no stranger to foreign climes however. Although he now lives in Kilcock, he is a native of Movglare, just one mile inside the Meath border and is an ardent Meath football supporter. His parents still live in the family home. His grandparents ran the Post Office when it was on the Main Street until the mid-eighties. He went to school, both primary and post-primary, in Maynooth but he left for the Isle of Man, spending 7 years working in bars and restaurants. He says that he loves the bar and catering trade but he changed careers for a time. He got a call from a friend who was going to Abu Dhabi; Paul dropped everything and took off. He described coming off the plane into 30 degrees heat and 95% humidity and wondering what he was doing there. But he adjusted and spent 4 years there working with air freight. When things began to change there, he decided to come home and he has been here since February 2000 and working in Caulfields since November 2000. The pub will be closing temporarily in about three weeks time for a period of approximately 10 weeks for major renovations but Paul hopes to be serving pints again in early December and Stephen's Day should be celebrated there in traditional fashion in 2002 as usual.

Please sponsor Paul by calling to Caulfields where he will have sponsorship cards and he will also be going around the town at a future date with a bucket for donations. He needs to raise \in 3,000 for the walk.

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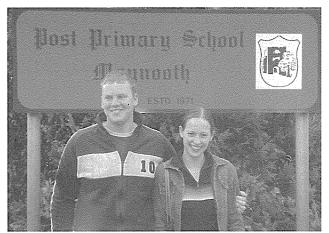
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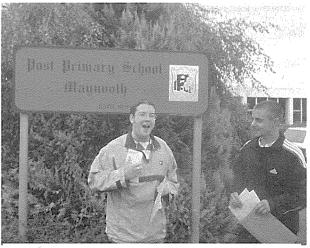
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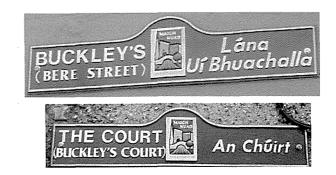
Helen O'Reilly & New Husband Brian Sharp on their wedding day



Helen with her Bridemaids Marcella & Anne Maria



Helen leaving her home on her big day





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Early Irish Society (Contd. from last month)

Two elements of early Irish law may surprise us in the 21st century where we think that we have discovered such concepts as sexual harassment. Both sexual harassment and rape were legislated for under early Irish law.

Two different types of rape were recognised and fines were paid for both. Although the terms for the payments are different - the accumulated price seems to be the same for both. But to discuss then the two different types of rape, one was called forcor (forcible rape) and the second is called sleth (rape without violence). Forcor is the term used for forcible rape but the second, sleth, describes intercourse with a woman who is drunk, asleep or unable to give consent for various reasons. This might be described as their equivalent of date rape. Marital rape can hardly have been recognised, certainly the law makes no mention of such an occurrence and wives were seen as the property of their husbands.

The word sleth appears to come from the Old Irish noun seilid that means 'creeps'. (From this comes the word for a snail in Irish, seilide 'that which creeps'.) If there is a connection between the two words then sleth may mean 'creep'. How appropriate! One wonders if this is more than coincidental, the early Irish were wordsmiths of quality and this kind of word play is part of the language.

Early Indian law also distinguishes between forcible rape and the seduction of a sleeping girl or if she is intoxicated or suffers from a disordered mind.

One text suggests that sleth meant incomplete intercourse but this is found nowhere else. Indeed the existence of the term mac sleithe (a child begotten through sleth) indicates that this act could lead to conception.

The honour price mentioned concerns the rape of a young girl of marriageable age, of a cétmuinter (principle wife) or of a nun who has not given up the veil. The fine for the rape of the second wife, the recognised woman, was half the price of the principal wife as usual.

But there are women who cannot claim any compensation for rape - a practising prostitute, women who arrange meetings in bushes or in beds, the married woman who agrees to meet with another man and the woman who conceals her rape.

The law says:

'This is when sexual intercourse by stealth perpetrated on a woman is not actionable and is without wergild (éraic) i.e. if the woman fell asleep at a fair or in an alehouse without a witness to testify there is no wergild for sexual intercourse by stealth'.

Another text states:

'I discharged an action for sexual intercourse by stealth (sleith) perpetrated upon a single woman in a meadhouse. It was technically incorrect, but it was equitable, because it was wrong for a woman to be amongst a houseful without her partner to watch over her'.

Therefore, in the case of a woman who has been in a drinking-house alone she cannot claim compensation either.

The law says again: 'There are seven women in Irish law who are liable in their encounters and who are not entitled to penalty (díre) or honour-price (enechlann) for their sleith: they are not entitled to fine (fiacha) or body-fine (éraic) for rape whosoever may have done so: a whore who offers her body to all, until she becomes chaste, a woman who observes that she is the (keeps quiet about it) victim of sleith (and does nothing about it), a woman who conceals her rape, a woman who is raped in a town and who does not cry out until the rapist has got away, a woman who agrees to have illicit intercourse in despite of her husband, a woman who trysts with a man in the bushes or in bed, a woman who involves a bodysurety, cleric or lay, by the offer of sexual favours, a woman who offers herself for something trivial. These are seven women who are capable of giving their bodies in sexual intercourse, provided they do not fail in their duties. Their children do not belong to the family and they are not entitled to the profits arising from cohabitation'.

Normally, if a child is conceived due to the rape, it is the rapist himself who is responsible for the upkeep of that child. He is responsible not the woman's family. It is not clear where the child lives, whether with the responsible father or with the woman's family.

Commentary to the law says that a woman who does not complain within three days cannot claim compensation either.

The connection with the Old Testament here is indicative of the close relationship between the native and Christian tradition. As noted before all literature, whether Brehon law or Christian law, was recorded by Christian monks in monasteries. Deuteronomy 22:23-27 says of rape:

'If there is a bethrothed virgin and a man meets her in the city and lies with her, then you shall bring both of them out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry for help though she was in the city, and the man because he violated his neighbour's wife; so you shall purge the evil from the midst of you. But if in the open country a man meets a young woman who is bethrothed, and the man seizes her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. But to the young woman you shall do nothing; in the young woman there is no offence punishable by death, for this case is like that of a man attacking and murdering his neighbour; because he came upon her in the open country, and though the betrothed young woman cried for help, there was no one to rescue her'.

This is nearly repeated by early Irish law:

'I granted wergild (éraic) to a woman who did not cry out at her rape. It was technically incorrect but it was equitable, because she was raped in a desert place'. The woman sleeping with everyone is included in the seven types of women who cannot seek compensation

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from anyone. The law states:

'There are seven women in Irish law who are not entitled to penalty-fine (díre) or honour-price from anybody: a woman who thieves, a woman who lampoons every class of person, a woman who betrays, a tale-bearer until her slanders are off paid for her family, a whore in the bushes, a woman who slays, a woman who refuses hospitality to every class of person'.

Finally there is the case of what we call sexual harassment. The native law says that there is full honour price for kissing a woman against her will and a gloss refers to lifting a woman's skirt to shame her but here is no mention of the penalty for this.

The church law, in this case the Law of Adamnán (Cáin Adamnáin) instituted by the St Adamnán anglicized as Eunan, there is a fine of 10 ounces of silver for touching a woman or for putting a hand inside her girdle, and there is a larger fine for putting a hand under a woman's dress to defile her.

One can only imagine the outrage if there was an attempt to institute such a law within today's permissive society.

However, the practice of offering compensation to rape victims is something that modern day law is slowly beginning to consider again. The Law Reform Commission is including the Brehon law in its deliberations for the first time in hundreds of years. It is felt that there is much that can be learnt from the wisdom of our ancestors who legislated for the practical situations that they encountered and not for the ideals as we seem to do today. (Contd. next issue)





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Murder of the Month - the Nag's **Head Pub**

Sometimes we forget that murder is not confined to the recent dramatic events like the modern serial killer and that senseless killings occurred in the past as well. In 1944, during the war, on September 21st, a Thursday, such an event was discovered. England was in the throes of rationing and even beer shortages. The Nag's Head pub in Bradford was closed the previous night due to this shortage and its landlady, Mrs Jane Coulton, a widow, slept alone above the premises. Her husband had died 8 years before and she lived alone.

Early on the morning of the 21st, her neighbour, a Miss Hilda Granger, heard a dog barking. It was Mrs Coulton's little dog and when Miss Granger got up she saw that the light was on in the kitchen of the pub. She was puzzled by this and awoke her brother and both of them went to see what was amiss. But they got no answer to their knocking and when they saw that one of the windows had been broken they immediately notified the police and sent for the cleaner. They knew that she had a key to the premises.

Mrs Summerfield, the cleaner, let them in and they went upstairs where Mrs Coulton was seen lying on the bad. A stocking was wrapped around her neck and it emerged that she had been strangled. Blood on the bed was of a different group to Mrs Coulton's and the police suspected that the killer had injured his hand when he broke the window. It became evident that the motive was theft as her purse had been emptied and some items of jewellery were missing. These were three rings and two brooches along with scissors and a torch. But the killer had overlooked £119 that was locked in a drawer.

It did not take long for the police to find a suspect but tracking him down took a little longer. A soldier had gone AWOL from the station in Bradford on the night that the murder occurred. His name was Lance Corporal Arthur Thompson, 34 years old, described as 5 feet 9 inches, dark hair, grev eves, swarthy and heavily built. He was a Liverpudlian and on September 22nd he was tracked as far as Burnley. It emerged that he had been in trouble all his adult life and he had a long string of convictions for robbery and housebreaking and he had spent some time in prison.

He had been injured recently in a brawl with another soldier and had spent some time in the nearby Westwood Hospital. He had visited the Nag's Head, with some other patients, while he was recuperating. He had told his friends that he was short of cash. He was finally discharged on September 20th and went to town to celebrate. He spent the night on a pub-crawl until he hailed a taxi and went to Horton Bank Top. Although he said that he was returning to the hospital, the police suspected that he went to the Nag's Head, broke in and stole the items named above. Whatever his movements, he was back in the hospital by 2 a.m. and behaving suspiciously. He gave one of the

patients 11 shillings saying that won the money playing cards. He gave the same amount to another patient saying that he was paying a gambling debt. There was no debt.

He left the hospital and the police traced his movements afterwards. When Thompson hitched a lift. he was aided by Police War Reserve Constable Fredrick Coldwell who had just delivered an injured airman to the hospital. Thompson told him that he had been discharged from the army and that he was going to Leeds. The policeman did not know at this stage that he had a wanted murderer in his car! He dropped Thompson at the YMCA and drove off. Later, it was found that he had hidden some of the stolen jewellery under the floor mat of the car!

At 6.30 a.m., the 21st September. Thompson was seen getting on a bus. He arrived in Hebden Bridge and there he left his big army coat and bought a coat from a farmer. Then he bought more civilian clothes in Burnley and tried to sell the remaining jewellery.

He went on to Morecambe on the following day where he took a room under an assumed name and exchanged one of the rings for a watch in Lancaster. Then he sold the watch for £4.10s to the wife of a shopkeeper in Morecambe. He was arrested on September 24th in Overton, near Morecambe and taken to Heysham police station. He was found with £2.4s.6d on him and also the torch and scissors from Mrs Coulton's house. At first he denied who he was but eventually admitted his identity. His fingers were cut and his blood group matched that found on Mrs Coulton's bed.

The trial began on December 6th 1944 and immediately he challenged the presence of a female juror. He maintained that she would be prejudiced against him. She was replaced immediately with a male juror.

A string of witnesses described his movements. The hours between 12 midnight and 2 a.m. were never accounted for but the evidence of the torch, scissors and the jewellery in the car was unarguable. The patients from the hospital, the farmer who had bought his coat, the shopkeeper who sold him the civilian clothes, the watchmaker with whom he had exchanged the ring - they all appeared in the witness stand against him.

Thompson strongly maintained his innocence and agreed to be questioned. He said that he dealt in jewellery before the war and was associated with a man called Buck who gave him Mrs Coulton's jewellery. They met later in Wormwood Scrubs prison. They had chanced to meet again in a pub in Bradford just before the murder. They had agreed to meet again on the night of the 20th September. His friend Buck had turned up late with an injured hand Thompson maintained and had handed over the contents of Mrs Coulton's house. Thompson said that if he were found guilty that Buck would come forward but of course no such thing occurred. His barrister said that he could not be found guilty, there was no evidence that he had been in the Nag's Head that night; all the evidence

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night; all the evidence was circumstantial. But the jury had no doubts concerning his guilt and returned their verdict after an hour and a half. He was sentenced to death; the date was set for January 31st, 1945. The court strongly suspected that Buck was a figment of Thompson's active imagination but as it happened he did actually exist. But he had the strongest alibi that a man could have, apart from death. He was in jail on the night of September 21st for breaking into a pub in Manchester. The perfect alibi.

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Sunday July 21st brought us to Glendalough. An extended easy hike covering a distance of 10 Miles with an Ascent of 1,000ft. Thirteen attended this activity. A number were out with us for the first time. The weather was perfect. The hike was tailor-made on the day to meet participant's abilities. During the hike we passed through an area along the Glenealo River above the waterfall where deer were grazing. We were within 100 metres from then. Further along we passed an area were a herd of wild mountain goat were happily grazing paying no heed to our presence. Once we got onto the Spinks overshadowing the Upper Lake we were on our way home. Everybody finished the day tired, hungry but happy. We spent a good six hours in the mountains with several stops along the way for snacks and viewing. This hike route is probably one of our more picturesque from a scenery point of view.

August was a lazy month. Because a lot of members were on holidays during the month, it was kept free. Due to unforeseen circumstances our trip to Donegal had to be cancelled at the end of the month. However at the time of going to print it is planned to have a Moderate hike for members in the Glendalough area on Sunday 25th August.

Sunday 8th September we will re-commence after the holidays with an introductory easy hike in the Dublin mountains above Balinteer and Stepaside along the Wicklow Way a distance of 9 miles with an ascent of 600 ft. So why not take advantage of the last few Easy hike of this years walking calendar and prepare to take out membership in November for next seasons events.

Sunday 15th September we are planning an outing to Mount Leinster and the Blackstairs. At this stage two hikes are at the planning stage. As both these will be more difficult, this outing will be limited to members only.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below.

Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at lease 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking got up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

Mountain Safety Notes:

Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for future information.

Our new Club Telephone is 086-3984172

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Maynooth Tidy Town Notes.

At time of writing we are awaiting the results of the national tidy towns competition. The full results will be given in next months competition. Maynooth tidy towns

would like to thank all the business and estates for their effort and support. We would like to thank the Glenroyal and Leisure Club for sponsoring our competition. Results of the competition and a presentation evening will be given at a later time possible October/November. We would like to thank Intel Ireland Limited for their support in tidy towns. also for their initiative in sponsoring the hanging baskets which were maintained by Maynooth tidy towns committee members with the help of Bob O'Reilly's water machine. Our thanks to Ronan Barry for his supply of water and for storing the water spraying machine.

Maynooth Newsletter

would welcome new contributors in relation to Articles. Residents Association News, Clubs & Organisations, Family Celebrations, Upcoming Events, Book Reviews, Film Reviews, Restaurant Reviews or any thing you might think would be of interest to our Readers.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre News

Question

I believe the income limits for third level grants have increased. Can you give the details?

Answer

The Higher Education Grants Scheme provides means tested grants to eligible students who are pursuing approved courses. The grant is paid by your local authority. For the academic year 2002/2003 the application must have been with the local authority by Friday 30th August 2002. The scheme has been extended to full-time students who are attending medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and teacher training courses in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU Member States. The income limits (for the period 6th April - 31st December 2001) are as follows:

Number of	Full maintenance	Part maintenance	Full fees only	Part Fees only
Dependant Children	and full fees	(50%) and full fees		(50%)
Less than 4	∈21,629	∈22,914	∈25,805	∈27,304
	IR£17,043	IR£18,046	IR£20,323	IR£21,504
4 - 7	∈23,770	∈25,055	∈27,947	∈29,445
	IR£18,721	IR£19,732	IR£22,010	IR£23,190
8 or more	∈25,805	∈27,304	∈30,088	∈31,586
	IR£20,323	IR£21,504	IR£23,696	IR£24,877

The limits can be increased by a further \in 2,615 (IR£2,059) where there are 2 children attending full time third level education, and \in 2,615 for each additional child.

	Non Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Full maintenance	∈2,510	∈1,004
Part maintenance (50%)	∈1,254	∈ 501

All grant-holding students will be awarded an additional grant of up to \in 670 for the charge for student services, registration etc. on courses where free fees apply. This grant will be paid directly to the college/institution by the local authority.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre. Phone 01 6285477.

Question

My uncle needs hearing aids. Can he get any help towards paying for them?

Answer

If your uncle is working and paying PRSI Class A, E, H or P then he may be eligible for assistance from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. If he has a Medical Card his Health Board will provide hearing aids free of charge.

Under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme the Department will pay up to half the cost of a hearing aid or or repairs to a hearing aid. The maximum amount it will pay for each hearing aid is \in 350. To qualify for benefit your uncle must satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions of the scheme. If he satisfies the

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PRSI conditions when he reaches the age of 60 or age 66 he will remain gualified for life. If he is eligible for benefit under the scheme his dependant spouse is also entitled to benefit unless she qualifies in her own right. A person that qualified on their spouse's insurance record at the time of his/her death will retain his/her entitlement as long as the person remains widowed.

To claim Treatment Benefit your uncle must apply to the Department on claim form MA 1 (MA 2 for a dependant spouse) which is available from hearing aid suppliers and from:

Treatment Benefit Section, Department of Social and Family Affairs, St. Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

LoCall: 1890 400 400 (Ext. 4480).

The Health Boards provide Aural (Hearing) Services free of charge to Medical Card holders and to children. Children over the age of 18 in full-time education are also eligible.

Adults may be referred by an Ear, Nose and Throat Consultant or by their own doctor to a Health Board Hearing Aid Clinic. Children are generally referred to hearing aid clinics by Area Medical Officers when defects are noticed at Child Health Clinics or School Health Examinations. If a hearing aid is prescribed it will be supplied by the Health Board.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre, Phone 01 6285477,

Question

I have been looking after my brother who needs fulltime care for the last six months. I only heard about Carer's Allowance recently and I have applied for it. If I am eligible for it, will it be backdated to when I started looking after my brother?

Answer

Carer's Allowance is a means tested payment from the Department of Social and Family affairs for carers who are looking after certain people in need of fulltime care and attention. The person must have so severe a disability as to require continuous supervision and frequent assistance throughout the day in connection with their normal personal needs and to require the care for at least 12 months. A carer will normally reside with the person being cared for, but a non-resident carer may qualify for the allowance.

Generally, the allowance is paid from the date your application is received. However, if you feel you met the conditions for qualifying for Carer's Allowance prior to the date on which you claimed the allowance, you may be entitled to have the date of award backdated for up to 6 months where you can show "good cause" for the delay in making a claim.

You must be able to prove that you satisfied the

qualifying conditions for receipt of the allowance during the period. Good cause may exist where you failed to make a claim due to incorrect or insufficient information having been given to you by the Department. Another reason for a late claim could be illness or some circumstance which prevented a person from making a claim at the correct time. Not being aware of the Carer's Allowance Scheme is not a valid reason to have the award backdated.

You may also request a review of the claim/award. Where a request for a review of the date of claim is made and the original claim was made after June 2000, the review is governed by Social Welfare Law. The review is carried out by a Deciding Officer in the Department and a decision can be appealed to the Chief Appeals Officer. Where the original claim was made before June 2000, the review is not governed by Social Welfare Law and is carried out by a Department Officer on an administrative basis. Such decisions cannot be appealed to the Chief Appeals Officer, but can be reviewed by a Higher Officer.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre. Phone 01 - 6285477.

Question

A couple of my workmates are about to receive long service awards. Will they have to pay tax on the awards?

Answer

Where awards are made to employees or directors as testimonials to mark long service, such awards are normally taxable. If your colleagues, therefore, receive the awards in the form of cash, vouchers, bonds, etc. they are liable for tax.

Where, however, the awards takes the form of tangible articles, such as a watch or an ornament of reasonable cost, no tax will be charged provided that certain conditions are met. These conditions were revised as of the 1st January, 2002 and are as follows:

- The cost to the employer must not exceed \in 50 (was £15) for each year of service.
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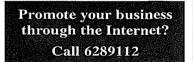
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Maynooth Town F. C. Notes E-mail: maynoothtownfc@eircom.net

As the start of the seasons fast approaches work on the Rathcoffey Road development progresses at a pace. Despite the recent wet weather the removal of top-soil and the 'ripping' of the sub-soil has been completed. Currently the installation of the drainage piping and back filling has commenced. These photographs give some idea of the of the work being carried but it well worth a drive over the motorway bridge to see first hand the extent of the development. From a safety point of view we would ask that you do not enter the site and ensure all our younger members are aware of the dangers of doing so. Sufficient funds have not yet been raised to complete Phase 1 of the project and we would ask anyone who see the project as one worthy of support to do so now. Once completed and matured this facility will be a top class surface and the envy of many visitors to Maynooth.

Away from the development side there have been some issues in finding a suitable temporary playing surface to replace the Rathcoffey Road pitches. This has been compounded by the unavailability of the Harbour Field for pre-season training due to problems with the grass cutting. The club are working to overcome the issues and we would ask managers, players and parents to be patient and work with us to resolve the situation. It is hoped that any disruption to early season fixtures will be kept to a minimum however some disruption now seems inevitable. Should you require any further information on Maynooth Town F.C. please contact Gerry Folan (6286994) or John Doogan (6289720)

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28-Jul-02	7,11,17,19	€ 2,125	TOM KIRBY	DARRAGH NOLAN	TONY SCULLION
4-Aug-02	14,17,20,21	€2,200	DON FOLEY	PAT BURKE	LAUREN EDWARDS



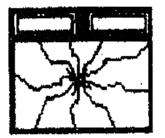
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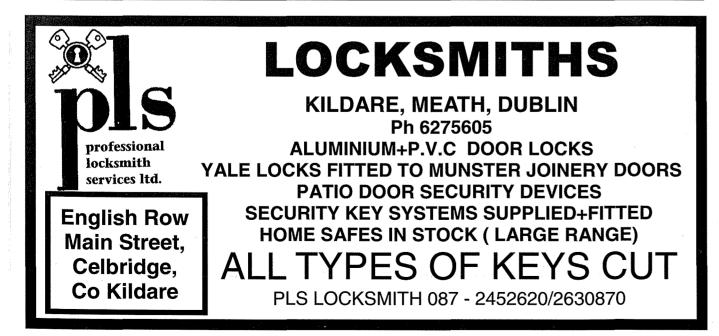
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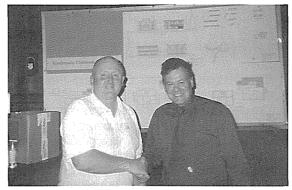
Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

Our outing on the 16th August to Knockanally was the President, Noel Brady's, Prize and the following are the results.

1st Overall	Liam Farrelly	43 pts
2nd	Emmett Savage	40 pts (B.9)
3rd	Sam Feeney	40 pts (B.6)
4th	Barry Desmond	40 pts
5th	Pa Conway	39 pts
6th	John Tiernan	37 pts
7th	Mick Flynn	36 pts (B.9)
Front 9	Don Sullivan	22 pts
Back 9	Gerry McTernan	19 pts
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	Mick Flynn	
Two's Club	Don Sullivan	
Visitors	Eamon McAuley	34 pts

Our next outing is to Athlone on the 7th September. Deposits for weekend by this date. Next round of Match Play to be completed by 7th September.



Liam Farrelly Overall Winner receiving his prize from President Noel Brady

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NORTH KILDARE TO REJECT NICE **TREATY RERUN**

On June 7th of last year the electorate of North Kildare, in similar fashion with the rest of the country. rejected the Nice Treaty by majority vote. In the aftermath of that decision we asked the Government to accept and respect the decision of the people and inform our EU partners accordingly. It is a political tragedy that Taoiseach Ahern and Minister Cowen did not stand up to the pressures put upon them by the other EU States at Gothenburg last year to re-run the Nice referendum instead of insisting on re-negotiating the Treaty. In so doing Bertie Ahern showed that he is no Eamonn De Valera - during World War Two, a much more difficult time than now, the Irish Government resisted huge pressures from Britain and the USA to abandon neutrality and side with them in the war.

Rerunning Nice means that an Irish Government is siding with other EU governments against its own people, in an attempt to overthrow a perfectly valid referendum result. This is truly an awesome moment in our constitutional history. Fundamental to the Nice Repeat is whether the Irish people control the Government or the Government controls the people. That is why all Irish democrats - Yes side voters, No side ones and those who did not vote - should vote No on democratic grounds in October to make the Government do the constitutional duty it failed to do last year, and foil the constitutional outrage it is currently engaged in.

When related referendums were held previously - on abortion, divorce and proportional representation those referendum proposition were in some way different on the second occasion from the first. Nearly ten years had also passed between each such occasion. That is not the case with Nice. The two clauses in the constitutional amendment to ratify Nice will be identical in October to what they were last year. The extra clause inserted by the Government to the effect that we must have a referendum if we wish to join an EU defence pact, has nothing to do with the Nice Treaty and is irrelevant spin-doctoring. According to former Irish Attorney General and Senior Counsel, Mr John Rogers, "this will make no difference to the legal effect of Nice and it will obviously not address the issues of democratic deficit and the flaws identified in the Treaty".

In further cynical manipulation the Government has removed from the neutral, publicly-funded Referendum Commission the function of setting out the Yes-side and No-side arguments on Nice, which it gave last year. This fundamental change to the referendum rules was made in an amendment to the Referendum Act that the Government put through all stages of the Dáil and Seanad in one day on the eve of rising for last Christmas, with just one day's notice to the opposition!

The purpose of this was to clear the way for massive advertising by private interests in the Nice Repeat, who will have vastly greater money than the No side. Unlike the Referendum Commission's publicly funded advertisements, moreover, such private advertising need not be grounded in the facts of the Nice Treaty. We can see the Yes-side advertisements concentrating on irrelevant material - for example that a rejection of Nice will imperil Irish membership of the EU, when of course it does no such thing.

So in an effort to concentrate on the real issues in the Nice Treaty we pose below the seven pointed questions that go to the heart of Nice:

- Do you want an EU where the Irish Taoiseach and Government can no longer decide who is Ireland's Commissioner, but where that is decided by majority vote on the EU Council of Ministers, where the Big States have the decisive sav?
- Do you want an EU where Ireland periodically 2 loses its EU commissioner and could be unrepresented on the body that proposes all EU laws for as much as a quarter of the time?
- Do you want a two-class two-tier EU where 3 Ireland loses its veto on the Big Member States being able to establish an inner-core EU State, with its own Constitution, Army and harmonised taxes for the eurozone, and use the EU Commission, Council, Court and Parliament to call the shots for the rest of us?
- Do you want an EU where the national veto is abolished in 30 new policy areas?
- Do you want and EU which takes over the 5 running of the 60,000-soldier Rapid Reaction Force, to which Ireland has pledged 850 men, and which is empowered to undertake offensive operations outside the EU area without a United Nations mandate?
- 6 Do you want an EU where the Government seeks to overthrow last year's decision of the Irish People to reject the Nice Treaty, under pressure from the Big EU States, so that it is no longer the people who control the Government. but the Government which controls the people?
- Do you know that Nice is not primarily about EU enlargement? It is about dividing Europe, shifting voting power to the big states, centralising more decisions in Brussels, and militarising the EU.

We believe that the people of North Kildare will resent this cynical attempt by the Government to bully the electorate into bending the knee to the wishes of the Brussels bureaucrats, commission commissars and are confident of Ireland reaffirming its No to Nice.

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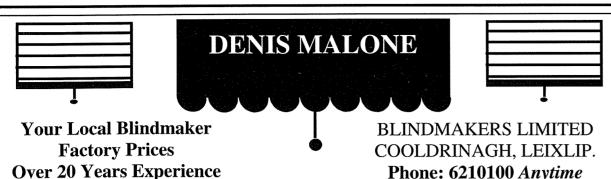
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Maynooth Labour News



Emmet Stagg, T.D.

Bond Bridge / Meadowbrook Link Road

The County Engineer made a verbal report to the Special Leixlip Area Committee Meeting held on 29 July. He stated that he could not give the written report as the County Manager had not seen or approved it as he was on holidays and it would be inappropriate to make the report public in these circumstances. In his verbal report he stated that there was very little funding in the Bond Bridge account as the money had been used for road improvements in the area e.g. the Rathcoffey Road at Castledawson. Cllr. John McGinley stated that this was incredible as there should be around £1.1m in the account and secondly the money collected in Special Development Levies for Bond Bridge should not have been used elsewhere. Other funding had been identified for the roadworks at Castledawson.

The County Engineer stated that he wanted both projects (Bond bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road) to proceed and that it was now up to the County Manager to decide whether or not the Council could finance both. In the absence of the report and the County Manager's views it was pointless continuing to discuss the matter and Cllr. McGinley asked for a meeting with the County Manager for 2 August or the earliest possible date after that. Both Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg want to assure the people of Maynooth that they will do everything possible to ensure the completion of these two essential projects.

Carton Avenue

The Council have agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's request to tidy up the entrance to Carton Avenue in the short term and to speed up the implementation of the proposed works for the Avenue and the top of the town.

Tree Pruning in Maynooth Housing Estates

Following requests from Residents' Associations Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following tree pruning/ removal to the council:

Greenfield Estate

Prune, or remove if necessary, the 6 poplar trees along the wall between No.1 Straffan way and No.1 Greenfield Drive as they are very overgrown.

Remove completely the 16 Leylandii trees at the side of House No.24 Greenfield Drive as they are an eyesore and they are blocking the light from the occupants of the house.

Railpark Estate

A survey of all trees is needed in this estate as many of them are overgrown.

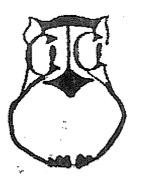
Main Street, Maynooth

Following requests from residents living in Main Street Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council.

"That an Action Area Plan be drawn up for the houses on Main Street, Maynooth, with a view to protecting their residential status."



Cllr. John McGinley



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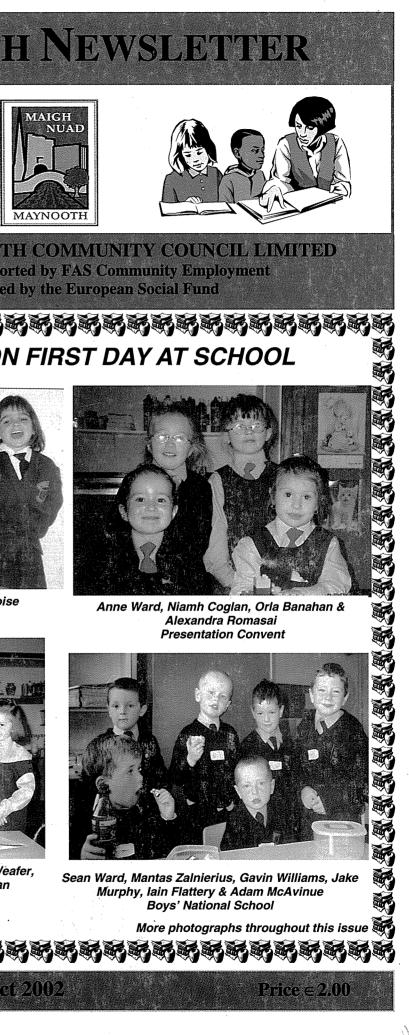
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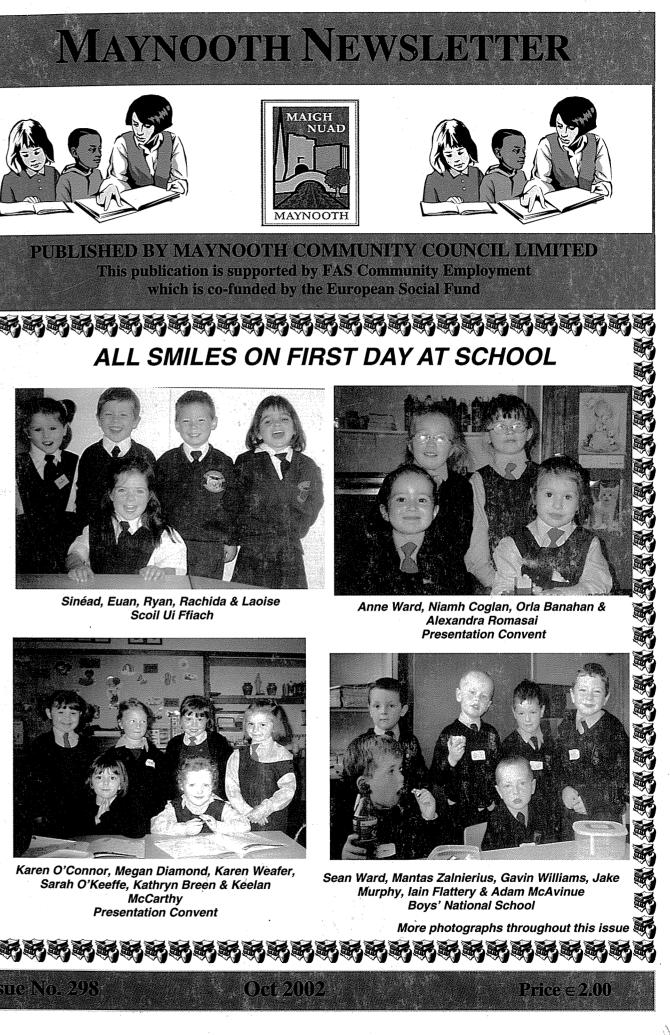
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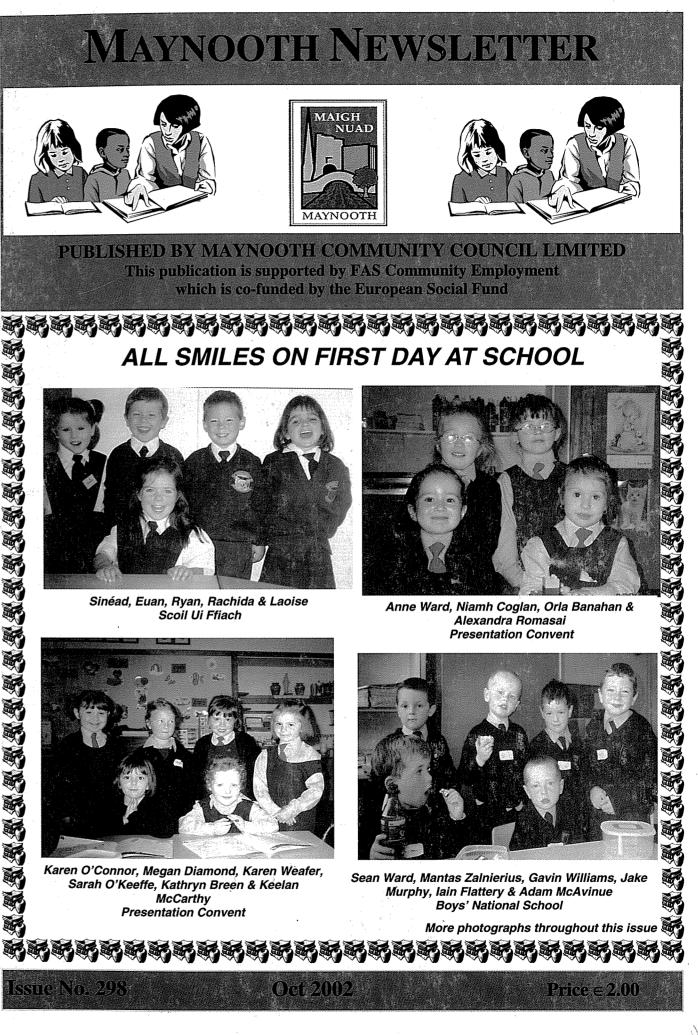
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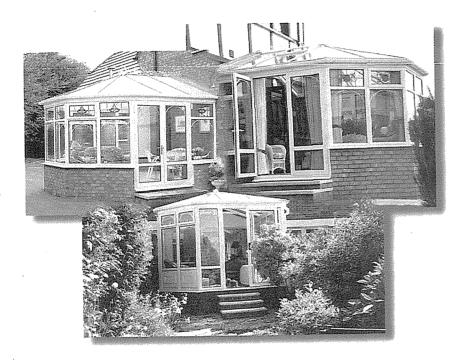




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Editorial

Sunday night, the 22nd September, heralded the end of an era in Maynooth. The Geraldine Arms, better known as Caulfields Public House, finally closed its doors to the public before its imminent demolition in the next few days. It was a particularly lively weekend with some Armagh supporters drinking there on Saturday and the crowds that attended for the GAA final between Kerry and Armagh on the Sunday afternoon. But the full impact was felt that night when the cameras came out to take the final pictures and customers asked for various mementos of their long years drinking, socialising and meeting within those four walls. What remains of Caulfields will soon disappear to be replaced by a larger, modernised house. It is hoped that the community that was Caulfields continues to flourish and come together again when it hopes to open in early December. Along with Bradys, Caulfields is considered a locals pub but it has welcomed many of the town's blow-ins and made us more than welcome and part of the old town. It was a poignant view to watch the pub empty and for those who saw it through to the bitter end there were many ghosts haunting the premises. All the characters who have passed on who had their own particular stools and special corners - too numerous to mention. But we could not help but remember them on that occasion. This is without doubt the end of an era but the new building will house a meeting room to accommodate the many clubs and societies who are the heart and soul of this public house. So many regulars filled the small remaining space on Sunday night that it was difficult to move and there were those that were close to tears. There will be many who will be scouting the town this week looking for a suitable replacement. Trying to find a replacement pub may prove difficult.

We would like to welcome back our student population and welcome the first years to Maynooth. May they have a fruitful, educational and enjoyable time in our growing town. We note that the schools have also opened and that the traffic levels seem to have grown out of all proportion to the road capacity. It is great news that Kildare County Council have agreed to go ahead with the Meadowbrook Link and Bond Bridge. There was some danger that they would suffer due to the decrease in the country's resources. This should alleviate the traffic congestion but the planned developments at both ends of the town need to be accommodated otherwise we are facing daylong gridlock, bad temper and possible accidents, particularly at the junction outside the Roost pub.

The Newsletter is delighted to announce that a full editorial board is now in existence after a gap of a year. Names will be found elsewhere in this publication.

Finally, the Newsletter would like to draw attention to the fact that we only received an article against the Nice treaty. We usually try to achieve balance but no one was prepared to write an article advocating a yes vote. We urge everyone to go out and vote and to consider the issues seriously and not to treat this as a vote on the Government. This referendum is much too serious to have it reduced to an anti-Government vote. The Saturday vote should accommodate those who need to

Community Council Notes September Meeting

Maynooth Community Council News

The September meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 9th September in the Glenroval Hotel.

Maynooth Action Area Plan

Cllr. John McGinley said that the public will have to decide what is the best for the Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall, also the 55 acre park at Carton. He said it is important to have consultation with the public and that submissions should be sent to Kildare County Council. A target of six months was set for completion of plans.

A special meeting was held on the 17th September to discuss the plans.

Editorial Board

A meeting of the new Editorial Board will take place on Monday 16th September.

Festival

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher, said that a Festival Committee will be set up soon. It is hoped to make next year's Festival a huge success. He thanked all the office staff and the Festival Committee. Willie Saults, Treasurer, also thanked everyone involved and said that guite a lot of money was raised for the Community Council.

Local Matters

Paul Croghan raised the point that the Geraldine Hall is in a very bad state and is now a dangerous building. He said something should be done about it. However it was pointed out by Cllr. John McGinley that it is hoped that Kildare County Council will take over the Geraldine Hall in September.

Maynooth Centre Partnership

Ann Burns said that Maynooth Centre Partnership and M.C.C. are working together on the prospect of a Community Centre for Maynooth. She said they had being looking at other Community Centres. They wrote to Kildare County Council and also to Maynooth Development Association. She said that they would also be writing to Kelt looking for a grant. Ann said that they felt that they are ready to look at bringing in an architect.

However Cllr. John McGinley pointed out that all the land will be in public ownership and it would be best to wait until the Area Action Plan is finalised.

Tidy Towns Competition

Paul Croghan told the meeting that Maynooth had gained six more points on last year. He said the Tidy Towns Committee were very pleased with this. He thanked the Tidy Towns Committee, Kildare County Council. Residents Associations and all the voluntary effort put in during the year.

Residents Associations

On behalf of Moyglare Village Paul Croghan said that the ∈150 grant received from Kildare County Council was very disappointing. He said the burden of grass cutting was crippling on Residents Associations. he also pointed out that cars are parking on double yellow lines at the Post Primary School. he felt that cars parked there collecting children, are making it very dangerous and could cause an accident. However Cllr. Senan Griffin said that he felt that most cars don't park on the yellow lines. He also said that the school has not enough parking places.

Des Matthews on behalf of Woodlands said that they were also very disappointed with the \in 150 grant from Kildare County Council. He said grass cutting would cost them ∈4,000 this year, also insurance is a huge expense.

Sean Cushen on behalf of College Green said that grass cutting has now nearly become a year round job, also that they find it hard to collect the subscriptions from let and rented houses.

Hugh Gallagher Rockfield said that it was very important that all residents pay their subs with the cost raising all the time.

Drug Seizure in Maynooth

Tom McMullon congratulated the gardai and all concerned with the huge drug seizure in Maynooth.

Summer Project

On behalf of the Summer Project Committee Claire O'Rourke said that the Summer Project went very well this year. She thanked all involved. The Committee and parents who made it all happen She also thanked Kildare County Council for \in 1,000 grant.

Next Maynooth Community Council Meeting will take place on the 14th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson PRO



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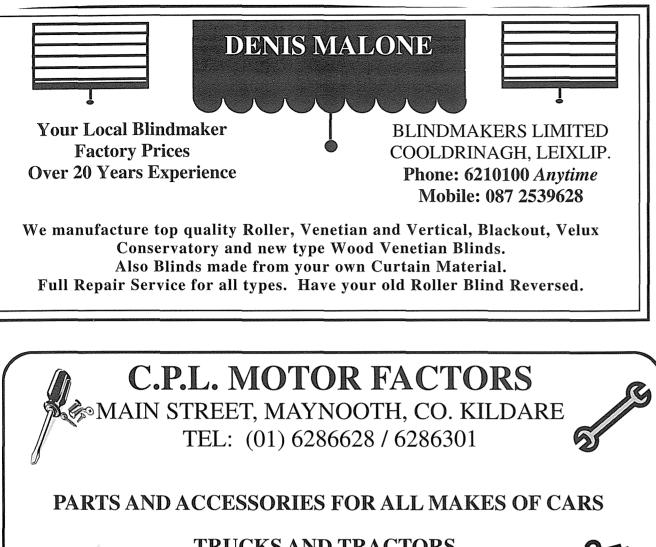
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02/1639	Desmond Noone	Laragh Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	23/08/02	(1) to demolish existing single storey dwelling, (2) to build replacement storey and a half type dwelling incorporating single storey garage and utility annex in lieu of the above dwelling to be demolished & (3) to revise site boundaries as per boundaries	Laragh Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1663	Roger Satchwell	Mariaville Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	27/08/02	to demolish existing substandard gate lodge	Mariaville Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1669	Lisa Halton	Threadstown Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	28/08/02	to erect a dormer type dwelling house and double garage along with proprietary domestic effluent treatment system, upgrading of existing field entrance to provide recessed vehicular site access and all other associated site works	Threadstown Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1700	Larry Donald	Electricity Supply Board Lower Fitzwilliam Square Dublin 2	Ρ	02/09/02	sought to locate new spare undergised 250MVA Transformer onto existing foundation in Maynooth ESB Station	ESB Station Maynooth Taghadoe Co. Kildare
02/1708	North City builders	Millrace Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	03/09/02	sought for change of house type on approved site	23 Pebble hill Dunboyne Road Maynooth
02/1724	NUI Maynooth	National University of Ireland Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	05/09/02	for student accommodation on a site adjoining existing student accommodation at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth for the following: 250 study bedrooms in a combination of 1 no. four bedroom and 49 no. five bedroom apartments etc.	NUI Ireland Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1726	Wendy Forster	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	05/09/02	for two storey house, garage for domestic use and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1741	Noel Farrelly	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/09/02	for dormer bungalow and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1744	Denis Byrne	60 Celbridge Abbey Clane Road Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	09/09/02	for dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/1761	Tom Flood	The Old Mill Old Bawn Tallaght Dublin 24	Ρ	10/09/02	for change of use from shop to betting office	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1772	Glenmoy Developments Ltd.	Grafton Buildings 34 Grafton Street Dublin 2	Ρ	11/09/02	sought for 128 two bedroom own door apartments in mixed two and three storey buildings on the former Presentation Convent grounds	Nagle Court Dillons Row Maynooth
02/1787	Joe Farrell	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge Co. Kildare	Ρ	13/09/02	development will consist of the change of use and conversion of the existing garage to an office, the construction of a new single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dormer dwelling and the construction of a new single storey etc.	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge



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Bus Shelter

In their wisdom C.I.E. put a shelter outside Caulfields. A set down stop that is used about once a day to pick up passengers while across the road at Uí Buachallas, where passengers congregate for the Dublin bus have to bear the elements. So it was great to see a group from Northern Ireland using the unused shelter on their way to Knock to have their breakfast.





Maynooth Newsletter

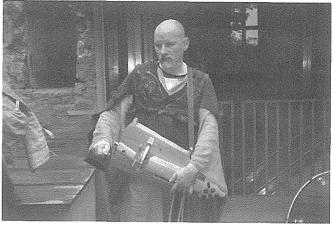
would welcome new contributors in relation to Articles, Residents Association News, Clubs & Organisations, Family Celebrations, Upcoming Events, Book Reviews, Film Reviews, Restaurant Reviews or any thing you might think would be of interest to our Readers.

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at Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth on or before copy date which is on page 3 of this issue or you can Email us at maynoothcc@ eircom.net

Medieval Fair

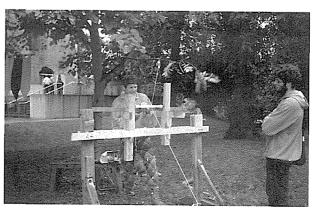
Large crowds attended the Castle for the event on Saturday 7th September. With guided tour and participation in events for all it was an enjoyable experience.



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A Lathe or Wood Turner of Ancient Times. Notice the use of the branch as a spring.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Tidy Towns Competition 2002

Maynooth has made further progress in this year's competition with our score increasing a further six points up to 206. This is an excellent result despite the fact that we increased by sixteen points and achieved a special merit award in the 2001 competition. Additional points are hard to gain so a further increase of six is no mean achievement. At this stage we will not try to thank everyone for their efforts as the report from the judges is worth reading in itself and it follows these notes. We will of course be acknowledging people on the occasion when we announce the winners of our Best Estates and Shop Fronts Competitions 2002 in mid October. Please take a few minutes to read the report from the judges on Maynooth's performance in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2002.

Maynooth, Co. Kildare **Overall Developmental Approach**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Your submitted plan is excellent and fully comprehensive. Well done on its completion and good luck with the completion of all in the plan! As a rapidly growing centre many challenges face you over the next number of years. You have identified these and also threats & opportunities for the town. Your plan for the two action areas of the Harbour and Carton Avenue is admirable Congratulations on your Endeavour Award in 2001 and well done on this years presentation.

The Built Environment

Maynooth is a beautiful town with many fine buildings along is lovely Main Street. The maturing trees along the street area are much admired for adding a lovely ambience and softening the streetscape. The development at the Square is very good - simple and tasteful. The Coffee Mill and the Roost were very well presented. The Leinster Arms looked well as did the Bank of Ireland. Some newly refurbished buildings were complimented for their retention of the towns heritage. The Railways Station was maintained & presented and the Maynooth Business Part is a very fine development. St Patrick's College and NUI Maynooth were both beautifully presented and complemented on their maintenance. The Church was also admired as was The Citizens Advice premises and Hegarty Solicitors. The adjudicator was pleased to learn of the impending developments at the Kavanagh Mills property and at the Mart. The committee is complemented for their activities under this heading and for the amount of work undertaken in association with other groups.. Good luck with work on the Geraldine Hall - a very worthy project, and indeed with all other work noted under this heading.

Landscaping

A very lovely array of boxes, baskets and tubs were admired along the Main Street during adjudication this vear. New tree planting along the Straffan Rd, Kilcock Rd, Maynooth Business Part, are complimented. The Harbour Area looked well except for the presence of litter. The area along the Church and School was well maintained and presented. Your tree survey is an excellent idea. The area at the Joan Slade River is very beautiful.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities

The amount of natural amenities in and around Maynooth are no doubt home to a great number of species. The development of the amenity walks are an excellent way to introduce the area to residents and visitors alike. The small wildlife areas in your estates are also complimented. The Harbour area was home to ducks, moorhens, heron and swans on the day of adjudication. Providing information to the schools is complimented. Again you have a very extensive active plan under this heading.

Litter Control

Unfortunately for Maynooth litter control on the day of adjudication was not good. Along Main Street there was a lot of litter especially outside the newsagents. On the Leixlip Rd more litter was noted. Along the road after emerging from the station letter was excessive. In the Harbour Area there was some litter and in the field beside this, litter was excessive. Your activities and plants are very good but perhaps they need to be looked at again.

Tidiness

There was no major problems under this heading. Be diligent where weeds and litter are concerned.

Residential Areas

Residential areas were very well presented & maintained. Those noted were: Castlebridge, Railpark, Manor Park, Parson Lodge, Parson Court, Parklands & Old Greenfield. Landscaping was admired in many estates - well done to all involved.

Roads. Streets and Back Areas

The approach roads from Naas was very well presented. Some walls were admired in many areas. The Kilcock Road verges needed attention and also on the Leixlip road. Many side areas around the Main Street have been refurbished and look very well after been resurfaced. Your five historic walks in the town are an excellent amenity and walking & cycling routes are complimented e.g. on Rathcoffey Road.

General Impression

The general impression of Maynooth is very favourable - good luck in reaching your targets over the coming years.

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RESULTS			
	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	37
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	22	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	206	200

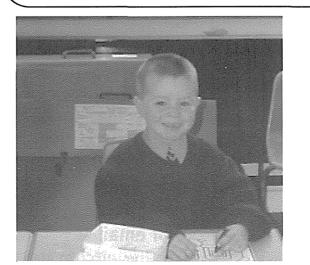
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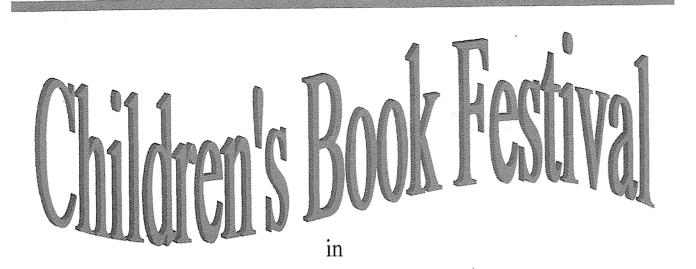
Winners will be announced in Mid-October 2002



Aaron O'Callaghan



Cillian O'Searcaigh, Calvin MacCumascaigh, David MacFhloinn, Sean Ó hAirtneada, Aidan Steinberg, Fearghal O'Cadáin Scoil Ui Fiach



Maynooth Community Library

\Rightarrow Tuesday 29th October:

11.00-12.30pmEdel McDonnellMusic Workshop 7-12 years

⇒ Wednesday 30th October

11.00-12.30	om Clo	dagh	Kelly
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2.30-4.00pm Clodagh Kelly

Scary Mask Workshop 7-12 years

\Rightarrow Thursday 31st October:

2.30-4.00pm Terry Hassett Henry

Witches & Wizards 7-12 years

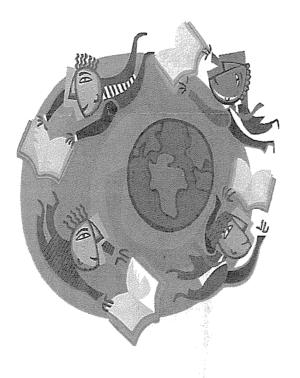
\Rightarrow Friday 1st November:

11.00-12.30pm Karen Donnellan

Musical Tots Pre-Schoolers

2.30-4.00pm The Basher Bacon Roadshow

Over 5's



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Features

Children's Book Festival Kildare Libraries

Mask Making

Ghosts, gouls or scary monsters !!!!!! Give your imagination free reign - Join Emma Forde or Clodagh Kelly and have some fun while making your very own "Scary Mask".

Emma hails from Kill and is a graduate of L>S>A>D> where she worked with various mediums i.e. paint, ceramics , textiles. Clodagh lives in Leixlip. She studied printmaking in college.

Music Workshops

Musical Tots workshops, for pre-school children and their parents, will be facilitated by Maynooth based, Karen Donellan. The workshop aims to show how music can help to develop language co-ordination and social skills. Older children can go on a Musical Adventure with Edel McDonnell. Come and explore musical elements such as pulse, and rhythm, melody and tempo. Edel is recent graduate of the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin. Ghoulish Tales

houlish Tales

Well known author Terry Hasset Henry will read Witches and Wizards Tales to coincide the latest Harry Potter film The Chamber of Secrets.Come dressed as your favourite Harry Potter character.

The Basher Bacon Roadshow

TV puppeteer **Dominic Moore** brings his show **The Bacon Basher Roadshow** to Kildare for Children's Book Festival. Join Basher in his wonderful wacky world, where with his own unique style of banter, Basher introduces us to us to beautiful damsels, obnoxious sisters, indescribably evil villains and horrifying monster.

The Basher Bacon Roadshow, while incorporating comic sketches, frightening adventure, ludicrous predicaments and quick fire snappy dialogue throughout, retains a strong story-line with a robust moral tone.

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INTRODUCTION

Sir Ernest Shackleton the great polar explorer at Kilkea House, Athy, Co. Kildare in 1874. Shackleton was renowned for his courage, extraordinary leadership skills and his contribution to geographical discovery during the era of Antartic exploration in the early years of the 20th century.

The Endurance expedition 1914-1916 has become one of the greatest epics of human survival, while Shackleton has become famous for his triumphs of honesty and humanitarianism.

Writer Mary Russell's approach to travel and exploration reflects the philosophy of Shackleton. Like Shackleton, her courage and interpersonal skills have seen her through many difficult situations. Mary Russell is a serious traveller. She has cycled through Syria, dog sledded through the Finnish Arctic and scrambled on her hands and knees across the Sahara. Like Shackleton, Russell's physical journeys have been immense, but fundamentally, the inner journey interests her most.

To celebrate County Kildare's association with Shackleton, and to coincide with the Ernest Shackleton Autumn School, Kildare Library and Arts Service will host a series of writer's workshops countrywide in September/ October. The workshops, facilitated by Mary Russell will examine themes of travel, exploration and endurance.

WORKSHOP DIRECTOR

Mary Russell was born in Dublin and studied Arts at University College Dublin. She soon began writing for the Irish Times and for RTE. Her career in travel writing escalated with a four-part series on solo women travellers for the Guardian Newspaper.

In 1981, Mary travelled to Lesotho, the first of many such journeys. The following year, Mary cycled through France, from Le Harve to Marseilles. She caught a ship to Algiers, continuing to the Sahara Desert where she spent time with the Saharawi - a desert people displaced by the invasion of their country by Morocco. Other journeys followed ...to the Arctic, South Africa, Hungary and the Eastern Caribbean.

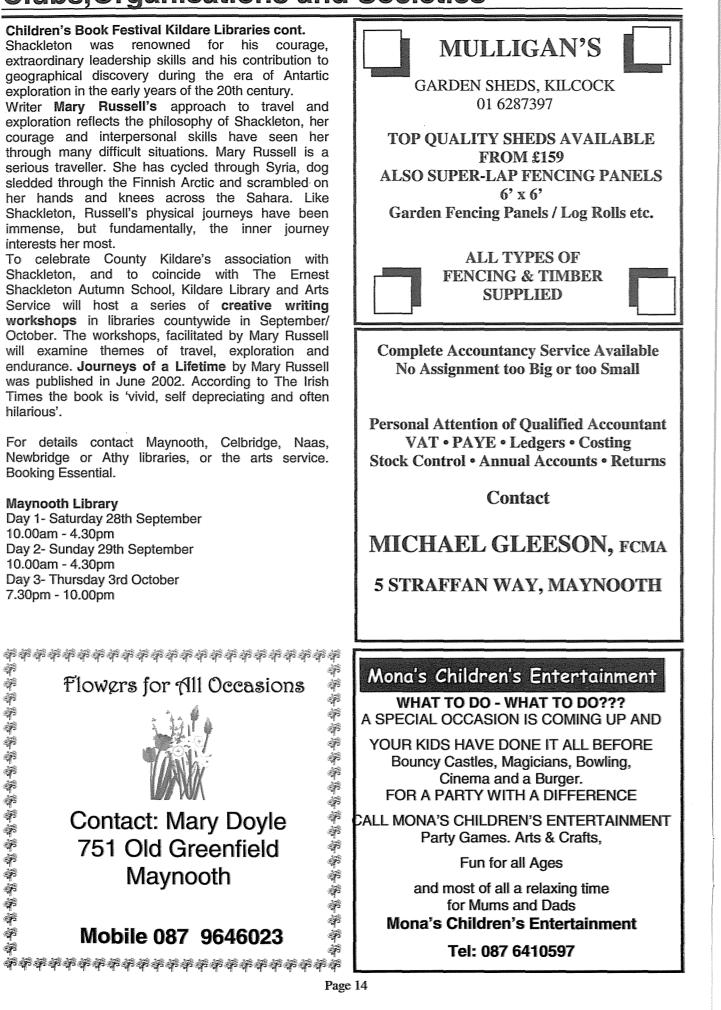
In 1998, Mary was invited to contribute to Penguin's **Amazonian**, a collection of new travel writing, by women. Following on from this, Irish publishing company, Town House commissioned her to write a travel book, which looks, not only at the places she has so far visited, but also at her reasons for going to these places. The Arab world, with all of its complexities continues to entice Mary, with more recent travels taking her to Israel, Syria and Iraq.

Literature

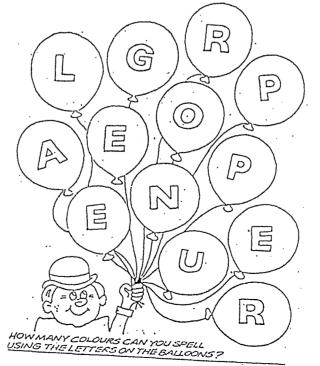
Creative Writing Workshops

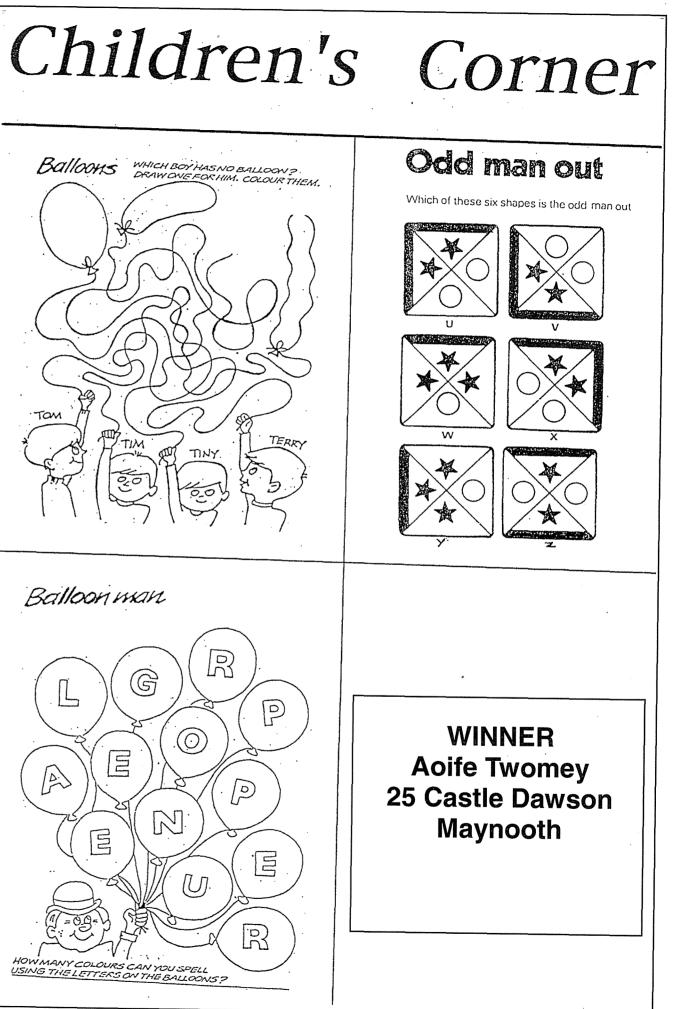
Sir Ernest Shackleton the great polar explorer was born at Kilkea House, Athy, Co.Kildare in 1874.

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Poets Corner

TONIGHT

I rest on my bed tonight With my thoughts flowing free Many dreams to be sought Within this room and me The night passes slowly by Deep in my private solitude My heart with a yearning cry With all my wholesome truth I pray at this very night That my mind will drift away To end all my weary plight And deep in sleep I stay I will arise the following morn Awoken to a brand new day So until the next day reborn That my life will be ok

By Patrick Murray (Celbridge)

An Awful Dilemma

Two young girls missing from home No trace of them to be found Parents worried in a silent dome Just where are these kids destiny bound. Then reality strikes all in the face Two bodies unidentifiable laying there Their deaths to humanity a disgrace Murdered to death without a care.

Once Jessica and Holly full of fun Enjoving life in adventure free Parents little hearts clearly won Now no more of them alive to see. What a catastrophe, what despair What reason can this murder be Two beautiful girls beyond compare An act so obscene seems to me. Patrick Murrav 624 St.Patricks Park Celbridge Co.Klldare.

Flowers in the Zoo

Snapdragons flame and flutter Lillie's greet each other Wallflowers watch and wait In their beds beside the gate.

Now the dandelions roar. In their den beside the boar Daisy chains take the strain Daring not to complain.

In the evening all is still Little people come and peep Around the moss laid creek While dew-eyed flowers sleep.

Liam Murray



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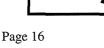
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Special Olympics In Maynooth

Thursday August 15th dawned bright and sunny - a miracle in itself given the trend of this summer! The prayers of the Maynooth Special Olympics Host Town Programme's had been answered and everything boded well for their Golf Classic on the magnificent O'Meara course in Carton Demense Golf Club. The reception, assistance and interest of the Mallaghan family and their staff was truly amazing and as a result the atmosphere for participants and committee was absolutely perfect. The fantastic organisational abilities of Doreen Duignan meant that the whole event ran without a single hitch. Between the beautiful sunshine and the excellent meal which followed in Movulare Manor all involved had a wonderful day. The money raised means that the Mavnooth committee are well on their way to ensuring that the Brazilian Special Olympics team will have a memorable reception during their four day stay in Maynooth from 16th - 20th June 2003.

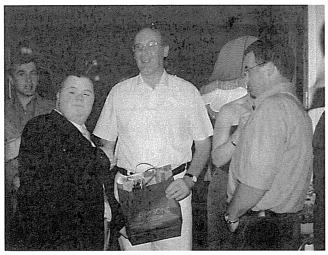
The committee now must turn their minds to the organisation of these four days and the serious attention to detail that is required. It will take a lot of community participation to make this venture a success. Families will be needed to adopt an apartment in St. Patrick's College where the Brazilian athletes will stay, entertainment events have to be organised, training locations must be finalised, transport needs to be co-ordinated and the list goes on! We are starting with the recruitment of volunteers who will give of their time (and energy!) during the stay of the Brazilian team and will help with the preparations. A recruitment drive will take place on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st September at the shopping centres at Tesco, Greenfield and the Glenroyal. We appeal for volunteers from al walks of life and we are making a special appeal at present for volunteers from the medical and para-medical professions. Medical backup is vital as the safety and well being of the athletes is of paramount importance to the Special Olympics Movement. If anyone in the community has a medical/para-medical background we would be only too delighted to hear from you. Contact Ann (6289705) or Annette (6290031).

Martin Brady of the Leinster Arms is still doing very well on his sponsored weight loss and by the end of September all will be revealed. Martin deserves every credit for this very personal fund raising activity - not every one would put themselves so publicly on the line - or on the scales as is the case here!

A delegation from the Maynooth committee was invited to meet the Brazilian Ambassador. Mr. Armando Sergio Frazao, in the Brazilian Embassy in Europa House, Harcourt Street, Dublin on Thursday, 29th August. The Ambassador was very enthusiastic about Maynooth's preparations to welcome the

Brazilian team and he is very keen to be involved in every way possible. The delegation were most impressed by the Ambassador's genuine warmth and his commitment to helping Maynooth to extend the friendliest hand imaginable to his fellow countrymen and women.

Watch out for a few more up-coming events! The Keeble School will be performing in the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on Fri. 18th October and Bourbon Street will be entertaining us with their Big Band style music in the Glenroval Hotel on Sat. 19th October. Keep and eve out for further details!



John McElligott receiving his award for closest to the pin



Marie Gleeson, Carmel Buckley, Brazilian Ambassador Armando Sergio Frazao, Melanie Oliver, Elaine Bean & Doreen Duignan in Brazilian Embassy



Msgr. Alex Stenson & Teammates during Golf Classic



Mark Smith Gold Medal Winner presenting bouquet of flowers to Doreen Duignan organiser of Golf Classic



John Byrne & Team 2nd Prize Winners



Emma Clifford Clancy, Sarah Fanthom, Katie Geraghty, Elizabeth Abijo Presentation Convent



Cian O'Flatharta. Sebastian Ó Bhroin Scoil Ui Fiach



Top Lady Golfer Karen O'Donovan

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Summer is gone, and the Autumn is drawing nearer. Looking for something different to do? somewhere you can go for a bit of fun, meet some new people, and keep fit all at the one time????. Well, here's the answer. Why not join us for a night of Ceili and Setdancing on a Monday night in the Boys National School Hall on the Moyglare road.

We come in all shapes and sizes and from a variety of different backgrounds and cultures, but it doesn't matter when you get up on the floor. Even if you think you have two left feet that won't stop you! We grab a partner put on the music and sure there's no stopping us!! You think you would like to "Dance around the house and mind the dresser", well come along to the Adult Ceili and Set-Dancing classes also on a Monday night in the Boys National School Hall and book your spot on the floor. What a better way to keep fit than swinging your partner around the floor and learning a few steps as well. We certainly have a bit of fun. So come along any Monday night and see for yourself. We even stop for a cup of tea and a few biscuits. Make new friends, and have a bit of craic!!!

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Pumpkin Soup

2 lb pumpkin Sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and cayenne 4 oz butter 1 large onion 2 pints milk Sugar 5 fl oz cream Garnish: finely chopped dill or chervil Cooking time: 45 - 50 minutes



Method:

Cut the pumpkin into small chunks. Cut off the peel and remove the seeds and stringy parts. Put the pumpkin in a pan containing just enough boiling, salted water to cover the chunks. Bring to the boil and simmer for about 15 minutes, or until the pulp is tender. Drain, and either rub the pumpkin pulp through a coarse sieve or mash it in a liquidiser. Melt the butter in a pan and fry the peeled and finely chopped onion for about 5 minutes, or until soft and transparent. Add the pumpkin puree and heat through for 10 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Gradually add the hot milk, and season to taste; heat the soup through. Strain the soup through a sieve. Return it to the pan and heat again. Correct the seasoning and blend in the cream without letting the soup reach boiling point. Pour into soup bowls and sprinkle with the herbs.

Pumpkin Pie

I lb pumpkin puree 1/2 lb shortcrust pastry 1/2 pint cream 3 eggs 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel

- 5 oz caster sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt 1 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon each of ground cinnamon and ground cloves

Cooking Time: 1 1/4 hours

Oven Temperature: 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4

Method:

Make the puree by cutting the pumpkin into chunks, removing the skin and seeds and boiling in lightly salted water until tender. Drain, rub through a sieve, then set aside to cool. Roll out the pastry and use it, to line a 9-10 inch flan ring set on a baking sheet. Bake this blind in the oven, at a temperature of 200c, 400f, mark 6 - until brown. Beat the cream lightly with the eggs, lemon peel and sugar. Stir this mixture into the pumpkin puree and add the salt, ginger, cinnamon and ground cloves. Combine thoroughly, then spoon the filling into the pie shell and bake until set and brown. Serving: you can serve this pie cold with a bowl of whipped cream or the cream may be piped on to the pie and garnished with walnut halves.

Baked Marrow

- 1 medium sized marrow
- 8 oz lean pork
- 1 small onion
- 1 oz butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 oz white breadcrumbs
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 egg
- Cooking Time: 1 hour
- Oven temperature: 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4

Method:

Peel the marrow, cut it in half lengthways and scoop out the seeds; or cut a slice off at one end and leave the marrow whole, scooping out the seeds with a long handled spoon. Put the pork through the fine blade of a mincer or get your butcher to do it. Peel the onion and chop it finely. Melt the butter and fry the onion for 5 minutes until it is soft, but not coloured; then add the minced meat and seal over a high heat for a few minutes. Remove the pan from the heat, blend in the chopped parsley and breadcrumbs and season the stuffing with salt and pepper. Beat the egg lightly and use it to bind the stuffing. Spoon the stuffing into the two marrow halves and put them together. Tie in place with two or three pieces of fine string and wrap the stuffed marrow in buttered foil. Place in a roasting tin and bake in the oven.

Serving: Cut the stuffed marrow into thick slices and serve with buttered rice and a tomato sauce.

Variations: Baked marrow can be stuffed with any type of forcemeat, herb - flavoured sausage meat, cheese, rice and tomatoes or minced beef.

Cold Stuffed Peppers

- 4 green or red peppers
- 1 lb cooked chicken
- 4 sticks celery
- 4 salad onions
- 5 fl oz mayonnaise
- 2 1/2 fl oz double cream
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Tobacco sauce
- Garnish: grated orange rind

Method:

Slice off the stalk base from the peppers and remove seeds and membranes. Blanch the peppers in the boiling water for 5 minutes, then leave them upsidedown to drain and cool. Remove the skin and bones from the chicken and dice the flesh into tiny pieces. Scrub the celery sticks and chop them finely: clean and slice the salad onions. Blend the mayonnaise with the cream and tomato paste, and season to taste with salt and pepper and a few drops of Tabasco. Fold the chicken, celery and salad onions into the mayonnaise mixture, and spoon this stuffing into the drained peppers.



Dorin's Recipes Contd.

Serving: Sprinkle the stuffing with finely grated orange rind and serve the peppers as a light, main course with a salad of dressed watercress.

Sweet - Corn Toasts

1/2 lb corn kernels 2 tablespoons corn oil 1 onion 2 tablespoons flour 4 fl oz mixed milk and cream 1 teaspoon French mustard Tabasco sauce Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 1/2 lb cooked ham 8 slices Gruvere cheese 8 slices bread (for toasting) Cooking time: 30 minutes

Method:

Strip the kernels from the cooked corn cobs, or you can use drained kernels from a can. Heat the oil in a pan and add the finely chopped onion, fry over a moderate heat for five minutes. Stir in the flour and cook through, then gradually add the milk and cream, stirring all the time until the sauce is smooth and free from lumps. Add mustard, tabasco, salt and pepper to taste. Fold the corn kernels and diced ham into the sauce, and simmer for 5-10 minutes. Make the toast and spread the corn mixture over each slice, topping it with a thin slice of cheese. Set the slices under a hot grill until the cheese is bubbling-brown.

Serving: serve the toast at once, as a complete meal. Variations: substitute crisps, crumbled bacon, diced chicken or smoked haddock for the ham.

Pork with courgettes

4 lean pork steaks

Sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and paprika 1 onion

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 3/4 lb tomatoes
- 3/4 couraettes
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 5 oz chicken stock
- 1 oz butter
- Garnish: chopped chives Cooking Time: 65 minutes

Oven Temperature: 160c, 325f, Gas mark 3

Method:

Trim excess fat from the pork steaks and season them with salt, pepper and paprika. Peel the onion and chop finely. Heat the oil in a pan and seal the pork steaks until they are brown on both sides-about 2 minutes on each side. Lift into a lightly buttered ovenproof dish. Fry the onion in the oil until golden, then spoon it over the steaks. Skin and roughly chop the tomatoes and lay them over the onion. Slice the washed and dried courgettes thinly and arrange over the tomatoes. Blend the tomato paste and sugar with the chicken

Blend the tomato paste and sugar with the chicken stock: pour over the contents of the casserole until it comes just below the courgettes. Cover the dish with a lid and bake in the oven for 50 minutes. Remove the lid from the dish, brush the courgettes with the melted butter and return to the oven for a further 15 minutes, or until the courgettes have browned.

Serving: garnish with finely chopped chives and serve straight from the oven with buttered noodles or rice. Variation: sprinkle the courgettes with finely grated cheese instead of brushing with butter, and continue baking until the cheese has melted.

Cheesy French Beans

1 lb French beans 2 tablespoons oil 1 garlic clove Sea salt 3 oz Cheddar cheese Paprika 2 tomatoes Cooking Time: 30 minutes



Oven Temperature: 190c, 375f, Gas mark 5

Method:

Wash, top and tail the beans. Put in a pan of boiling lightly salted water and cook for 5-7 minutes. Drain, then refresh in cold water. Brush an ovenproof dish with a little oil, cut the garlic in half and rub over the dish. Lav the well-drained beans in the dish, brush them liberally with oil and sprinkle with salt. Slice the cheese thinly and lay over the beans, sprinkle with paprika and top with tomato slices. Cook near the top of the oven for about 20 minutes, or until the cheese has melted.

Serving: serve on its own with hot garlic bread, or as a light supper dish with boiled cold ham or gammon. Variation: young courgettes, in half lengthways, may be used instead of French beans.

Broad Beans with Basil and Lemon

6 tbsp lemon juice

4 tbsp sunflower oil

3 tbsp chopped fresh basil or 1 1/2 tbsp dried 2 small onions, skinned and thinly sliced



1 lb frozen broad beans

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste Lettuce leaves, lemon slices and basil sprigs, to aarnish.

Method:

Whisk the lemon juice, oil and basil until smooth. Add the onions and mix well. Cook the beans without adding water for 10 minutes or until they are just tender. Drain. While still hot, add to the lemon mixture. Season and leave until cold. Cover and chill for 2-3 hours, stirring occasionally. Arrange a few lettuce leaves on a serving dish and spoon the beans over. Garnish with lemon slices and sprigs of basil.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Boys School Parents Maynooth Swimming Club Association

We would like to welcome back all the boys and their teachers, especially the Junior Infants. We hope that you all had a good summer despite the weather.

As the traffic on the road in front of the school can be very heavy at school opening and closing times, we ask all parents who are in cars to be extra vigilant and only to park in the designated areas. The boys who do Traffic Warden and the traffic calming ramp should also help.

We would ask the bigger boys not to hang around down the town after school as it is safer for them to go straight home.

For the boys cycling to school, please use the cycle lanes provided and where there are no lanes or where it is not otherwise safe to cycle, please walk with your bike.

Don't forget your helmets.

Claire O'Rourke PRO

St. Marys Boys School

The boys and parents alike who availed of the School Bus Service run for many years by Monica and the late Tom Salmon would like to offer their deepest sympathies to Monica and her family on this sad occasion.

My own involvement with Tom started in 1991 when he started our local school run.

The children all loved him and he had a great time for them all. He paid extra special attention to the little ones just starting school.

Tom will be remembered for a long time to come by all the children and he will be missed. As one parent put it "There will never be another Tom, one of life's MC FLOORING gentlemen".

May he rest in peace

Claire O'Rourke

Inklings

Innocence of evil, knowledge of truth and the love of true friends are the three greatest blessings that God can bestow.

Welcome back everyone, fortunately Stewarts Swimming Club is remaining open to the public and will only close for a short time for renovations in December.

The first term consisting of 8 weeks commencing on September 7th will run until October 26th 2002. All fees to be paid on or before the 28th September please.

The fees for the term are as follows:

One child	∈ 50.00
Two children	∈96.00
Three children	∈142.00

Parents who receive the duty roster for the term are asked to ensure that they take their turn or swap it for that of another parent on the list.

Member who go by car and return by bus and vice versa please inform the bus supervisor.

At our AGM last June the following committee members were appointed:

Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Rosters 1st bus/PRO Rosters 2nd bus Committee

Marleen Durcan Joan Fitzgerald Patricia Moynan (6286865) Rose Birmingham Annmarie Coyle

Thank you all for volunteering.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

By the time this article will have come off the hot press our first AGM will be over. By then we should have a new committee with more members involved with the Club. Since our inauguration our numbers have swelled to the present 32. We have several nationalities in our group covering a wide age group and different levels of fitness. People have different expectations of what they want to achieve, but we try to please people most of the time. More and more people are gaining in experience and confidence with club activities and it is hope for next year more people will get involved in club activities. If this happens we will be able to offer more to Members and visitors.

If you are thinking about joining or trying one of our introductory activities, now is the time to do so. The autumn and winter months are not always favourable to our activities, (not that the Spring and Summer was anything to write home about). Although we continue with our activities throughout the winter months, we are curtailed somewhat to shorter activities due lack of daylight time available. There is also a greater risk of having to change our plans at short notice due to weather. We also tend to concentrate on the Dublin and Wicklow mountains, coastal regions and of course our canals. We will continue to do wide variety of events during this period.

We had a Moderate hike for members in the Glendalough area on Sunday 25th. August. A group of eight trekked along the hills and valleys of this picturesque region. It was a real summers day with sunshine through the event.

Sunday 8th September we completed an Introductory Easy hike in the Dublin Mountains above Balinteer and Stepaside along the Wicklow Way a distance of 9 miles with an ascent of 600 ft. The event was well attended with 9 visitors.

Sunday 15th September we had very pleasant trek for two groups around the Blackstairs in the area of Mount Leinster. Unfortunately the visibility was poor. We were in fog for the first half of the events and did not see very much. Nonetheless everybody enjoyed themselves. We will have to go back next year to admire the scenery. Again it was well attended.

Two of our members and one non member who has attended our easier activities numbers have completed the famous pilgrim route "El Camino de Santiago de Compostela" via the Route Frances during the past few months. This trip started in the holiday resort of Biarritz and following a train journey into the Pyrenees mountains they commences the trek from the French village of St Jean Pied de Port. For the following 5 weeks they trekked along the route previously taken by generations of pilgrims from all over Europe since the 10th Century. Monasteries, churches, shrines, towns and villages, hospitals and refugios (hostel like accommodation), built down through the centuries still exist and some were used by our able bodied pilgrims. The total distance was 740 kms. Having reached Santiago de Compostelo

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they then decided to continue to Finisterre, a further 75 kms. (which was regarded as the end of the known world pre Colombus), which is associated with the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostelo. Well Done All.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity. would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

Mountain Safety Note:

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

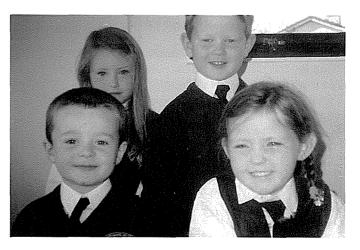
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Riverbank Arts Centre

JAMES McKENNA (1933-2000) A Retrospective

A retrospective exhibition of the work of James Mc Kenna will be opened by Brian Fallon (Art Critic) at the Riverbank Arts Centre at 3.00pm on Sunday 15th September 2002, and will continue until the 25th October.

James McKenna spent the last eleven years of his life in County Kildare. Sadly, he died a year before the Riverbank Arts Centre opened its doors, too late for him to see its principal gallery named after him-the McKenna Gallery.

McKenna, artist, sculptor and playwright was a pioneering spirit who was instrumental in the foundation of both the Independent Artists group and The Sculptors' Society of Ireland. His contribution to the arts, and distinction as a sculptor were recognised when he was awarded membership of Aosdana in 1983. The works included in the show, reveal the versatility of the artist and include works in bronze, plaster, stone, and wood, as well as works on paper. exploring Irish myth, history and the human form.

This retrospective aims to represent, in a modest way, the breadth of James' talents as an artist, from some of his earliest pieces in the late 1950's to works produced shortly before his death in 2000. Much of James' work was too large or too fragile to be moved, but the works included in this exhibition serve to remind us that he was an unusual and original talent, and deserves to be remembered and treasured within the canon of Irish art. Des Egan (Poet), will give a talk entitled The Achievement of James McKenna on Thursday 19th September at 8.00pm in the Riverbank Arts Centre.

The exhibition will be on view in both galleries, and is accompanied by a catalogue. Opening hours are 10.00 to 1.00, and 2.00 to 5.00, Monday to Saturday, For additional information, contact Catriona Fallon on (045)448314, or by e-mail on artscentre@riverbank.ie The Riverbank Arts Centre gratefully acknowledges the support of The Arts Council, Kildare County Council, and FAS.

Riverbank Event Guide for October

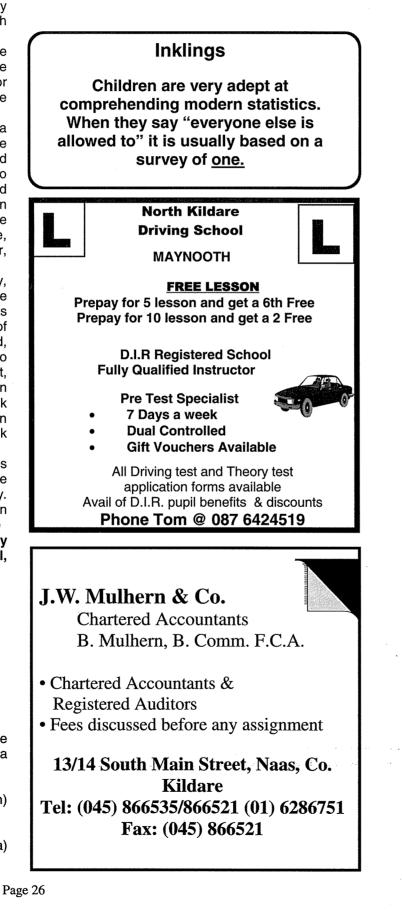
Tuesday 8th Michael Buckley Jazz Quartet 8pm Wednesday 9th Foster & Allen 8pm Friday 11th Conal Gallen (Comedian) 8pm Saturday 12th Yasmina (Eastern Dance) Tuesday 15th EAR (Electric Acoustic Revue) 8pm Friday 18th Sean Keane (singer) 8pm Saturday 19th Jack L (singer) 8pm Sunday 20th Paddy Cole 8pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 21st, 22nd, 23rd, The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged (Drama Deal) 8pm Thursday 24th Flash Harry (tribute Queen Band) 8pm

Saturday 26th Music Network (Alexei Nabioulin) Pianist 8pm

Wednesday 30th Mary Mary's Last Dance (Drama)

8pm

For further details and information please contact the box office @ 045 431109/433480.or email boxoffice@riverbank.ie.



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General Tips

Bleach spots

If the garment is dark, disguise spot by rubbing it with a fabric marker or paint that matches the fabric's colour. Cover coloured areas with a piece of cotton sheet and iron at a hot setting.

Treat non - colourfast fabrics with a pre - wash dve remover. For white or pastel - coloured fabrics, treatments for colour - run accidents can effectively bleach the whole garment a uniform pale colour. Sew an appliqué over the spot.

Dye the garment a darker colour or tie - dye it.

Candles

To make a candle burn longer and drip less, give it a light coat of clear varnish.

Melting some wax into the holder and quickly jamming the candle onto it is the usual way to get a candle to fit snugly. A cleaner method is to wrap the base of the candle with string or strips of paper towel, making sure they cant be seen.

To remove melted wax from candle holders easily, place the holder in the freezer for an hour or two, and then chip the frozen wax off.

Cigarette smoke

If you are allergic to cigarette smoke, don't provide ashtrays for visiting guests. Politely explain your problem, and don't be afraid to ban smoking in your house or office.

If you live with a smoker

Buy special ashtrays that absorb smoke and stale smells, or invest in free standing air purifiers. Better yet, install a permanent air ioniser or smoke filter and clean or replace its filtering mechanism regularly.

Decorate your home with potpourri and houseplants (try the chlorophytum, or spider plant, said to be a natural air purifier)

For temporary tobacco smells

Burn scented candles or incense; they will clear and perfume the air. Put solid room deodorisers near air vents or windows.

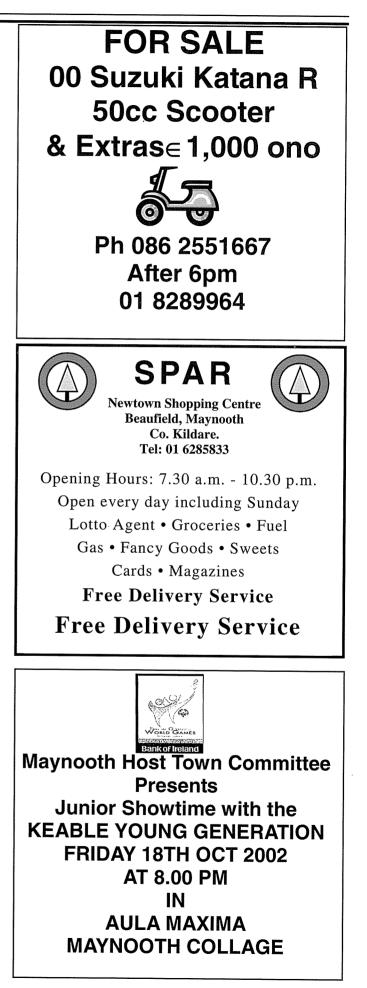
When your guests have gone, open all the doors and windows and make sure you empty all ashtrays.

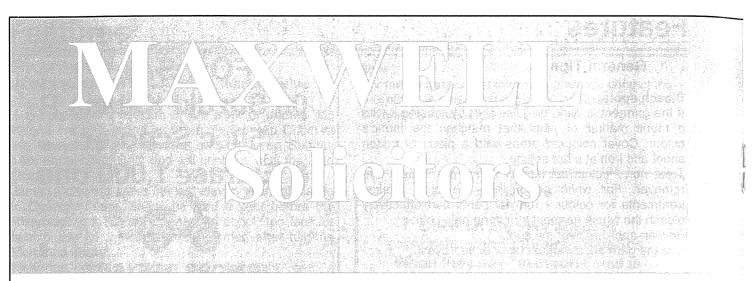
To combat smoke in the car Empty the ashtray after each use.

Fire safety

Fit smoke alarms on each floor of your home and in rooms where a fire is likely to start, such as the sitting room or bedroom. Don't fit one in the kitchen as steam or cooking fumes may set it off.

Be prepared for the event of a fire and plan your escape route. Draw a plan of your home (including stairs, windows, and doors) and plot two escape routes from each room. Study the plan with household members; assign someone to help children or the less agile.



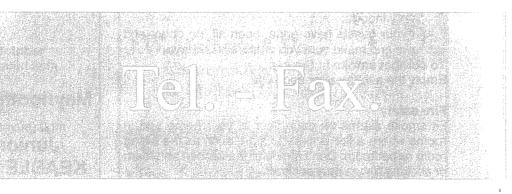


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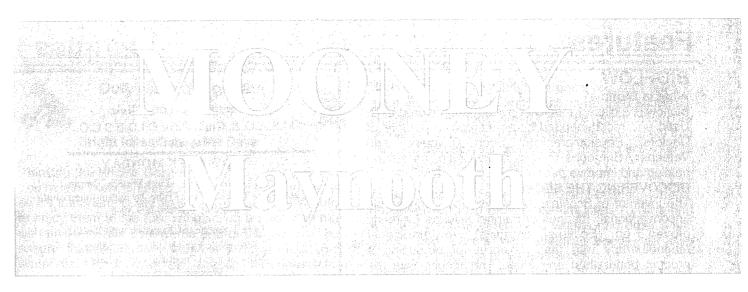
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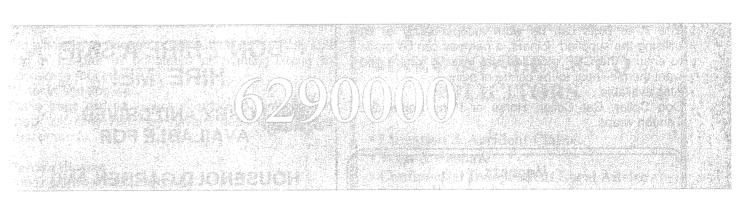


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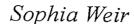
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October in the garden

Bright Ideas for Darker Days

Planting the Winter Garden

You're less likely to spend time in the garden in winter, so it's important to site winter plants carefully in order to enjoy them to the full. Try planting a specimen tree with brilliant white bark at the end of the garden - but ensure that it's framed within a window view. Tinv winter flowers such as Iris, Crocus and Snowdrops should be given pride of place in a tub or bed outside a patio window where you can enjoy them from your armchair. And precious scented shrubs are best grown near a front door where their perfume will greet you whenever you enter or leave the house.

Planting Pointers

Autumn is a good time for planting hardier plants, as well as the spring bulbs. The soil is warm enough to encourage good root growth, so plants will establish quickly. There's also less chance of them becoming stressed by drought conditions, though if the season proves to be dry, regular watering is necessary. Confers and some of the more tender evergreens may need protection from icv winds in their first year, so check before buying and delay their planting until April or protect them with a windbreak of polythene or fine netting.

When choosing trees and shrubs, opt for several that have more than one season of interest - i.e, flowers in summer, berries in winter or good autumn foliage. Choose types that will suit both your soil types (acid/

alkaline) and the planting position.

Check that the eventual height and spread of trees and shrubs will be a suitable size for your garden.

Give plants a good start by removing all weeds and digging in lots of garden compost or other organic matter.

Dig a hole large enough to fit the plant comfortably and add a handful of bonemeal at planting stage to encourage root growth.

Water in and firm well.

Stake trees and tie in wall shrubs and climbers and check regularly that they haven't been lifted by the frost or winds.

Garden Havens

Feeding the birds is child's play.

Providing food and shelter for birds and animals is a great way to fill your garden with colour and life. An easily-made nest box will help encourage new and fascinating visitors to your trees and lawns.

Birds need food regularly and once you start feeding them in the winter its important not to stop suddenly, cutting off the food supply they've been taking for granted. If you keep up the routine, its more likely that they will choose your garden as a nesting site, due to the ready availability of food.

A well stocked garden with berry-bearing shrubs. hedges-which also provide nesting sites - lawns and compost (both of which yield worms and other small grubs) and flowers with attractive seeds will also provide plenty of natural sustenance.

Bread can also be put out for the birds, provide that it is soaked beforehand. Porridge oats, dried fruit, cake and cooked potatoes are trusty alternatives.

Never give birds food containing either salt or desiccated coconut as both are fatal.

Birds will perish without water, so if there is no natural source in frosty or icy weather, provide some for them. Almost any sturdy container will do - a dog's bowl or an upturned dustbin lid are two old favourites.

Early Birds

Aristotle, (384-322 BC), may well have been the first serious bird watcher, carefully recording his observations.

The first bird book is thought to have been printed in the mid-16th century, in the north of England, and perhaps the first record of birds using an artificial nest site occurred in June of 1782 when Thomas, brother of naturalist Gilbert White, nailed scallop shells under the eaves of his Lambeth house.

According to White's journal, house martins were settling in only half an hour later.



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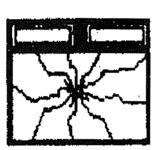
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Citizens Information Centre. Question

I understand that the top-up to the maintenance grants available under the Department of Education and Science schemes of student support has increased. Could you please give the new rates and any changes to the scheme?

Answer

Under the Special Rates of Maintenance Grants for Disadvantaged Students Scheme (2002) it is possible to get the equivalent of a "top-up" on the ordinary maintenance grant giving a full Non-Adjacent Rate of 4,000 and a full Adjacent Rate of 1,600. The applicant must qualify for the ordinary maintenance grant for the academic year 2002/2003 and total reckonable income in the short tax year 6th April to 31st December 2001 must not exceed 9,190 (£7,237.71) net of Child Dependant Allowances (CDA) and standard exclusions.

For students, including mature students, assessed on parent(s)/guardian income, on 31st December 2001 the parent(s)/ must have been

- in receipt of an eligible (long term) social welfare payment or
- in receipt of Family Income Supplement (FIS) or
- participating in a designated programme such as Community Employment of Back or Education Allowance.

The previously existing condition that they must be in receipt of a child Dependant Allowance has been removed.

For students assessed on their own income, on the 31st December 2001 the student must have been in receipt of an eligible (long term) social welfare payment (Long Term Unemployment Assistance is no longer excluded) or FIS or participating in a designated programme.

For students assessed on the income of their spouse/ partner, on the 31st December 2001 the spouse or partner must have been in receipt of an eligible (long term) social welfare payment or FIS or participating in a designated programme and in receipt of a full-rate Qualified Adult Allowance or similar entitlement in respect of the student.

Further Information from Citizens Information @ 01 - 6285477.

Question

A friend of mine, who spent part of his childhood in care, heard that the Department of Health and Children have set up a project to help people, who were in care as children, to access the records which the Department holds on them. How can he access his records?

Answer

Among the records the Department holds, are records relating to institutions and to children who were in the

- care of the institutions. In order to establish what precisely these records contain a project called Access to Institutional and Related Records (AIRR) was set up in July 2002 to index these records.
- This project will identify files relating to such institutions and also relating to nursing, fostering, boarding out and hiring of children. Once these are identified they will be indexed in electronic format.
- Applications for details of personal information held should be addressed to:
- Freedom of Information Unit, Floor 2, Hawkins House, Dublin 2.
- In order to process requests for records under the AIRR project, the Department needs as many relevant details as possible relating to the period in care together with full name and date of birth. Proof of identity may be required.
- As soon as possible after receipt of a request, and initial search will be carried out under the requester's name. The Department will inform the requester if any relevant personal records are located. Records located during the AIRR project may be released directly to the requester or through an advocacy agency.
- If you have already applied to the Department under the Freedom of Information Act for records, your details have already been added to the AIRR project search list and there is no need to re-apply.
- Further Information from Citizens Information @ 01 6285477.

Question

I heard that there has been an increase in the monthly threshold for the Drug Payment Scheme. Can you please give details of the scheme?

Answer

- Since 1st August 2002 under the Drugs Payment Scheme and individual or family will have to pay \in 65 (previously \in 53.33) per month for all approved prescribed drugs, medicines and appliances for use by that person or his/her family in that month.
- Family expenditure covers the nominated adult, his or her spouse/partner and children under 18 years or under 23 if in full-time education. A dependant with a physical or mental disability/illness living in the household who is unable to fully maintain himself/ herself, may be included in the family expenditure regardless of age.
- You should register for the scheme by completing the registration form which is available from pharmacies or from the Health Board. A plastic swipe card will be issued for each person named on the registration form.
- This card should be presented whenever you are having prescriptions filled. You should use the same pharmacy throughout the month.
- You should not have to pay more than 65 in any calendar month to the pharmacist. If you do, for any reason, pay more than 65 in any month then you can apply to your Health Board for a refund.
- You can claim tax relief on medical expenses (in excess of 125 for one or 250 for a family in tax year

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(Citizen's Information cont.) Question

My 16-year-old son is about to start his first job. He will be working 12 hours a week and will be paid about \in 5.00 an hour. Will he have to pay tax and PRSI?

Answer

Whether he will have to pay tax or PRSI will depend on how much he will earn during the tax year.

The tax credit for a single person for the tax year 2002 is \in 1,520. There is an additional PAYE tax credit of ∈660.

Your son will therefore have a total income tax credit of $\in 2,180$. Your son will be earning approximately \in 3,000 per annum. The tax due on \in 3,000 at the standard rate of (20%) is ∈600. As his tax credit of \in 2,180 is greater than this he will not have to pay tax. However, he should obtain a Certificate of Tax Credits from the tax office Ask the employer or his wages clerk to which to the tax office he should apply.

Most employees pay Class A Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) which comprises a Social Insurance Contribution of 4% of gross income and Health Contribution of 2%. Those earning less than 356 per week will nit have to pay the Health Contribution. As your son will be earning less than 287 per week will not have to pay the Social Insurance Contribution either. However, his employer will have to pay the employer's portion, as the weekly pay will be more than 38. Your son will have therefore be covered for all Social Welfare Benefits.

Future information is available from the Citizens Information Centre@ 01 - 6285477.

Local Artist Brian Tuohy

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For further information I may be contacted at 6285993.



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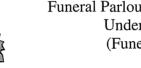


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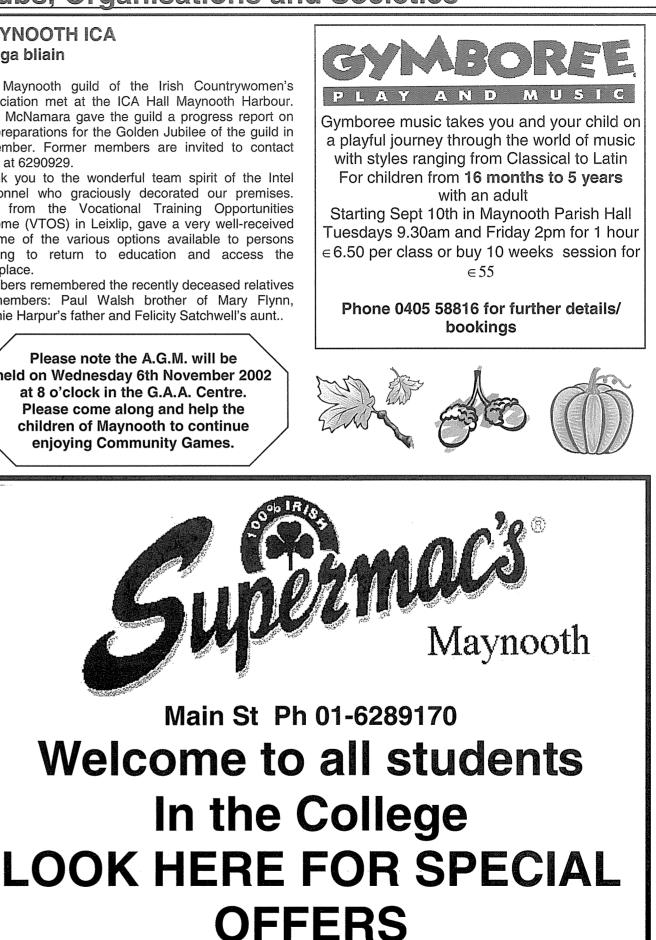
MAYNOOTH ICA Caoga bliain

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Mary McNamara gave the guild a progress report on the preparations for the Golden Jubilee of the guild in November. Former members are invited to contact Mary at 6290929.

Thank you to the wonderful team spirit of the Intel personnel who graciously decorated our premises. Phil, from the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) in Leixlip, gave a very well-received resume of the various options available to persons wishing to return to education and access the workplace.

Members remembered the recently deceased relatives of members: Paul Walsh brother of Mary Flynn, Connie Harpur's father and Felicity Satchwell's aunt..

Please note the A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2002 at 8 o'clock in the G.A.A. Centre. Please come along and help the children of Maynooth to continue enjoying Community Games.



Early Irish Society (Contd. from last month)

We have seen some aspects of the legal system over the last while and we will continue to discuss the various vagaries of the land law. Needless to say this society was very dependant on land and farming for survival and much of the law is taken up with regulating land and animals. There are silly myths abounding today as to the communal nature of early Irish farming society but this is just myth. Most land was in private ownership and although there was use of commonage this cannot be used as a claim for communal land or, as some have maintained, a pre-communistic society. Early Irish society was strictly hierarchical and nonegalitarian. Arguments over land in particular must have been the staple diet of the early Irish lawyer! This seems to have been a highly litigious society - perhaps we have inherited their weaknesses as well as their strenaths.

It is illegal by and large to make entry into other people's property. The rules of trespass apply in this society also. This is seen as a very serious offence. One cannot make entry when an agreement has been made or when the occupier has agreed to go to court. It is an offence to make an entry with the wrong number of livestock or over the mound of a church. It is against the law for a man to trespass on the land of a relative when they have agreed to divide the said property.

It is legal to enter land that his been abandoned or the property of a lawless man. An abbot can also make a forced entry into a church to evict the monks! If they put up a fight they can pulled out by the hair on the top of their head – the distinctive, unique Irish tonsure.

One of the legal procedures was tellach (entry, literally putting-into). The law states: 'Tellach is a legal sacrament: it effects what is signifies'. This was a procedure by which a man, or indeed a woman, could make claim a hereditary land that was occupied illegally (in their opinion) by someone else. This was often initiated by those who were of *dubfine* (dark kin); people whose relationship to the rest of the kin was uncertain. This was a ritual-based process that took place before a judge if the person who was already on the land agreed to arbitrate. There is a full legal text. written in verse, devoted to this complex, formal procedure. The person claiming the land begins the procedure by entering the land with two horses. He also has a witness and sureties with him; these act more or less like his legal representatives. He crosses the mound at the boundary of the property. This is his céttellach (first entry) and he then leaves. The person who holds the land can go to court after 5 days if he so wishes. But if the occupant dose not act; after 10 days the claimant can enter the land again. This is called the tellach medónach (the middle entry). He takes with him now, 2 witnesses and 4 horses – they are allowed to graze on the land. This indicates a step towards claimed ownership. The man claiming now retreats

again and gives the man occupying the land 3 days to go to court.

Finally, 20 days after the first entry, the third entry is made. The people with him have increased again and he takes 3 witnesses and eight horses. The horses are fed and stabled on the property. (It has been noted by Fergus Kelly, the noted Brehon Law scholar, that few people would own 8 horses, there would be a need for support from family and friends.)

The outcome of all this activity is not entirely clear. It seems that the occupier had no time left to go to court and that the claimant could take the land if the occupier refused to go to arbitration. To show that he now owned the property, the claimant had to spend a night on the land, light a fire and to look after the animals there for that one night. This established his ownership.

One can only imagine the type of incidents that occurred on these occasions!

It is of noteworthy that there is special method by which a woman can proceed. This proves to us that women owned and felt that they were entitled to the ownership of land. This flies in the face of some of the strong legal statements about female incompetence in law that we have seen heretofore. What is also extraordinary is that there a lead case quoted in this context, this is relatively unusual. The term used for the female form is, not surprisingly, bantellach (female entry).

The judges quoted in these cases are legendary and probably never lived in reality but their fame gives this procedure great weight. The first judgement is made by the male judge Sencha. He is the noted judge of the Ulster Cycle who adjudicated on many delicate cases. His judgement was that female entry should be carried out in exactly the same way as the male one. He was rewarded by blisters appearing on his cheeks - a visible sign of his bad judgement! This is reasonably common in early literature, blisters or facial blemishes occurring as a signal of flawed reason. We are of course reminded of the mark of Cain in biblical tradition.

His blisters are cured by none other than a female judge called Brig. She cures him by laying down the correct procedures. This is an unusually powerful position for a woman within the legal profession. Female judges are not common, indeed they are very uncommon. But another leading case in this context also involves a legendary woman, Ciannacht. (There is also a population group of this name, the Ciannachta, demonstrating her importance. It is not that unusual to name groups after famous women.)

She describes how different female entry is from that of the male. She makes her own entry accompanied by a number of female witnesses, women of unblemished character. She makes the entry over the burial mounds of the land that she is claiming. She also takes two ewes with her. The case could go to court after 4 days, and then she makes the second entry after 8 days with double the number of people and sheep. Then again the occupant has the chance

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entry with witnesses and ewes (numbers not included). She may have had one man with her on this occasion this is not entirely clear. The man made his claim by feeding the animals, she makes her claim by bring a knead-trough and a sieve for baking - the characteristically typical instruments of a woman of the house. Like the man, if the occupier makes no response at this point the property becomes hers. Another short passage on female entry tells of woman called Seither who 'made entry into holdings'. Her family accepted this entry 'because it a habitation of return' - it would come back to her family after her death. This was of course the norm within this society. Women usually did not have permanent ownership of land, only a life interest. (Contd. next issue)





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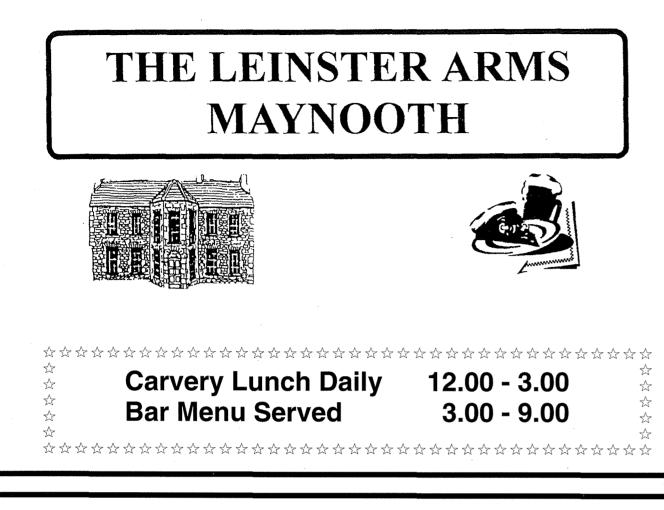


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Murder of the Month – the irate husband

The phenomenon of estranged couples and family murder is not confined to recent times. On Saturday 10th of October 1908 the guiet village of Hythe, Kent was disturbed by a violent act that matches any that we encounter today. This was a peaceful, pretty village in the south-east of England but they were about to experience the full horrors of marital strife and ensuing murder. This was in the days of hanging as a punishment for murder and the full force of the law was brought into effect. One wonders if capital punishment really deterred would-be murderers, there may have been less but people still got upset, angry, jealous and acted accordingly despite the threat of death as a result of their actions. Demented anger when out of control can transform a person into a monster. The loss of control may result in extraordinary behaviour even in public in front of witnesses.

William and Margaret Bauldry's marriage broke up and they separated after having four children together, the youngest was only 20 months when 33 year-old Margaret Bauldry was forced to abandon the family and leave the older three children behind. She simply could not afford to keep all four of them together so she took the baby boy, Stephen, with her and moved into lodgings with a couple, a Mr and Mrs Albert Wraight at 1, Franklyn Gardens. Her estranged husband, 41 year-old William went back to live with his mother in Boxley Square in Hythe. This was a cottage, one of a new row that had been built in the village of Saltwood just a mile away from her husband and his mother. Therefore she had the opportunity to know how her other three children were getting on. The measly income that her husband was giving up was not enough and she was working in the hop gardens to survive.

The marriage had been very violent and Margaret's health had suffered as a result but she was hoping for a new beginning in this pretty two-storey cottage. But this was not to be. Tragedy followed.

She was not long in her new home when her estranged husband arrived in a tearing temper and a letter from his wife in his hand. She had seen her daughter, Maggie, walking around in a pair of boots that she considered ill-fitting. She made the fatal mistake of writing to her husband regarding the matter. A simple little note asking him not to let Maggie out again until she had arranged some footwear for her. She said that her daughter would be a cripple if she continued to wear boots that did not fit her.

William took this as a personal insult and a slur on his ability to look after his children. Therefore, letter in hand he turned up on her doorstep on that quiet Saturday afternoon. The landlady, Mr. Wraight and his wife were sitting in the kitchen of the cottage. His wife held his youngest child in her arms. Ranting and raving about the insults to his honour he stormed into the room and he shouted and screamed abuse at his wife in the presence of the landlady. Most of the testimony at the trial came from her. Eventually it became so loud that the landlord, Mr. Wraight, came into the house and asked William to keep his voice down. Then he sarcastically suggested that he might make better use of his time in looking for a job.

This seems to have been the last straw. Mr Bauldry snapped. He hit the landlord on the head so hard that he fell into the scullery. He struck his face and suffered injuries to his forehead and nose.

The landlady gave evidence that Margaret tried to escape with the child in her arms. She saw Bauldry take a knife from his pocket and run after her. She panicked and ran outside shouting that there was murder taking place. Her husband also gave evidence in court. Margaret was lying on the floor between the kitchen and the scullery with her husband holding her down, knife in the other hand. She was still holding the baby. Mr. Wraight tried to separate them, failing he ran from the house to the nearby police station. His face and nose were still bleeding. He returned to the house with a policeman. George Willson but they were too late. Margaret lay with her head hanging over the step of the scullery. She was lying in a pool of blood but still alive. The district nurse was sent for and Margaret spoke to her before dying; her young son was miraculously uninjured. The defensive wounds on her face and hands proved the desperate fight that the woman had put up for her life and that of her child. He husband was gone

But he did not evade the law for long. A much calmer, meeker man was arrested the following day at Market Street in Hythe on the following day by George Willson. But he did not give up easily and denied the murder in court a month later. He said that it was a tragic accident but the prosecution called it was a dreadful and cold-blooded murder.

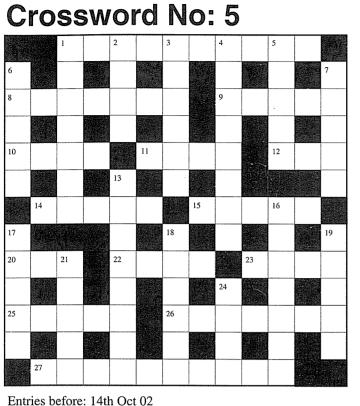
One of the unusual aspects of this murderous act was that the enactor was stone cold sober when he killed his wife. Drink usually plays a large part in such events. The landlady testified that the argument was primarily about money and a loan of half a crown that the husband had given his wife. (Half a crown is now twelve and a half pence sterling.)

William Bauldry himself refused to testify but submitted a written statement saving that his knife fell from his pocket and that his wife had fallen on the blade. He pleaded with the jury, he had worked hard since he left the army and that his mother's heart was broken by this accusation of murder.

The jury took an hour and a half only to find him guilty of murder. He was sentenced to hang on December 8th 1908. The famous hangman Henry Pierrepoint carried out the sentence with his usual precision. Taking into account the height and weight of the man he calculated the drop necessary for the hanging. Two warders walked him to the gallows, he was dead after less than 60 seconds. His wife took longer to die.

Apparently, his mother visited him daily and he eventually confessed his guilt to her. The form that contains the details of his hanging the calculations necessary still exist.

Crossword



Name

Address:

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Across:

- 1. Intentional, fully considered (10)
- 8. Physical attack (7)
- 9. Prank (5)
- 10. Advance with interest (4)
- 11. Unaccompanied (4)
- 12. Closest blood relation (3)
- 14. Make late (4)
- 15. Monument or landmark (5)
- 20. Taxi (3)
- 22. Elegantly simple (4)
- 23. Finely powered earth (4)
- 25. Under the finger perhaps (5)
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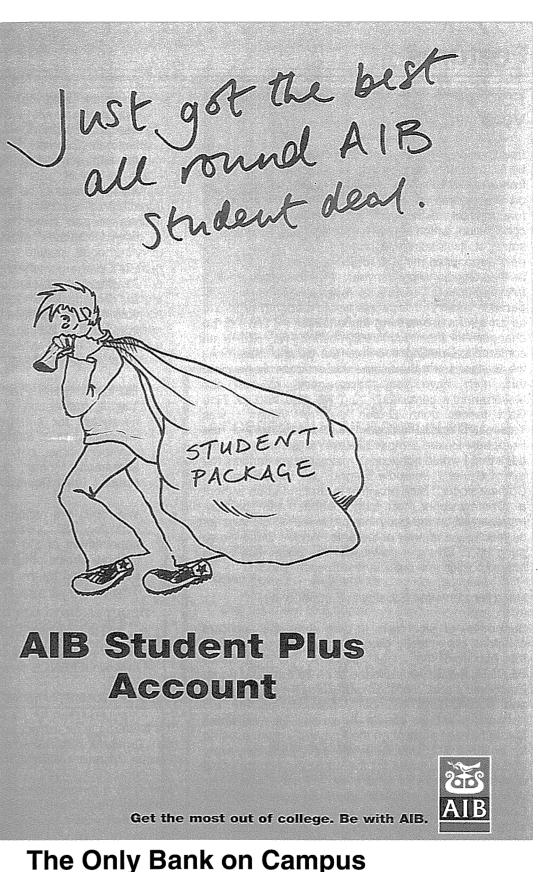
Down:

- 1. Unhealthy condition of body or mind (7)
- 2. High noise (4)
- 3. Press this for instant (6)
- Based on reason (8) 4.
- 5. Ponder (5)
- 6. Ever day (5)
- 7. That smelly animal is drunk (5)
- 13. Illegal smoke with health benefits (8)
- 16. Daily schedule (7)
- 17. Sharp in effect (5)
- 18. Inclination to vomit (6)
- 19. Fashion or trend (5)
- 21. Nasty (5)
- 24. Half the circle (4)

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 4

Across: 1 Perfection; 8 Castles; 9 Annoy; 10 Laid; 11 Urge; 12 Eel; 14 Rebel; 15 Serve; 20 Man; 22 Earn ; 23 Thin: 25 Sober: 26 Stencil: 27 Permanence.

Down: 1 Passive; 2 Rule; 3 Ensure; 4 Traveler; 5 Ounce; 6 Scalp; 7 Cycle; 13 Telegram; 16 Vehicle; 17 Amuse; 18 Prison; 19 Ankle; 21 Noble; 24 Vein.



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FOR DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY: **VOTE NO TO NICE**

Ireland, with North Kildare, voted No to Nice last year by 54% to 46% but the Government, under pressure from the Big EU States is now making us vote again on the same Treaty. This decision displays a fundamental disrespect for our democracy and constitution, which is only matched by the hypocrisy of some of its leading supporters and apologists. The newly-appointed minister for Europe, Dick Roche, said as Dail backbencher last year, " to attempt to rerun a referendum as a means of reversing the democratic decision taken by the people would be rightly regarded as an affront. Something fundamental will have to be changed in the Nice treaty before we can even contemplate putting it before the people again". As we are faced with the exact same referendum how can this man have the 'brass neck' to run the Government's campaign? And we also had ex Fine Gael leader John Bruton declare "When I was Taojseach and President of the Council of the European Union. I made it clear to all with whom I dealt that I would not accept, in any circumstances, the removal of Ireland's right to a European Commissioner". Nice provides for Ireland to be without a Commissioner for long periods and be unrepresented on the body that proposes all EU laws for as much as a quarter of the time. Yet Mr. Bruton is so gung ho in favour - no wonder the public has come regard politics and politicians with such disdain!

No to Nice ensures Equality in Europe for all

Supporters of Nice claim to care about the applicant countries but actually Nice is about shifting power in the EU from the Small States to the Big States BEFORE the EU allows in the extra 10 East and South European states. Nice divides Europe into first-class and second-class Members, breaking up the EU partnership of legal equals. It removes the veto Small States have at present on the French-German scheme for an inner EU State, with its own Constitution, Army and harmonised taxes for the eurozone (which would destroy the basis of what's left of our Celtic Tiger economy) and enables them to use the EU Commission, Council, Court and Parliament to call the shots for all the smaller states, whether new or old. So rather than restricting applicant countries, a final No to Nice will enable them to enter the EU under its present rule of legal equality for all states and then allow them join with Ireland to defend this principle in the debates prior to the 2004 EU Constitutional Treaty now being planned.

What happens if and when we say No to Nice for the second time?

We remain full EU Members, 1st class citizens at the heart of Europe.

Denmark said NO to the Maastrict Treaty. Britain, Denmark and Sweden said NO to the euro. They are not marginalised. They are not isolated (Denmark took over the EU presidency this summer). They are not financially ruined.

We are proud to be the only democratic country with a vote on the vital treaty and we have gained new respect from the peoples of Europe, as distinct from the EU and Big States establishment.

EU Enlargement CAN get ahead. Former French President V. Giscard d'Estaing. Chairman of the EU Constitutional Convention, says, 'If the Irish vote NO the solution will not be to ignore the vote, but to handle the situation. Probably it requires taking what is needed from the Nice Treaty to carry through the enlargement.'

EU Commission President Romano Prodi said, 'Legally ratification of the Nice Treaty is not necessary for enlargement. It's without any problem up to 20 members, and those beyond 20 members have only to put in the accession agreement some notes of change, some clause.' (Irish Times 21st June 2001)

- We retain the national veto in 30 policy areas, including EU Structural Funds and the appointment of EU Commissioners and ensure that our choice of an Irish Commissioner cannot be overruled by the Big States, as per the Nice Treaty.
- We scupper Nice plans to direct responsibility tc the EU for the 60.000 soldier Rapid Reaction Force which would make the EU an alliance for mutual OFFENCE outside the EU.

Finally, last comments from a Dutchman

The following is an extract from a letter published in the Irish Times, 9 September 02, from Tjerk Westerterp, (Former Secretary of State, Foreign Affairs),

"May I, as a former member and Vice-president of the European Parliament (1967 to 1971), respectfully call on the Irish voters to withstand this massive pressure and vote No? Why? In my opinion the Nice Treaty is on balance - a bad treaty. The heads of state and of government failed when they negotiated this treaty. Especially, the negotiators did not succeed in realising their aim, which was to prepare the institutions of the European Union for the forthcoming extension of our Union with 10 or more new member states. They also failed in closing the so called democratic deficit of the Union, which consists of insufficient Europear parliamentary control and legislative powers, now that the influence of national parliaments in the Europear Union have dwindled.

As Dutch Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1971-

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1973) I was co-signatory of the Treaty of Accession of the United Kingdom to the European Community. So I hope it is clear I am not opposed to the further extension of the European Union. However, if this extension with a number of former communist countries will be realised without a fundamental democratic reform of the Union. I fear the actual democratic deficit will remain "for eternity".

The Irish people have the unique opportunity to possibly prevent this from happening. May the Irish voters take this important fact into account at the second referendum. I was proud of the Irish people having voted in majority No at the first referendum on Nice. As a Dutchman and citizen of the European Union, I sincerely do hope that we may continue to be proud of Ireland. A No vote will not be a vote against Europe. On the the contrary!"

So, it's over to us. KEEP THE FAITH - VOTE NO!

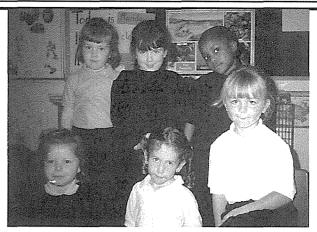
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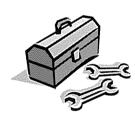
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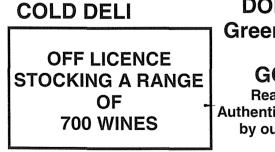


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As the new season gets under we work towards ironing out some of the issues that we met with pitch and training areas. Following some issues with the grass cutting in the Harbour Field it is now nearly back to the condition it was in at the end of last season. The club has maintained the playing area in the Harbour for the last 7 or so years and it is hoped the the state it got into during the summer months is not a sign of things to come when our new playing surfaces are ready.

A second pitch has been opened in the Dublin Rd for 11-a-side schoolboy game. This second pitch will be a short term solution to the shortage of playing surfaces until our new pitches are up and running. We would ask all to be patient and work with us to overcome any difficulties in the short term. A visit to the Rathcoffey Road site will show there is a massive facility waiting to come on steam.

On the fundraising front Sunday 15th of September seen Morgan Lettice complete a sponsored parachute jump from 10,000 feet. Morgan raised in excess of $\in 1,100$ (less the expense of the jump) towards our development fund. Our thanks to Morgan, his wife Mary and all those who supported him. The experience was one that few get a chance (or are mad enough) to complete. On the fundraising front Sunday 15th of September seen Morgan Lettice complete a sponsored parachute jump from 10,000 feet. Morgan raised in excess of ∈1,100 (less the expense of the jump) towards our development fund. Our thanks to Morgan, his wife Mary and all those who supported him. The experience was one that few get a chance (or are mad enough) to complete.

Our next fundraiser will be a street collection on the 12th & 13th of October. We are in need of volunteer collectors especially on the Sunday when most of the adults involved in the club will either be playing or taking our youngsters to matches. If you can help out contact any member of the club or Gerry Folan on 6286994 or John Doogan on 6289720.

We continued to be amazed at the numbers of younger children coming forward to play soccer. At the recent first training session for under 8's a total of 43 players turned up. That is sufficient for 4 teams at that age level. The club will strive to accommodate them all. It is our hope to enter an under 7's team in

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1-Sep-02	6,12,16,20	€2,500	DONAL NAUGHTON	PAT MONAGHAN	MICK Mc GOVERN			
8-Sep-02	3,4,13,28	€2,575	EOGHAN Mc NUTT	TREVOR Mc MAHON	DONAL FITZPATRICK			



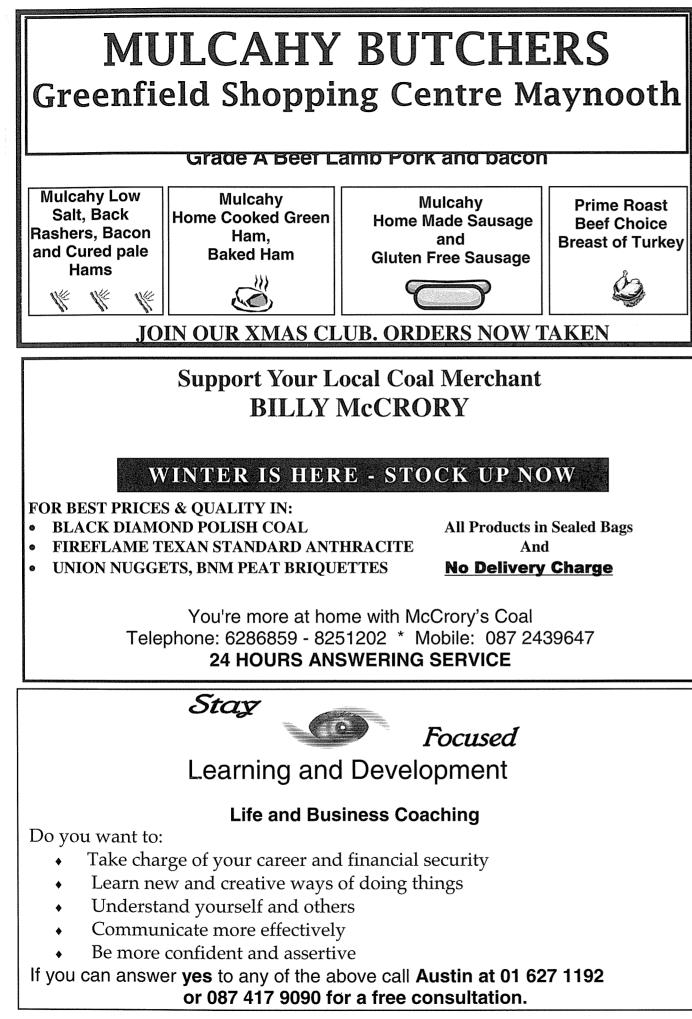
Morgan (Biggles) Lettice Before the Jump



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Maynooth Town Football Club Street Collection 12th & 13th October 2002 In Aid of the Rathcoffey Rd **Development Fund Please Support Our Pitch Development Volunteer Collectors Required**

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Fine Gael Notes

Bond Bridge & Meadowbrook Link

During the early summer, it looked as if the reconstruction of Bond Bridge and the new Meadowbrook Link were going to be casualties of cutbacks by Kildare County Council (KCC). The County Engineer estimated that the cost of both projects was in the region of \in 7.5 million. KCC did not have the funds to carry out these works.

Cllr. Senan Griffin, who gave a firm commitment to the Senan Griffin and accepted by KCC, the ESB will also residents of Newtown, Woodlands, Castledawson, install three public lights near the doctor's surgery at the Parson's Hall, Newtown Court, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Estate entrance. Green. Beaufield and Meadowbrook to have the bridge made safe for all users and improved access to the Trees: Motorway via the Meadowbrook Link. In honouring that commitment, Cllr. Senan Griffin arranged a number of meetings with Council officials and members of Michael Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that overhanging trees in Kingsbry, Rail Park and Leinster Park be pruned Dunne's family. In the course of these discussions, Michael Dunne was very co-operative in making sure back. Cllr. Griffin has also requested that the that KCC were in a position to proceed with both replacement trees in Cluain Aoibhinn be planted during projects. Cllr. Senan Griffin played a very positive role the current season. in progressing the projects and as a result, the County Manager was in a position to proceed to tender stage Yellow Box Junctions: for both projects. Cllr. Griffin complimented Michael As a result of numerous requests by residents, Cllr. Dunne and his family for their very positive approach in Senan Griffin has asked that a yellow box function finalising the Meadowbrook Link. Cllr. Griffin is hoping layout be provided as an interim measure on the that work on the Meadowbrook Link will commence in Straffan Road, Rail Park, Parklands, Old Greenfield, the next few months. Silken Vale and at the Railway Station.

Cllr. Griffin has reminded KCC that proper safety measures / traffic calming measures will have to be put Brevin Waste Facility: in place within the present Meadowbrook estate. These measures should include the provision of barriers and Planning permission for the Brevin Waste facility speed tables. Cllr. Griffin has requested the raising of proposal at the Dublin Road was refused by KCC on the wall and closing off to Meadowbrook Drive. Cllr. September 5th. It is now expected that the EPA will also Griffin has demanded all works within Meadowbrook refuse proposals for an extension of this facility. Estate be carried out in conjunction with the new link road and furthermore that the new road remains closed Maynooth Post Primary School: until all work is completed.

Amenity Lands:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to expedite the Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested the Minister for Education and Science to transfer of amenity lands to the Kildare VEC and expedite the construction of the school extension. Maynooth GAA Club. Residents of Maynooth should be Maynooth Post Primary School is one of the primary aware that an area action plan for the Harbour Field and growth schools in the country and the provision of extra surrounding lands to the fire station is currently being classrooms and a full size gym are of the utmost considered by KCC. It is important that any proposals importance. or suggestions are forwarded to the County Secretary in Naas as soon as possible. A similar plan is being prepared for Carton Avenue. Proposals are welcome please feel free to send a copy to Clir. Griffin (griffins@eircom.net).

Joan Slade River / Lyreen:

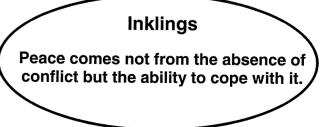
Four years ago Cllr. Senan Griffin requested KCC to clean up the debris on the Joan Slade River, especially along Parson's Street. The O.P.W. are currently carrying out this work and the stream is now looking

better and the water is flowing more freely, which should greatly reduce the chance of future flooding at this location. Fine Gael and Cllr. Senan Griffin thinking ahead of the rest.

Parklands Footpath:

KCC are shortly expected to lay a new footpath along by the grass margin at the entrance to the Parklands Estate. The finance for this project was provided by Cllr. Senan Griffin's KCC allowance at an estimated cost of 11,000. As a result of a proposal made by Clir.

Congratulations to all the Leaving Certificate students on their examination results.



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Maynooth Labour News





Emmet Stagg, T.D.

Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link Road Going to Tender:

Good news for the people of Maynooth as the County Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the County Manager has agreed that both the Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link projects would go to tender before the end of September when the contract documents are completed.

On receipt of tenders the County Manager will put a funding package before the full Council for approval. Cllr. McGinley believes that Councillors will approve the package as the old Council had already approved the taking out of a loan for the Bond Bridge project as far back as 1998. As the safety of the many pedestrians who use the bridge is the main issue Cllr. McGinley will continue to monitor progress on this much needed new re-aligned bridae.

The Meadowbrook Link Road is also essential as it will take the Dublin/Rathcoffey traffic out of Main Street, thereby, making life much easier for all the people of Maynooth. If there are no further hold-ups this new road should be open by next summer.

Action Area Plans for The Harbour and Carton Avenue:

In our notes in the August edition of Maynooth Newsletter we drew attention to the fact that the Maynooth Development Plan calls for Action Plans for the Harbour Area and the new 55 acre public park adjacent to Carton Avenue. The process for the Action plans was discussed at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 6 September.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed "That a notice be publicised requesting initial submissions for the two Action Area Plans needed in Maynooth and likewise for the Action Area Plan for The Wonderful Barn in Leixlip"

This will probably be done by mid September and community groups and individuals will be given four weeks to make their initial submissions.

Cllr. McGinley asked for initial submissions so that a first draft can be drawn up based on these. The draft will then be sent to all concerned seeking further comments. It was agreed that the target of completion by Christmas was too tight and that it was better to get it right. A new target of six months for completion of all three plans was agreed.

Noel Sheridan, Senior Planner in Kildare County Council, is in charge of the project, however, it is the Councillors who will make the decisions, as with the Development Plans. Cllr. John McGinley advised him that he should meet the local groups most directly concerned i.e. Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Action Strategy, Maynooth Development Association, Maynooth Community Centre Partnership, Royal Canal Amenity Group and Parson Lodge Residents' Association.

Consultants, CAAS, have been engaged by the Council for the Carton Area Action Plan and the Council will be doing the Harbour one themselves. Community Groups and individuals should feel free to make their submissions directly to Cllr. John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive or E Mail jmcginley@eircom.net.

Great News As Westside Waste are Refused Planning Permission:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley are very pleased at Kildare County Council's comprehensive refusal of planning permission for 3 light industrial units and a waste processing centre at Blacklion, Maynooth. Cllr. John McGinley is particularly pleased that the No.1 reason for the refusal was as result of the Clause that he got inserted in Page 31 of the Maynooth development Plan i.e.

"In particular uses such as intensive waste processing and recycling which are deemed to be incompatible with the neighbouring residential areas will be prohibited and any existing incompatible uses will be encouraged to relocate."

The proposed facility would have been located just north of Parklands Housing Estate and west of Blacklion Housing Estate and would have caused noise and odour nuisance to existing and future residents of these areas. The proposal would also have had a negative impact on the Royal Canal which is at the southern boundary of the

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site. Given that permission has now been refused Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have again called on Kildare County Council to close down the existing illegal waste separation facility on the site and to use their full powers under the Planning Acts.

Also, a decision on the company's application for a Waste Management Licence from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is imminent and if the licence is refused the EPA is obliged to force the closure of the existing operation.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley would like to congratulate the Parklands Residents' Association on their success in having the planning permission refused.

Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement to Start end October:

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council's Director of Services that a recommendation has been made on the appointment of a contractor for the construction of two new houses and associated environmental improvement works in Old Greenfield. An application will be made to the Department for sanction in week beginning 9 September and it should then be possible to appoint a contractor within a few weeks, depending on how quickly the application is processed. It is hoped to begin the works by the end of October. Cllr. McGinley is pleased that the long drawn out battle to have this essential work carried out is now finally over.

Provision of Litter Bins in Housing Estates:

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

"That the Council adopt a policy of emptying the litter bins under the Litter Bin Grants Scheme."

Through this scheme the Council assists residents' associations, community groups, Tidy Towns Committees and similar organisations by giving a grant of up to 75% (Max. \in 750) towards the cost of bins. Unfortunately, the Council have a policy of not emptying the litter bins provided under this scheme, which means that there is very little take up, especially by residents' associations. If Cllr. McGinley's motion is agreed residents' associations should find it easier to avail of the scheme

Runway Lights at The Square, Maynooth:

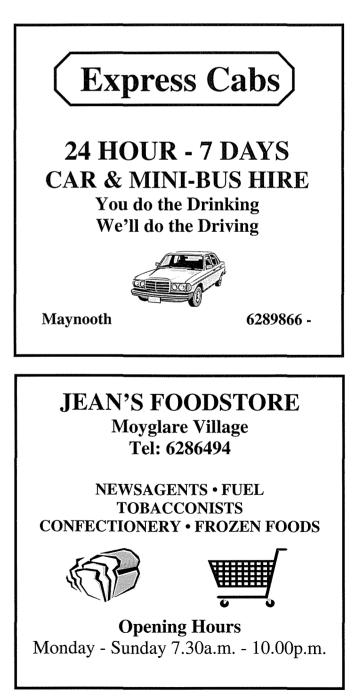
There has been an underground cable fault here for some time and it is causing the lights to malfunction. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the ESB to repair the fault and to pay particular attention to the reinstatement works following the digging.

Public use of the Car Park at the Harbour:

Waterways Ireland and the Royal Canal Amenity Group will be attending the next Leixlip Area Meeting on 4 October to discuss the public use of the car park, the provision of public lighting, the pollution of the canal and other items of interest.

Provision of a Swimming Pool Complex for North Kildare:

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the long awaited feasibility study on a Swimming Pool Complex for North Kildare will be presented to the October Area Meeting.



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Maynooth Twins Celebrate 73rd Birthday

Special birthday wishes are extended to twins Tosheen Farrell and Reasa Ranson formally Brigid and Theresa Maguire who celebrated their birthdays on 19th September. The twins are daughters of the late Edward and Nan Maguire. The twins were born and reared in Dillons Row, their father a baker by trade cam from Kells. Co. Meath and married local girl Nan Dovle. Nan's father was a cobbler in the town at that time and was affectionately known as the "Waxie Dovle".

When they completed their education in the Presentation Convent, they both were employed in the Spa Hotel, Lucan. From there Reasa immigrated to Birmingham where she met and married Dublin man, Peter Ranson. They are looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary next March along with their three children and their families. Tosheen met and married Leixlip man, the late Nicholas Farrell. They took up residence in O'Neill Park in 1951 and went on to rear 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters. Their knowledge of the old Maynooth and the people who resided therein is in abundance. It is a treat to listen to them when they do have the opportunity to get together and talk about their childhood. We wish them many more birthdays together.

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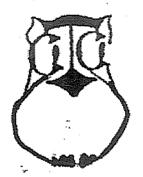




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Editorial

The country ratified the Treaty of Nice with a resounding yes vote on Saturday 19th October with 63% voting ves and 37% voting no. Perhaps this was due to an increased awareness as a result of the widespread debate and the literature disseminated by the Referendum Commission. Or perhaps the electorate felt that they had made Europe sit up and take notice when they voted no on the first occasion. The national turnout at nearly 50% was an increase on the usual numbers but still disappointing. Kildare North with a turnout of 48% voted 68.6% yes and 31.4 no. The Saturday vote may be the reason for this improvement. Perhaps the Government should consider weekend voting in the future. Most Europeans gave a communal sigh of relief at the result: enlargement may now take place. The Newsletter only received for its last issue an article against Nice and was unable to find anyone to write an article advocating a yes vote. We usually try to achieve a balanced view but this proved impossible.

The Newsletter would like to express its shock at the recent revelations regarding the allegations of sexual abuse of children by the clergy. It is even more shocking to learn of the apparent attempts by the hierarchy to conceal this scandal and to move offenders from parish to parish. Let us hope that the country, religious and secular alike, will now face our horrific past and attempt to put to right the abuses that have been visited upon our population.

Kildare County Council requested submissions during the month on the two Action Areas within the town, the first in the Geraldine Hall/Harbour Field area and the second at Carton Avenue. The Community Council sent a comprehensive submission and received proposals from various groups and individuals in the community. It is hoped that these plans will be implemented as the Geraldine Hall in particular is in a dreadful state. It is wide open to the elements and is being used currently as a toilet. There is an overwhelming need for a community centre, playgrounds, indoor and outdoor facilities for the youth of the town but also for the senior citizens. Sensible and far-seeing planning in these two Action Areas could eliminate this lack of amenities. There has been an over-concentration on housing development to the detriment of other resources within this community. This may be our last opportunity for years to provide for the future citizens and to prevent the social problems that accompany bad planning withoutamenities.

It is not just the town that needs to address development, traffic and parking problems. The National University in particular needs to look at its intake of students and the facilities that it provides for them. This is particularly true in the matter of inadequate parking. Due to the lack of parking facilities in the College grounds, students and staff have no option but to park on the hard shoulder on the Kilcock Road - this is a danger to drivers and illegal. Much of the traffic jams during term time are caused by the huge increase in students who drive to College.

Samhain or Hallow'een will be upon us as the Newsletter goes to print - please be careful with bonfires, bangers and fireworks. Although illegal in this country it is evident over the last number of weeks that there are plenty of them around. Those readers who are cat owners would be well advised to keep them indoors at night as they may become the target of unwanted attention and suffer unnecessarily.

Community Council Notes October Meeting

Maynooth Community Council News

The October meeting of the Community Council took place on the 15th October in the Glenroval Hotel. There were four new co-options to the Council: Bill Coonan

Submission Re Action Area Plan

This meeting was delayed to facilitate groups that wanted to submit submissions. There were submissions received from The Roval Canal Amenity Group, B.A.B.A. Beaufield Residents, Robert Rowan, Maynooth Community Council. M.A.S. indicated that they were sending their submission on to Kildare County Council direct.

It was felt that the 18th October didn't give enough time for people to complete submissions and that if people still inteded to submit submissions they should contact Kildare County Council.

There followed a general discussion. It was generally felt that there should be no residential or industrial development at the Harbour Area. It was also indicated that the Harbour area is the best location for a Community Centre.

Tom McMullon said that plans had being drawn up for the Geraldine Hall some years ago. He said the fence that is there now was put up to protect the children and that this was where the Swimming Pool was to be with a Community Centre looking out at the play area.

Peter Connell said he was not sure that the Geraldine Hall was suitable for the new centre with the old school in front. He felt the new centre should be a completely new building.

Fergus Devereux said the playing field area is not practical as a G.A.A. fixture. He also said that we should not be looking at any residential developments here, we should say no, flatly reject this.

It was stated that the area behind Parson Lodge, 7 acres, is privately owned and that development will probably go ahead here. It was also stated that we should be strongly against any development behind the Health Centre. It was felt that we should be very careful here and that we should see what Kildare County Council are considering here also.

Carton Area

Again it was stated that there should be no industrial development here. However it was also stated that some land here is privately owned and that future development here will include some residential development. It was also hoped that there would be a proper maintenance plan for the Park when it is developed.

Richard Farrell congratulated the executive for their submission. It was agreed to make a few small changes to this.

Paul Croghan also congratulated the executive, he said he was delighted to see the inclusion of an Art

Gallery. The submission can be viewed in the Community Council Office.

Lawlessness and By-Laws.

Tom McMullon said that he attended a meeting on the above theme. He said people are experiencing the same problems all over, youth drinking, vandalism, people coming out of the pubs late and gathering at the chip shops. There was a suggestion that the licencing hours should go back to old times. He said the lack of police presence on the street was a problem but was told that this is not the case. People should always be watchful and take note of strange people and cars in the area. it was also noted that taxi's are seen to be speeding in estates. It was also felt that taxi's that hoot their horns instead of getting out at a house are breaking the law.

Fergus Devereux said parking by-laws are not being enforced, drinking in public places, parking on double yellow lines. etc.

Claire O'Rourke also felt that parking on double vellow lines at the Mill Bridge is also ignored. However it was also stated that there is always a police presence. it was also said that drinking on the canal banks is down. It was felt that more foot patrol was needed. However it was also pointed out that the gardai do a great job in combating crime in the town.

Community Council Office

It has been communicated that the FAS Scheme is being run well by supervisor Christina Saults. There will be a number of vacancies coming up over the next few months. This will be for people over 25 and over 35 meeting the necessary criteria. This is a great opportunigy to get back to work and to work in your community. Contact the office at 01 6285922 or Email maynoothcc@eircom.net.

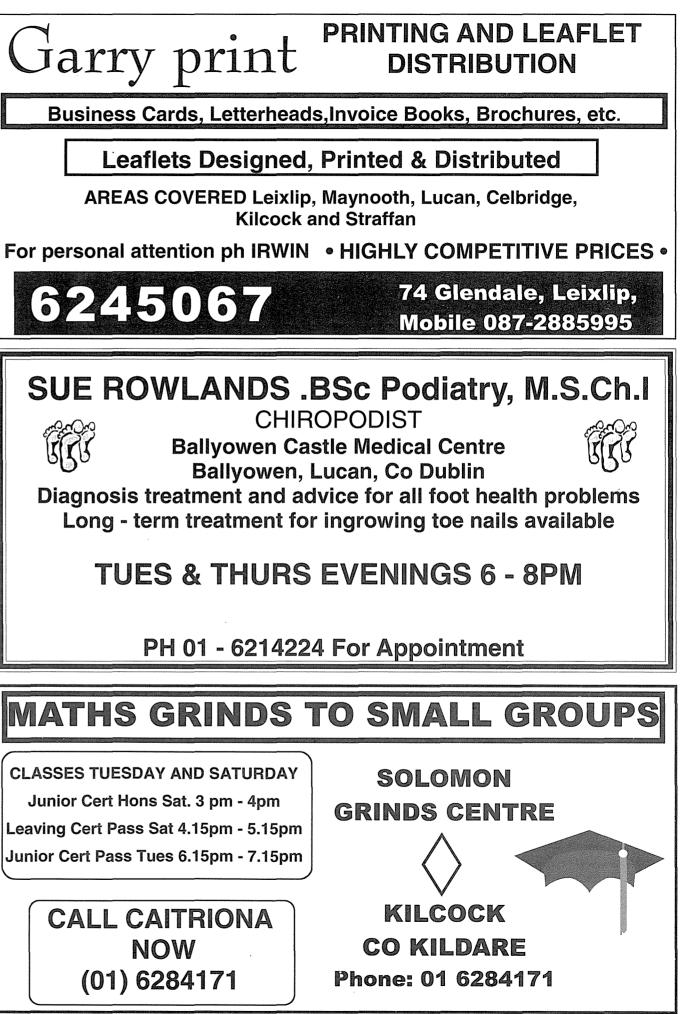
Band Hall Concerns

Tom McMullon expressed concerns on behalf of the band committee about development taking place around them. It was suggested that plaques should be placed on preserved building, also to say to whom the building belonged to.

Tidy Town Awards

Paul Croghan said that the Best Estates and Best Shop Front Competition Awards 2002 will be held on Thursday 14th November in the Glenroval Hotel at 8 p.m. We would like to thank the Glenroyal Hotel for sponsoring same.

Next meeting of the Maynooth Community Council will be held on the 11th November 2002 in the Glenroval Hotel. Marie Gleeson, PRO.





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CLASSES TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

Leaving Cert Pass Sat 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Junior Cert Pass Tues 6.15pm - 7.15pm



Poets Corner

ACHILL ISLAND

Achill, your beauty capture me so Along an Island settled in peace Surrounding you the sea waters flow With winding road never to cease To gaze at the hazy blue sky On a summer day a joy to be To let all weary troubles pass bye With all of the beautiful scenery

At kim bay lapping up the sun Lving on a carpet sand in joy To swim in the sea such fun With the vast sea in your cry Sea of plenty your in my mind Your presence in life forever be No matter what a heart bind Soon by the sea it all flee

The mountain peaks touch the sky And the blue sea blends so clear A beauty of nature never to die Where my heart is close and near Praise to a most stunning sight Always remain a memory to me On a sunny day feeling just right With mother nature on one bended knee

Pleasant Island stay in my heart My visit to you only temporary Thoughts of you never to part Where within I set myself to part Farewell Island of my dream One day again be by your side Your inner beauty gleam and gleam Among a picturesque scene abide

> Patrick Murray 624 St Patrick's Park Celbridge



TO BE SINCERE

Speak the trurh to everyone and your world be in peace This world is so very wrong With injustices never cease Speak to your fellow man With good welfare be found Love your neighbour as you can Although some torn to the ground It is hard at times to be sincere But the truth is clear at the end Conquer all your inner fear With want and care to a friend A man is vulnerable in this life To hide away form what is true Humanity would be of little strife If the truth was shining true

> Patrick Murray 624 St. Patricks Park Celbridge

CHILD

You are our Creators infant child Living a life of innocence so pure Your perfect soul so much unspoilled With a future ahead quite unsure Play away my child in your fantasy life Who knows what tomorrow may behold May your world be of little strife From this day until you grow old But most of all thrive to be good And may all your truths be sincere Live in a life as you feel should With a warm heart close and near Then if life is not going your way With fear may trouble you so Remember God is near you each day Guiding your way as you grow and grow

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Maynooth Newsletter

would welcome new contributors in relation to Articles, Residents Association News, Clubs & Organisations, Family Celebrations, Upcoming Events, Book Reviews, Film Reviews, Restaurant Reviews or any thing you might think would be of interest to our Readers.

Any of the above can be submitted to our office at Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth on or before copy date which is on page 3 of this issue or you can Email us at maynoothcc@ eircom.net

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF MAYNOOTH GUILD OF THE Irish Countrywomen's Association

Congratulations to the ladies of the Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association who are celebrating fifty years of the guild which began in Maynooth in November 1952. The ICA had brought a new focus to the life of communities for generations before that.

The story of the ICA begins when Anita Studdy-Beatty, a young English nurse in county Wexford, was widowed in 1904. She was an accomplished member of the farming community, a young mother, a skilled craftswoman, a nurse, a good neighbour. She had much to offer society. Harold Lett, an extensive and influential local farmer, recognised her qualities and within a few years he proposed and she accepted. In the peace and quiet of their own home, surrounded by their children they discussed the changing times. Anita saw that while women are gregarious many were devoid of outlets for their cooperative spirit. She ruminated and decided to be proactive when the grain was scattered and the days lengthened. She invited some women friends to her home on the Sunday following Ascension Thursday, 8 May 1910. They reacted positively to her concept of a women's club, and in the weeks following Pentecost Sunday they explored ideas for its formal structure. Anticipation grew until Wednesday 15 June when well-dressed gentlewomen adjusted their hats, guided their ponies and traps from their mansions past women, young and old, rushing from their homes in villages and isolated rural areas, to St Aidan's Hall in Bree county Wexford. They came as individuals, listened to Anita, and, as United Irishwomen returned to their homes. The guilds would be non-sectarian and democratic. They delighted and amazed their families as they organised a social evening for their neighbours. Many saw a new purpose in life. They baked and polished and strolled around to admire the neighbours' flower gardens; everybody stopped to discuss the dance and the flower show planned for later in the summer. They made a better life for the members of their households and neighbourhoods. As the women gained confidence they discussed their families and home conditions. They perceived a need to update their domestic skills so talks were arranged on modern cooking, horticulture, butter-making, housekeeping, first-aid, needlework and poultry-rearing. The United Irishwomen's group was the focus of attention. Within a short period word spread and many women warmly embraced the formal structure for the exchange of ideas and knowledge. In 1935 the name of the movement changed to the Irish Countrywomen's Association. Despite its name it was not confined to rural women, and by 1950 some 10,000 women participated in thirteen town associations and 346 guilds, in twenty Federations.

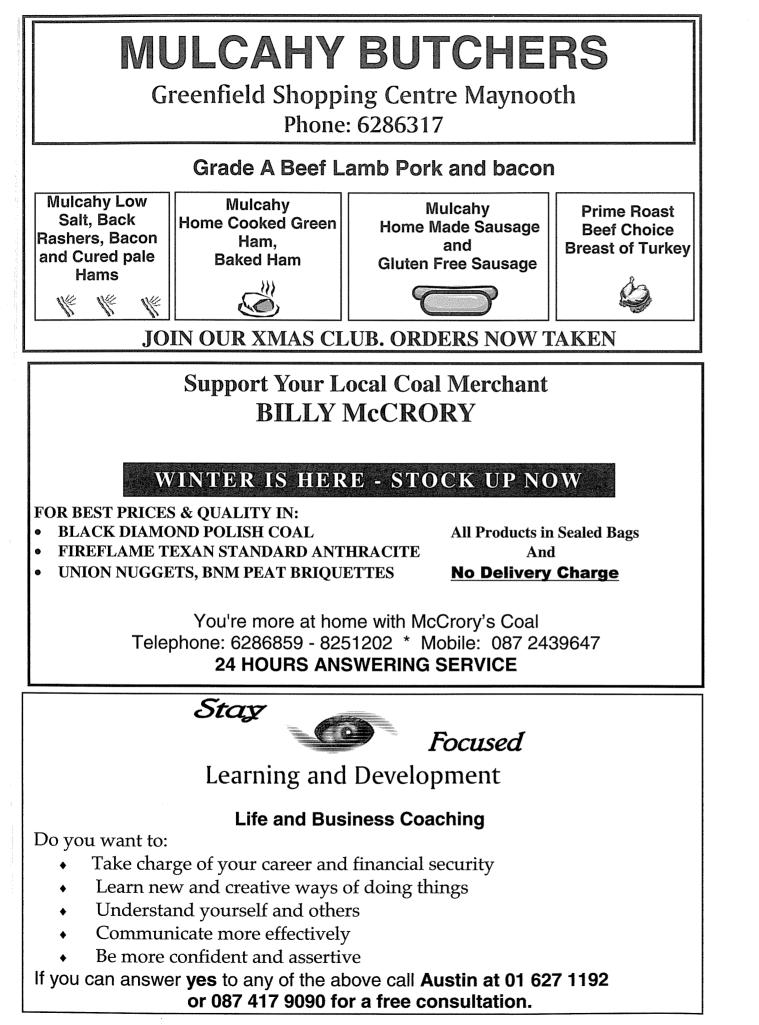
This concept of mutual exchange of skills, of ideas, of friendship lives on in the ICA. Many of the members are now computer literate, have explored many parts of the world, are members of the work force and are concerned and involved with current issues. Yet, they are guardians of the crafts of an earlier, more leisured, period. The guild remains an oasis of peace and harmony in an ever-changing society. Long may it continue to flourish!

Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association Caoga bliain

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Mary McNamara gave the guild a progress report, and enlightened members on the preparations for the Golden Jubilee. An ecumenical prayer service will be held in November. Former members and prospective members are invited to contact Mary at 6290929.

Some members attended An Grianan and the Knitting and Stitching Show others enjoyed a tea morning at Grainne Kelly's home. Yoga classes and badminton will ensure fitness. Members will visit the majestic Croke Park complex in November. A trip to China is planned in 2004. Best wishes go from the guild to Marese Killeen who has left us for the historical town of Trim.

Thanks to Marie Breen who so graciously guided the craft evenings when the ladies kept alive the many skills of a bygone age. We are delighted to present an early sewing machine to the museum. Certificates of craft excellence were awarded to Mary Halton, Rosemary Hanley and Mary O'Gorman. It was an evening of competitions and awards. Other recipients were Mairead Scanlon, Eileen Flynn, Helen Doyle, Bernie King, Helen Finn, Mary Deane, Teresa Corcoran, Viva Kerins, Imelda Delaney, Jo O'Connell, Betty Farrell and Betty Moore.



Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/1793	Thomas Farrell	Andromeda Donadea Co. Kildare	Ρ	16/09/02	for construction of a two storey residence, garage and septic tank	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1795	Fintan O'Hora	Ballycurraghan Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	16/09/02	for two storey extension and attic conversion and general refurbishment and new garage to existing house	Ballycurraghan Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1797	Electricity Supply Board	c/o Nicola Arthur 39 Merrion Square Dublin 2	Ρ	17/09/02	for the erection of a 45 metre high free standing communication tower, carrying communication dishes and antennae with associated ground- mounted equipment cabinets as part of E.S.B's communication system etc.	Taghadoe Co. Kildare
02/1801	Dermot D'arcy	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/09/02	for the construction of a two storey extension to the side of the existing house	1 Meadowbrook Close Newtown Maynooth
02/1827	Ray & Anne Crofton	Barrogstown Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	20/09/02	to build two storey dwelling, domestic garage, septic tank and puraflo liquid effluent treatment system and all associated works on our site	Moortown Maynooth Road Celbridge
02/1833	Tom Flood	The Old Mill Old Bawn Tallaght Dublin 24	Р	23/09/02	for change of use from shop to betting office (a protected structure)	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1849	E.S.B.	Lower Fitzwilliam Street Dublin 2	Р	27/09/02	to locate a new spare unenergised 250MVA transformer onto an existing foundation in the Maynooth 220/110KV substation	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1860	Niall Murphy	62 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/09/02	for proposed first floor extension	62 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1870	Farrell O'Boy	Greenfield Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	02/10/02	for the removal of existing gates and piers at west entrance and construction of new entrance gates, wall and piers and all ancillary works	Greenfield Moneycooley Maynooth
02/1872	Carol & Colm Feeney	Ballygoran Development Ltd Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth	Ρ	02/10/02	for 241 dwellings to include, 4 no. 3 bed detached dormer bungalow, 16 no. 3 semi- detached dormer bungalow, 18 no. 2 storey 5 bed detached houses with garage, 44 no. 2 storey 4 bed semi- detached houses, 69 no. 2 storey 3 bed terraced houses etc.	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth
02/1899	Intel Ireland Ltd.	Collinstown Industrial Park Collinstown Leixlip Co. Kildare	Ρ	04/10/02	for 2 storey extension to the northside of the existing IR1 building to accommodate a new flexible production and production/service support area over 2 floors, the works are to be phased and include both and ground level mounted equipment etc.	Collinstown Industrial Park Leixlip Co. Kildare



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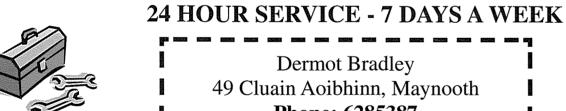


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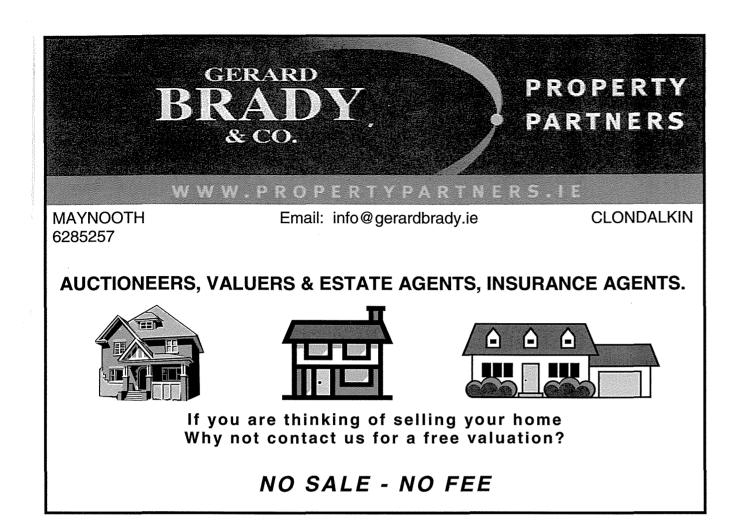
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02/1909	Newtown Park Stud	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	07/10/02	to build a new stud farm complex at Newtownmacabe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare consisting of the folowing: (a) Yard No. 1: at existing entrance from public road, construct new plastered concrete blockwork splayed wing walls with timber stud etc.	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1912	Tony & Tom Bean	Nuada Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	07/10/02	for the demolition of one habitable house and the construction of eleven two storey plus attic floor four bedroom houses, also nine three bedroom apartments and one hundred and twenty- six two bedroom apartments in nine three storey etc.	Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1922	Damien Kehir	Kilmacredock Lower Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	09/10/02	for dormer bungalow, septech 2000 effluent treatment plant and garage for domextic use	Kilmacredock Lower Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1940	Linda Haren & Michael Twomey	58 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	11/10/02	for erection of dormer style dwelling house and domestic double garage, installation of proprietary effluent treatment system and associated percolation pipe network, formation of new recessed behicular entrance from public road etc.	Barreen Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1944	Kiolpa Group	Suite 15 Mespil Business Centre Mespil House Sussex Road Dublin 4	Ρ	11/10/02	for a 25m antennae support structure equipment containers, security fence and access track for Kiolpa Group at Moyglare Road, Maynooth to form part of the cellular digital communications network	Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1945	Kiolpa Group	Suite 15 Mespil Business Centre Mespil House Sussex Road Dublin 4	Ρ	11/10/02	for 25m antennae support structure, equipment containers, security fence and access track for Roestown Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare to form part of the cellular digital network	Roestown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1956	ESB International C/o Mark Dunne ESB International Stephen Court 18-21 Stephens Green Dublin 2		Ρ	14/10/02	to locate a new spare unenergised 250MVA transformer onto an existing foundation in the Maynooth 220/110KV substation in the townland of Tagadoe	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1964	Sinead Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	15/10/02	development consists of a change of house type consisting of a two-storey house with detached garage, amended boundaries and ancillary siteworks	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare





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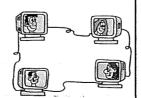
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Lemongrass Restaurant Glenroval Hotel

On hearing people rave about the Lemongrass I went to find out myself what was so special. I arrived in the other night and was greeted with a great atmosphere. I was seated at my table and was shown the menu and the specials that were on that night. I was offered a drink from the bar on which I had a glass of water. A waitress came over to me and asked me if I needed help with the menu as there are dishes on it that I have not heard of. Top marks there! I gave my order which was Salmon and prawn cakes as a starter and Stir fried king prawns as main course.

The starter was out to me in a matter of minutes. There was two little cakes which were deep fried and were in a sweet chilli dressing, the plate was garnished to perfection and the taste was radiant and the contrast of colours was fantastic.

As soon as I was finished my main course was ready. the prawns were in a filo pastry basket in sweet chilli and basil sauce with fried rice and stir fried vegetables. Again it was perfection.

The Lemongrass is a fantastic atmosphere and a nice restaurant for romantic meal or for large parties. It is great value for money.

Good menu and with good vegetarian options.

The only complaint I had was that I had 3 different waiter/waitress come over to me to see if they can take my order.

The food is Asian and the menu consists of mild to hot spicy dishes so if you like spicy and adventurous food, it is well worth a visit also for its excellent service and value for money.

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Book Review

Daddy's Little Girl (By Mary Higgins Clarke)

Some years ago while sick in bed, a friend of mine, gave me a 3 in 1 Book of Murder Stories by Mary Higgins Clarke. Since I had never read any of her work before. I was a little bit dismissive of the book. but with nothing else to do. I started to read, and I could not put the book down. I was hooked.

I love it when I find a new author I like because I have to catch up on all her work. All her books have now been read, some were excellent, and some were good, but all very easy to read. It was with great anticipation I awaited Daddy's Little Girl and I was not disappointed.

Without giving too much of the story away, it is about Ellie, who is seven, when her fifteen year old sister Andrea was murdered. It was Ellie who led her parents to the body, and it was her testimony that put away the killer. There were three suspects, Rob the son of the local wealthy family, and who was Andrea's secret boyfriend. Paul a school friend with a crush on Andrea, and Will a local handyman.

Now 22 years later the convicted killer is up for parole. Ellie is now a reporter and wants to write a book, about the murder, and to prove that this man really did kill her sister. Digging deeper and deeper, she discovers facts that throws a new light on the murder. Did the right or wrong man serve time in prison? Nevertheless the 3 suspects are out there, and one of them a killer waiting for Eillie.





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RED DRAGON

Dir: Brett Rattner

Wri: Ted Tally, Thomas Harris (Novel) Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Edward Norton, Ralph Fiennes, Emily Watson, Harvey Keitel, Mary - Louise Parker, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Anthony Heald, Frankie R. Faison.

IF YOU FIND much of Red Dragon eerily familiar, it's because the 1982 novel was originally filmed as Manhunter in 1986. Directed by Michael Mann (Heat, Ali, The Insider) starring William Petersen, the film was well-received but did little at the box-office. In a small but distinctive part. British actor Brian Cox played a sly serial-killer called Hannibal Lecter.

And some time later. Silence of the Lambs was released and swept every award going. Anthony Hopkins' rasping Hannibal Lecter entered the popular imagination. The sequel, Hannibal, divided both readers and filmgoers alike. It was a success however, which, helped persuade Italian producer Dino De Laurentiis that there was plenty of life in the old cannibal yet. Rather than waiting another ten years for Harris to finish another book, De Laurentiis went back to the beginning.

Red Dragon follows a similar set-up to Silence of the Lambs; a young F.B.I. investigator tries to match wits with the incarcerated Dr Lecter in a bid to catch another serial-killer. The difference here is that Will Graham (Edward Norton) was the man who originally caught Lecter, and has the scars to prove it.

In a long solid cast that includes Harvey Keitel, Emily Watson and Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Ralph Fiennes stands out as the titular Red Dragon, a freakishlytattooed bodybuilder who is slaughtering happy, all-American families. This is a performance that could so easily have gone to ham or Over-the-top hysterics, but Fiennes manages to tread the fine line between Man and Monster.

Having difficulty in figuring out how the victims are chosen, the F.B.I. drafts in the reluctant Graham, who is gifted with an empathy that allows him something to identify with the killer. A fine actor, Norton seems a little too young for his role, just as Hopkins seems a little too old. To be fair, Hopkins is the reason people will flock to see this, and screenwriter Ted Tally's script reflects this: Hannibal's role is substantially bumped up from the extended cameo of the book.

For the people who hated the gothic-romance that was Hannibal, Red Dragon should prove a welcome return to the taut, white-knuckle thriller that Silence did so well . Mind you, it's no substitute, and no amount of tight-corsets and makeup will convince me that Anthony Hopkins is twenty years younger.



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General Tips

Tumble Dryer

Running a tumble dryer can be expensive, so to save drying time just add a clean dry towel to your wet clothes. It will absorb moisture, to help your clothes dry faster.

Basil

Why not grow some basil in a pot and place it on your windowsill, not only can you cut off leaves when you need them in cooking but you will also find it keeps flies out of the kitchen.

Eggs

If the yolks of the hardboiled eggs you're preparing for a salad crumble as you slice them, first wet the knife in cold water before use and they will stay whole.

Pets

If you have a new puppy who's not yet house-trained, clean up any accidents on the carpet by using warm water and a mild disinfectant such as pine, rather than carpet shampoo. It will help to freshen the room and also the smell helps to deter the puppy from a repeat performance.

Safetv

Never store newspapers, rags or cleaning fluids under the stairs. If they caught fire they would cut off your escape route.

Hazardous waste

Leftover paint, household cleaner, insect spray and weed killer are all hazardous wastes. Flushing them down the drain can damage sewage treatment systems. And putting them out with the rubbish means that they are sent to the landfill, where they eventually seep into groundwater.

If you can't use up a potentially hazardous product, think of someone who can. Schools, neighbours or churches may be pleased to accept your extra paint, insect spray or cleaning solution.

Call your local environment health department, a recyling centre or an environmental agency to see if they organise collection drives. If they do, make sure the wastes are in sealed, watertight, labelled containers. If a container is rusting or leaking, put it in a larger, secure receptacle

Don't throw your old beach mat away. Keep it in the car boot. It's handy if you need to change a wheel, of to give traction if you get stuck in mud or snow or protect your windscreen in frosty weather.

Veg

Onion, broccoli and brussels sprouts will cook faster if you make an x-shaped cut at the base of the vegetable.

Health Tips Keep Kids Healthy. Cough&Colds.

During your child's first year of school or nursery, you can expect them to get frequent coughs and colds during the winter months. This can be a distressing time for both you and your child, but it is worth remembering that this is a very important time for the development of your childs immune system, which will allow them to develop a natural resistance for the future. As a parent you will typical find the frequency cough and colds reducing with each year passes, by knowing how to act guickly you'll be able to soothe and ease their distress. As colds and flu are a virus antibiotics will not work, however there are few things you can do to make your child comfortable.

Top Tips

- Give them plenty of rest
- Give them some liquid paracetamol or cough/ cold preparation.
- But only following advice from your 0 pharmacist.
- ensure that your child is eating a balanced diet . containing essential vitamins and minerals to help them fight of f winter viruses.
- Keep their room warm but well ventilated -keep the air moist by putting a bowl of water near their radiator. This will help your child breath more easily.
- Give them plenty of fluids ; a child aged three and over should drink at least one litre a day.
- . Meals should be small

Earache

Earache is also common among children following a cold. This happens when the middle ear becomes infected. As well as having an earache, your child might have a fever. Unlike colds and flu, it is best to take your child to the doctor as there are antibiotics available to treat ear infections.

Your child's flu-like symptoms may be guite normal, however, do keep a close eye on them and call your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following:

When to call your Doctor

- Temperature rises over 100 degrees.
- They have a rash.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Lips or fingertips appearing blue.
- Yellow, green, grey or bloody phlegm.
- Blocked nose while you are breast or bottle feeding.
- Yellow or white blotches on the back of throat.
- Please also call your doctor if your child is under six months old and has a cough.

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November in the Garden



Helpful Hints For The Established Garden Plants In Mid To Winter

Lawns : Turf new lawns. Treat established lawns with mosskiller.

Trees and Shrubs: If the soil is not frozen, plant deciduous species. Prune deciduous summerflowering shrubs such as clematis, buddleia, potentilla and hardy fuchsia. Prune winter-flowering shrubs once blooms are over; mulch and apply a general fertilizer. Cut suckers growing from the bases of trees.

Roses: Continue planting roses in suitable weather. Prune in mild or sheltered gardens.

Perennials: Lift and divide lupins, Michaelmas daisies, delphiniums, and any other hardy border plants that have been left for three years. Apply general fertilizer to other hardy perennials. Firm plants lifted by frost. Fork over soil between the plants. Examine stored chrysanthemun stools for signs of rotting and withering. Ventilate on dry days.

Annuals: In suitable weather dig and manure sites for sowing. Lightly fork over ground dug in autumn and work in a general fertilizer if it wasn't manured. Sow half hardy annuals in a cold frame or greenhouse late in winter.

Biennials: Dress with a general fertiliser. Lightly soil around them. Firm any plants that have been lifted by frost.

Bulbs: Deter birds from eating crocus buds by stretching dark cotton, supported on sticks across the area occupied by the bulbs. Spray stored dahlia tubers showing signs of mould. Pot lily bulbs for early display indoors or under glass.

Fruit: Plant fruit trees and bushes in mild spells. Feed all fruit trees with fertilizer. Every third year, paint tar oil wash on apple and pear trees. Prune raspberries, gooseberries and red and white currants. Prepare beds for rhubarb crowns and plant.

Vegetables: Place cloches in position to warm soil for seeds sown in early spring. Outdoors, plant shallots. Transplant autumn sown onions. Feed winter brassicas with general fertilizer.

Herbs: Plant or divide chives, thyme, sage, and mint. Cut back frost damaged sage.

When To Prume

Major pruning is done during the dormant period, from late autumn to early spring. Despite the increasing availibility of container grown roses, which can be planted at any time of the year, the main planting season is still from autumn to spring. This is also the time when bare-rooted roses are put in. All newly planted stock should be pruned in late winter or early spring. Normally it doesn't matter what time established roses are pruned during the dormant season.

Very harsh winter weather may damage those that have been pruned in the autumn, so they may need additional trimming in the spring. It's advantageous to trim and tie in long stems before they are lashed about by winds. In mild areas where new growth starts early, prune sooner rather than later.





Three Basic Steps:

There are three pruning steps that apply to roses. whether established or newly planted. Treat them as routine whenever you are planting or pruning. Many roses will need very little further attention.

1) Remove all dead, damaged or diseased stems. Cut back to just above a bud on healthy wood or take out the stem completely, cutting back to a junction with a healthy stem or even the rootstock itself.

2) Remove weak or thin stems. These are unlikely to produce flowers, yet they will take strength that the plant could put into other, better growth. Cut back to join with a healthy strong-growing stem or to the rootstock.

3) Take out the least vigorous of stems that cross or rub. Either cut the overcrowding stem right out or prune back to a growth bud below where the two stems cross. With ramblers and climbers, cut out some overcrowding stems but remember that training and tying will be needed to avoid rubbing.







Features

New Disability Website Establishes Base in Maynooth at Acol House 62 The Square.

A new website for people with disabilities, www. disability.ie, has just gone live. Disability Information Ireland, the company behind the website, was established by Robert Morgan, who himself has a disability. The website, which went live in early September, is a comprehensive on-line information service for people with disabilities, providing easy access to a wide range of information on a nationwide level.

Robert is no stranger to working in the field of disability, having been involved in disability issues through his life. The most recent example of this, prior to concentrating on the website full-time, was his involvement in the establishment of an accessible transport service in the Lucan area last year.

He decided to establish the site as a method of supplying information on disability through one source. While all the information on the site can be found through other avenues, it is spread over many service providers, and is thus fragmented in its delivery.A priority in constructing the website was that it was to be presented in a simple, easy to comprehend format.

"What I wanted was one website that supplied information on all our needs but it just wasn't there. People talk about mainstreaming now, and introducing it into services; well this website is our step towards mainstreaming information for people with disabilities", said Robert.

His vision was for a site containing information on a broad range of themes, in plain English, including entitlements, education, employment, transport, health, holidays, motoring, aids and appliances and entertainment, to name just a few. There are also chat rooms, message boards and an event guide. The goal is to provide a service where at the click of a button people can find out necessary information such as "Where can I go to adapt my car?", "What are my rights in the workplace?", "Where can I go for a night out?", and "Where can I park my car?". Now is a particularly pertinent time for such a website, as disability is guaranteed to be firmly on the agenda in the coming year, with the hosting of the Special Olympics in 2003 and the allocation of next year as the European Year of People with disabilities.

The website, which has just gone live, is still under development. The focus of the company is now switching to accommodate a search for Corporate Partners. As Robert says;" Advertising opportunities on the site have gotten a positive reception, now we want to broaden our net and find Corporate Partners for the project, who will be a major part of our upcoming publicity campaign".

It is expected that the site will be launched in the near future. Any feedback that can be offered, along

with any ideas or suggestions for the site, would be greatly welcomed.

The offices are located at Acol House, The Square, Maynooth, Co, Kildare, 01 6016344

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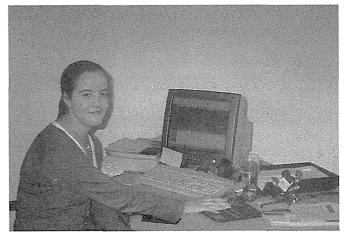
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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Our First AGM is now over, We have a new committee and plans for the forthcoming months are in preparation. The meeting was well attended and a number of minor changes to our organization have resulted, hopefully better for the future development of the club. If you are interested in taking out membership during our new year starting from November 1st., Why not visit our website, send us an e-mail or contact us by telephone, details below.

We had an unscheduled Easy Hike on Sunday 6th. of October from Bray along the coastal path to Greystones and Kilcoole. A number of people attended this activity for their first outing with us. The weather was perfect and the trip was enjoyed by one and all.

We are back in the training mood again. Following a number of practical nights in the classroom a number of club members will complete a number of practical days during November & December in the mountains exercising their skills in map and compass use as well as route planning.

For the Bank Holiday we are visiting the Cooleys for a Moderate and Hard hike. It will be an early start as we will loose one hour of day light on Sunday 27th.(time change).

On Sunday 10th November we are off on an Easy Hike through the mountains between Donard and Hollywood in west Wicklow, a distance of 10 miles with an ascent of 500 ft. Proper footwear and clothing essential. It is expected to be wet and chilly at best. Departure at usual time from the Glenroyal at 9 am sharp. Own transport.

Sunday December 1st brings us back to Bull Island and Sandymount Strand for a brisk trek around the perimeter of the island. The bird population should be at its maximum with out winter migratory feathered friends here on winter holidays. It is hoped to have an audio / visual show available before hand. Please note change in departure time from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure club at 9.30 am sharp. Own transport.

New years Day (depending on demand) it is hoped to conduct an Easy hike along one of the canals locally. Further details in next months issue.

For the next few months we will be restricted by reduced period of daylight. The majority of our activities will be close by. Activities conducted further afield will afield will be restricted in length. Our next weekend activity will not take place until the end of February '03. We normally complete a weekend of hiking around this time of year to include a night hike in an area to be decided later. This activity is limited to

club members.

Now is time to plan for our forthcoming year. If you are interested, contact us. Maybe there are some of our activities that suit your level of fitness. To be a member you do not have to be fit for the harder activities. Our easier ones can be quite pleasant and popular. When we go on our weekend trips during the summer subject to demand the easier activities are catered for. If there is sufficient demand there is no reason why we cannot plan a number of events at this level. Not all members are attending our more energetic activities.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities . Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Any one attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outing if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity ,or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

Mountain Safety Note:

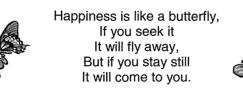
Mountaineering and climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Those attending our activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

Our new Club Telephone is 086-3984172

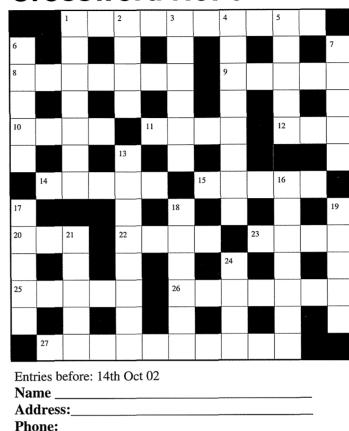
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Crossword

Crossword No: 6



Across:

- 1. Reading material (10)
- 8. Teams usually field eleven of hese (7)
- 9. Rub out (5)
- 10. Continuous pain (4)
- 11. Vehicles could give you scar (4)
- 12. Head fashion (3)
- 14. Practical joke (4)
- 15. Sudden involuntary muscle spasm (5)
- 20. Cooking utensil (3)
- 22. Climbing plant (4)
- 23. Far east (4)
- 25. Thrusting weapon with a point (5)
- 26. Popular rock instruments (7)
- 27. Excitement hormone (10)

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Down:

- 1. Tanned animal skin (7)
- 2. Help balance feet (4)
- 3. Little scallywag (6)
- 4. Pirates search for it (8)
- 5. Stretch out (5)
- 6. Squirt (5)
- 7. Big and strong (5)
- 13. Cosmic (8)
- 16. Informal written note (7)
- 17. Brief spell (5)
- 18. Mystery (6)
- 19. 22", I wish (5)
- 21. Current style (5)
- 24. Classic small car (4)

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 5

Across: 1 Deliberate; 8 Assault; 9 Trick; 10 Loan; 1 Solo; 12 Kin; 14 Delay; 15 Cairn; 20 Cab; 22 Neat; 23 Dust; 25 Thumb; 26 Special; 27 Persuassive.

Down: 1 Disease; 2 Loud; 3 Button; 4 Rational; 5 Think; 6 Daily; 7 Skunk; 13 Cannabis; 16 Routine; 17 Acute; 18 Nausea; 19 Style; 21 Brute; 24 Semi.

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COMPETITION SUGGEST A NAME FOR MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY UNIT FOR **OLDER PERSONS & WIN A PRIZE**

The Maynooth Community Unit for Older Persons opened in July 2002 and is located beside the Health Centre at Lenister Street, Maynooth.

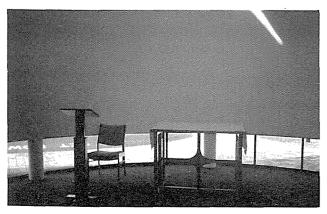
We want to name the Unit and we would like you to help us!

The South Western Area Health Board is organising a competition to name the Unit and the best name selected by the judging committee will win a prize!

This residential unit has been established to provide a service for older people in the Kildare/West Wicklow region. The unit has 50 beds divided into two patient care areas, providing assessment/respite and extended care.Respite care enables families/carers to take a break. We are developing our patient-centred Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmaceutical, Medical, Catering/Cleaning, Nutritional, Pastoral, Social Work, Administration and Day Care services. Referrals for admissions come from G.P., Public Health Nurses or an Acute General Hospital.

Please submit your suggested name or names to the Maynooth Community Unit for Older Persons, Leinster Street, Maynooth or email us at joan.moran@erha.ie or nuala.Nolan@erha.ie.For further information please telephone (01) 6106351/6106101/6106320.









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Murder of the Month – footballer under pressure

Rae Carruth had it all, money, fame, good looks and a stream of beautiful girl friends. And he risked it all. In 1999 Rae was one of the best-paid sportsmen in America. It was the American dream rag to riches story. He and his mother lived in Sacramento, California and his father abandoned them when Rae was six months old. His mother brought him to work with her, she was a social worker and he played as a youngster with the under-privileged children that were her responsibility. Born in 1974 he was reported as being a very quiet child, his friends said that he never lost his temper, never gave away his inner feelings. This stood by him when he was beginning to play football. He won a scholarship to Colorado and eventually he attracted the attention of the professional scouts. He began dating a number of beautiful young women but after a fling with Michelle Wright that lasted a year she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Rae Junior and he agreed to pay her child support. This was despite the fact that he did not see his son very often. His friends said that he seemed to love children, playing with the offspring of all his friends. It seemed that he liked to play the part of the father that he never had. When he moved to Colorado he dated a model, Amber Turner. In 1997 the Colorado Panthers signed him up and Amber moved with him. He was living in Charlotte where the team was based. He was given a four-year contract for \$3.7 million. He had it made at last; he had shaken off the poverty stricken youth. But he continued to be a dream player; the couple hardly ever went out clubbing and avoided publicity. The young people of the area adored him and he gave free coaching in the ghetto areas of the town. His friends said that he wrote poetry and said that he would like to be a teacher when he was finished with football. Amber said later that she had never seen him angry or

violent and that he was kind and looked after her. She also said that he did not like the publicity that went with the personality of a famous footballer. They broke up in 1997 and she was broken-hearted. Amber moved back to Colorado.

The following year Carruth suffered a broken right foot at the beginning of the season and could not play. The team missed him and when he returned the Panthers were out of the championship.

While he was recovering he met Cherica Adams. She was a stunning model who had worked as an estate agent before becoming a lingerie model. She was also a sportswoman and she often met other professional athletes. She worked as a topless dancer in a club in Charlotte. Rae's mother insisted that she was never actually his girlfriend - they were just acquaintances. But that seems not to have been the case.

November 16th 1999, a Tuesday, was one that Farrell Blalock would never forget. He had returned to his home in Charlotte after a long, exhilarating walk with

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his friends. It was just after midnight when he made a drink and sat down to read his bible. It was his habit every night to relax himself by reading a section. He was drinking tea when he heard the gunshots outside. He jumped up and looked out the window. A BMW was driving erratically up his driveway. It came to a stop at the front door. He ran out, saw an injured woman and called the ambulance and the police.

Then he went back out to the woman and prayed over her. He hoped that the sound of his voice might keep her conscious. The police arrived and the amount of blood horrified Farrell Blalock. It was so dark that he had not realised there was so much blood earlier. The policeman asked who shot her and first saving her husband, then she said her boyfriend.

She was rushed to hospital, a dying pregnant woman, 10 weeks from delivery. The child, a boy, was saved by caesarean section. His mother was not so lucky. She died a month later after succumbing to a coma. She never saw her baby. It was only nine days after the shooting that Rae, her baby's father, was arrested for the murder of his girlfriend. The country was shocked and further shocked by the ensuing events that mirrored to an extent the more famous O.J. Simpson case. Rae was at the top of his career, earning about a million dollars a year as well as all the sponsorship and advertising that goes with such an high earning player.

Rae and three other men were charged with conspiracy to murder Cherica as she fought the losing battle for her life. Rae denied anything to do with the event but when she died he jumped bail and fled. Needless to say this hit the headlines but the resulting arrest was less dramatic. He had gone on the run with a beautician, Wendy Cole but he called his mother frequently. She realised that a police chase might end tragically so she eventually led the police to her son. He was hiding in the boot of Wendy's car for the past 20 hours outside a motel room in Tennessee.

He was charged along with Van Brett Watkins a car mechanic who had done some work for him, Michael Kennedy and Stanley Abraham.

Amber Turner said that she had received a strange phone-call from Rae on the night of the murder. He said that that he had got a stripper pregnant. Amber did not take him seriously - he was famous for his jokes and pranks. Later she saw that there was more to it than she had realised at first.

The night that Cherica was shot, they had both left a cinema in Charlotte. She was driving her BMW and he was driving a Ford Expedition behind her. The phone records showed that he made a phone call to Watkins who was in another car along with Kennedy and Abraham. Watkin's pulled up beside Cherica's car, Rae's car was behind: she was trapped.

The four men faced the death penalty but the motive was problematic. Money was the most outstanding possibility. Rae may have been wealthy but he was paving child support for his first son and he had received a second serious injury in early 1999. His ankle was badly sprained and he may have been

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(Murder of the Month Contd.)

worried about his career and his future.

Watkins decided that he would try to save his own skin. He admitted to the shooting and tried to plea bargain and received a life sentence instead of the death penalty. At Carruth's trial he said that the murder had been planned for months beforehand. He said that he was afraid of Carruth and that he had been promised payment for the murder. He was discredited as a witness however, he admitted taking medication prescribed by a psychiatrist. He admitted a number of violent crimes and threatening behaviour towards a number of people.

The jury could not agree on the murder charge and they agreed on conspiracy to murder, shooting into the vehicle and trying to destroy his unborn child.

Cherica's mother made an emotional appeal to the court saying that he should not get away with a light sentence. While her daughter lay dying in hospital he never enquired about her or his son. He was sentenced to 19 to 24 years in prison. Kennedy and Abraham received 10 to 12 years.

It was revealed that the little boy suffered seizures after birth and now he has cerebral palsy. At 14 months he could not sit on his own. His grandmother, Cherica's mother, said that he was a miracle baby but he had the right to have a mother. A man trying to escape child support while earning a million dollars a year was ludicrous and unbelievable.

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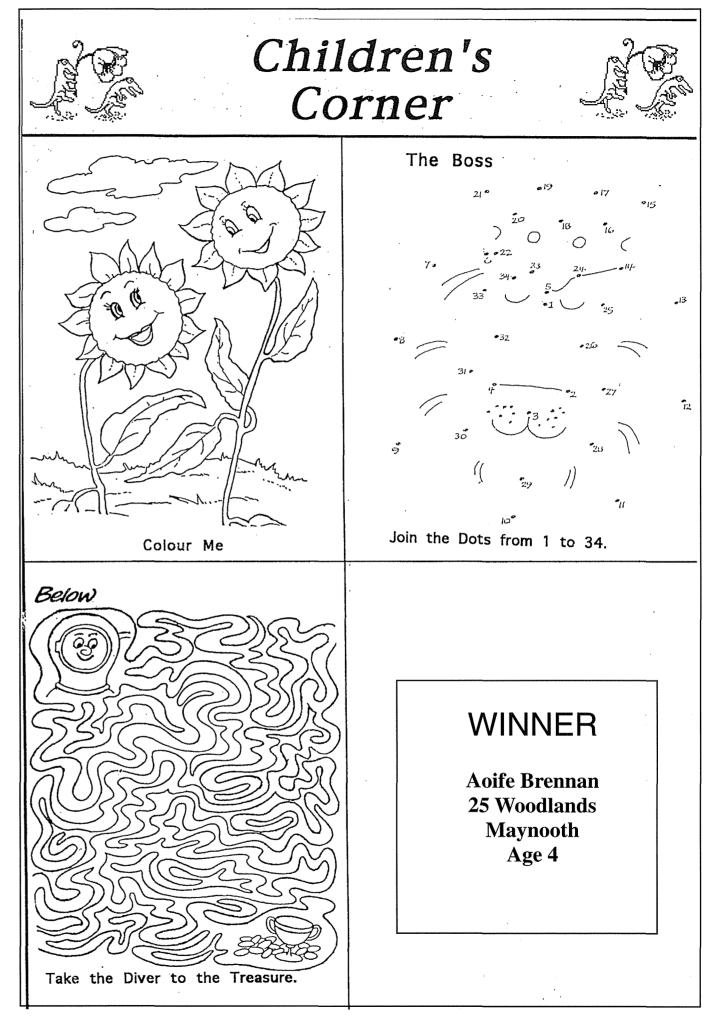




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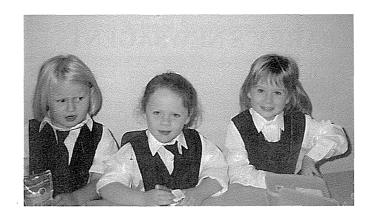
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A group of the new boys at the Boys National School on their first day at school



Conor, Niamh, Ross and Sophie



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Gary Vavasour, Brian Clifford, Gary Tyrrelll and Philip O' Brien

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

Over the summer months, the committee, established to research the feasibility of a community facility for Maynooth, has been meeting on a regular basis. Its members have been meeting with local groups, utility experts, and local politicans to arrive at a consensus regarding the building of a Community Centre. Strong feeling was expressed at the open meeting in May that a community centre of some sort should be built in Maynooth to house the many social, cultural and Arts groups in the town. It was also pointed out at this meeting that many groups would form or emerge, who would use such a centre, once it was built.

The committee is currently preparing a submission for the Action Area Plan and would welcome any feedback from intrested parties. The committee consists of Chairman Tony Bean, Secretary Mary Jennings and Liz Stoll, Treasurer Ann Burns, and P.R. O. Patrick Delaney. The committee can be contacted through the offices of the Community Council and the Newsletter at Beaufield Shopping Centre. PATRICK DELANEY P.R.O.



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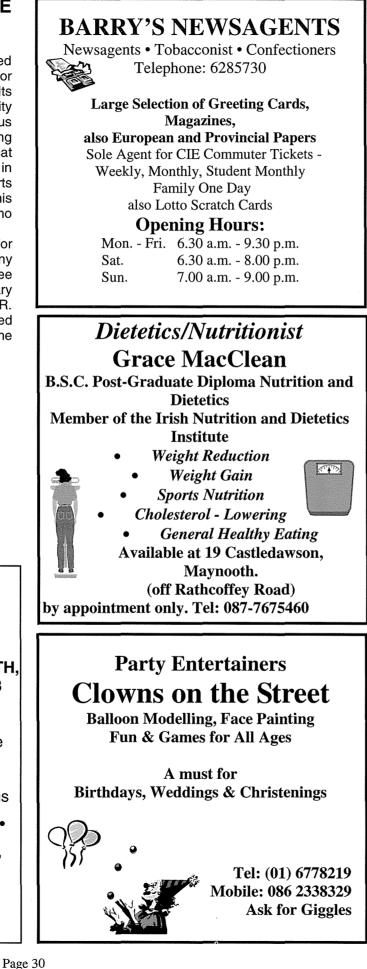
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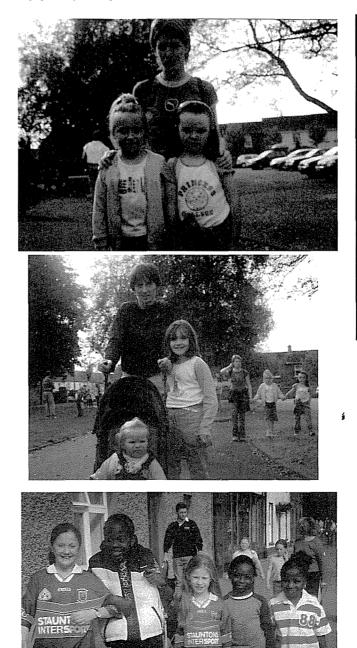
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Girls National School Sponsored Walk

The girls school had a beautiful sunny Sunday for their walk. There were plenty of Mums, Dads, children and grandparents who turned out for the walk. The walk began at the school and continued around the College grounds which was lovely. The children loved it because there was plenty of refreshments and sweets at the end of the route, which was at the beautiful Stepping Stones in the College grounds, so the children had a great time playing on the stones around the water. The walk is also not as long as it used to be, when it took place in Carton Avenue. So the small children were not that tired when they had finished. It was a great walk and was throughly enjoyed by everyone.





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Busy Sporting Calendar At St. Mary's Boys National School

Since school reopened in September, the boys in St. Mary's BNS have been very busy on the sporting front. Mr. Pat O'Connor's hurling training commenced in the first week back and Mr. Owen Creevey was hot on his heels with the football squad. This early start with training has paid dividends over the past 5 weeks.

The Under 11 Hurling team participated in Division 1A of the Kildare Primary Schools Hurling Competition. They opened the season with a well deserved win over local rivals, Scoil Mochua, Celbridge. However, a defeat by Naas meant they could not capture the laurels, and they ran in as runners up in theis competition. They now meet the winners of Division 1B in the Shield Final, to be played in St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge.

Panel: Cormac Molloy, Shane Delaney, Daire Heneghan, Conor Mahon, John Daly, John Comerford, Dean McAvinue, Pádraig MacMánais, Eoghan McNutt, Seán Foxe, Michael Fahy, Joe Gerry, Colm Peelo, Conor O'Brien, Cial Taylor, Paul Anderson, Christopher Hobbs, Adam Knop, Conor Glynn, Leigh Cullen, Niall Cullen, Ruairí Kearney, Joe Stanley, Darren Reilly.

The Under 11 Football team have had a tremendous run, remaining unbeaten to date. They have qualified for the County Final, also to be played in Newbridge. On their way to the final they overcame, Sallins, Scoil Mochua, Celbridge, Scoil Uí Dhálaigh, Leixlip and in the semi-final, Monasterevin.

Panel: Brian Kerin, John Comerford, John Daly, Dean McAvinue, Leigh Cullen, Darragh Dunning, Daire Heneghan, Joe Gerry, Michael Fahy, Martin O'Connor, Eoghan McNutt, Sean Foxe, Ross McDonald, Conor O'Brien, Mark Travers, Conor Glynn, Pádraig MacMánais, Leo Cooney, Colm Peelo, Conor Fitzgerald, David Thompson, Adam Knop, Cormac Molloy, Ciarán Scally.

Handball (not Olympic Handball) has also been introduced in conjunction with the GAA Club, Declan Quigley and Tony Singleton, have commenced coaching for pupils from 3rd to 6th class and over 40 eager enthusiasts are attending on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Another joint venture with the GAA Club this month is a trip to Croke Park to support Ireland in their International Match against Australia. A busload of school and club underage players will travel to Croke Park for the second test match. Special thanks to Joe McBride and Dominic Nugent for organising this trip.

Peter Coakley, Principal.



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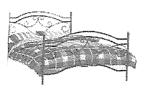
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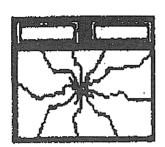
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WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ADULT LITERACY?

The National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) IS THE co-ordinating, training and campaigning body for all those interested and involved in adult literacy work in Ireland. Members include literacy students, tutors, and organisers as well as voluntary groups members, Vocational Education Committees, Libraries, Trade Unions, Community Training Workshop and Centres for the Unemployed. NALA members elect an executive committee each year at our Annual General Meeting.

What is literacy?

All good adult literacy work start with the needs of the individuals.

Literacy involves listening, speaking, reading, writing and numercy. It also encompasses aspects of personal development - social, economic, emotional and is concerned with improving self-esteem and building confidence. It goes far beyond mere technical skills of communication.

What is the extent of the literacy problem?

"The active use of literacy skills in every aspect of one's life throughout life is essential"

Any estimate of the extent of the literacy problem will depend on what counts as a literacy difficulty. Thus for some, this means not being able to send a Christmas card and for others it may be a problem with writing reports at work. In 1995 the International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS) in co-operation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) carried out their first multinational assessment of adult literacy. The Irish results were published in 1997. The aim of the IALS was not "Can you read?" but rather "How well you can read?" This approach recognised that all individuals are literate to a degree. Throughout this report the term "Literacy "is used to refer to the ability to understand and use printed information in daily activities at work , home and the community.

Measurement of literacy

The study sought to identify five literacy skill levels to cover such demands at work, in the home and the community in three domains. These three domains cover the many different kinds of written material people encounter everyday and they require different skills to understand and use the information. In addition to the literacy tasks which were respondents were set, questions were asked concerning their back round, labour force participation and literacy actives at work.

Overveiw of the results

25% of the Irish population were found to score at the lowest level, Level 1. This means that these individuals are only able to cope, at best, the most basic literacy tasks in society. Individuals at this level may, for example, have difficulty identifying the correct amount of medicine give a child from information found on the package.

17% of Irish adults aged between 16-25 are at level 1, a relatively poor figure when compared to other

European countries such as Sweden's figure of 3% and Germany's 5%. More then 60% of individuals who left school without completing their Junior cycle scored at level 1.

This problem is not unique to Ireland but exists in other western industrialised countries which also provide a free secondary education. Low literacy was a much lager problem than previously assumed in every **OECD** country surveyed.

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Fax: 01-855 5475

Email: literacy@nala.ie

Website: www.nala.ie

The contact details for your local scheme is Mary Faughnan Leixlip Adult Literacy Scheme Room 14 Scoil Eoin Phoil

Green Lane

Leixlip

Co. Kildare

Ph: 01-6246528

My Mum says her prayers every night-She says 'Thank God ' as soon as I've gone to bed

Dorin's Recipes

Fried Sardine sandwiches

Serves 4 8 large slices white bread

1 tablespoon peanut butter

5 oz can sardines

4 eaas 1/4 pint milk Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste 2 oz butter or margarine Watercress

Method:

Remove crusts from the bread. Blend the peanut

butter with oil from sardines and use to spread the bread. Mash the sardines and spread on 4 of the slices. Beat up 2 of the eggs, stir in 2 tablespoons milk. Season to taste. Melt 1 oz butter stir in eggs and scramble. Cool slightly. Spread over the sardine mixture. Press the other 4 slices in place firmly. Beat up the other 2 eggs with the rest of the milk. Pour into a soup plate and dip the sandwiches in this mixture. Heat remaining butter in a frying pan and guickly fry the sandwiches on both sides until golden brown. Serve each sandwich decorated with washed watercress.

Old English Pork Casserole

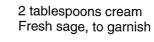
Serves 4 6 oz leeks 1 oz butter 1 1/4 lb shoulder of pork 2 oz seasoned flour 1/2 pint brown ale Dash Tabasco sauce 3 oz button mushrooms Piece lemon peel Bouquet garni Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Method:

Clean and chop the leeks. Melt the butter in a flameproof casserole. Fry the leeks for a few minutes. Meanwhile, cut the pork into 1 inch squares (or get your butcher to do it) and toss in the seasoned flour. Add this to the leeks and cook for 5 minutes. Add the ale, Tabasco sauce, lemon peel, mushrooms and bouquet garni. Bring to the boil. Put lid on and reduce the heat. Simmer for 1 1/4 hours. Remove bouquet garni. Season to taste. Serve with mashed potatoes and buttered carrots.

Tagiatelle with Ham and leeks

Serves 4 1 oz butter 1 lb leeks, sliced 1 oz plain flour 10 fl oz milk 4 tablespoons vegetable stock 6 oz lean cooked ham, diced 1 teaspoon dried sage Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method:

In a saucepan, melt the butter over a low heat, Add the leeks and cook gently for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring remove the pan from the heat and gradually stir in the milk and stock. Bring slowly to the boil, stirring, and continue to cook stirring, until the mixture thickens. Add the ham, sage and salt and pepper and simmer gently for 5 minutes, stirring. Remove the pan from heat and stir in the cream. Garnish with sage and serve with freshly cooked tagiatelle. You can use chicken instead of ham.

Watercress Stuffed-Plaice

Serves 4

1/2 oz margarine

1 small onion, skinned and finely chopped

1 bunch watercress, trimmed and finely chopped

3 oz fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs

Finely grated rind of 1 small lemon 3 oz Mozzarella cheese, grated

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 tbsp, beaten egg

8 plaice fillets, about 4 oz each

2 tbsp lemon juice

3 fl oz vegetable stock Dry white wine or water

Watercress, to garnish



Method:

Lightly grease a shallow ovenproof dish and set aside. Melt the margarine in a small saucepan. Add the onion and watercress and cook gently for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the breadcrumbs, lemon rind and cheese. Season and bind the mixture together with the egg. Put the plaice fillets, skinned sides upwards, on a board. Sprinkle with seasoning and cover the tail end half of each fillet with stuffing. Fold over the remaining half fillet to form a neat parcel. Arrange the stuffed fillets in the dish. Sprinkle with the lemon juice and stock, wine or water. Cover with foil and cook at 190c. 375f, Gas mark 5 for 25 minutes. Serve hot.

Creamy Mushrooms on Toast

Serve 4

8 oz button mushrooms, sliced 5 fl oz low-fat natural vogurt 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 4 slices wholemeal bread 1 oz margarine

Method:

Put the mushrooms in a saucepan with 4 tbsp water. cover and bring to the boil. Simmer for 2 minutes, until the mushrooms are tender. Pour off any excess liquid and stir in the yogurt, mustard, parsley and seasoning.

Dorin's Recipes Contd.

Heat, stirring gently, until the mixture is hot. Do not bring to boil as the yogurt may curdle. Toast the bread and spread with the margarine. Spoon the mushrooms on the toast and serve at once.

Lamb Fillet with Leek Sauce Serves 4

2 lamb fillets, total weight about 1 1/4 lb, well trimmed 1 garlic clove, skinned and crushed Freshly ground black pepper, to taste 2 fresh rosemary sprigs 1 lb leeks, trimmed and sliced 5 fl oz low-fat natural yogurt Grated nutmeg, to taste Fresh rosemary sprigs, to garnish

Method:

Put the lamb fillets in a roasting pan and spread the garlic on top. Season and add the rosemary sprigs. Roast at 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4 for 30 minutes, until tender and cooked. Meanwhile, cook the leeks in boiling water for 10 minutes, until tender. Drain well and place in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth. Return to the saucepan and add any cooking juices from the cooked lamb to the leek sauce. Slice the lamb and arrange on warmed serving plates. Stirring the sauce, reheat without boiling. Spoon a little sauce over the lamb and serve the rest separately. Garnish with rosemary.

Pork Nuggets

Serves 4

- 1 lb lean minced pork
- 2 carrots, scrubbed and finely grated
- 1 small onion, skinned and coarsely grated
- 3 oz fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs
- 1 oz sultanas, coarslely chopped
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley or 1/2 tbsp dried parsley
- 1 egg, beaten
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 fl oz olive oil
- 14 oz can chopped tomatoes

2 tsp dried oregano 1 lb spaghetti Parsley sprigs, to garnish

Method:

Place the pork, vegetables, breadcrumbs, sultanas, parsley and egg in a bowl and mix together. Add the seasoning. Using wet hands, divide the mixture into equal-size pieces and shape into balls. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, add the meatballs and cook until browned all over. Add the tomatoes with their juice and the oregano. Cover and cook over a low heat for 30-40 minutes, until the meatballs are cooked through. Meanwhile cook the spaghetti in a saucepan of lightly salted water for 10-12 minutes until just tender. Drain and keep hot. To serve, spoon the meatballs and sauce over the pasta and garnish with parsley sprigs.

Spicy Scallops

Serves 4

- 12 oz gueen scallops, fresh or frozen thawed
- 2 tsp Chinese sweet chilli sauce
- 4 oz carrots, scrubbed
- 3 celerv sticks
- 1 tbsp dry sherry
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp tomato puree
- 2 tbsp corn oil
- 1 tsp grated fresh root ginger
- 1 tbsp chopped spring onion

Method:

Mix the scallops with the chilli sauce and set aside. Cut the carrots and celery into thin matchsticks. Mix together the sherry, soy sauce and tomato puree with 2 tbsp water. Heat half the oil in a large frving pan or wok. Add the carrot and celery and stir-fry over a high heat for 1 minutes. Remove the vegetables from the pan with a slotted spoon and set aside. Heat the remaining oil in the pan, then add the ginger and spring onion and stir-fry briefly over high heat. Add the scallops and turn them in the oil to seal them on all sides. Lower the heat to medium, add the soy sauce mixture to the pan and stir well. Return the vegetables to the pan and stir well. Stir-fry for 3-4 minutes, until the scallops feel firm. Serve the dish hot on a bed of steamed, shredded Chinese leaves.

Spicy Autumn Soup

Serves 4-8

- 2 large onions, peeled and chopped
- 1 tbsp pure vegetable oil
- 2 potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 2 carrots chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed and peeled

Pared zest (rind removed with vegetable peeler) and juice of 1 orange

- 2 tsp mild curry powder
- 3 pints chicken or vegetable stock
- 14 oz tinned tomatoes, chopped
- 2 eating apples, cored, peeled and chopped
- 1 tbsp dried basil
- A little sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

In a large saucepan, warm the oil, then add the onions, potatoes, carrots, garlic and orange rind. Cook gently for five or six minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the curry powder and cook for 2 minutes stirring all the time.Add the stock, orange juice, tomatoes, apples, basil, salt and pepper to taste. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently for 30 minutes, or until the vegetables are completely tender. Remove the pieces of orange rind and discard. Puree the soup in a blender.

Reheat the soup and adjust seasoning. Serve at once with brown bread or scones.





Citizens Information Centre

Question.

I am applying for a Fuel Allowance under the National Fuel Scheme. If I am eligible for it how much will I receive?

Answer.

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 9.00 per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qulify for an extra 3.90 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. You and the members of your household cannot have more than 50.79 per week in combined income or savings/capital of 41,266,49 or more above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension rate in order to qualify. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of 123.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed 123.30 plus 50.79 i.e. 174.09.

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 from early October to mid-April.

If you think you are eligible you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated if you apply after the start of the heating season (30th September 2002). Application forms (NFSI) are available from the Post Office or your Social Welfare Local Office.

Question.

I am receiving Disability Allowance from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. I have recently been offered a few hours work a week in a local shop. If I take up the job will it affect my Disability Allowance?

Answer.

Whether it will affect your Disability Allowance will depend on how much you earn and whether the work is considered rehabilitative by the Department.

A person in receipt of disability Allowance can work while in receipt of the allowance but the income from the employment is assessable as means in the means test for Disability Allowance. Since 3 April 2002 the first ∈ 120 weekly earnings from employment or selfemployment which is considered to be of a rehabilitative nature is disregared for means purposes.

Any earnings in excess of this amount are assessed as income and entitlement to disability Allowance reduced accordingly.

For your employment to be considered rehabilitative you must get approval from the Department of Social and Family Affairs and you must apply for the approval before you start work.

You should write to the disability Allowance Section, Social Welfare Services Office, Government Building, Ballinalee Road, Longford. You will require a lettler from your doctor certifying the rehabilitative nature of the employment as well as a letter from your employer describing the nature of the proposed employment, the number of hours being worked and how much you will be paid. You should request confirmation of the approval in writing from the Department.

If you are receiving a fuel allowance under the National Fuel Scheme with your Disability Allowance you will continue to receive it provided your employment is considered to be rehabilitative. If you have a medical card you should contact your Health Board to find out if your entitlement to your medical card will be affected. You may be required to prove that the work had been approved as rehabilitative by the department. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question.

I believe the national minimum wage has increased. Could you please give me the details?

Answer

The National Minimum Wage Act, 2000 was introduced on 1st April 2001. On the 1st October 2002 the national minimum hourly rate of pay was increased from \in 5.97 to \in 6.35 per hour. The rate applies to virtually all employees over 18. Close relatives of the employer and statutory apprentices are excluded. Employees under age 18 are entitled to 70% of the national minimum wage (NMW) which amounts to \in 4.45 per hour. If they continue to work in the same employment once they reach 18 they must be paid \in 5.08 per hour (80% of NMW) for the first year and \in 5.72 per hour (90% of NMW) for the second year. Those over the age of 18 who are starting employment are entitled to 80% or \in 5.08 per hour for the first year, and 90% or \in 5.72 for the second year, from the date of their first employment over the age of 18. In both cases after two years they are entitled to the

full rate. Employees undergoing training or a prescribed course of study are entitled to a percentage of the national minimum wage for hours worked.

If you have a dispute with your employer about the national minimum wage you can try to resolve the matter with your employer directly and if it is still unresolved you can refer your dispute to a Rights Commissioner of the Labour Relations Commission. Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of

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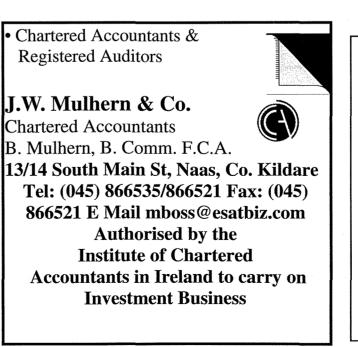
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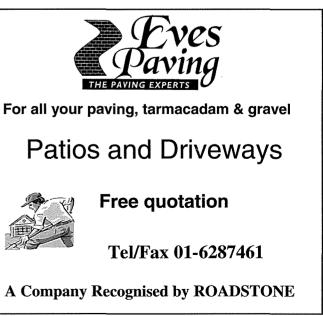
What are the charges for private and semi-private accomaodation in public hospitals? Since the 1st August the daily rates in respect of private and semi-private accommodation are as follows;

Hospital Category	Private Accommodation	Semi- Private Accommodation	Day-Care
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Health Board County Hospitals Voluntary Non- Teaching Hospitals	∈250.57	∈202.39	∈179.89
Health Board District Hospitals	∈155.79	∈133.32	∈115.64

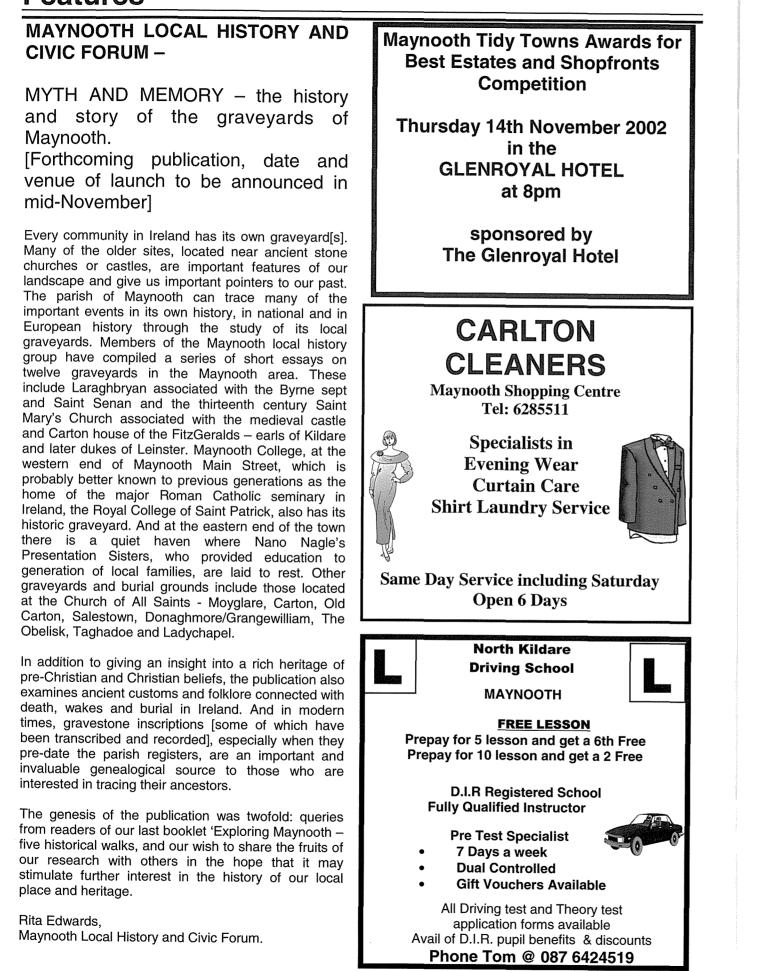
These charges are additional to the public hospital statutory in-patient charge which is 36 a day (subject to a maximum of 360.i.e. 10 days in any 12 month period). If you are in two or more hospitals in the course of the year and your stay exceeds 10 days in hospital you should bring this to the attention of the last hospital you attend. It is important to make clear to the hospital whether you are opting for public or private care. Everyone is entitled to public in-patient and out-patient services regardless of their income but subject to the statutory charges mentioned above.

There are a number of groups who do not have to pay the statutory charges including medical card holders. women recieving maternity services, children up to the age of 6 weeks, children suffering from prescribed longterm illnesses, children referred from health clinics and school examinations and people recieving treatment for long-term infectious diseases. In cases of undue hardship a Health Board may provide the service free of charge. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.



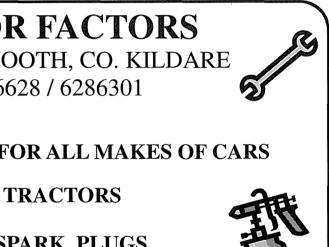


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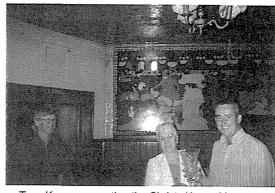
Maynooth Golf Society

Our weekend outing to Mountrath/Roscrea was held on the 27th and 28th September for the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup and the following are the results.

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1st Overall	Colm Loftus	72 pts
2nd	Mick Fahy	69 pts
3rd	Gerry McTernan	67 pts
4th	Kevin Loftus	65 pts
5th	Sam Feeney	62 pts
6th	Tom O'Haire	60 pts
7th	Paddy Foy	57 pts
Front 18	A. Kelly	30 pts
Back 18	N. Byrne	46 pts
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	Ray McTernan	
Nearest the	Pin Roscrea	
	Terry Moore	
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Niall Byrne completed the Roscrea course with a 73, one over par, well done Niall.

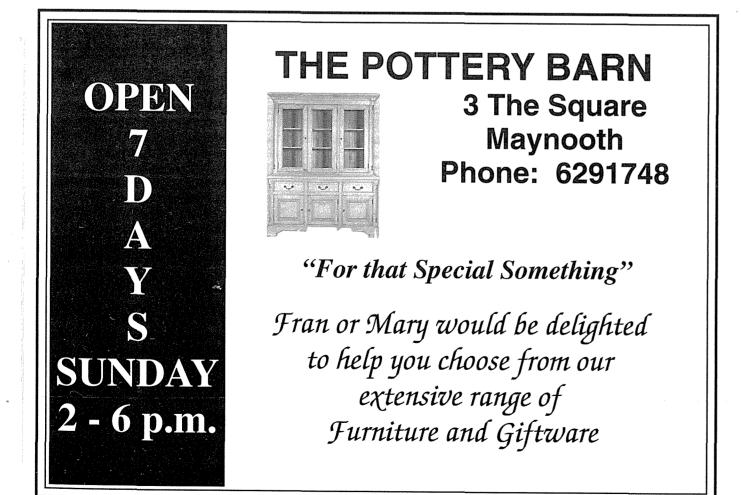
Our next outing will be to Moate Golf Club on Saturday 19th October.



Tess Kenny presenting the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup to winner Colm Loftus



Some of the golfers on the day



10th Anniversary of Freds Fashions



Phyllis Higgins the only remaining founder member

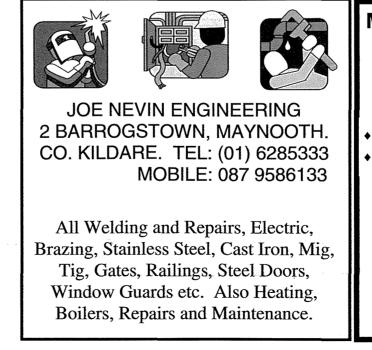
Freds Fashions in Greenfield Shopping Centre Maynooth is just one of many charity shops throughout the country whose purpose is to raise much needed funding for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. At our Greenfield branch we accept donations of new and nearly new clothing furniture (not beds) household items, books, baby equipment etc., etc., which we then sell on through our Freds Fashions Shop. The shop is run by a team of very friendly and helpful volunteers whose job is to basically sort out the donations make sure the items are suitable for resale then put the goods on sale in the shop. In Freds Fashions it is possible to find almost anything from a needle to an anchor!!!!! However in spite of appeals some people still send in unusable clothes and broken equipment, please bear in mind that if it's no use we cannot sell it and it costs us money to dispose of it. So as a general guide the clothing should be clean and wearable, footwear should only be donated if they are new or only a little worn and remember do not donate anything you would be ashamed to wear yourself. For the volunteer it means a commitment of just 3 hours per week minimum. The shop is open from 10am to 4 pm Monday to Saturday. At present we are operating a shorter day on Saturday due to a lack of volunteers. So if you think you would like to join us and have a few hours to spare we would love to hear from you. If you require any further information on being a Freds volunteer you can call in to the shop and pick up an application form. This branch of Freds Fashions in Greenfield celebrated its 10th anniversary this October and we are very pleased with our achievements in this time. We have grown from very humble beginnings to the very big and bright shop we have today.

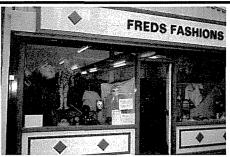
We have made many friends over the years and with the help of our loyal customers and donators we hope it will continue for a long time to come.

There are many ways of helping those less fortunate but here in Freds Fashions in Greenfield, Maynooth we get a lot of satisfaction, not only by being a volunteer but also from the friendships we have formed and the fun we have.

So from all our volunteers a great bit THANK YOU to all our friends and CONGRATULATIONS on Freds 10th birthday.

We would like to pay tribute to all our founder members: Maurice Tracy, Liam McKililian, late Michael Fox R.I.P., Maureen Martin, Carmel Commane, Francis Fox, Marie Costello and Phyllis Higgins the only remaining founder member.





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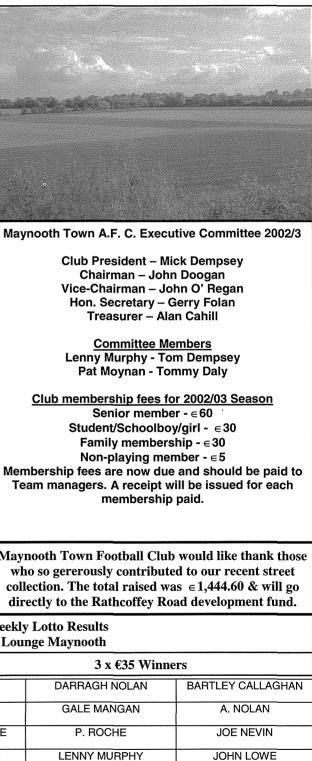
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The club held our A.G.M. on 11th September. payments to the contractor. Chairman John Doogan reviewed the years progress. Having secured the lease on the Rathcoffev Road a little over a year ago there had been tremendous progress in developing the site in such a short space of time. As the photo opposite shows grass has now appeared on the playing surfaces. To have secured the funding and completed the majority of the work involved in Phase 1 was a sign of the drive and the support the club has. The chairman also commented on some issues that were encountered on the playing side having lost the use of the Rathcoffey Road and the issues with the grassing cutting in the Harbour Field. In closing he asked those involved to consider the short term pain against the longer term benefit having achieved one of the club's major goals of acquiring a permanent home for soccer in Maynooth. Club secretary Gerry Folan also commented on the progress made by a small handful of people and endorsed the chairman's request for members to bear with us through what may be a tough season. Treasurer Alan Cahill presented the club's audit accounts to the meeting. He thanked Eugene Mara & Co. for their efforts in auditing the accounts and for their advice on accounting practices going forward. On the auditors advice the club will now run the membership year in line with the financial year (1st August to 31st July) and official receipts (normal procedure was a letter of thanks) will be issued for all memberships and donations received from the start of this financial year onwards. There were a number of points raised from the floor which the committee are currently considering. The meeting closed with the election of a new committee which is outlined opposite. At the first committee meeting, held since the AGM, the new membership fee structure was agreed and is now in place. The major increase in insurance costs was the main reason for the membership fee increase. A decision was also reached on suitable recognition for those who had donated the ∈100 contribution towards our development fund. Details of this decision will be communicated in the near future. We would ask anvone who is considering making this donation to do so as club funds are now at a critical level following

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Features

Early Irish Society

(Contd. from last month)

There was very little public administration of justice in early Irish society and the law then allowed for the procedure called athgabál (literally 'taking back', known as distraint). This allows one individual to take a private case against another to enforce a claim. This would the formal seizure of property belonging to the other without actually going to court. This is an archaic system fascinating to lawyers and legal eagles because it belongs to pre-historic background of other legal systems. Roman law only allows for distraint in very limited cases and this is mainly connected with religious rites. The early Roman law in which this is mentioned belongs to the period before Christ. Therefore, it is dying out in Roman law even before Christianity but in Ireland distraint is alive and well as an institution in the 7-8th centuries at least. It survived into the Norman period and there are many references to the practice in various law texts. The Normans tried to stamp out this practice.

One text describes the 'four sections of distraint' - this is a long drawn out affair with incredible formality and set pieces for the individuals involved. This particular process is called athgabál iar fut (distraint with a stav). This appears to have been the normal distranit in 7th and 8th century Ireland.

The plaintiff gives a formal notice that he is going to initiate proceedings against the defendant to impound his property. Then there is a delay thus giving the defendant the opportunity to settle without going any further. The delay depends on the property that is involved; if the distraint arises over pigs the delay is three days, if it arises from the defendant having neglected to raise a funeral mound for his lord the delay is five days. The defendant may rectify the wrong at this point or he may give a pledge as a signal that he intends to settle. This will end the case.

There are terms for each step - the first is called airfócre (notice), the second is anad (delay) and the next point is called tochsal (carrying off) where the defendant takes cattle to the value of the amount that he is due. Cattle are the normal currency in a society that does not use coinage and it probable that they were the normal animals distrained but horses, sheep and pigs could also be taken. This taking away must take place in the early morning and it must be witnessed by a professional aigne (advocate) whom I have mentioned before.

The cattle are driven to a green area of some kind, a private pound and the plaintiff is responsible for any injuries that they may sustain while they are driven. This green could be on his own land or on the land of a friend or relative. It must be properly secured and the different kinds of animals cannot be kept together. Any sick or diseased animal must be secured separately.

The next stage is called *dithem* (delay in the pound) and there is no set period of time for this particular delay. Again the defendant is given an opportunity to settle. If he does not the final stages of this complex process are set in motion. This is known as lobad (decay); a very descriptive term for the slow forfeiture of the animals to the plaintiff. The livestock are moved progressively from the pound. The defendant is slowly but surely losing his grip on his animals.

On the first day livestock to the value of 5 séts are forfeit. On each following day livestock to the value of 3 séts are taken until the defendant has none left. He is free to intervene and agree to settle at any point during this step in the process. He may agree to pay what is due or again, as mentioned above, he may offer a pledge for the amount due. If he agrees to pay at this point, he must also pay the expenses of the plaintiff for feeding the animals while they were kept in the pound.

I use the pronoun he throughout advisedly as it would usually be a man who carries out this process. But as we saw with the procedure known as tellach there are also instances of women being involved in athgabál. So even in 7th and 8th century Ireland, women had some legal capacity, however limited that may have been. Many of the cases with two day stays mentioned in the texts involve women or women's work.

There is a second type of distraint called *tulathqabál* (immediate distraint) where there was no waiting or delaying. This is thought by scholars to be an older form of the process and there are no cases involving women in this instance. This has given rise to speculation that this particular form of distraint goues back to the period when women had no legal capacity what so ever.

There is another special form of distraint known as athgabál immleguin (lit. distraint of milking out into) that allows the plaintiff to distrain the property of a surrogate. The term implies that the plaintiff was seen as 'milking' the surrogate in place of the defendant. This surrogate could be a relative of the defendant or could on occasion be a lawyer of some type who had taken over the debt and had guaranteed the contract that the defendant had originally broken.

In this case the notice is twice as long as in the original, again the plaintiff can take the animals of the surrogate accompanied by witnesses and a legal representative. He must tell the surrogate for what offence the cattle are being taken and he must also be told the identity of the legal representative. If the debt is not settled the livestock become the property of the plaintiff.

This surrogacy is interesting in the context of the debate on responsibility for actions in our own society. If the surrogate is a relative of the defendant, then the matter must be resolved within the family itself. It becomes an internal debt. But if the surrogate, as would be quite common, is a lawyer who took payment upon himself; this lawyer now takes his own legal action against the defendant. He is now entitled to twice the amount distrained and to the payment of his own honour-price.

There are also rules and regulations regarding the offences committed by various animals. These include cows, sheep, oxen, pigs, horses, bees, cats and dogs. (Contd. next month)

Features

DRUG PREVENTION ADVICE

Recognising symptoms of drug taking:-

- sudden mood changes
- poor concentrating, memory loss 0
- . excessive nasal secretion
- loss of appetite / weight 0
- rash around mouth
- secrecy about activities and whereabouts ٥
- 9 telling lies and stealing
- keeping late hours
- unusual smells / odours on breath and clothes
- appearance / tiredness

Remember that adolescents is a difficult time and that the appearance of the above symptoms may be explained by other reasons.

However do take interest to explore all possibilities and aware of the signs of drug abuse.

The Consequences of Your Involvement With Drugs

Apart from the fact that possession/use of a controlled drug is against the law there are also many other problems associated with drugs use:

- the effect of a drugs conviction on your career
- countries such as America, Australia and . Canada will not issue travel/work visas to individuals convicted of drug offences
- the possibility of dependence/addiction
- effects on your health depression, tiredness and in cases of people sharing needles, hepatitis, H.I.V and A.I.D.S
- family disruption resulting from tensions arising out of drug abuse
- reduces your capacity to concentrate resulting in higher risks whilst driving, operating machinery etc.

Help is available from:

- Any Garda Station or Garda National Drug Unit, Harcourt Square, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. Tele: 4755555
- Health Promotion Unit, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Dublin 2. Tele: 6714711
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- aid or abet in the commission of any drugs offence
- sell or make available a solvent type substance 0 to a person under 18 years of age if you beleive that the substance is, or its fumes are likely to be inhaled by that person for the purpose of intoxication
- import any controlled drug without a licence 0
- sell intoxicating liquor to a person under 18 and / or allow that person to drink intoxicating liquor on a licensed premises
- buy intoxicating liquor if your are under 18 years of age
- represent yourself to be over 18 years for the purpose of buying intoxicating liquor
- consume intoxicating liquor, if you are under 18 years, in any place other than a private residence in which you are present either as of right or premission
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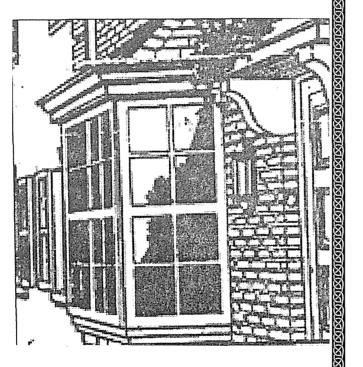
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Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Kildare County Council's Director of Services, John Lahart, advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4th October that "we are talking about April of next year as an optimistic date for the start of construction". Tender documents for the Meadowbrook Link Road will be ready at the start of November. The contract for the bridge project has been split in two; one for the culverting and one for the bridge itself. The tender documents for the culverting will be ready at the start of November and those for the bridge at the start of December. Mr. Lahart stated that it will take two months to get the tenders back from bidders and then a further three months to evaluate the tenders and award the contracts. It was also agreed to advertise the extinguishment of the right of way at Rowanstown Lane, Newtown, which is necessary in order to proceed with the Bond Bridge project. Residents can be assured that Cllr. McGinley will continue to monitor progress on these much needed projects and he has insisted, as Chairperson of the Area Committee, that they remain on the Agenda for the Monthly meetings.

Action Area Plans for The Harbour and Carton Avenue Areas

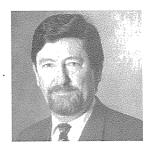
Initial submissions for the Action Area Plans for these two locations should have been sent to Kildare County Council by the 18th October and Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Action Strategy, Royal Canal Amenity Group and Parson Lodge Residents' Association all advised Cllr. John McGinley that they would be making submissions. If any groups or individuals still want to make a submission please contact Cllr. McGinley at 50 Greenfield or E Mail jmcginley@eircom.net.

The Harbour, Maynooth

Following requests from community groups and individuals Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion to the Leixlip Area Committee asking that the Council approach Waterways Ireland to see if they would allow the public to use the flat tarmac open space as a car park during daytime hours. Waterways Ireland and representatives from the local Royal Canal Amenity Group attended the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4th. October and they advised the Committee that they would not allow this area to be used as a car park. They further stated that this location is an amenity area and that the slipway has to be kept open and accessible for boaters use. One very positive outcome from the meeting was the agreement in principle from Waterways Ireland to provide public lighting lanterns to light up the walkway along the canal from Straffan Road to the Harbour. The Royal Canal Amenity Group also agreed to dig the trench necessary for the laying of the cable, provided the Government does not cut their Community Employment Scheme. Cllr. John McGinley had asked the Council some time ago to provide public lighting here in order to try to eliminate anti-social behaviour along the canal bank. However, the tender price by the ESB was outside the Councils allocation for public lighting. Now with the co-operation of Waterways Ireland, Royal Canal Amenity Group and the ESB it should be possible to have the new lighting installed next year.

Traffic Lights at The Roost

Council Officials advised Cllr. John McGinley that they are awaiting a decision on the Planning Application for Kavanaghs Mill before installing the traffic lights. Cllr. McGinley stated that these lights were urgently needed and this was not solely because of traffic congestion. This location is a very highly pedestrianised area and they have to take their lives in their hands weaving through the traffic.



Cllr. John McGinley

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Redirection Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to ban HGV through traffic from Main Street, Maynooth has progressed a step further with the agreement of the National Roads Authority to provide signs at Blacklion and at Barretts on the Straffan Road, redirecting HGV traffic to the M4, following the opening of the INTEL link to the motorway in December. Residents can be assured that if HGV drivers ignore these signs Cllr. McGinley will pursue the statutory banning of HGV through traffic from the Main Street.

Maynooth Pool Complex for North Kildare.

Following a motion from Cllr. John McGinlev the Council agreed to conduct a feasibility study to decide on which of the three towns, Maynooth, Leixlip or Celbridge, would be the best location for a public swimming pool complex to serve the people of North Kildare. County Secretary, Charlie Talbot, advised the Area Meeting on the 4th October that the report, which took consultants a year and a half to produce, was received by the Council the previous day and that it would be posted out to Councillors the following week. Mr Talbot stated that the report agrees that a swimming pool complex is feasible, however, it does not identify which of the three towns would be the preferred option.

Cllr. John McGinley is strongly of the view that Maynooth is the ideal location being central to the catchment towns of Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Clane. Maynooth also has a suitable site and has public transport. When the report is to hand Cllr. McGinley will be submitting a motion to the full Council asking that North Kildare receive the same treatment as the Central and South of the County, where it has already been agreed that two new swimming poll complexes be built at a cost of \in 10m. Central Government and the European Union are providing 80% of this and the Council is funding the balance.

Westside Waste Appeal

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have expressed their disappointment at the decision of Westside Waste to appeal Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a waste processing centre at Blacklion, Maynooth, to An Bord Pleanala.

Westside Waste appealed the decision on October 2nd and Deputy Stagg along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley will make observations to An Bord Pleanala in support of the Council's original decision to refuse permission.

The proposed facility is located just north of Parklands Housing Estate and to the west of Blacklion Housing Estate and will cause noise and odour nuisance to existing and future residents of the area if allowed to

proceed. The proposal would also have a negative impact on the Royal Canal which is at the southern boundary of the site.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley will be lodging their observations by October 29th which is the new statutory deadline on appeals.

In addition Cllr. McGinley has asked Kildare County Council to appeal the granting of a Waste Licence by the Environmental Protection Agency for the facility. He also asked the Council to pursue the excessive noise from the facility through the Courts under the Environmental Pollution Act and to seek the closure of the existing operation under the Waste Management Act.

Pound Street

Cllr., John McGinley has asked the Council to install additional public lighting in Pound Street and also to make the area "Residents Only" parking under the parking Bye Laws.

Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, 30mph Speed Sign

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to move the 30mph speed limit sign out beyond Lyreen Park on the Dunboyne Road.

Removal of Hedge and Laving of New Footpath at Beaufield/Rathcoffev Road

The money allocated by Cllr. John McGinley for the removal of the old hedge, erection of new fence and the construction of a new footpath has been put to good use. Cllr. McGinley would like to advise the residents of Beaufield that he will be allocating further money early next year so that the fence can be doubled and a beech hedge planted between the fences, as in Moyglare Village.

Maynooth Long Term Facility for the Elderly Opens

The long awaited opening of the Long Term Facility for older persons at The Harbour, Leinster Street, Maynooth, is over and 9 patients were admitted to the facility on Wednesday October 9th. Additional patients will be admitted to the 50 bed facility as soon as the full staff compliment is available.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed this positive news and stated that the original opening date had been put back due to delays in staffing and he is particularly pleased that residents from Maynooth and North Kildare can now stay within their own community when they were no longer capable of independent living, rather than having to go to St. Vincent's Hospital in Athy or be at the mercy of overpriced privately run nursing homes.

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Deputy Stagg has been advised that the facilities available at the unit will include in addition to medical and nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, social work, dietician and recreational therapy. It will be a State of the Art facility for elderly people.

Maynooth Post Primary School Extension - Being Examined To Death

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

The Minister in his response indicated that the Stage 3 Developed Sketch Scheme for the extension had been examined again in his Department and that they had sought further clarification from County Kildare VEC in relation to a number of issues.

This is the second time that Department Officials had sought clarification of matters in relation to Stage 3 and its obvious what they are at. They are putting off approving the extension in an effort to delay projects due to financial cutbacks.

In attempting to examine the proposal to death, the Government are penalising both students and teachers who are continuing to operate from prefabs whilst the school awaits the building of a further 10 classrooms.

Deputy Stagg will request County Kildare VEC to respond immediately to the Departments supposed issues and he will then apply further pressure on the Minister.

Construction Work Remains Suspended Following Bridge Collapse

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in relation to the collapse of beams onto the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line at Collinstown, Leixlip on April 9th, 2002.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that the contractor for the bridge has issued revised specifications for the completion of the bridge structure and these are at present being examined by larnród Éireann and the Railway Inspectorate. Pending consideration and approval by both bodies, work on site remains suspended. In addition, larnród Éireann's own internal inquiry is still ongoing.

Deputy Stagg has called for the results of the Inquiry to be made public to ease the fears of commuters using the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line.

Government Call Halt To Further Works At **Maynooth Castle**

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment in relation to funding for Phase 2 of the

Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle.

Minister Cullen responded by stating that 'no further works are envisaged at the Castle for the medium term'. This response contrasts starkly with the former Minister for Arts, Sile de Valera, who had responsibility for Maynooth Castle in the previous Government. In February 2002, former Minister de Valera stated, 'In relation to possible further works to the Castle itself, the position remains that my Department will assess the needs of the site in terms of visitor numbers and facilities once the exhibition is installed later this year and only then can a determination be made as to the level, if any, of additional works required to ensure its successful operation'.

Deputy Stagg is furious that the Government are now washing their hands of further Restoration Works under Phase 2, which would have provided a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium. The roof on the Keep of the Castle would have enabled visitors to walk around the top of the Castle.

What we now have is a half baked job which is unacceptable given the historic importance of Maynooth Castle.

Having squandered the boom, Fianna Fail are now dropping important projects throughout the County.

Deputy Stagg will continue to raise this issue with the Minister.

Government Refuse 24 Hour Garda Station For North Kildare Covering Population of 40,239

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the new Minister for Justice concerning the provision of a 24 hour Garda Station in Maynooth to serve the towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge, which have a combined population of 40,239 according to the C.S.O. preliminary report on Census 2002.

The Minister, without even examining the issue, stated that there were no proposals to upgrade Maynooth Garda Station to a District Headquarters (24 Hour Station).

Deputy Stagg is aware of local Garda Authority support for the provision of a 24 hour Station in the North of the County. However, even this advice is being ignored.

With 25% of the population of County Kildare in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge, Deputy Stagg finds it remarkable that the three 24 hour Garda Stations in the County are located at Naas, Newbridge and Kildare Town with nothing for the North of the County in close proximity to Dublin criminals.

The provision of a 24 hour Garda Station in the North of the County would give a focus to the policing requirements of the area and ensure that additional resources were transferred to the area also. However, it seems from the Minister's response that North Kildare must continue to wait for the policing services it requires.

Deputy Stagg will continue to press the Minister on this important issue.

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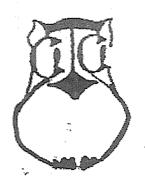
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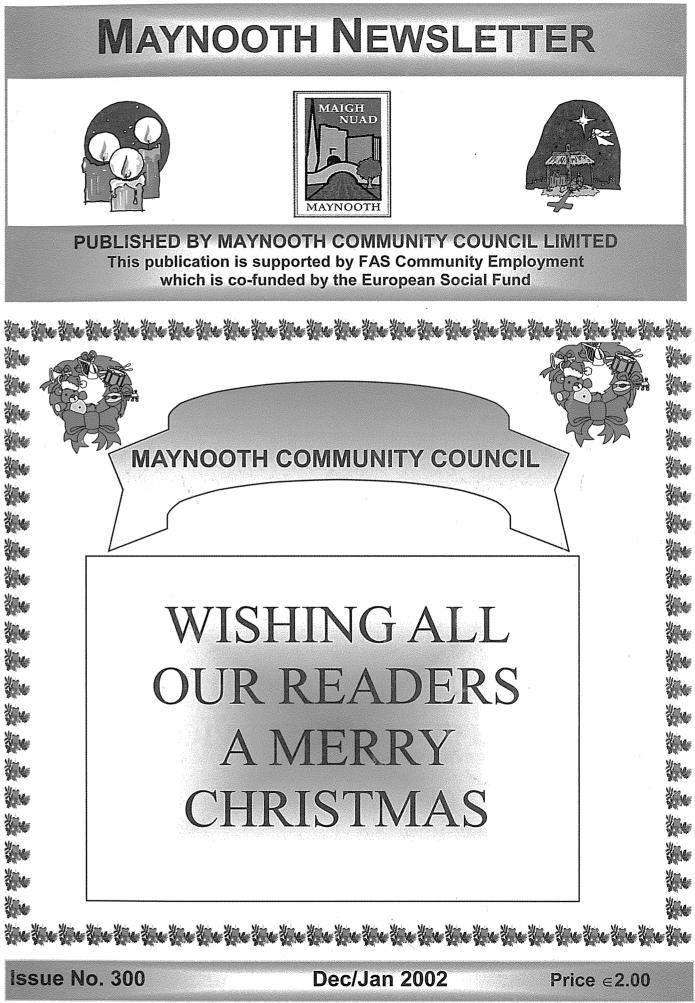
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Editorial

The Newsletter celebrates its 300 edition this month. It is heartening to see the magazine's success again after the difficulties that were experienced this time last year. Its improvement is thanks to the new printer Tony Mullen and we would like to express our thanks to him to for help and support over the year. We hope that our readers are happy with the publication. We would also like to thank the Supervisor and participants in the CE project and the support of FAS. It would be very difficult to produce the Newsletter without them. We are shocked to hear of the CE projects who have been closed down in the North Kildare area and sympathise with the participants and sponsors.

The Newsletter welcomes the cleanup in the Meadowbrook and Parson Street area that prevented a repeat of the dreadful flooding two years ago but other parts of the town were not so lucky. The Moyglare Road has become badly flooded at the point where the side entrance to the College meets the road. The University has denied all responsibility but the recent building program in that area must have some bearing on the situation. The Fire Brigade worked hard during that night of torrential rain and we would like to express our appreciation.

If you find time on your hands over the holiday period try our guiz. There will be a prize for the highest number of correct answers

Finally, we would like to wish our readers and advertisers a Happy Christmas and New Year and to thank them for their support. Thanks also to all who contribute to the publication without your input this magazine would not survive. Happy Christmas!

Christy Kavanagh

The Maynooth Community Council and the Maynooth Newsletter have heard with deep regret about the sudden death of Christy Kavanagh who worked with us for a number of years. We would like to extend our sympathies to his wife Irene and his children. Maria, Paul and Emer.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

Community Council Notes October Meeting

Maynooth Community Community Council News

The November meeting of the Community Council took place on the 11th November in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Co-options

There has been a number of co-options to the council, Angie Tracey, Joe Geraghty & Bernie Doyle all from Beaufield Estate.

Swimming Pool complex.

Councillor John Mc Ginley said that on the 6th December, the Celbridge, Leixlip and Clane area meeting will take place. This meeting will decide the suitability of a Swimming Pool Complex for Maynooth. Leixlip and Celbridge are also contenders for the complex.

This would be a huge boost for Maynooth as the complex would also include a gym and many other facilities.

Planning Permissions.

Concerns were raised about new planning applications. The inclusion of so many apartments in the applications was causing most concern.

Cllr. Senan Griffin was very concerned and said that further development will have to be modified. He said the town is chock-a-block.

It is hoped that all Heavy Goods Vehicles will use the new Celbridge Link Road.

It was also noted that development on the Dunnes land will go ahead, also that the Dunne family has given land free of charge to accommodate the building of the Meadowbrook Link Road and Bond Bridge.

It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council about further planning for Maynooth. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain raised the issue about student population in Maynooth. She said she was very concerned about the lack of facilities for students in the College. This is causing serious problems for staff and the town. There is also a huge parking problem.

Paul Croghan said that people looking for accommodation on rent allowance were finding it very hard to get accommodated.

Also 20% affordable Housing was raised and Cllr. John Mc Ginley stated that approximately 160 houses could be provided on the present planning.

Paul Croghan said that larnród Eireann are proposing payment for parking at the station. There are no plans to extend the service. It was agreed to write to larnród Eireann objecting to this charge.

Moyglare Road Flooding.

The flooding on the Moyglare Road was raised. It was felt that a permanent solution should be found to stop this happening and that Kildare County Council should instruct the College to do this work. Also that more traffic calming ramps were needed on the road.

Carton Avenue Grass Cutting.

Paul Croghan felt that there was no funding to do grass cutting on the avenue. There is also no money from local development levies. He also said that Kelt had given some funding to the grass cutting project. Cllr. John Mc Ginley stated that if the community wants the grass cut, Kildare County council will do it.

Festival.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain said that she was convening a meeting of all interested groups and it is hoped that a Festival Committee will be formed.

Traffic Lights at B.O.I.

Claire O' Rourke said that the traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland are very dangerous for pedestrians and that more time should be given to cross. It was also stated that it would be safer to move the crossing to the Roost.

It was with great regret that the meeting heard that our long standing Lord Mayor Owen Byrne is in hospital. Best wishes was sent to him from Maynooth Community Council.

Cllr. John Mc Ginley said that Owen has always led the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He wished him well. Cllr. Senan Griffin also sent best wishes to Owen.

Congratulations to Christina Saults, the Supervisor of The C.E. Scheme in our office on her conferral.



Next meeting of the Maynooth Community Council will be held on the 9th December 2002 at 8.30 pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson, PRO.

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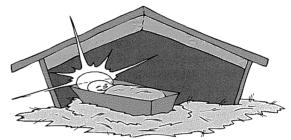
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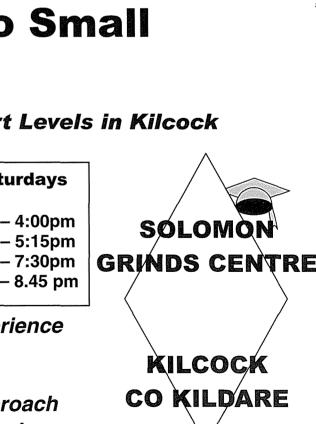
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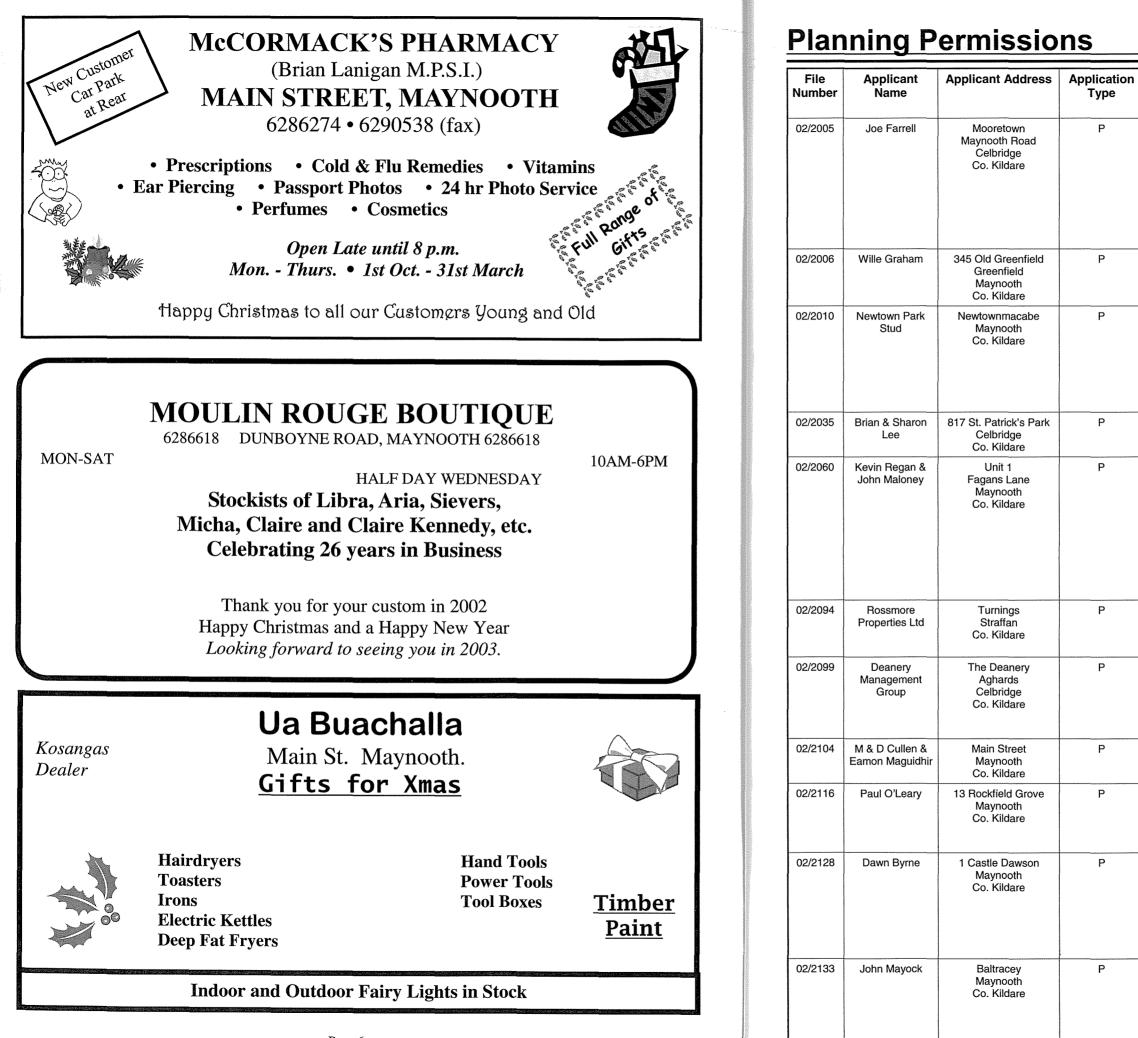
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21/10/02	2 four bedroom dormer bungalow	Old Greenfield Greenfield Maynooth
22/10/02	to build a new stud farm complex, consisting of the following: (a) Demolish entire cattle wintering shed adjacent to silage pit. Demolish two hay-sheds and small wintering yards etc	Newtownmaccabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
24/10/02	for a bungalow and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
24/10/02	for the demolition of existing single storey commercial building and for the erection of a three storey building to accommodate 12 two- bedroom apartments, associated car parking and site works using existing access road off Convent Lane etc	Convent Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/11/02	for development of roadway and ancillary site development works for an industrial estate	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge
04/11/02	4 two bedroom apartment units in one two-storey building with private garden areas (sheds), all to match existing structures	The Deanery Aghards Maynooth Road Celbridge
04/11/02	small extension to existing bedroom annex of dwelling and a mews dwelling	Main St & Back Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/11/02	new two storey bedroom, bathroom and kitchen extension over existing playroom and utility room to side and rear of house	13 Rockfield Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/11/02	to erect two storey detached dwelling house, the formation of new pedestrian and vehicular accesses and the carrying out of all other associated site works in the side garden	1 Castle Dawson Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/11/02	for dormer style bungalow (283sq.mts) in lieu of previously approved single- storey bungalow on planning ref no. 00/1798 on revised site	Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare.

Planning Permissions Contd.

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location			
02/2151 Rossmore Properties		Turnings Straffan Co. Kildare	Ρ	08/11/02	development of roadway, ancillary site development works for an industrial estate and proposed boundary wall and railings	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge			
02/2163	Kevin Donovan	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	12/11/02	for 2 two-storey houses	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare			
02/2190	John Maher & Padraig Sheridan	c/o Sinead McConigle, Kiolpa Suite 15 Mespil Business Centre Mespil House Sussex Road Dublin 4	Ρ	14/11/02	for a 25m antennae support structure, antennae and radio links, equipment containers, security fence and access track for Kiolpa Group at Roestown TD to form part of the cellular digital communications network	Roestown TD Maynooth Co. Kildare			

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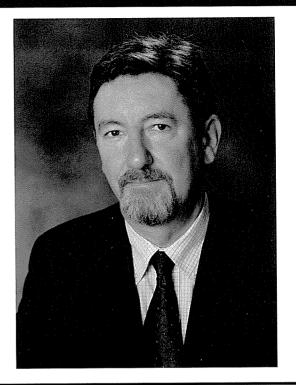


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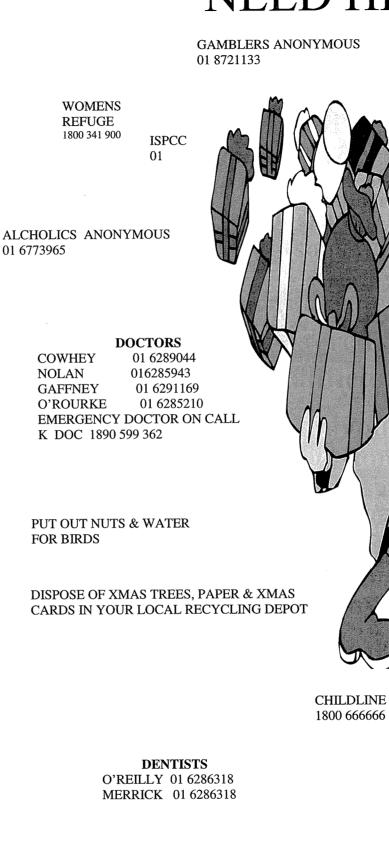
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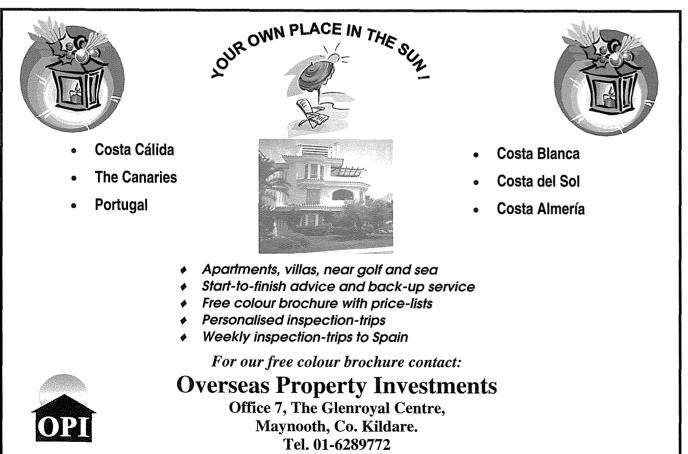
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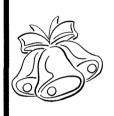
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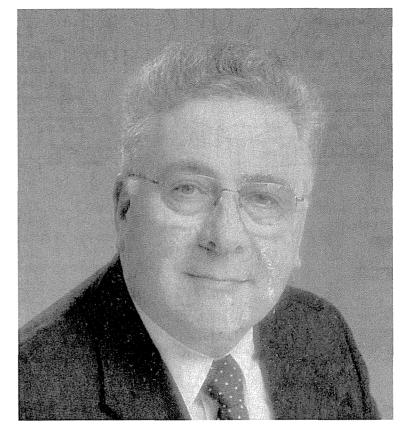


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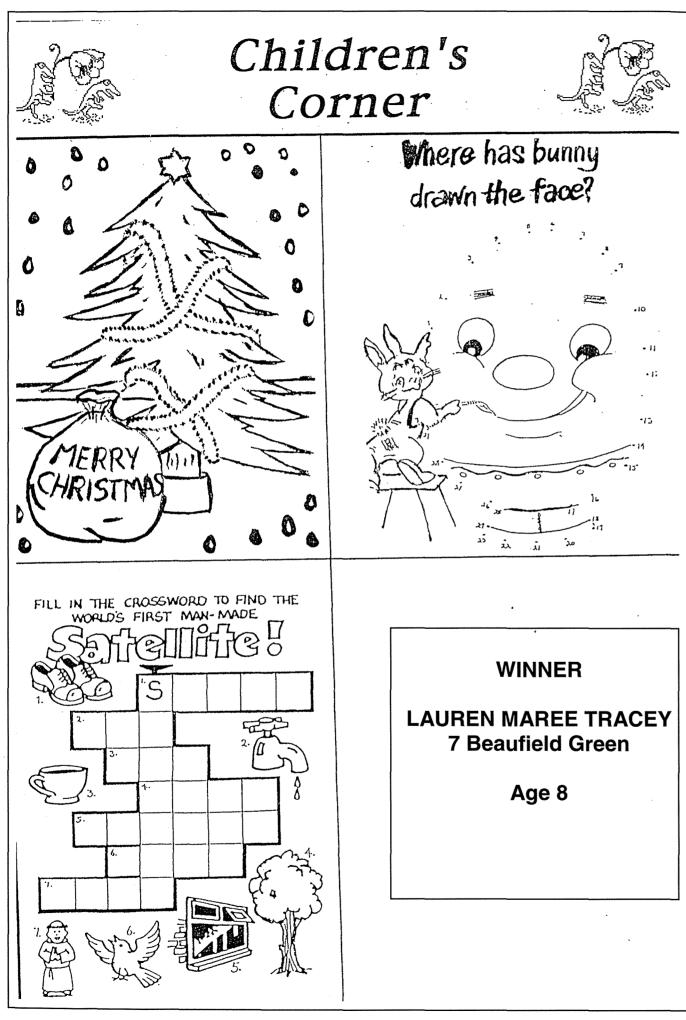
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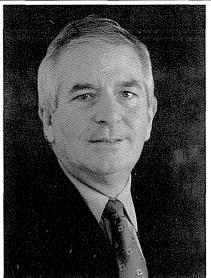




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Poets Corner

Winter Garden

My leafy laden garden Looks up at me With sullen silence Aged roses pout With iaded colours Like smudged lipstick

Tangled growth mocks me My lawn mower rests Against the ivy wall Long handle; empty box Yawns back at me Like a sleeping sentry

The leaves fall On unkept lawn I think about the rake I do not have and leave it all to The scattering wind

Liam Murray

Sir Winter

I heard Sir Winter coming. He crept out of his bed and rubbed his thin and freezing hands: 'I'll soon be up!' he said.

'I'll shudder at the keyhole and rattle at the door, I'll strip the trees of all their leaves And strew them on the floor;

'I'll harden every puddle that Autumn thinks is his -I'll lay a sparkling quilt of snow on everything that is!

'I'll bring a load of darkness as large an any coal and drive my husky dogs across the world, from pole to pole. 'Oho! How you will shiver!' And then I heard him say: 'But in the middle of it all I'll aive vou CHRISTMAS DAY!'

Jean Kenward

Our Christmas Robin

A Robin perched on a holly tree Christmas morning bright and early Plucking berries as its eyes could see It feasted on them daily

Chuttering as loud as it could It seldom felt no danger A tiny creature feeling so good Never minding any stranger

A songster of many it is indeed As all birds are of plenty Once it had its daily feed Its tiny stomach was never empty

Fly with me my little one To a place full of holly Until your berries are all gone On your Christmas time so jolly

Patrick Murrav

Woodlanders

The day is wet - we can't go out To play about the green, I'm sure I don't know what we'll do We've seen what's to be seen.

Do tell us Daddy, I'm sure you know For you are very wise You never mope about the house Give way to tears and sighs.

Do tell us Mammy, and we will do Whatever you may say We want to know so badly How-to-pass-the-day.

Now we'll have a story For there is time for fun -Oh no we wont, we've got to play For here comes the sun

Anon.

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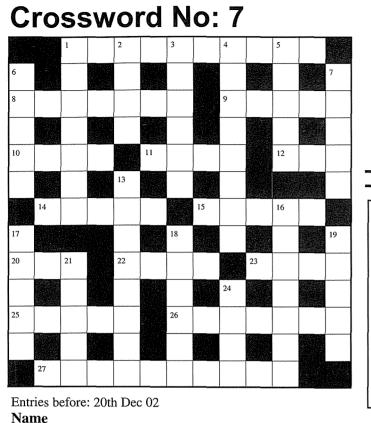




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- 12. Female sheep (3)
- 14. Olympic prize (4)
- 15. Call to an end (5)
- 20. Rule prohibiting certain actions (3)
- 22. Give us one, maybe (4)
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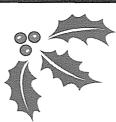
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- 4. Ratified agreements (8)
- 5. Very over-weight (5)
- 6. All grown up (5)
- 7. Speak (5)
- 13. Small bundle or collection (8)
- 16. Severe (7)
- 17. Run away to be wed (5)
- 18. Money limit (6)
- 19. The pen is considered mightier than it (5)
- 21. Show pain or Distress (5)
- 24. Notoriety (4)

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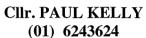
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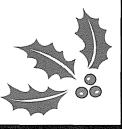
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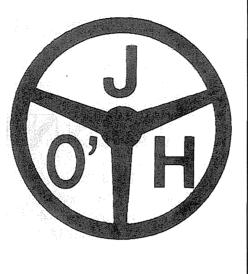






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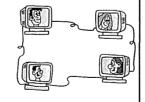
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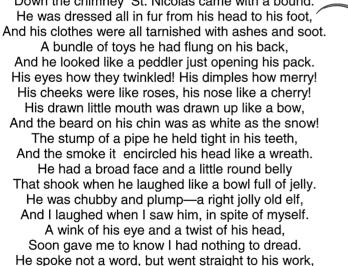
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The Night Before Christmas





'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicolas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads; And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap, Had just settled down for a long winters nap-When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a lustre of midday to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name---"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Donder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch to the top of the wall! Now, dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!" As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly. When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So up to the housetop the coursers they flew, With sleigh full of toys- and St. Nicholas too; And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicolas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,



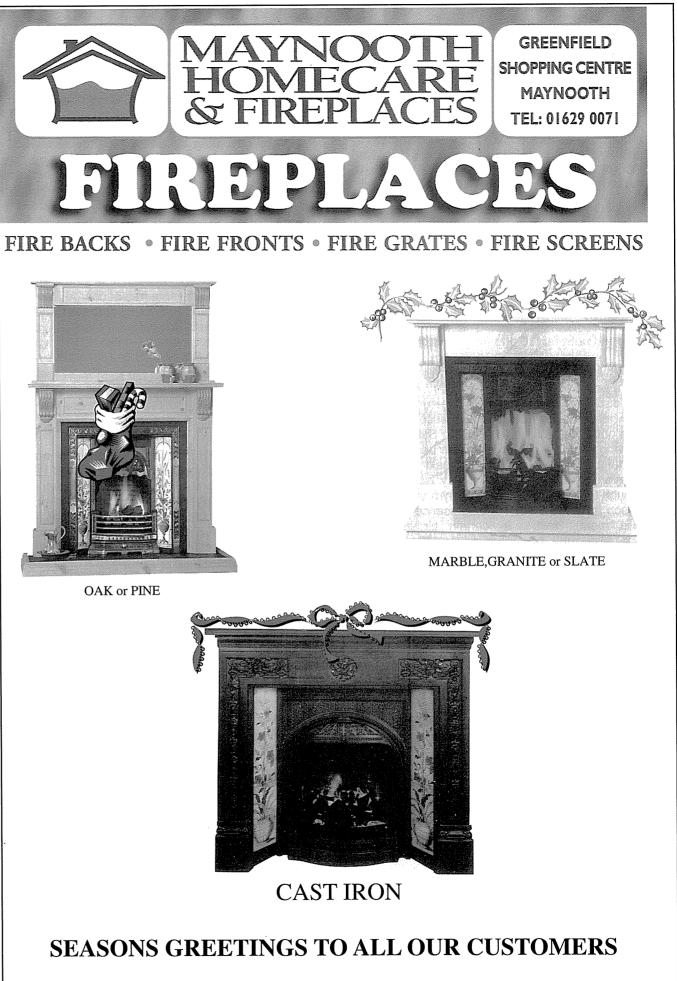
And filled all the stockings then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!" CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE c.1882















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Citizens Information Centre.

Question.

I am currently receiving a Mobility Allowance from the Health Board. I am also hoping to buy an adapted car and have applied to the Health Board for a Motorised Transport Grant. If I get the grant will I continue to receive the Mobility Allowance?

Answer

Up until recently you would have continued to receive the Mobility Allowance. However, this has now changed.

Mobility Allowance is paid monthly by the Health Board to a person with a severe disability who is unable to walk and would benefit from a change of surroundings. You must satisfy a means test and must be aged between 16 and 66 when applying. The maximum payment is ∈ 126.00 per month.

The Motorised Transport Grant is paid by the Health Board to a person between the ages of 17 and 65 with a severe disability, towards the purchase or adaptation of a car where such an adapted car is essential for the person to obtain or retain employment. Self-employed persons who meet the criteria may also be eligible. In exceptional circumstances, it may be paid to a person with a severe disability living in a very isolated area. even though they may not be in employment.

The person must hold a full driving licence and must satisfy a means test. In certain circumstances someone else may be approved to drive for the person with the disability where he/she is not physically or medically capable of driving. Up to 75% of the actual cost may be granted the maximum grant available is \in 4,370.

Since 1 July 2002, if you are receiving a Mobility Allowance and receive a Motorised Transport Grant you will no longer be paid the Mobility Allowance as the payment of a Motorised Transport Grant is subject to the condition that the Health Board will not be called upon at any future date to contribute towards the running costs of the vehicle. You will not be eligible for the Mobility Allowance again until three years after the date of payment of the Motorised Transport Grant.

Further information is available from your local Health Board or The Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Question.

I intend retiring from work. If I take up employment again at some time in the future, will I still have to pay tax and PRSI?

Answer.

If you retire from work and subsequently take up employment your earnings will be taxable along with other income regardless of your age. In addition to the usual personal tax-free credits, people over the age of 65 are entitled to an Age Tax Credit of ∈ 205.00

(2002) for a single person and \in 410.00 for a married couple.

If you are under the age of 66 and earning over a \in 38.00 a week in insurable employment you pay PRSI at either Class A or a modified rate, depending on your occupation. If you are aged 66 or over you do not pay PRSI regardless of your income.

Since 1st July 2001 if you are aged 70 or over you do not pay the Health Contribution unless you are in receipt of a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, Deserted Wife's Benefit/Allowance or One-Parent Family Payment or you are a Medical Card Holder.

Further information is available in the latest edition of Comhairle's publication 'Entitlements for the Over Sixties'. Copies are available free of charge along with other information from the Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Question

My husband and I have been asked to rent out a room in our house to a friend of mine. Will the income from the rent be taxable?

Answer

Under the Rent a Room Relief scheme, where you rent a room (or rooms) in your principal private residence and the gross rent received, including sums arising for food, laundry or similar goods and services, does not exceed ∈7,620.00 (∈5,587 (£4,400) for the tax year 2001) this income will be exempt from income tax. Where more than one individual is entitled to the rent, the exemption limit is divided between the individuals concerned.

If your room rental comes within the scheme it does not affect your entitlement to mortgage interest relief or to capital gains tax exemption on selling your home. This rental income is not liable to PRSI or the 2% Health Contribution but it must be included on your annual income tax return.

Further information is available from your local tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Question.

I was on certified sick leave from work for two months. Does absence on sick leave change my entitlement to annual leave?

Answer.

Annual leave entitlement is based on time worked. In this sense absence from work and in your case, absence due to certified sick leave, can reduce your entitlement to annual leave but it should not in your case.

Your rights in relation to holiday entitlement are set out in the Organisation of Working Time Act. 1997. This Act provides for a basic annual leave entitlement of four weeks for each leave year with pro-rata entitle

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ments for periods of employment of less than a year. (Your contract of employment may provide for more than the statutory four weeks.) In order to qualify for four weeks' annual leave an employee must have worked for the same employer for at least 1,365 hours during a leave year.

Sickness during the leave year will reduce the hours you worked and therefore may affect your entitlement to annual leave. However, if your working week is, for example, 40 hours you will reach the required 1.365 working hours after just over 34 weeks working. Your absence, in this instance, would need to be 18 weeks or more before it affected your annual leave.

Further information is available from The Employment Rights Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 Tel: (01) 631 3131 or LoCall 1890 201 615 and from the Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Maynooth Gaelic Football Under 13

North Kildare League

Maynooth Under 13 Gaelic Footballers season came to an end when they were defeated by the league winners Clane in Clane. Despite failing to win any of their league games the team played very well in a very competitive league. Other teams in the league included Celbridge, Confey, Ballyna, Naas and Kilcock. Despite the results team trainers Denis Dempsey and Kieran Finnegan were happy that the team tried their best in all games. They were also delighted with the support of the parents at the games. Nobody doubts how important it is for the children to see their parents present at the games.

The Maynooth Club wishes to congratulate Clane on winning the league and all the other teams who took part.

The Maynooth panel of players were as follows:

Ciaran Egan, Alex Cash, Same Hare, Owen McNutt, Darragh Dunning, Owen Curran, Sean Durkan, Joe Dempsey, Joseph Glynn, Peter Warren, Thomas Donellan, Chris O'Connell, Cian Byrne, Francis McDonald, Conor O'Brien, Cormac O'Reilly, Ben Finnegan, Sean Barrett, Sean Moore, Chris Moynan, Keith Leonard and Michael Murphy.

Kiernan Finnegan.

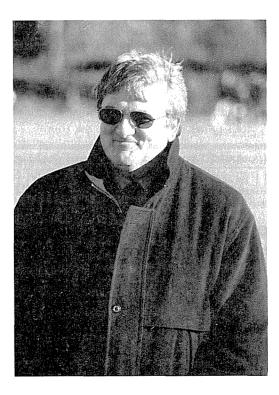
PETER COAKLEY

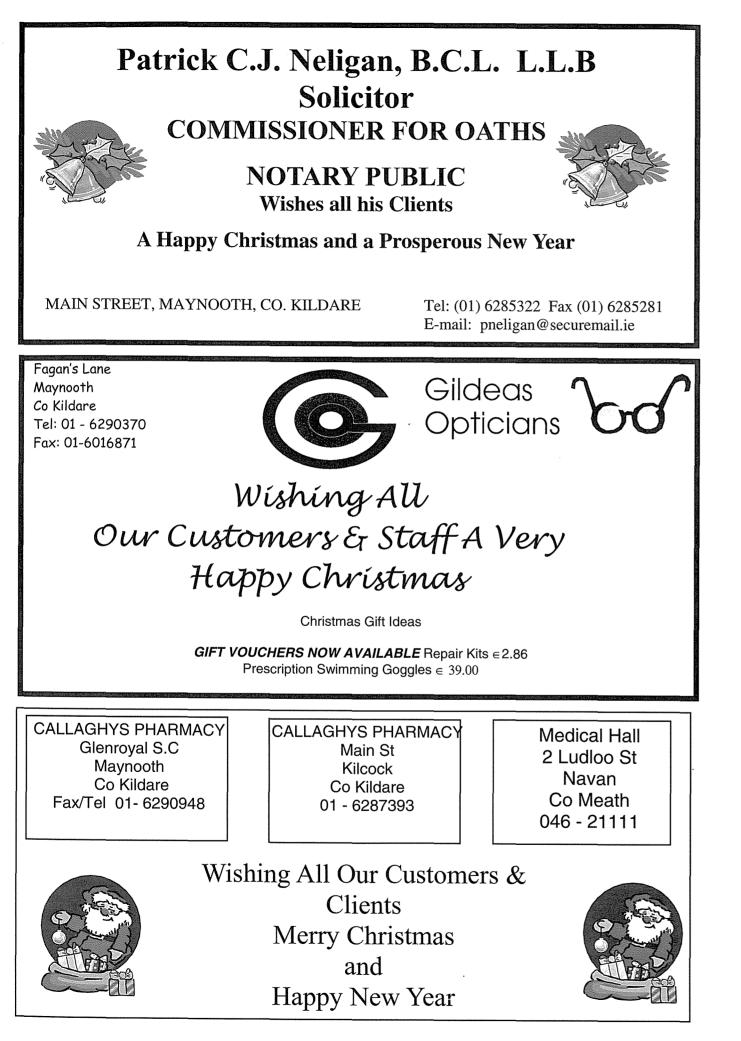
Peter Coakley was born in Kerry. This did not stop him however declaring himself a Clareman, having spent most of his youth in Miltown Malbay, in West Clare.

The youngest of a family of 4, he attended Saint Flannans College, Ennis followed by Saint Patricks Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin

He began his teaching career in Saint Marvs BNS.in Haddington Road ,Ballsbridge.He subsequently taught for a number of years in Lucan.In 1998 he was appointed as teaching principle in Skryne, Co. Meath. He took up his appointment in Maynooth in June 2002. He played Gaelic club football with Miltown Malbay, Ballymun Kickhams (Dublin), Leixlip & Confey (Kildare). He also won the Dublin Senior Football Championship with Erins Hope whilst in training college. He represented Clare at Minor U21 level. He was a keen golfer (before becoming a school principal he has very little time for this now!) with a 11 handicap. He is married to Deirdre, has a son Neil 13, and 2 daughters Meabh 11 and Brona 8.

We would like to congratulate Mr Coakley on his appointment as principal of BNS Maynooth, and hope he spends many happy years with us. We also extend this welcome to his wife and children.





Early Irish Society - feasting and celebrations

As the Christmas/New Year period is generally regarded as the major festive event in the Western World let us turn away from the more serious business of distraint and legal procedures and turn to Irish festivities. In the early Irish period Christmas was considered primarily as a religious feast and there is little or no reference to it in native law or saga literature. Religious texts contain certain informa29tion but this is relatively scant also. There are two different terms in use - Notlaic Mór (great Christmas) and Notlaic Stéille (lit. Christmas of the star). The latter refers to the Epiphany. The treatise on Sunday, the Cáin Domnaig, says that they should generally be treated as a Sunday but the restrictions that existed on cooking are lifted as it is a time of feasting within the Church. Christmas was celebrated with special food and drink and even a slave in chains is entitled to special food. But Easter was the major Church festival when beer was allowed.

Before the arrival of Christianity the major Celtic festivals were fourfold and connected with farming and the cycles of nature. We know most about Lugnasad (The Festival of the God Lug) celebrated on the first of Lúnasa (August) and it still survives in a christianised version as in the pilgrimage to Croaghpatrick or the Fraughan Festival in Glencullen. Fraughan is the anglicised version of the Irish word fraochán (bilberry) and it is one of the first berries to ripen.

The other celebrated were Imbolc, now St Brigit's Day, Beltene (Mayday) and Samain at the beginning of November. All these still survive in christianised form and Halloween is one of Ireland's most successful exports! The seeds of our present day celebrations have a long pagan past behind them. This was a major time of feasting (feis, fled) and of public assembly when it was believed that the doors and barriers between this and the Otherworld opened and a two-way passage was possible for a period of time. The sagas mention that the feast lasted for 7 days when humans and the dead could interact.

These festivals are often associated with food production. In a society where famine, bad weather and warfare were common, fertility of the land was of paramount importance. Even the sagas associate the feast with huge amounts of food. Generosity gone mad is a proof of great wealth.

There is some evidence for the seating arrangements for important celebratory events. The 12th century manuscript, the Book of Leinster, contains an illustration of the Suidigud Tigi Midchúarda (the seating of the house of the mead-circuit). The page is soiled but it is clear that each profession had a place and an appropriate cut of meat. Pork is the chosen food for feasting along with mid (mead), cuirm (beer) and fin (wine) also mentioned. A poem in the Metrical Dindshenchas (Lore of famous places) entitled Temair describes the seating arrangements there and says:

King and chief of the poets, Sage, farmer, they received their due, Couches that torches burn not, The thighs and the chine-steaks.

Leech and spencer, stouth smith, Steward, portly butler, The heads of the beasts to all of them In the house of the vellow-haired king.

The shins were the share of the noble musician. Of the castle-builder and artificer, round the bowl: The cup-bearer, the lusty foot servant, Both consumed the broken meats.

Feasting and celebrating was a common pastime amongst our Celtic ancestors according to many Continental Roman and Greek writers and historians. There is described a ritual that took place regarding the position of the most important warrior and his entitlement to the best part of the pig.

The saga material is full of references to feasting: the story of Cú Chulainn's visit to the Otherworld Seralige Con Culainn (The love-sickness of Cú Chulainn) begins with the Ulstermen gathering for the yearly Samain festival. It says:

The men of Ulster ... used to hold the festival every year; nor was there anything in the world that they would do at that time except sports and marketing and splendours and pomps and feasting and eating; and it is from that custom of theirs that the festival of Samain was descended, that is now held throughout the whole of Ireland.'

The famous tale Scéla Muicce Meic Dathó (The story of Mac Datho's pig) tells how Mac Datho called the men of Ulster and Connacht to a feast. They were arguing over the possession of a dog. The pig mentioned in the title is described as follows:

'Threescore milch cows had been feeding it for seven years ... there were sixty oxen drawing that one pig. besides their other food.'

Mesca Ulad (The intoxication of the Ulstermen) has a wonderful description of a feast, the Ulstermen again:

'The Ulstermen arrived at the festival assembly, so that there was not a man from a village in Ulster that did not come there ... provisions of food and ale were poured out for them, so that the allowance of a hundred of food and ale reached every nine of them. The drinking house was afterwards arranged by Conchobar according to deeds and parts and families; according to grades and arts and customs with a view to the fair holding of the banquet. Distributors came to distribute and cupbearers to deal and doorkeepers for door keeping. Their music and their minstrelsy and their harmonies were played. Their lays and their poetry and their eulogies were chanted for them; and jewels and valuables and treasures were distributed to them.'

Perhaps the best comes from Fled Bricrenn (Bricriu's Feast):

'A cauldron full of generous wine, with room enough

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for three of the valiant heroes of Ulster, furthermore a seven-year-old boar, a cow-lord full seven-year-old ... add to this five-score cakes of wheat cooked in honey. Five-and-twenty bushels, that is what was supplied for these five-score cakes - four cakes from each bushel. Such is the champion's portion of my house.'

Feasting is also associated with the death of a hero in certain circumstances but that is a story for another day.

Among the famous festivals mentioned in the annals and texts are primarily the Óenach Tailten (The fair of Tailtiu), celebrated at Lugnasad, and the Festival of Carmun. The latter is described in a poem, again from the Dinnshenchas, and it may have taken place in the Curragh of Kildare. It lasted a week, every third year, and it was also associated with Lugnasad and it included the familiar pastimes of horse racing, music and storytelling. The poet tells us:

There they would discuss with strife of speech The dues and tributes of the province. Every legal enactment right piously Every third year it was settled.

The tales of the household of Tara, that is not scanty, The knowledge of every cantred in Erin, The chronicle of women, tales of armies, conflicts, Hostels, tabus, captures:

Tales of death and slaughter, strains of music; Exact synchronising of the goodly race; His royal pedigree, a blessing through Bregmag His battle and his stark valour.

Legal matters were discussed and settled, there was buying and selling of food, animals and foreign goods. It is also said that there were two assemblies, one for men and another for women but that they did not mix. This may be poetic licence and there is no way of knowing if it is historically accurate.

Another important calendar and natural event is the solstice about the 21st December, famous for the sunrise at Newgrange (in Irish Brú na Bóinne - the hostel of the Boyne) shining down the passage. This has been interpreted in many different ways but the tomb may still hold its mysterious secrets safe within. Happy festivals.

(The usual series continues next month)



Health Tips Beat the sneeze!

There are a wide range of medicines available to relieve the symptoms of colds and flu. Depending on vour symptoms vou can choose a pains. A deconcestant to ease that blocked up feeling. You may want to consider a specific cold or flu product. which typically combine an analgesic with decongestant are available as syrups, powder or tablets.

Cold

We all know what the common symptoms of cold are; sneezing, followed by a runny nose and tickle at the back of the throat. How long a cold lasts, will depend on the virus you have caught and how good your immune system is at fighting it off. A cold will last from four days to two weeks. With severe colds, you may experience symptoms similar to flu which includes high fever, chills, lack of energy, aches and pains.

Flu

Flu is the abbreviated name for influenza and is a more serious condition than a cold. Both the elderly and sick are particularly susceptible and have greater difficulty fighting off the symptoms. The symptoms of flu usually start quite suddenly with a fever followed by shivering, headache and weak or aching muscles, The fever may last up to 3 days but other symptoms can last much longer. Often with flu you will experience similar symptoms as a cold, such as a dry cough, sore throat and runny nose.

Top Tips

Both colds and flu are caused by viruses, which only your immune system can fight off. Antibiotics are only suitable for treating bacterial infections, which may arise as a com; complication of your cold or flu. For the majority of viruses the best course of action is to treat the symptoms with a suitable over the counter medicine available in your local pharmacy. Our pharmacists are always there to advise you.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR DOCTOR

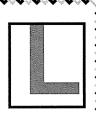
- If your temperature rises above 40°c, 104[°]f.
- If you have symptoms include chest pain or you 0 become short on breath.
- If you cough up blood, yellow- green mucus or phleam.

Top Tip

- Try to rest and your body recover.
- Drink plenty fluids to replace those lost.
- Eat light meals to maintain your strength.
- not to smoke and avoid smoke filled areas. Have that Jab!

If you are in an at risk group, for example those with chronic heart disease, chronic respiratory disease, including Asthma, chronic renal disease or Diabetes arrange to have a flu jab in the Autumn.





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Maynooth Golf Society

Our outing to Moate Golf Club on the 19th October was for the Joe Murray Memorial Cup.

Results:

2nd Michael Flynn (Jnr) 38 pts
3rd John Tiernan 36 pts
4th Norman Kavanagh 35 pts
5th Mick Fahy 35 pts
6th Tom Flatley 33 pts
7th Gerry McTernan 33 pts
Front Nine Barry Desmond 19 pts
Back Nine Mick Flynn 17 pts
Visitors 1st Martin Doyle 37 pts
2nd Derek Murray 29 pts
Nearest The Pin
John Byrne

Our next outing was the Vice-President's Prize (John Tiernan) to Millicent on Sunday 3rd November.

Results:

1st Overall	Kevin Loftus	39 pts
2nd	Barry Desmond	38 pts
3rd	Norman Kavanagh	34 pts (B9)
4th	Don Sullivan	34 pts (B6)
5th	Philip Doyle	34 pts (B3)
6th	Colm Loftus	34 pts
7th	Gerry Reilly	33 pts
Front Nine	Niall Byrne	20 pts
Back Nine	Barry Farrell	16 pts
Visitors	Eamon Murphy	31 pts
Nearest the	Pin	
	Ray McTernan	
Twos Club	Niall Byrne	

Results Maynooth Golf Society Grand Draw which was held on November 9th 2002 (limited to 250 tickets).

1st	G. Harrington Three Ball at the K Club	#044
2nd	John Walsh Weekend for Two (value	#063 ∈ 300.00)
3rd	Colm Feeney Portable Television	#214

4th Wendy Fay #192 Voucher for McGuirk's (value \in 100.00)

Next outing for the Maynooth Senior Citizen Golf Classic is on November 30th in Carton Golf Club.



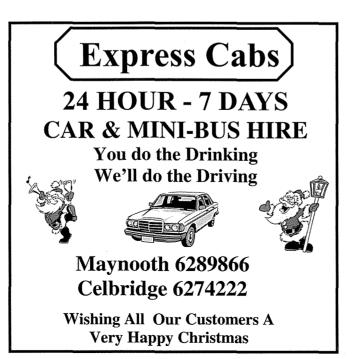
Derek Murray presenting the Joe Murray Cup to Gerry Reilly

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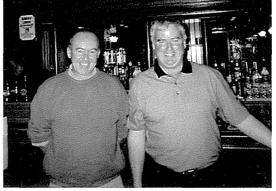


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Gerry & Ann Reilly



John Tiernan & Kevin Loftus

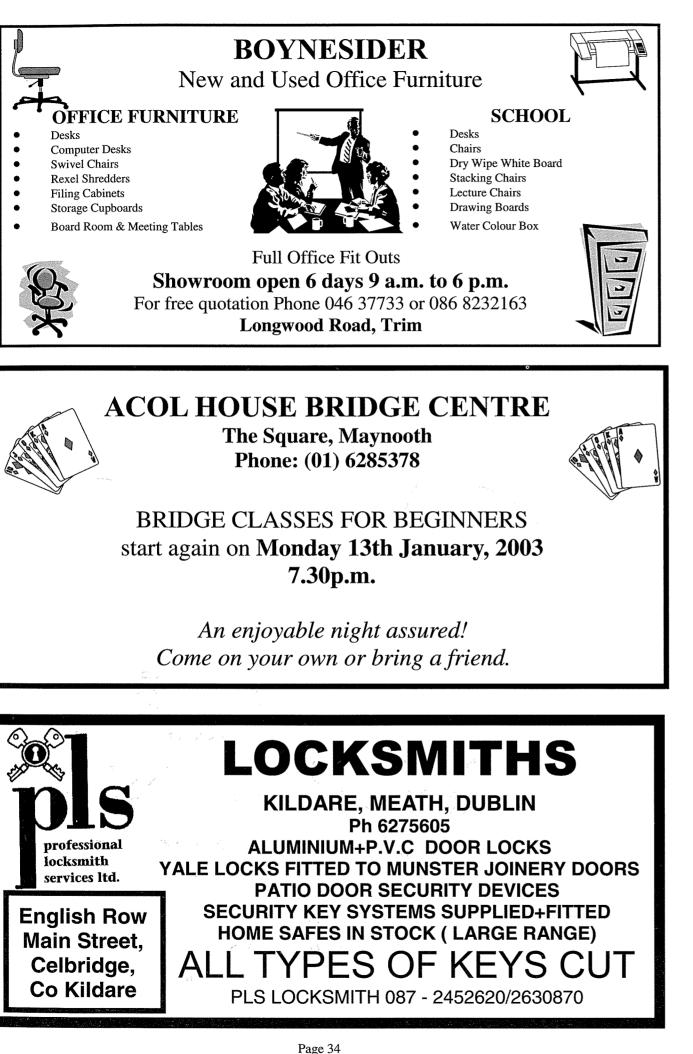


Niall Byrne, Mick O'Rourke & John Tiernan









Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns would like to thank everyone that contributed to the success we achieved in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2002.

There is a danger in naming individuals or organisations that helped us this year especially as the list in our case is very extensive. No doubt I will forget somebody and if so, it does not mean that your help was not appreciated.

Special thanks to people not involved in Tidy Towns that helped in our Annual Collection in June including Bernadette Duffy, Margaret Howe and Tom McMullon. The staff of Kildare County Council, Maynooth, without whose hard work we would not have been so successful this year. Local Kildare County Councillors and Dail Deputies for their ongoing support. Local Schools for their litter awareness and recycling initiatives and other support during the year.

Intel involved for their support in the sponsorship of the hanging baskets in Main Street as well as for the butterfly beds in Pound Park. To all the people who nurtured the flowers and allowed us to erect them on their premises, including the businesses that put out their own floral displays this year.

Credit here also to many of the residents of Convent Lane and Old Greenfield where hanging baskets were displayed this year. Eddie Tracy and the Library staff for the care of the planters outside the library. Special thanks to committee member Moira Baxter who coordinated the flower displays and watered_them this vear.

Thanks to Tom Flatley and the crew for their work with the Maynooth Environmental Group in the two Pound Parks as well as the invaluable work in enhancing Maynooth Harbour as an amenity area.

Residents Associations for their estate cleanups and maintenance which always helps the scoring. Maynooth Chamber of Commerce and the businesses in Maynooth who through their efforts to keep outside their premises litter free also helped. Maynooth Community Council for their ongoing support. St. Patrick's College and NUI Maynooth for maintaining a very high standard of care with their buildings and grounds and attractive new developments on their campuses.

Maynooth Action Strategy and the Carton Avenue Steering Committee for their success in achieving the funding for the Carton Avenue upgrade project. Maynooth Tidy Towns had maintained this area for almost ten years and we specially acknowledge the voluntary effort of Bob O'Reilly. We appreciate the work being done by Conor Mallaghan and the staff of Carton House Golf Club in their commitment to maintain this area in recent times. With the new enhancement plan due to be completed by year end it is essential that Kildare County Council implement a comprehensive management plan for this area. Individual efforts such as Michael Gaffney and family for maintaining the verge outside Charter House and

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Tommie Holmes at the entrance to Parklands Estate. Many others are working away without our knowledge of their names or efforts. Ronan and Jim Barry for their work in Pound Lane. The Smyth Family for their efforts outside Carton Avenue. The Downes family and Damien Farrell for their work with our awards ceremony and national tidy towns application respectively.

As regards sponsorship thanks to the Glenroval Hotel for sponsoring our Best Estate and Shop Front Competitions and Gerry Mulcahy in Greenfield Shopping Centre for sponsoring our float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Tesco Ireland, Glenroval and Greenfield Shopping Centre for allowing us to collect at their premises. Thanks also for the very high standard of upkeep being undertaken in these shopping centres. Joe Buckley, Brian Lanigan and Paddy Barton for assisting us with storage spaces.

Finally and by no means least our Chairman, Bob O'Reilly for his tireless voluntary effort. Every year he threatens to retire but come Spring he gets back into action. The committee itself undertook many tasks associated with our work and my own opinion is that there is no better a group that one can work with in Maynooth. Why not join us in 2003. Happy Christmas to you all.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Awards 2002 Sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Centre

Best Shop Front Competition 2002

Winner: Runner Up: Most Improved:

McCormack's Pharmacy Larine House **Coonans Estate Agents**

Small Estates Competition 2002

Winner: Runner Up: Most Improved:

Parsons Hall Parsons Lodge Cluain Aoibhinn

Large Estates Competition 2002

Winner: Runner Up: Most Improved:

Parklands Rockfield Moyglare Village/ Moyglare Abbey

Maynooth Person of the Year

Michael Gaffney

Paul Croghan Secretarv **Maynooth Tidy Towns**

(Photographs elsewhere in this issue)

Maynooth Hillwalking Club

We had an unscheduled Moderate Hike on Sunday 18th, of October along the Dublin-Wicklow border in the mountain range between Glencullen and Glencree. Afterwards we had a brief stop for tea and scones in the Glencree Interpretative Centre. Worth a visit if you are passing some day. There is an exhibition on Ulster Politics.

Training progressed well during the month with revision exercises in the classroom followed by practical training in the mountains. This will continue for the next few months both with formal and opportune training during our hiking activities.

Our visit to the Coolevs had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Instead on the Bank Holiday Monday a few of us went off for a trek through the mountains for a bit of exercise. The weather was much better. The underfoot conditions were surprisingly good.

On Sunday 10th November our visit to the mountains between Donard and Hollywood in West Wicklow for an easy hike went down very well. We had three new visitors on activity and covered a distance of 9 miles with an ascent of 1,200ft. Everybody was fit so we had an extension to the outing. Towards the end we visited the "Pipers Stone", a 2000 B.C. stone circle close to the Blessington-Baltinglass road. Our trip brought us into an area which had remains of housing which suffered the effects of the Famine in the 1840's and the area has remained unoccupied ever since.

Sunday December 1st. brings us back to Bull Island and Dollymount Strand for a brisk trek around the perimeter of the Island. The bird population should be at its maximum with our winter migratory feathered friends here on winter holidays. It is hoped to have an audio/visual show available before hand. Please note change in departure time from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Centre at 10.00am, sharp, Own transport. Please note change in departure time from November edition. This has proven to be a very popular hike on previous occasions. A distance of 7 miles with no Ascent. We are at sea level throughout.

New Year's Day it is hoped to conduct an easy hike along the canal from Clonsilla to Maynooth. We will meet at the Railway Station, Maynooth from 12:15 and travel by train to Clonsilla. A group rail fare will apply for those arriving at least 15 minutes early.

For the next few months we will be restricted by reduced daylight. The majority of our activities will be close by. Activities conducted further afield will be restricted in length. Our next weekend activity will not take place until the end of February '03. We normally complete a weekend of hiking around this time of year to include a night hike in an area to be decided later. This activity is limited to club members.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000ft. In cases there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or it is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no guick exit routes back to the car or bus.

Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

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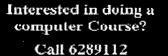
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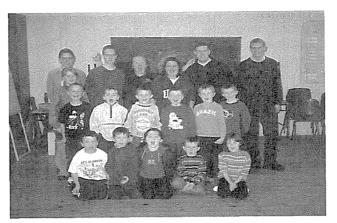
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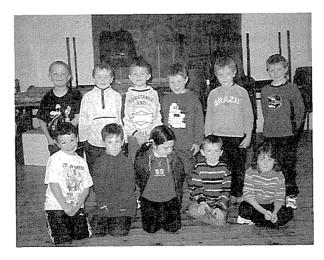
Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Boys Scouts

Beavers started on the 7th October in Maynooth. We are situated beside Maynooth Post Primary School. Boys and Girls between the ages of 6 to 8 are welcome. We start at 6.00pm to 7.15 pm on Monday nights. We have 11 Beavers and there are still places available for 5 children. After Christmas we hope to expand further. If you have any queries please contact Martina Perry at the scouts den on Monday nights between 6pm & 7.15.



We would like to welcome Paul Mescal, Keith Kelly, Niamh Murray, Ciaran Brown, Tory O Neill, Peadar O Murray, Michael Jones, Jonathan Flathery, Dylan O Shea, Tadgh Ford, Robert Cooney



Maynooth Host Town Special Olympics

We will be holding an Art Exhibition in the Library for the duration of the World Games in June 2003. We invite budding artists to submit a piece of their work for this exhibition. All amateurs, people with disability and art groups are welcome to contribute. For further information please contact; Carmel Buckley 01 6286171. Mary Fox 01 6289037.

Maynooth Mortality Society

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due. The society sits every Sunday morning in the band hall from 11.30am to 12.30. The committee wishes all members a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

P NOLAN Secretary

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Our second term has started and will continue until 21st December. Fees for this term are due on or before 30th November; and can be made payable to the bus supervisor any Saturday. We have two buses going to Stewarts every Saturday, where swimming lessons are given from 5 years upwards. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact Patricia Moynan or Mary Murray. We would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Roast Goose served with Caramelise Plums Serves 6

- 10 lb goose, thawed if frozen 2 1/2 lb potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks 1 lb carrots, peeled and cut into thick slices 2 medium onions, peeled and sliced 2 cloves garlic, peeled and left whole Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper A few sprigs of fresh sage, plus some for garnish For the gravy: Neck and gizzard of the goose 1 small onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 stick celery, chopped
- 4 tablespoons Madeira
- 3/4 pint good chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon redcurrant jelly
- Corn flour or arrowroot paste, optional

For the plums:

- 4 tablespoons caster sugar
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 6 plums, halved, stoned and guartered

Method:

Remove giblets, if any, from the goose. Set aside for the gravy. Prick goose skin all over, especially the fat gland under the wing. To get a crispy skin on the roast bird, it needs to be dry to start with. Leave the bird in a cool draught for a few hours or overnight, or if you have an oven with a defrost setting, put the goose in for 1-2 hours to help dry out the skin.

To prepare the potato stuffing:

Add the potatoes, carrots, onion slices and garlic cloves to a pan of boiling salted water and cook until the vegetables are just tender. Drain, then roughly mash them and season well. Set the oven to hot, Gas mark 7, 220c, 425f. Use the mashed vegetable mixture to stuff the cavity of the goose, adding a few sprigs of fresh sage. Tie the legs back up tightly, pulling in the parson's nose. Rub salt, about 2 teaspoons, into the goose skin, then put the bird on a rack in a large roasting tin. Cover the legs with foil. Roast for 20 minutes, then turn the temperature down to moderate, Gas mark 4, 180c, 350f. Roast for 2-2 1/2 hours. Do not baste the bird, but do remove the fat in the pan every hour. To do this safely, put the goose onto a tray, tip the fat from the roasting tin into a bowl, then put the goose back in the roasting tin. Put a piece of foil on top of the back if it starts to look as though its browning too much.

To make the gravy:

Fry the goose neck and gizzard in a little goose fat until they're browned all over. Add the chopped vegetables to the pan and let them brown. Add the Madeira, reduce by about half, then add the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain through a fine sieve, into a clean pan, skimming off any fat. Stir in the redcurrant jelly. Thicken with a cornflour or arrowroot paste if necessary.

To caramelise the plums:

Melt sugar in 2 tablespoons of water in a frying-pan over a low heat. Raise heat and cook until it caramelises. Take pan off heat, add the vinegar and 2 tablespoons water or stock and stir until caramel has re-melted. Add plum guarters and cook gently, turning them a couple of times until they're soft in a syrupabout 8 minutes. Cover and keep warm. Serve caramelised plums in a separate dish. Put the goose on a serving platter and scoop out some of the mash round it. Garnish with fresh sage.

Turkey Risotto

Serves 4 1 lb cooked turkey meat 2 oz butter 2 onions, chopped 1 tablespoon curry powder 1 level teaspoon mixed herbs Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Dash garlic salt 8 oz Patana rice, or any other 1 chicken stock cube 3/4 pint water 1 oz stuffed olives, sliced 8 oz frozen or canned peas Tomato guarters

Method:

Cut the meat into neat pieces. Melt the butter in a large sauce-pan, fry onion until transparent. Add curry powder, herbs, salt, pepper and garlic salt. Mix well and cook for 3 minutes. Add rice, mixing well. Mix stock cube in water, pour over rice, bring to the boil, cover and cook for 35 minutes or until the rice has absorbed all the liquid. Add the turkey and olives. Stir thoroughly and heat gently for 5 minutes. Arrange the risotto on a large platter, surround with cooked peas and garnish with tomato guarters.

Quick Cream of Turkey Soup

- Serves 4
- 8 oz cooked turkey meat
- 1 oz butter
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 rasher bacon
- 1 chicken stock cube 1 pint water
- 1/4 pint cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Method:

Remove the turkey skin and cut flesh into neat pieces. Melt the butter, fry onion and bacon for 5 minutes. Add stock cube and water, bring to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove bacon and chop finely. Reserve for garnish. Add the turkey and bring back to the boil. Skim off excess fat. Add cream, stir gently, but do not boil. Pour soup into tureens, sprinkle top with chopped parsley and bacon pieces. Serve with French bread.







Dorin's Recipes cont'd

Mince Pies

4 oz margarine 7 oz plain flour 1 oz cornflour 1 oz icing sugar 1/2 level teaspoon nutmeg 2 egg yolks 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1-2 tablespoons water 200g mincemeat

Method:

Sieve the flour, cornflour, icing sugar and nutmeg into a bowl. Cut the margarine into lumps and rub into flour until the mix resembles breadcrumbs. You can do this in a food processor. Mix together the egg volks, lemon juice and water and add to the dry ingredients. Mix well to make a firm dough. Chill for half an hour then roll out pastry. Cut out twelve circles of pastry 3 inches in diameter and place in greased bun trays. Put a spoonful of mincemeat in each one. Wet pastry edges. Cut twelve smaller circles of pastry 2 1/2 inches in diameter and use to cover, pressing well together. Brush tops with beaten egg and pierce with a fork or knife. Bake for about 25-35 minutes in a hot oven 400f, 200c, Gas mark 6.

Mulled Wine

- Makes about 1 1/2 pints 1/2 pint water (optional)
- 4 oz brown demerara sugar
- 4 whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 lemons thinly sliced
- 1 bottle Burgundy or Claret
- 1 orange thinly sliced to decorate

Method:

Heat first four ingredients until sugar has dissolved, then bring to the boil. Add the lemon slices, stir and leave to stand for 10 minutes. Pour in wine, Heat, but do not boil. Strain through a sieve lined with kitchen paper, into a serving bowl and serve hot, decorated with orange slices.

Salmon and Dill Wheat Wafers

Slice 1 200g packet smoked salmon into 15 pieces. Ruffle each piece of salmon up on top of 15 wheat wafers or toasted blinis. Top with creme fraiche, 1 teaspoon per wafer or blini. Garnish with sprigs of dill. Season with a little freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Glazed Chicken Winglets

- 6 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons demerara sugar
- 1 tablespoon distilled vinegar
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 12 chicken wings, tips removed



Method:

Combine the soy sauce, sugar, vinegar and garlic salt. Slash freshly part of wings with a sharp knife and place in a strong polythene bag with the soy sauce mixture. Seal bag and leave chicken to marinate 4-5 hours or overnight in refrigerator, turning occasionally. Place chicken wings on greased baking tray and cook in oven pre-heated to 375f, 190c, Gas mark 5, for about 35 minutes.

Cheese and Nut Balls

8 oz cream cheese 1/2 teaspoon oregano 1/2 teaspoon mixed herbs 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt 3 1/2 oz chopped almonds, toasted Method:



Combine cheese with oregano, mixed herbs and garlic salt, mixing well. Form into bite-size balls and roll in toasted almonds to coat. Serve as canapés or as a first course on salad leaves, drizzled with lemon juice and olive oil. Makes about 16 balls.

Apricot Savouries

16 apricots 3 oz blue cheese 1-2 tablespoon cream 1/2 ground cinnamon Method:



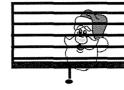
Slit apricot completely in half. Mix the cheese with enough cream to soften. Spoon or pipe mixture onto bottom of apricot halves and top with remaining apricots, sandwich style. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon. Makes 16 servings.

Gammon and Pineapple Skewers Method:

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large frying pan; cook 12 oz gammon steak, cut into 1 inch chunks for 5 minutes, turning occasionally, until golden and cooked through. Add 1 tub fresh pineapple chunks, drained; cook for 2-3 minutes until pineapple is lightly coloured. Mix 3 tablespoon clear honey, 1 tablespoon wholegrain mustard and 2 tablespoon freshly chopped flat leaf parsley; pour into the pan. Toss together. Stick a piece of hot gammon and pineapple onto 20 cocktail sticks; serve.

Sausages with Red Onions and Rosemary Method:

Preheat oven to 190c, Fan 170c, Gas mark 5. Slice 2 medium red onions, trimmed and peeled into 20 wedges. Place in a baking tray with 20 cocktail sausages. Add 3 tbsp olive oil and 1 tbsp fresh rosemary leaves; toss together. Bake for 15-20 minutes until onions and sausages are softened and lightly charred in places. Stick sausages and onion wedges onto 20 cocktail sticks. Serve hot.





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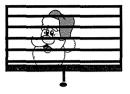




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Dorin's recipes cont'd

Apple Strudel

For the pastry: 10 oz flour 1 egg 2/3 oz castor sugar 1 pinch salt 2 oz butter or margarine Lukewarm water For the filling: 2 oz raisins 2 oz almonds 1 1/2 apples 3 tablespoons breadcrumbs 2 oz butter or margarine Grated lemon peel A few tablespoons iam 3 oz castor sugar To finish: 2 oz butter or margarine, melted A few tablespoons icing sugar Method:

Sift the flour on a board, make a well in the centre and add the egg, sugar, salt, the butter or margarine, melted over very low heat with 1-2 tablespoons water. and enough lukewarm water to obtain a fairly soft dough. Work the dough quickly and vigorously, form into a ball, cover with a cloth and let stand for 30 minutes. Soak the raisins in lukewarm water for 20 minutes, drain and dry. Soak the almonds in boiling water for a few minutes, drain, peel and cut into thin slivers. Peel and core the apples and slice very finely. Sauté the breadcrumbs in half the butter or margarine until golden, then let them stand in the pan. Put the dough on a large floured cloth, roll out thinly with a floured rolling pin and spread it gently over the back of the hands, pulling and stretching it carefully until it is paper thin and transparent. Lay it out flat on the cloth, brush with the remaining butter or margarine, melted, and cover with the apple slices, raisin, almonds, breadcrumbs and lemon peel. Dot with spoonfuls of the jam and sugar, leaving a border of dough all around. Roll up the strudel using the cloth, being careful not to touch the dough with the hands, and press the edges together so that the filling does not come out during cooking. Still holding it by the cloth, put the strudel on a buttered baking sheet or a large buttered baking tin, brush with melted butter or margarine and bake in oven 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4, for 40-50 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand for 10 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish and dust with icing sugar. The strudel can be served hot or cold.

Dauphine potatoes

Serves 6 2 lb floury potatoes 3 oz butter 3 eggs plus 3 egg yolks Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Freshly grated nutmeg Oil for deep frying



Choux pastry 8 fl oz water 3 oz butter Pinch of salt 4 1/2 oz plain flour, shifted 4 eggs

Method:



Wash the potatoes and cook in their jackets in boiling water. While they are cooking, prepare the choux pastry. Place the water, butter and salt in a saucepan. Allow the butter to melt then bring quickly to the boil. Toss in the flour all at once and beat rapidly with a wooden spoon to obtain a smooth even paste. Continue cooking over a gentle heat, stirring constantly to dry out the paste. Remove from the heat as soon as it leaves the sides of the pan clean. Let it stand for a few moments, then add the first egg. Beat well together and add separately the 3 remaining eggs, beating well each time. Peel the potatoes and mash or sieve them. Place this puree in a saucepan and dry out over a gentle heat, stirring with a wooden spoon. Mix in the butter, then the 3 whole eggs and the 3 yolks, one by one. Mix this puree with the choux paste. Season with salt, pepper and freshly grated nutmed. Leave to cool. Form into small balls and toss into the heated frving oil. Drain the dauphine potatoes on absorbent paper as soon as they are cooked through and golden.

Juniper and Apple Cabbage

Serves 6 1/2 savoy cabbage, shredded 2 oz butter 2 apples, cored and thinly sliced 2 tbsp juniper berries, lightly crushed 1/2 small red cabbage, shredded 3 tbsp red wine vinegar Method:

Cook savoy cabbage in boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain; set aside. Heat the butter in large frying pan; cook the apples over a medium heat for 5 minutes until softened. Add the juniper berries; stir through; season. Remove from the pan using a slotted spoon ; set aside with the cabbage. Add the red cabbage to the pan juices; stir-fry for 5 minutes. Add vinegar and 5 tbsp water. Cover; simmer for 10 minutes. Add the Savoy cabbage, apples and berries to the pan. Cover: cook for a further 5 minutes. Gently toss together. Serve in a warmed serving dish.

Brussels Sprouts with Chestnuts

Peel 1 lb chestnuts, put in cold salted water with 1 bay leaf, bring to the boil and cook for about 3/4 hour. Meanwhile cook 2 lb fresh or frozen sprouts. In a pan melt 3 oz butter or margarine, add the chestnuts and sprouts, well drained. Season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, cook slowly until the sprouts and chestnuts are heated through. Transfer to a warm serving dish, serve immediately.





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Whats in a Name

Readers were recently asked to name the new building at the Harbour. How did other Maynooth names originate?

Ashleigh, Beaufield, Brookfield, Carton Court, Castlebridge, Castle Dawson, Charter House, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green, Glenroyal, Greenfield, Kingsbry, Laurence Avenue, Leinster —, Lyreen Park, Manor Court, Maynooth Park, Meadowbrook, Moyglare, Nagle Court, Newtown —, Old Greenfield, O'Neill Park, Parklands, Parson —, Railpark, Rockfield, Silken Vale, Straffan Way, Woodlands. What a mixture of names for a heritage town.

In the 12th century Henry the second of England became Lord of Ireland. His rule was over all of Ireland but in practice his rule extended over an area adjacent to Dublin called the Pale. Maynooth marked the west end of the Pale. Maynooth Castle was begun shortly afterwards where the Slade and Lyreen rivers meet. The great Anglo Norman family the Fitzgeralds. who were Kings' Deputy in Ireland and later Earls of Kildare and Dukes of Leinster lived there. One of them, Silken Thomas as he was known, was executed at the Tower of London. Later the Fitzgerald family lived at Carton House at the other end of Main Street. The inscription on the castle refers to the Manor of Maynooth. So now we can see where some of the place names come from: Carton Court, Kingsbry, Leinster -----, Lyreen, Manor Court and Silken Vale. Slade still awaits commemoration. Movglare and Newtown are very old names for their respective areas.

There has been a church near the castle for more that 700 years. *Parsons* — are aptly called. The spire of Saint Patrick's *College* can be seen for miles around. It was built to honour the first 100 years of the college. *Charter* House stands where the Charter School of Maynooth was for a hundered years. *Nagle* Court honours Nano Nagle - the foundress of the Presentation Order.

There are many estates which are named the lazy way. They are purely descriptive - they may sound rural in the initial advertisements at the time of building. They convey nothing about the place and would be equally applicable in most rural areas for example Beaufield, Cluain Aoibhinn, (which roughly translated means Beaufield), Greenfield, Old Greenfield, Parklands, Rockfield. Brookfield and Meadowbrook don't mention which brook.

The *Railway* give Rail Park and Castlebridge. The bridge has no connection with the castle despite what its name might imply. Glenroyal is beside the *Royal* canal. But what about the *Glen* bit? Another name to think about is College Green. Who are Dawson, O'Neill or Laurence? What about Ashleigh? Of course there is no such question about Straffan Way or Maynooth Park. What do you think new estates in Maynooth should be called? Should the names be for purely commercial reasons?

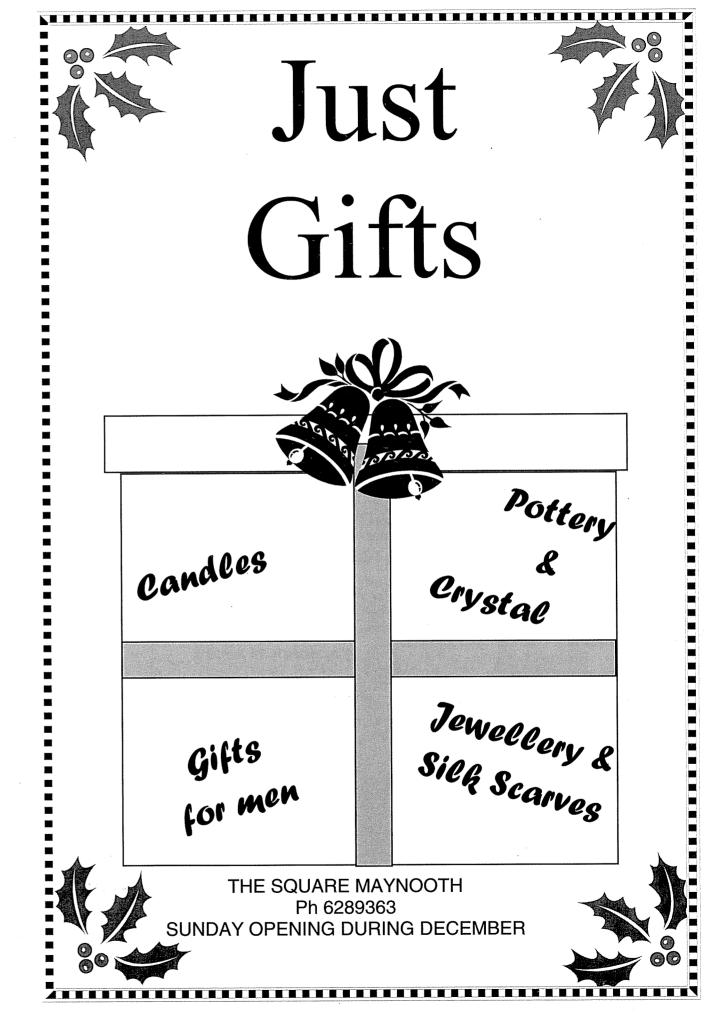
Talk about it over Christmas!

Caring for Granny and Grandad

To the young, old people seem ancient. When one begins to grow old, you can see how quickly time passes. Extra care and respect should be tendered towards the elderly who are wearing on in years. They need just as much care and attention as if they were tender babies once again in their mothers' arms. There are so many areas to take into consideration in the caring of the disabled, elderly and sick people. Unfortunately, the day is gone when grandparents would be still living with the family, as most of their daughters and daughters-in-law are now working; and most grandparents are placed in a Nursing Home. The children of to-day will also miss this lovely experience of arowing up in the presence of a loving grandparent, and hearing all the folklore of long ago. Perhaps if more allowances were given by Health Boards, carers could avail of more equipment required in the caring of their loved ones in their homes.







NIGERIA AND CHRISTMAS IN **NIGERIA**

Nigeria is an African Country - West Africa and has a population of one hundred and twenty-nine million. Nine hundred and thirty-four thousand, Nine hundred and eleven people and the capital was officially transferred from Lagos to Abuja on 12 December, 1991.

Nigeria is the most populous country, is composed of more than 250 ethnic groups; the following are the populous and politically influential: Hausa and Fulani 29%, Yoruba 21%, Igbo(Ibo) 18%, Ijaw 10%, Kanuri 4%, Ibibio 35%, Tiv 2.5%.

There are 50%, Christian 40% indigenous belief 10%. The main languages are- English (official).

Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani,

Nigeria is made of big cities as well as towns and villages.

Christmas in Nigeria is a very "colourful" joyful and happy one.. There are a lot of celebrations in every part of Nigeria. People wear colourful. beautiful, well-tailored Nigerian dress or "attire". Some of the Favourite colours that are mostly worn are blue, browns, white, green, orange red, vellow etc.

People also put on or "wear" Nigerian beautiful woven and properly dved clothes of various colours. A week prior to Christmas a lot preparation are made by people going to the "big" markets to purchase, bags of rice, beans, plenty of meat, chicken and ingredients for African -Nigerian "soup" and stew with a lot of hot spices and seasoning.

People start making preparation by doing a lot of cooking on the 24th of December to 25th December. The Christians go to various churches i.e. The Catholics to mass in the Catholics churches, the Anglicans to Anglican Churches. The Protestants etc. The Moslems also celebrate and are happy on Christmas day by respecting the Christian's festive moods.

A lot of gifts such as wines, clothes, well-prepared food, chocolates, sweets, money, well-designed Christmas cards -both religious and well-worded special cards are sent to family, friends and wellwishers both at home and abroad.

At Christmas, a lot of families who have grudges or disagreements during the year on issues would get together before celebration. This also applies to a lot of friends who had disagreed and who were not on talking terms during the year. It is also a good period in Nigeria for some people to settle their disputes. If there is any.

During Christmas, there are a lot of parties and the poor are also cater for the by the rich. Food is shared among the poor even if one does not know them.

Since, Nigeria is an African Country with the bordering of the Gulf of Guinea, Republic of Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Equatorial Guinea, etc people from these countries fly in or travel in also to celebrate Christmas because of the inter-marriages as well.

Christmas is a joyful, enjoyable, happy period in Nigeria.

Happy and merry Christmas.

Emmanuel Ali. Sixth Class St Mary Boys National School Maynooth.

St. Flannan

Flannan (Seventh Century) was a prince of the Dál gCais in modern Country Clare. After much missionary work in the Hebrides, he was ordained bishop of his native diocese of Kildare by Pope John IV in 640 and is its patron saint. He was famous for managing to recite the entire Psalter (Psalms) each day in spite of all his labours. His feast day is 18 December.

Bláith aka Flora

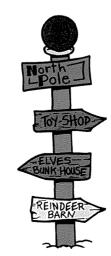
Bláith aka flora (d. 523) the Latin form of the Irish for flower.

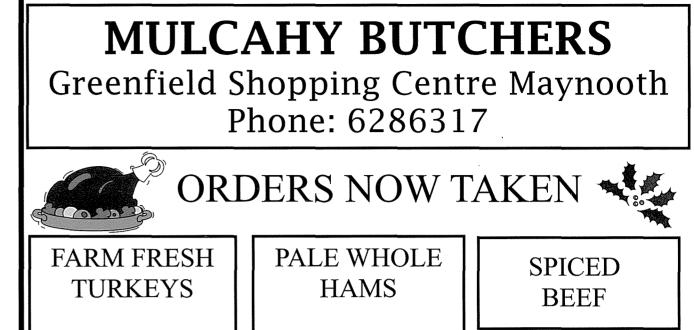
Bláthe was a lay sister, working as the cook at St Brigid's convent in Kildare.

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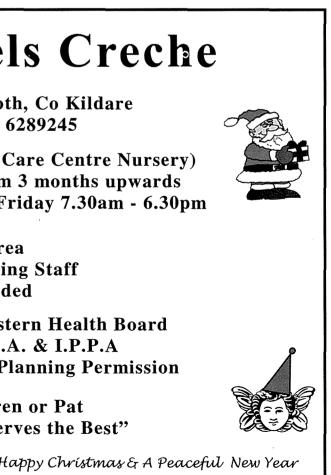
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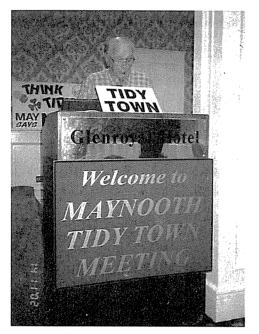
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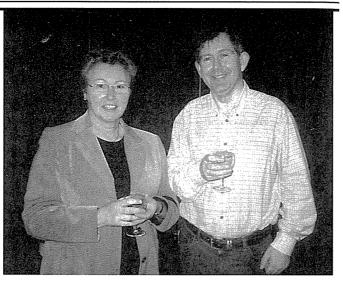
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Rita Edwards and Paul Croghan



Mr. Michael Gaffney receiving the award for The Maynooth Tidy Towns "Person of the Year 2002" from Mr. Ray Grehan, Managing Director **Glenroyal Hotel**



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Helen Doyle, Norah McDermott, Eilish O'Malley & Madeline Stynes discussing their schooldays in the Convent together



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Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association Caoga bliain

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA hall Maynooth Harbour. We were delighted to welcome parish priest Monsignor Alex Stenson to the ecumenical remembrance praver service, organised for the Golden Jubilee of the guild. by Eilis O'Malley. The rector, who was unfortunately unable to attend, sent his good wishes. Thank you to Eilis who gave a thoughful resume of events in the life of women of Maynooth over the past fifty years. A special tea party followed the service. Then all posed for some commemorative photographs. Former and prospective members, who would like to join us at a Christmas party in December in the Straffan Court Hotel, are invited to contact Mary (6290929).

Our group visit to the majestic Croke Park complex was entertaining and educational. Yoga classes and badminton will ensure pre-Christmas fitness.

The Maynooth Newsletter team was complimented on dedicating their golden November cover to the Golden Jubilee of the guild. Congratulations to all involved with the Newsletter on this, their 300th issue. We wish you a blessed, peaceful and joyous

Christmas and fourth year of the third millennium.

Maeve Moloney, P.R.O.



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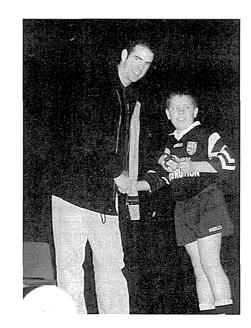
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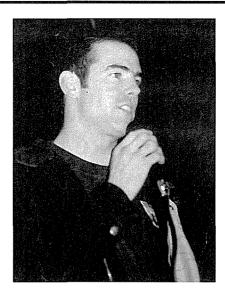
Maynooth Boys National School

Presentation

Kildare Senior Footballer Dermot Earley presented medals to Maynooth Boys National School victorious under 11 team. The presentation was made in the Parish Hall where teachers, parents and fellow pupils were present. It was a proud day for the school. All 24 players received medals and Dermot Earley presented the cup to team captain, Daragh Dunning.













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Book Review

Wild Justice - Phillip M. Margolan.

Phillip M. Margolan is one of the best thriller writers of today. He has not written many books, Wild Justice being his 7th, but each one a gem. Wild Justice opens in a small airport with Dr. Clifford Grant, waiting to make a delivery, on the black market of one human heart, to Martin Breach one of the big names in Organised Crime. But things go wrong, and Grant panics when the police arrive, and he escapes with both the heart and the money. Grant goes to his silent partner, hoping for some help, but the partner knows that Martin Breach does not like unfinished business. and knows that in order to survive, he has to kill Grant. so nothing can be traced to him.

Grant's body is discovered with nine others, and the chief suspect is Dr. Vincent Cardoni, whom the police think was Grant's secret partner. Cardoni claims he is innocent and has been set up by his wife Justine, with whom he is in the middle of a bitter divorce.

Cardoni is released on a technicality and disappears, and the police think that Martin Breach was involved. Four years later a similar gruesome discovering is made and this time it is Justine Cardoni who is the chief suspect and this time it is Vincent Cardoni who is doing the setting up.

The twist in this story is one of the best I read in a long time, and how far from the end are you, before you can figure out, who the killer is?.

Local History Review 2002

Do you know the story of how a county Kildare man, was one of the first people to get to the South Pole? do you know that the first bishop of New York was the son of a shopkeeper in Creggs county Galway? These and other intresting stories are in Local History Review 2002; a comprehensive review of the recent work of local history societies, including Maynooth.

Well-known local historians contribute articles. It is the ideal Christmas reading to get for, or to give to local history enthusiasts. Local History Review 2002 gives lists of local history books published recently. You will probably find a book about your own county, because most counties are included. Local History Review 2002; a treasure trove of information (including websites) about who to contact for the story of your own place, is available in local bookshops. Local History Review 2002 tells you of interesting historical sites to visit on your travels in Ireland. The hon.editor is Maeve Molonev, whose book Nineteenth-century elementary education in the archdiocese of Tuam was published recently in the Maynooth Studies in Local History series.

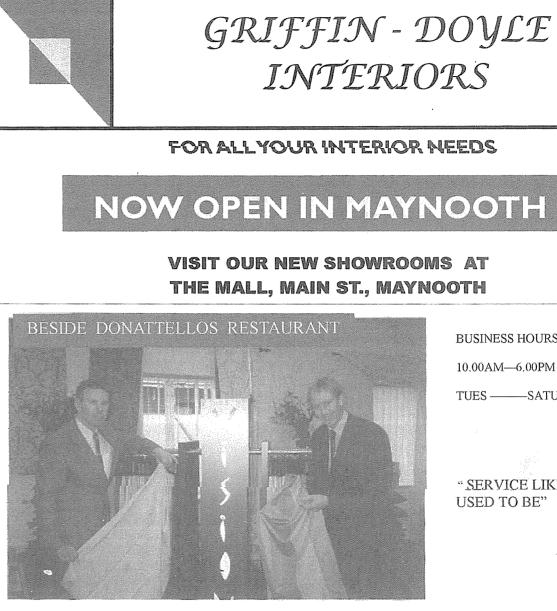
Maeve Moloney

NEW BUSINESS

Griffin Doyle Interiors

Griffin Doyle interiors was set up by Garry Doyle and Stephen Griffin in April 2002 in Ashbourne Co. Meath. Garry has spent over 20 years working with fabrics and also worked as Branch Manager for Kirsch in Toronto. Kirsch are one of the biggest suppliers of drapery hardware in the world. Stephen has spent the last 12 years working in sales and has acquired a diploma in Interior Design. Although GDI has only be in existence for just under a year they are already making a name for themselves due to their attention to Quality and Customer Service.

As in Ashbourne Garry and Stephen noticed a lack of curtain and curtain and carpet service in Maynooth and are committed to filling that gap with their own style of customer relations. The new showroom is located just off the main street (upstairs opposite Donnatello's restaurant) and offers the best selection of fabrics in the area. All sales and installations are done by Stephan and Garry themselves thereby ensuring a quality service and keeping costs very competitive. Their aim is to make the name Griffin Doyle Interiors synonymous with best value curtain and carpet service available.



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Christmas Message from Monsignor Stenson

Christmas Reflection

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, the one who is, and who is to come" (Rev1:8).

It is always a pleasure being invited by the Editor to provide a Christmas Message for the Maynooth Newsletter. Each Christmas time we recall that some two thousand years ago a loving God took on human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ and lived among us." God so loved the World that he gave us his only Son and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"(Jn.1:14-16).

A short thirty years later this Jesus was crucified on Calvary, apparently a dismal failure. His glorious resurrection three days later changed everything for those early disciples, so convinced were they that he was alive and risen. So too for us his disciples of today, who remember that Christ did once die and yet also remain convinced that he is risen and in our midst:" where two or three are gathered, there am I in the midst of them," "whatever you do to one of these you do to me": "I was hungry and you gave me food"

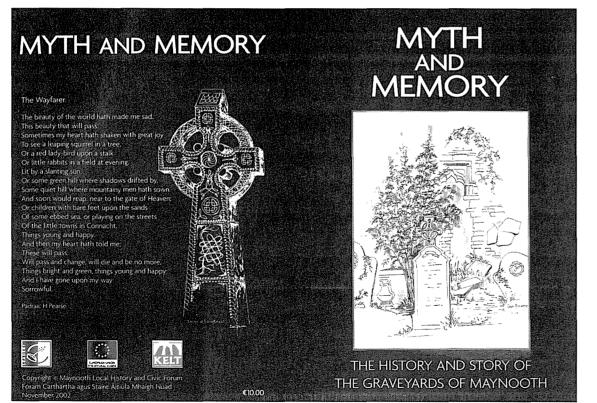
Yes, Christ has died and Christ is risen --but that is not all. Christ will come again! This final victorious and glorious chapter yet remains to unfold. This promised second coming of Christ our Saviour remains our joyful and expectant hope.

So Christmas is not so much about finding Jesus in a crib many centuries old. Rather it is about finding him alive today all around us, particularly in the poor and lonely, the oppressed and marginalised.

The good news is that the Christ who first came to us in History at Bethlehem, whom we meet today in Mystery in each other and in our worship, will come again in Victory at a time unknown:"Yes, I am coming soon. Come Lord Jesus____Maranatha, Amen"(Rev.22:20)."

Monsignor Alex Stenson, P.P. Christmas 2002

MYTH AND MEMORY



A 'wayfarer' is one who travels and in a sense we are all travellers journeying through life trying to make sense of the human experience. In this connection, Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum are pleased to announce that our book entitled 'Myth and Memory - the history and story of the Graveyards of Maynooth' is now available in local bookshops and other retail outlets in the town. This, our third publication, in addition to giving an insight into how our ancestors made sense of their world in both pre-Christian and Christian times, also examines ancient customs and folklore connected with death, wakes and burial in Maynooth, in County Kildare and throughout the rest of the country. At ∈ 10, it would make an excellent Christmas present for family and friends, both at home and abroad.

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throughout the intervening space. Sometimes the entire **Snow-Flakes** prospect is obscured; then, again, we have a distinct but transient glimpse of the tall steeple, like a giant's ghost; and now the dense wreaths sweep between, as There is snow in yonder cold gray sky of the morning! if demons were flinging snow-drifts as each other, in - and, through the partially frosted window-panes, mid-air. Look next into the street, where we have an love to watch the gradual beginning of the storm. A amusing parallel to the combat of those fancied demons few feathery flakes are scattered widely through the in the upper regions. It is a snow-battle of schoolboys. air, and hover downward with uncertain flight, now What a pretty satire on war and military glory might be almost alighting on the earth, now whirled again aloft written, in the form of a child's story, by describing the into remove regions of the atmosphere. These are not snow-ball fights of two rival schools, the alternate the bit flakes, heavy with moisture, which melt as they defeats and victories of each, and the final triumph of touch the ground, and are portentous of soaking rain. one party, or perhaps neither. What pitched battles, It is to be, in good earnest, a wintry storm. The two or worthy to be chanted in Homeric strains! What storming three people visible on the side-walks have an aspect of fortresses, built all of massive snow-blocks! What of endurance, a blue-nosed, frosty fortitude, which is feats of individual prowess, and embodied onsets of evidently assumed in anticipation of a comfortless and martial enthusiasm! An when some well-contested and blustering day. By nightfall, or at least before the sun decisive victory had put a period to the war, both armies sheds another glimmering smile upon us, the street should unite to build a lofty monument of snow upon the and our little garden will be heaped with mountain battlefield, and crown it with the victor's statue, hewn of snow-drifts. The soil, already frozen for weeks past, is the same frozen marble. In a few days or weeks prepared to sustain whatever burthen may be laid thereafter, the passer-by would observe a shapeless upon it; and, to a northern eye, the landscape will lose mound upon the level common; and, unmindful of the its melancholy bleakness and acquire a beauty of its famous victory, would ask: "How came it there? Who own, when Mother Earth, like her children, shall have reared it? And what means it?" The shattered pedestal put on the fleecy garb of her winter's wear. The cloud of many a battle monument has provoked these spirits are slowly weaving her white mantle. As yet, questions, when none could answer. indeed, there is barely a rime like hoar-frost over the brown surface of the street; the withered green of the Nathaniel Hawthorne, Tales. grass plot is still discernible; and the slated roofs of the houses do but begin to look gray, instead of black. All the snow that has as yet fallen within the circumference of my view, were it heaped up together, would hardly equal the hillock of a grave. Thus gradually, by silent and stealthy influences, are great changes wrought. These little snow particles, which **MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY** the storm-spirit flings by handfuls through the air, will COUNCIL LIMITED, bury the great earth under their accumulated mass, nor permit her to behold her sister sky again for dreary UNIT 5. months. We, likewise, shall lose sight of our Mother's NEWTOWN SHOPPING CENTRE, familiar visage, and must content ourselves with looking heavenward the oftener.

Now we look forth again, and see how much of his task the storm-spirit has done. Slow and sure! He has the day, perchance the week, before him, and may take his own time to accomplish Nature's burial in snow. A smooth mantle is scarcely yet thrown over the withered grass plot, and the dry stalks of annuals still thrust themselves through the white surface in all parts of the garden. The leafless rose-bushes stand shivering in a shallow snow-drift, looking, poor things! as disconsolate as if they possessed a human consciousness of the dreary scene. This is a sad time for the shrubs that do not perish with the summer; they neither live nor die; what they retain of life seems but the chilling sense of death. Very said are the flower-shrubs in mid-winter! The roofs of the houses are now all white, save where the eddying wind has kept them bare at the bleak corners. To discern the real intensity of the storm, we must fix upon some distant object-as vonder spire-and observe how the riotous aust fights with the descending snow



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Christmas Appeal for Kosovo and Macedonia

Three years ago this December, I offered to do a favour for a friend. Little did I realise, however, how much such a simple decision would change my life.



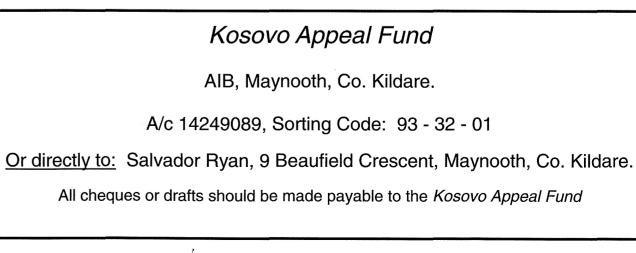
In December 1999, I made my first visit to Macedonia and Kosovo. I travelled simply to oblige a friend who was involved in aid work in the troubled region, but soon realised that this would not be a once-off trip. Thus began my love-affair with these lands and their people. I have been back seven times since. Macedonia is a land ravaged by unemployment and the lack of any decent social welfare system. Thousands of people have no work and, with no money coming into their homes, lack the essentials to simply live. For huge numbers of people, meat is a luxury that is enjoyed once a year. Those who are sick must first be able to pay for hospital care before they are admitted. Lacking the necessary money, many die suffering from the most treatable of conditions such as appendicitis.

More and more families cannot afford to pay rent for the most modest of flats and are obliged to live n the streets. Fr. Mato Jakovic, who works with the poorest people of Skopje (The Macedonian capital), relies solely on our contributions to feed, clothe and house his people. One particular family, whom I have had the privilege of getting to know, typify the problems faced by Macedonians today. Daniella and Jordan, a young couple with three children, were evicted from their flat because they could no longer afford to pay rent. Both were unemployed and had no income. They were subsequently forced to live for nine months in a tiny canvas tent outside an apartment block. Placing the children and Daniella's mother, Ratka, inside the tent, Daniella and Jordan slept outside in the snow with just a blanket covering them. Daniella was pregnant at the time, and the Macedonian winter reaches -30ºC! Because of money raised here in Ireland, Fr. Mato was able to afford to help Daniella and Jordan to pay for rent and electricity in a new flat. When I visited the couple and commented on how good the young priest was to Them, Daniella replied 'Yes, he is our Jesus Christ!' The Kosova Appeal Fund was set up in December 1999 to help people such as Daniella and Jordan in both Kosovo and Macedonia. All donations are used for the purposes of buying and distributing food parcels containing the most essential foodstuffs, the purchase of fuel for families during the harsh winter, the provision of clothes and shoes for children and the purchase of schoolbooks. In addition, those requiring medical treatment and operations are funded where possible.

Every cent that is donated goes directly to where it is needed most with no deduction for administration or overhead costs of any kind.

Please help make Christmas this year for the families of Macedonia and Kosovo. Thank you.

Salvador Ryan.





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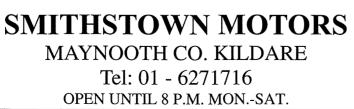
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Violence Against Women

Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Rape, Harassment/Stalking.

Introduction

In most cases women are the victims of these shattering crimes. But it is not only women who suffer from these crimes. And these are not the only types of violence that can be experienced.

Women may be victimised simply because their property is seen as more vulnerable due to individual life styles and perceived lesser physical strength. Basically we can divide violence against women into attacks which are physically, sexually, or property oriented. To put this into context it is important to realise that in Ireland crimes involving physical violence of any kind are amongst the lowest in Europe.

No matter who you are, if you are subjected to violence of any kind you should contact the Gardai for immediate help and advice. An Garda Siochana is committed to a proactive policy in relation to protection through law enforcement.

What is Domestic Violence?

"Domestic Violence" is the physical, sexual, emotional or mental abuse of one partner by the other partner in a relationship which may or may not be one of the marriage or cohabitation and includes abuse by any family member against whom a safety order or a barring order may be obtained by another family member.

Who Commits Domestic Violence?

As a general rule it is a husband or partner who commit this shattering crime against women. To the public, he may appear to be a warm loving person and a law - abiding citizen .

Often he will absolutely refuse to accept that he is the person responsible for his destructive behaviour. In fact, he may believe that his abusive behaviour is justified.

The three phases of Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence tends to follow three phases

- A Tension Building phase
- An Acute Battering phase
- Reconciliation phase

It is important to remember that once violence has begun, it not only continues, but also over time increases in both frequency and severity. As the violence continues, the three-phase cycle begins to change for the worst the tension building phase becomes shorter and more intense the acute battering incidents become more frequent and severe and the reconciliation periods become far shorter.

If You Are a Subject of DomesticViolence

It is important for you to know that no one has the right to assault you. You can stop it immediately by getting

help and support from the Gardai and other service providers.

If you suffer from domestic violence Gardai will give you immediate protection and advice. If you choose, a female Garda can be available to help and support you throughout your traumatic experience. The Gardai can also put you in contact with other organisations that can give you counselling, advise or refuge.

The Gardai can also advice you on agencies that can support and counsel you in seeking a Protection/ Barring Order from the District Court. If you are not married and are the subject of violence by your partner you can still apply for a Court Order to prevent further abuse.

Remember - The Decision Is Yours

If you have been subjected to domestic violence, you should have no hesitation at all about reporting it to the Gardai. Remember that the priority is to look after YOU. A decision about applying for a Court Order comes later - AND THAT DECISION IS YOURS!

Always get the medical attention you need after an attack. It is best to tell the doctors and nurses exactly what happened to you, so that they can record it carefully.

Save All The Evidence You Can

Women who are subjected to family violence often feel isolated, vulnerable and afraid. Where possible, you should save all evidence of the attack, because once you are out of physical danger you will be in a better position to consider the legal options open to you, options which can, in some cases, lead to arrest and prosecution.

What is Rape?

Any attack against your person without your consent should be reported to the Gardai who will then judge the degree of the alleged reported offence.

The Gardai Can Support You In The Following Way At any time of the day or night, trained Gardai can arrange for you to receive immediate medical care and advice. The Gardai will also advise you about the many different counselling and support services that are available. If you have been raped, you should have no hesitation about reporting it to the Gardai. Remember that the priority is to look after YOU. Trained Gardai will be available to support and advice you at every stage of the investigation.

Points To Remember

Remember if you are sexually assaulted, you are not to blame. Help and support is available 24 HOURS A DAY. The Gardai and agencies like the Rape Crisis Centre will immediately help you to get specialised medical care.

(Violence against Women contd.)

Remember after an assault you may feel dirty, but to preserve evidence you should not wash, change your clothes or even clean up until after you have talked to the Gardai.

Remember every piece of information no matter how small it is that you recall about your attacker may be relevant.

Remember many crimes of rape are not reported, as a result most rapists continue until caught.

Harassment/Stalking

Harassment/ Stalking can also be a problem and recent changes in legislation means that this menace need no longer be suffered. Any person who by any means, including the use of the telephone harasses another by persistently following, watching, pestering, besetting or communicating commits this offence. Keep a record of events and report the matter to the Gardai.

Do not become a victim: follow this advice

On The Street

Do not carry a handbag unless it is essential.

Minimise your jewellery or other valuables.

Walk facing traffic, so that vehicles cannot approach from behind without you being aware their presence. When alone, avoid dark and empty streets and passages. Arrange a lift if you are travelling at night, or hire a taxi, preferably get the taxi to collect you at home.

Ascertain Taxi Driver's name. Ask him to wait until you have entered the home.

If you think you are being followed go straight to the nearest place where there are people, even a private house. Then phone for the Gardai.

In The House

Fit chain and door viewer to front door.

Fit mortice locks to all external doors. Choose solid doors without glass panels. Windows should also be fitted with locks.

Fit an Intruder Alarm System to recognised standard. If you live alone, DO NOT advertise this fact. use only your initials and surname in telephone directories, or on doorplates.

DO NOT admit callers to your home without being satisfied that they are genuine. Have them call back when you have a friend at home.

At night, draw curtains, or pull down blinds to avoid un unwelcome scrutiny.

Have your front key ready to use as you approach the house so that you are not fumbling in your bag on the doorstep.

If the house appears to have been burgled DO NOT go in, the intruder could still be present. Go to a neighbour and phone the Gardai.

In The Car

Get into the habit of locking your doors when driving or waiting in the car.

DO NOT pick up hitchhikers or strangers, even if they appear to have broken down; you can always phone the Gardai to come and enquire.

Never leave your valuables within view. Place them under the seat.

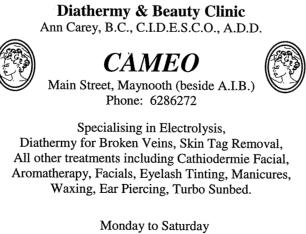
Park in well lit places, preferably with lots of people around.

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Garda Siochana '999' or any Garda station, we are available to help you 24 hours a day. Irish Association of Victim Support - (01) 6798673 National Federation of Refugees - (064) 49049 Women's Aid Helpline - 1800-341900 Mon.- Fri 10am to 10pm Weekdays 10am to 6pm Samaritans - (01) 872 7700 - 24 hours a day FLAC, South William Street - (01) 679 4239 Free Legal Advice available from 9am - 5pm, Monday - Fridav Crimestoppers 1800 250025 This information has been provided by

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Christmas Decorations

Make a hanging ball of holly by sticking the holly in a large potato and using it as a base. To make a Christmas wreath, use a wire hanger shaped into a circle, push the wire through the centre of some raw potatoes (the circle when closed should be covered with raw potatoes) and stick stems of holly in the potatoes. The potatoes will keep the holly fresh over the holidays.

Christmas Tree

Keep your Christmas tree looking fresh and happy throughout the festivities by standing it in a container filled with two parts water to one part glycerine. Use pipe-cleaners as a quick and easy way of attaching decorations and presents to the tree.

Perfumed Writing Paper

Personalise your writing paper by putting a few drops of your favourite fragrance on some blotting-paper sheets and place your writing paper in between.

Frozen Plants

To revive greenhouse plants which have become frozen, make it as dark as possible in the greenhouse and thaw the plants with cold water. If watered in the light, the plants would die.

Stuffing

Cool off stuffing before filling poultry. Warm stuffing could help the growth of micro-organisms in the bird. Stuffed birds should be kept in the fridge until cooking time.

Sandwiches

When making sandwiches containing mustard, mix the mustard and butter together before spreading. The mustard will be evenly distributed and the sandwichmaking will be much quicker. Put mayonnaise between two lettuce leaves in a sandwich so that it will not soak into the bread if the sandwich is left to stand.

Window Boxes

A coating of small pebbles on the soil in your window boxes will prevent the soil splashing your windows when it rains. An easy way to keep your boxes looking lovely is to fill them with plants in their pots, placing some soil around the pots. This makes it easier either to remove a plant if it is not doing well, or to take all the plants inside during cold weather. (They can be put back later when the weather improves).

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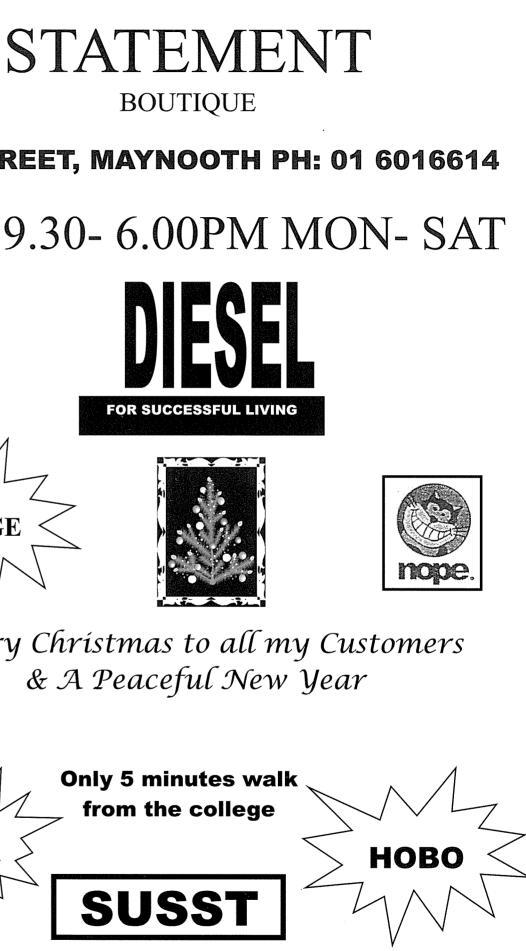
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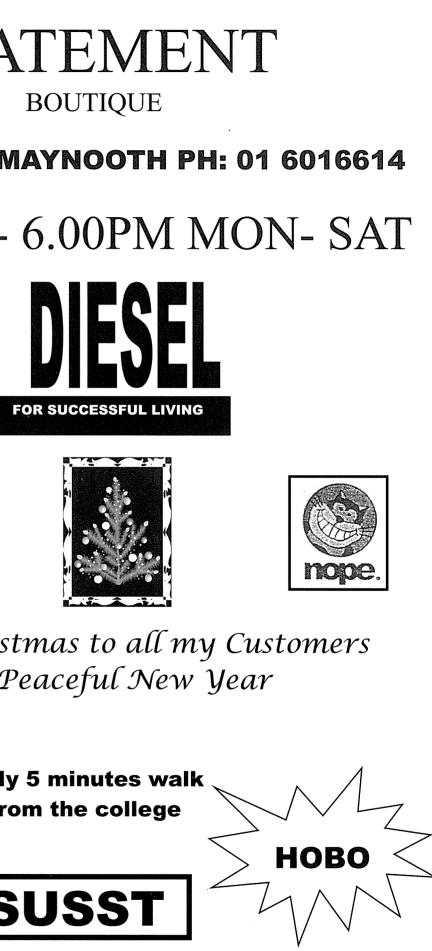
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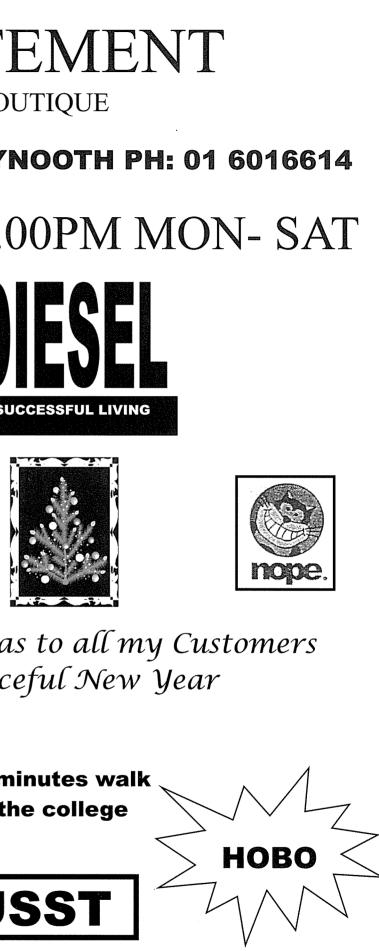
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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Santa Claus wrote to us from the North Pole to say he had received lots of letters from some very good children who live in Maynooth. He will most definitely be visiting all the boys and girls in Maynooth on Christmas Eve night and wants everybody to be very good before he gets here. Some people who sent Santy letters are;

Michael Carton, Cian, Hayden, Neil, Philip, Daniel O'Keeffe, Serge, Owen Byrne, Andrew Jolley, Jack Ffrench, Michael Lloyd, Joshua M Hurley, Conor Duffy, Matthew Melia, Ronan Gorey, Gary Daly, Aaron Jordan, Jason Burke, Kevin Mblyavanga, Maxsimi Burak, Séoirse, Luke Stuart Mills, Darren Kennedy, Cormac, James Penny, Ian Doyle, Declan Burke, Ryan Thompson, Dáire, Michael, Kurtis Walsh, Ryan Deegan, David Mahon, Mena, Derry, Darragh, David Condon, Eoin, Anthony, Luke, Peter,

Santy also got letters from the girls in Maynooth, but he didn't give us any of their names. But he said he'll be there.BE GOOD ! SEE YOU ALL SOON







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Gardening Hints



" IF WINTER COMES, CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND" LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SPRING

For some gardeners this is the end of the season but really it should be looked upon as the beginning. There's no doubt that work done now will lav the foundations for a great garden next season.

Now is the time to get the digging done, have a thorough clean-up, order your seeds, finish new plantings where you can, and above all, go round the borders and correct your mistakes. We all make them and now's the time to put them right. There's still all the summer's warmth in the soil, so plants that you move will get away quickly. So, start with the big plants and take as much soil with them as you can. When they're replanted, pay special attention to the staking . Then mulch round the plant and water welland that means for the whole of next season too.

General Tasks

Bird Boxes should be cleared of old nesting material which could harbour parasites. Wash them out with boiling water (do not use any detergent or other cleaning agent) and repair them if necessary. Do this job well before late winter, when some birds will already be surveying the scene for nest sites.

Borders can be weeded and tidiest at any time through the winter, so long as the soil is dry enough not to stick to your boots. Rake fallen leaves off plants, and either collect them to make leafmould or leave them on hard ground to rot down. Dig up and compost annual weeds, but burn or throw away the roots of perennial ones.

Protect delicate plants that can suffer in frosty weather, such as cistus and fuchsias by tucking bracken or straw around their bases. Don't use peat or compost as these materials hold water and rot the plant. Bubble polythene is also useful to have for protecting shrubs and containers from severe frosts.

Hedgehogs and toads and crawl into heaps of garden rubbish, particularly leaves, to hibernate for the winter, so take a little care as you fork out the compost or turn it.

Checklist

Established lawns should have their last cut, if they have not already had it, first sweeping off leaves.

Continue taking hardwood cutting of shrubs and fruit bushes.

Inspect potted bulbs regularly and water sparingly if necessary.

Feed flowering pot plants weekly with a liquid fertiliser.

Plant spring bedding and winter pansies by the end of the month.

Twist off dead indoor cyclamen leaves and flowers

- where they join the corm: remaining pieces of stem can cause it to rot.
- Pinch out the tips of autumn-sown sweet peas when they're about 4 inch high.
- Check that tree ties are securely fitted and in no danger of rubbing.
- Put guards round young trees if there's any danger of rabbit or deer damage.
- Drain hosepipes, roll them up and store under cover. Order seed catalogues.
- Clean pots and seedtrays with hot water and disinfectant, ready for next spring.
- Plant garlic by the end of the month.
- Check stored fruit and vegetables; throw out any showing signs of rot.
- Net Brussels and cabbage to protect them from birds. Prune apples and pear trees, and black currants.
- Stop feeding fish as they'll live off their reserves for the winter months.

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CHRISTMAS TO OLD CHRISTMAS DAY, 25 December to the 6 January.

Contrary to recent commercial trends in which we are led to believe that the Christmas season starts prior to Hallowe'en, traditionally, Christmas consisted of twelve days commencing on 25 of December and ending on 6 January. Records show that in the year 1444, the death of a head of the MacNamara sept took place 'between the two Christmases'. The 25 of December was known as 'Great Christmas' and the 6 of January as 'Little Christmas.' In earlier times, people lived according to what was known as 'calendar custom'. This in turn influenced their social customs and behaviour, some of which are outlined below.

The four weeks prior to Christmas, known as Advent (Advent Sunday being the Sunday nearest to the last day of November), was spent preparing spiritually for what was considered to be the great Christian festival. As the feast day drew near, more material needs were seen to in that dwellings, outhouses, farmyards and surroundings were all cleaned and tidied. The interval between Christmas and Twelfth Day (inclusive) was observed as a holiday time, when no servile work took place. Instead people took part in bull-baiting, badgerdrawing, cock-fighting and in more acceptable sports by today's standards such as football and hurling.

On Christmas Eve, 24 December, the children of the house brought in the holly, ivy and other green plants to decorate the house. Holly, being evergreen and having red berries is a symbol of immortality. In some traditions, male prickly holly was considered to be lucky for men and the smooth variegated plant known. as 'she-holly' was lucky for women. Ivy was also a desirable plant to have in the home. With its ancient association with Bacchus, the Greek God of wine, it was an appropriate decoration for the Christmas season! In many homes, three candles were lit in memory of the Holy Family, usually by the youngest child, and allowed to burn until midnight.

St Stephen's Day, 26 December was the day that 'the Wran-Boys' did their rounds. The wren was hunted and killed during the previous few days and on St Stephen's day two or three of the birds were tied to a holly bush decorated with ribbons. Wrenboys, (some of whom dressed as girls, and wrengirls, some of whom dressed as boys, much to the disapproval of the clergy), wearing straw masks or on occasion, animal skins or horns, went from house to house throughout the townland singing and demanding money or drinks.

> The wren, the wren, the king of all birds, On St Stephen's Day was caught in the furze; Though his body is small, his family is great So, if you please, your honour, give us a treat.

On Christmas Day I turned a spit; I burned my finger: I feel it yet. Up with the kettle, and down with the pan; Give us some money to bury the wran.

While it is thought that the songs associated with the wren are of English origin, the masks, straw, animal skins and horns echo an older tradition. If the wrenboys were not made welcome at a house, one of them buried a dead bird opposite the hall door, thus ensuring that no luck would enter that house for an entire year. At the end of the day, when the festivities were over, each wren was usually buried with a penny.

The origins of this custom are obscure but it survived in many parts of Ireland simply because the tradition was passed down from one generation to the next. One 'origin' story relates that one night after the Vikings had invaded Ireland; the native Irish attempted to creep up on one of their camps and take them by surprise. A flock of 'scoot-wrens' were disturbed and in flying away lit on some of the drums, alerting the sentries who were asleep. As a result of the wrens' treachery, the Irish were driven off, suffering many casualties.

The folklore may explain why this minute bird was hunted in Ireland. Or alternatively, the explanation may simply lie in the fact that it was an easy catch. flittering about near the base of gorse bushes or flying short distances near the ground. In addition, its 'chickchick' call note and its animated song, which usually came from the undergrowth, were very loud for such a small creature. In other traditions, the wren was treated with respect. In Wales an old proverb says that death threatens anyone destroying a wren's nest. An old Breton word for wren meant 'happy'. And thousands of miles away, the North American Pawnee Indians also called the wren 'the laughing bird', as it greeted the sun at dawn with a louder song than any other bird. In recent years, this age old St Stephen's Day tradition has been revived throughout the country. However, hunting the 'wran' is now illegal and ornamental decorations are used instead of dead birds.

In former times, we are told that New Year's Eve on 31 December and New Year's Day on I January were never fully celebrated in Ireland. The first day of January did not become the first day of the year until a new calendar was introduced in 1751. Prior to that, the legal year, both in England and in Ireland began on 25 March. In time, New Year's Day became a Holy Day, which obligated Roman Catholics to attend Mass. In County Kildare, it was customary to bake a large barmbrack on New Year's Eve. The man of the house took three bites and then dashed the rest against the main door of the house in the name of the Trinity, saying at the same time that he hoped that starvation might be banished from Ireland and go instead to the King of the Turks. The crumbs were then gathered and eaten by the rest of the household. Before retiring for the night, twelve candles were lit in honour of the twelve apostles.

Handsel Monday was the first Monday of the New Year, when children visited friends and neighbours, receiving a 'handsel' - a small gift of money. Sometimes cakes were given instead of money. In parts of Leinster, including Dublin City the gift was

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known as a 'suggit', which may have been derived (Christmas to old Christmas Day Contd.)

from the Irish 'so dhuit', 'here's to vou'.

Finally, on the 6 of January, there is the Feast of the Epiphany, commemorating the visit of the three Magi to the stable at Bethlehem. This day is also traditionally known as Little Christmas or in Irish, Nollaig na mBan' (Women's Christmas). One reason given for this name is that on Christmas Day, beef and whiskey, seen as 'men's fare' were on the menu, while on Little Christmas, women rested and helped themselves to cake, tea and wine - food which needed little preparation, but gave immense pleasure.

According to one proverb, 'On the night of the three Kings, the water turns to wine.'

Thus ended Twelfth Night, and on 7 January the holly and ivv were taken down and either burned immediately or put aside to heat the pancake griddle on Shrove Tuesday, the evening before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. But before Lent, there was always St Brighid's Day on 1 February and Candlemas Day on the 2 February to look forward to.

Rita Edwards

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Maynooth Man Writes Irish X-Files

Maynooth man Dara White has placed his name on the shelf of nearly every bookshop in the country with the recent publication of his new book.

Former Cluain Aoibhinn and Ballygoran resident Dara launched his book, Paranormal Ireland: An investigation into the other side of Irish life, on October 29th. A native of Maynooth and former BNS pupil. Dara spent the last year travelling the length and breadth of the country collecting chilling tales of paranormal experience from people from all walks of life.

The result of this lengthy research is a 300 page book packed with spine-chilling and intriguing, real life tales of supernatural happenings from across the country.

According to the author, this book takes "an in depth and impartial look into a mysterious side of Irish life, not always talked about in an open manner".

Ghosts, poltergeists, lake monsters, UFOs, Alien abduction and psychic phenomena all play a major role in Dara's new book which reads like a definitive Irish X-Files.

"Over the year I put more that 20,000 miles on my car, travelling around Ireland talking to all sorts of people." said Dara.

"There's hardly a sceptic out there who doesn't know at least one person who has been affected by the paranormal. It could be something as simple as a Friday the 13th mishap or as terrifying as a face to face with a ghostly apparition," said Dara.

The former Salesian student said he interviewed more that 100 people including psychics, druids, Cryptozoologists (researchers into unknown animals), UFO contactees and abductees, priests, people living in haunted houses and castles, parapsychologists, witches and people who have proven they have lived many times over.

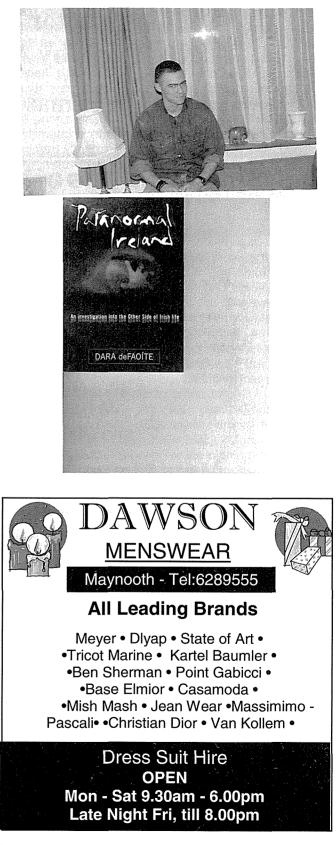
"I talked to individuals who are working on technology which they say will be able to determine what passing UFOs are made out of and have met with others who assure me that Ireland plays host to at least three different species of lake Monster," said Dara.

Paranormal Ireland carries an exclusive photograph of a "Ghost" taken by an English tourist in the great poet WB yeats's Castle home, Thoor Ballylee in Gort Co. Galway.

It includes Alien Big Cats (ABCs) living in woods on the Limerick/Tipperary border. It visits and talks to the people living in the most haunted homes in Ireland and listens to tones of theories on close encounters with visiting extraterrestrial (ET) life. And Dara hasn't forgotten his hometown either. The famous haunted room at Maynooth College gets it dues in Paranormal Ireland. Dara said he remembers often going up to that particular chilling room in the House of Rhetoric when he was a young fellah and, although a die hard sceptic, said he was once spooked himself when he slipped on the stairs and hurt his arm after leaving the famous Maynooth College room where two clerics took their lives. Today, Dara is a journalist with the Irish Examiner and Ireland on Sunday writing under his Irish name

deFaoíte. His parents, Fergus and Ann White live in Ballygoran. Dara moved to Kilkenny last year with his wife Sue and daughter Jodie.

Paranormal Ireland by Dara deFaoíte is published by Maverick House and costs \in 12.99.



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Features

Murder of the Month - the Millennium

As we were happily celebrating the arrival of the year 2000 two years ago there were some strange, violent and murderous activities occurring in Denver, Colerado. That was also the year of the massacre in Columbine, an event that bore a special significance to a beautiful woman called Emily Johnson. She was a teacher whose interest was looking after children with special needs. But she had a further connection with Columbine, in fact she had worked as a teacher in Columbine High in Littleton and she had been a friend of one of the teachers killed in the massacre on that occasion. There had been 15 murdered and 20 badly injured on the 20th April when two students went on a rampage with two guns before killing themselves. This particular New Year and the impending millennium meant a lot to her and although she worked part-time as a waitress that night as usual, Emily had planned to go out with her boyfriend to celebrate. It was Friday, December 31st 1999 and the restaurant closed at 10.30 p.m. leaving her plenty of time to have a good time that night.

The two of them had some reasons for celebration as well. They had just bought their dream car that day, a 1994 silver Lexus Sedan ES 300. She was so excited by the purchase that she had told her students about it. As they had only taken possession of the car she had not had an opportunity to drive it yet. As things turned out, she never got that chance. The following morning Emily was dead.

Her boyfriend was Robert Davis who at 28 was a year vounger than Emily. He arrived at the restaurant before it closed and had a drink while she went upstairs to get out of her working uniform and change into her dancing cothes. As they left the restaurant heads turned to look at her. She was a particularly beautiful young woman with long blonde hair that contrasted with her boyfriend's dark looks. Friends often told her that she should have been a model. But she had to work hard at two jobs just to survive.

But work was forgotten that New Year's Eve as she and Robert went to the nightclub across the road and danced until 2.30 a.m. and then he drove very carefully to the house. It was not far, just off one of the busiest streets in Denver but it was a very quiet street, known as West Denver Place. House values were rising in the area but Emily had bought before the boom and the value of her property was increasing daily. The weather was bad and Robert was tired and the couple of drinks he had taken were taking their toll on him. They both fell asleep very quickly after returning home.

The next morning, the first day of the new millennium, Emily was found by a jogging neighbour at 8 a.m. She was lying outside on the patio not quite dead and she was rushed to hospital. But they failed to revive her and she died the following day from brain damage. She had been badly beaten with a stone that lay by her side. When the police entered the house they found that there had been a break in. But worse -Robert lay asleep with some spots of blood on his hands. he was arrested immediately. He already had a criminal past that he was trying to put behind him with Emily's help. Apparently he was succeeding. Before this, his life was taken up with drugs, dealing and assault. He should not have been drinking and away from his own home that night at all. He would be in trouble with the parole officer but that was the least of his worries. He could not account for his movements that night. Not used to drinking he said that he could remember nothing as he had fallen asleep immediately. the precious Lexus was missing.

Robert was held for questioning but not for long. The Lexus was found nearby, covered in blood and three youths were seen running from the vehicle. Emily's cell phone was inside and this led to the killers. They had made a phone call. Soon three suspects were arrested - two of them were Emily's own pupils to whom she had mentioned the new car. They were Nicholas Martinez 16 his cousin Llovd Martinez also 16 and Lorenzo Montova who was only 14. Both Montova and Nicholas were her students.

Montoya eventually broke silence and gave a garbled version of the events that night. They had broken into the house, attacked Emily and then ransacked the house. They found the keys to the Lexus and they were about to leave whem Emily regained consciousness and tried to get up. She was hit again and left on the patio. Undeterred by what they had done, they went to a party, got drunk, drove the car and then crashed it. He also admitted that they had all been smoking marijuana all evening. But on advice, he later withdrew his story, claiming that as a minor he could not make such a confession.

At his trial in October, Montoya pleaded not guilty and Lloyd Martinex had all charges dropped. Nicholas Martinez faced a separate trial. Montoya tried to prove that he had an alibi for the night in question and a friend, Robert Marquez, vouched for him, saying that he and his sister, Heather Marquez, had invited him for New Year's Eve and that he had been with them all night. But Montoya had provided a different storey he was babysitting with his cousin. But a cellmate said that Montoya had told him what had happened that night and that he possessed details that did not appear in the press and to which he would have no access. The court heard forensic evidence that footprints in blood matched Montoya's shoes - there was only one chance in 127 million that another shoe could make the print. Also, two women had seen him wearing a distinctive jacket that night, the jacket was found behind Emily's home.

It appears that they had arrived at the house specifically to rob the car that she had been so proud of - so proud that she had mentioned it in class. Lorenzo Montova was sentenced to a mandatory life sentence for first-degree felony murder, robbery, car theft and burglary. Felony murder must be shown to occur during the commission of felony such as arson, robbery, kidnapping or sexual assault or escaping

(Murder of the Month Contd.)

from such a crime.

Nicholas Martinez was similarly convicted. Thev both escaped the death sentence because they were both under the age of 18.

Robert had to return to jail for violating his parole and still cannot explain how he slept through the events or how he had blood on his hands. The house stands empty.

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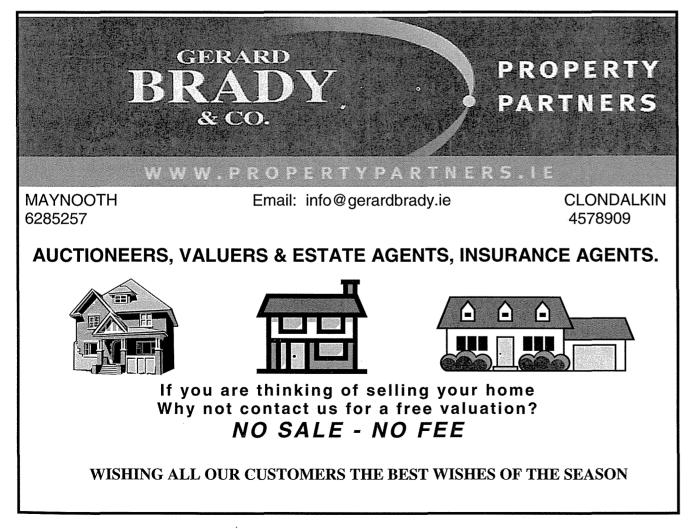
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Predictions for 2003

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Emergency services are called to a traffic jam in Maynooth which lasts for six days. Motorists trapped in their cars in Main Street are air-lifted to Naas hospital suffering from dehydration, hunger, fatigue and total frustration. A spokesman for Kildare County Council promises that there are plans to provide ring roads around the town and that Council staff have been doodling on the back of envelopes, sketching out routes for these roads. 'We expect to have a proper roads system in place in Maynooth by the end of the century', he added. 'In the meantime we'll all just have to be patient. We advise motorists planning trips through the town to equip themselves with flasks and adequate supplies of foot. Traffic eases slightly between 3 and 4 a.m. and we advise drivers to plan their journeys to the shops and schools at these times.'

February

Following the success of the penalty points system for speeding drivers the system is extended to other areas of Irish Life. Any politician failing to give a straight answer to a question on Morning Ireland is to be given three points, misleading answers merit six points and plain lies attract a penalty of twelve points. When a politician accumulates twelve points in any twelve month period they are banned from the airwaves.

March

There will be four Irish winners at the Cheltenham meeting. To obtain the names of these horses please send a self addressed envelope containing a cheque for fifty euro, c/o Maynooth Newsletter, Maynooth Community Council.

April

In a shock move the FAI appoint Eamonn Dunphy manager of the Republic of Ireland soccer team. His first decision is to name a squad with only one player -Roy Keane. 'Roy is a model professional', claims Dunphy, 'and we don't need any of the useless bunch who played in the World Cup. Roy is a better keeper than Shay Given, a better defender than Kenny Cunningham, he's the best midfielder in the world and scores his fair share of goals. What's the point of having second-rate players on the team?' In Dunphy's first match in charge, against San Marino, Keane manages to hold the opposition scoreless for the first two minutes but then gets sent off for a reckless challenge (on the referee). Ireland eventually lose 71-0.

Mav

In a surprising move a meeting of developers in the Maynooth area decides to place an embargo on the building of all new houses and apartments. In a press release after the meeting they state that as they only have the interest of the town at heart they recognise that all the proper infrastructure such as roads and community facilities have to be in place before any more building takes place. The month is also marked by the landing of a spaceship in a field off the Straffan Road. Aliens from the planet Zog colonise the southern part of the town and establish their headquarters at the Maynooth Business Campus. Both the predictions for this month are made with equal certainity.

June

Brazil comes in Maynooth!

July

Following the success of Maynooth's hosting of the Brazilian team for the Special Olympics, the town puts in its bid to host the 2012 Olympics. Maynooth Town's new grounds on the Rathcoffey Road are to host most of the athletics events, the town's new swimming pool complex on the Dublin Road will host the water-based sports. Canoeing events will take place on the canal and sailing on Satchwell's lake on the Dunbovne Road. It remains unclear whether the GAA pitches on the Moyglare Road will be made available for any events.

August

Due to continuing economic difficulties the Government advises the whole country on go abroad on holidays in August and not come back until Christmas. A spokesman points out there would be great savings if all hospitals and schools could be closed for a few months. With everyone away unemployment and poverty would be wiped out over-night and crime would be non-existent. Ryanair offers free flights (plus tax, landing charges, handling charges, VAT, taking off charges, currency charges, handling charges on the extra charges and more VAT) to anyone interested in the scheme.

September

It is a tradition that every year in these predictions we predict that Kildare will win the All-Ireland. Some year we'll get it right.

October

Halloween approaches and President Bush, fresh from conquering Irag, threatens to invade Maynooth and destroy its weapons of mass destruction. The White House states that it will not tolerate a repeat of the agressive display of firepower which was on show in Maynooth during Halloween 2002 when a number of US aircraft were hit by Scud missiles fired from the Maynooth area. Weapons inspectors are deployed in a number of housing estates in the town and a number of ten year olds are taken into custody suspected of being key members of the Al-Quaeda network.

November

In a revolutionary move the price of drink in Maynooth is to be cut by 50%. In a statement local publicans indicate that they have been making too much money for the last few years. 'The price of drink is just too high and we feel it's time we gave something back to the?

Predictions for 2003 Contd.)

punters', says a spokesman for the Licensed Vitners Association, 'two euro is a fair price for a pint and anything higher than that is a rip-off. Anyway, what we need is far more competition in the pub trade'. During November another spaceship lands in a field off the Straffan Road. The aliens from Zog hear about the cheap drink in Maynooth.

December

larnroid Eireann increase the capacity on the Maynooth line to address the gross overcrowding on its trains. Their solution, however, does not meet with universal approval. 'Since we shut down our freight services we had all these auld wagons that used to carry cement and fertilizer rusting away in our stock yeards', explained a spokesman. 'We'll give them a bit of a cleanup and sure they'll be grand for commuters. We'll put fresh newspapers on the floor and they'll be able to sit down and everything. Sure as it is they're jammed in like sardines anyway and it's impossible to get a seat.'

The Penance

In my part of the country there is or was a legend a very circumstantial one too-which however I am not able to verify personally, as the going occurred a little before my time-that Father Buckley, of Glenroe, cured Charley Coscoran, the greatest swearer in the baronycured him in a most original way. He simply directed him to cut out a button from some part of his dress, no matter where-to whip it out on the instant-every time he uttered a serious curse, i.e., one involving the Sacred Name. Charley made the promise with a light heart, thinking that by only using a little caution he could easily avoid snipping off his buttons. But inveterate habit is strong. Only very shortly after he had left the priest he saw a cow in one of his cornfields playing havoc: out came a round curse, and off came a button on the spot. For Charley was a manly fellow, with a real sense of religion at bottom: and he had no notion of shirking this penance. Another curse after some time and another button. Others again followed: - coat, waistcoat, trousers, shirt-collar, were brought under contribution till his clothes began to fall off him. For a needle and thread were not always at hand, and at any rate Charley was no great shakes at the needle. At last things came to that pass with poor Charley, that life was hardly worth living; till he had to put his mind seriously to work, and by careful watching he gradually cured himself. But many score buttons passed through his hands during the process.

A Christmas Drink!

Paddy Fogarty kept a little public-house at the crossroads in which he sold 'parliament,' i.e. legal whiskey on which the duty had been paid; but it was well known that friends could get a little drop of pottheen too, on the sly. One hot July day he was returning home from Thurles with a ten-gallon cag on his back, slung by a strong soogaun (hay rope). He had still two good miles before him, and he sat down to rest, when who should walk up but the new gauger. 'Well my good fellow, what have you got in that cask?' Paddy dropped his jaw, looking the picture of terror, and mumbled out some tomfoolery like an excuse. 'Ah, my man, you needn't think of coming over me: I see how it is: I seize this cask in the name of the king.' Poor Paddy begged and prayed, and talked about Biddy and the childher at home-all to no use: the gauger slung up the cag on his back (about a hundredweight) and walked on, with Paddy, heartbroken, walking behind-for the gauger's road lay towards Paddy's house. At last when they were near the cross-roads the gauger sat down to rest, and laying down the big load began to wipe his face with his handkerchief. 'Sorry I am.' says Paddy, 'to see your honour so dead bet up: sure you're sweating like a bul: maybe I could relieve you.' And with that he pulled his legal permit out of his pocket and laid it on the cag. The gauger was astounded: 'Why then 'tis the way your honour,' says Paddy, looking as innocent as a lamb, 'I didn't like to make so bould as I wasn't axed to show it?' So the gauger, after a volley of something that needn't be particularised here, walked off with himself without an inch of the tail. 'Faix,' says Paddy, ''tis easy to know 'twasn't our last gauger, ould Warnock, that was here: 'twouldn't be so easy to come round him; for he had a nose that would smell a needle in a forge.'



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News items from the past A Court case 1799

"Tuesday, Mr. Recorder, resumed his session for the trial of prisoners.

Michael Devin, a boy of about thirteen years old, stood charged with stealing six pounds of sugar, the property of Mr. Dunn.

The prisoner having appeared as evidence substantiated the fact, and the Jury found the prisoner guilty, who was sentenced to be transported for seven vears.

Mr. Gregg informed the Court that he has confined in Newgate about forty such small boys, charge with various petty larcenies, who are nearly destitute of clothes, and that he was really at a loss for means to preserve them from perishing. Mr. Gamble and Mr. G [regg] further said, procured for them some coasrse frize for coats, but the quantity was merely sufficient to give a partial covering to a few of them.

Mr. Recorder observed, that the Grand Jury should be applied to, in order to make some provision for them, as also to effectually preclude their resumption of practices of petty larceny." (Freemans Journal, Nov. 19 (1799).

An article on Servants 1799

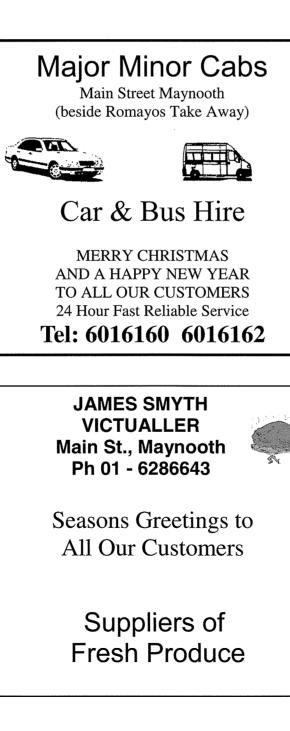
"Such, is the ordinary description of both sexes, at present going the rounds of servitude, that ther greatest precautions are necessary to guard against admitting improper domestic ones. 'Tis proper to observe that many of them must be supported person of good moral conduct and fidelity, and when so, no doubt, deserve every due encouragement and reward; but such in their merits are well known to their masters and employers, and must be rather raised in estimation, by drawing a line of contradisdinction between them and the misconducted. The confidence reposed in domestics of the subordinate degree, is greater than that subsisting often between near relatives. They are often of necessity put is possession of bosom secrets - are about the chambers and recesses of the family, and thus the property and life of their employers are not infrequently in their hands.

The selection therefore of a proper menial servant is a point of importance; and hence those who through mistaken lenience or indolence, recommend those who misconducted themselves in service, are highly culpable and justly punishable.

In this matter our metropolis requires and appropriated Legislative provision, as persons sometime erecting themselves into mediums between families and servants, drive, 'tis said, a lucrative business in

providing drunkards, cheats, and fugitives which counterfeit references. The specific interference of the Legislature is therefore wanted to remove such odious nuisances.

'Tis matter of notoriety, that many of those who keep what are called Register-shops, were in the habit of instructing ignorant and unfortunate servants in the mysteries of the now detected conspiracy; as....residing in cellars etc. have found means to provide a number of such deluded and incorrigible corrupted wretches with places in families" (Freemans Journal Dec 24 1799).



Features

Maurice Lawlor Memorial Cup was vet another memorable day



Mattie Callaghan the main organiser

Peadar Harren collects trophy

Another successful Maurice Lawlor Memorial Cup was held at Maynooth's GAA grounds on the 19th July. The now twice-annual tournament is played for between an 'All-Counties' side and St. Fintan's from Westmeath.

The All-Counties side consists of former players living in Maynooth and the surrounding hinterland, representing their home counties.

Their opponents, St. Fintan's hail from County Westmeath, and are the home club of the event's organiser, Mattie Callaghan, now, of course, a Maynooth resident for many years.

Weather

Despite hurricane-style rain and winds just immediately before the throw-in, the game turned out to be a most enjoyable and entertaining affair.

The All-Counties have been the dominant side in previous meetings and no wonder!

The side boasts players from Kilkenny, Galway, Laois and Offaly among their ranks, whilst players from as far away as Donegal and Monaghan add colour to the game.

St. Fintan's put up a great fight nevertheless, in what was a sporting and thoroughly enjoyable game of hurling played before a sizeable crowd on a wet and windy Maynooth evening.

The build-up and the aftermath were all integral parts of the event, aside from the match, making for a great evening of fun and entertainment.

The match itself was well won by the All-Counties, led by their captain, local Maynooth Garda Peadar Harren, who, interestingly enough, is a cousin of the St. Fintan's captain, Frank Dolan.

Organiser

Of course, a huge amount of work was put into the event by the organiser, Mattie Callaghan, who spent many hours attending to every detail of the night's activities.

The National Anthem was played on the bagpipes by Eoin Donovan and sung by Johnny Keary, whilst yours truly was drafted in as a match commentator.

Fr. Sean Rvan CC blessed the cup, whilst a minute's silence was observed before the match for all deceased members of the All-Counties and St. Fintan's teams and all other family members.

Two notable absentees from the game were the Burke brothers, Noel and Bobby, Galway natives who are long since residents of Ardclough.

Unfortunately, they were at a wedding and could not make it for the game.

As always, every effort was made by Mattie to ensure everything was in order and he could be heard on the airwaves the previous evening (18th July) on Midlands Radio 3 giving details of the event.

Immediately after the game, Aine Lawlor, wife of the late Maurice Lawlor, whom the cup is played in memory of, presented the trophy to the winning captian, Peadar Harren.

Brendan Coffey





MAYNOOTH HARBOUR.

Written By Aedamur Kelly.

The Maynooth branch of the Royal Canal Amenity Group (RCAG), is a voluntary

organisation, which, for many years, has been very active in the restoration and

maintenance of Maynooth harbour and the Royal Canal. With the aid of funding,

provided by FAS and Waterways Ireland, The RCAG successfully operates a

maintenance and development work scheme for the Royal Canal and harbour areas,

employing local residents.

Aedamur Kelly, a member of the RCAG, recently conducted and in-depth survey,

(Aug/Sept. 2002) which aimed to investigate Maynooth residents' towards developing Maynooth Harbour as a local amenity and tourism resource.

The timing of this survey is very appropriate for several reasons. Currently in

Maynooth, various individuals and groups are lobbying for different development

proposals for Maynooth Harbour. Some of these proposals advocate preserving

the amenity value of the harbour area while other proposals will reduce the amenity

value of this area.

The purpose of the RCAG study is to investigate how the residents of Maynooth

would like to see the harbour area developed. It was also hoped to ascertain how

Maynooth residents rate the amenity value of the harbour area.

Maynooth residents were presented with a list of development activities for Maynooth Harbour and asked to rate these choices. In order to compile a list of the most realistic and appropriate development options for Maynooth Harbour, the researcher, Aedamur Kelly, consulted with numerous, informed individuals and organisations (i.e. Waterways Ireland, Canal Regeneration Officers etc.,)

What follows is a brief summary of the findings and results of the survey.

A four page questionnaire was personally administered to a sample of 325 adult

Residents (based on one adult per house). A large quantity of these questionnaires

were administered door-to-door by volunteers. Chairpersons of Resident Associations

and Community organisations were also contacted and asked to distribute the

questionnaire during their meetings.

Profile of Section One of Questionnaire: Residents

54% of the sample surveyed were female and 46% were male. More than half of the respondents have

RCAG QUESTIONNAIRE: DEVELOPING been living in Maynooth for over 10 years. 27% of respondents are

active members of a Maynooth community organisation and 43% are active members of a leisure group.

Section Two: Canal-Related Activities/Development Options:

Residents were asked to rate the provision of recreational facilities in Maynooth. 86%

of residents feel that thee are not enough recreational facilities in Maynooth. The

findings show that 84% of the sample group surveyed agreed or strongly agreed

that Maynooth harbour should be developed further as a local amenity. Over 94% of

feel that the harbour and harbour field should not be developed for any other purpose

other than that of an amenity. 74% of respondents indicated that Maynooth Harbour

has the potential to be developed as a tourism resource. The top three preferred canal-

related activities are walking, angling/fishing and boating/cruising . Residents were

very interested in seeing the development of specific canal related activities with most

of them selecting two or three activities they would be interested in. (For a complete

list of activities, see the questionnaire, available at the RCAG office, by the Harbour).

With regards to how the harbour field should be developed : a landscaped public

park topped the polls while an athletics track/ sports ground and children's

playground were also favourites. Despite Maynooths' worsening traffic congestion,

less than 2% felt that the harbour field or harbour area should be converted into a car

park.

29% of respondents have previously been involved in inland boating activities. An

overwhelming 96% believe that Maynooth would benefit from an Arts/Cultural

Centre. 85% would be interested in partaking in an annual Maynooth Harbour

Festival , including sporting competitions, music, entertainment, free boat trips and

floating barge theatre. Overall 75% of respondents believe that Maynooth harbour has the potential to be developed as a tourism resource.

Tourism/Development may affect residents' quality of life. The survey attempts to address this issue by examining residents' social and environmental concerns. To examine the residents' perceptions of the potential development of the harbour area, questions were asked about; perceived economic costs and benefits, issues of traffic congestion and overcrowding and environmental concerns.

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(RCAG Questionnaire Contd.)

Economc Concerns:

Results show that 74% of respondents believe that the development of Maynooth harbour could create employment opportunities for Maynooth residents. 77% of respondents feel that the successful development of the harbour may require substantial financial input. Over half of the sample would be prepared to pay to engage in certain canal related activities while 18% were unsure as to whether they supported the prospect of a minimum charge for canal/harbour users.

Social Concerns:

Residents were asked as to whether they thought public order and security may become issues with increased numbers/visitors. 40% of residents did not think it would become an issue while 22% were unsure. Some residents mentioned that they were intimidated by the late night drinking activities that currently take place in the harbour area.

Research findings indicate that Maynooth residents greatly value amenity and recreational facilities. 82% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that tourism resulting from harbour development may encourage a wide variety of cultural and social activities. 97% of residents believe that the development of Maynooth harbour will enhance the quality of recreational facilities in Maynooth.

Environmental Concerns:

Over half of the sample group do not believe that development of the harbour will lead to the deterioration of the environment, while 22% were unsure. 79% of respondents believe that potential revenue generated from harbour development should contribute to the funding of conservation and maintenance to harbour facilities and amenities.

Conclusion:

The findings of this survey have shown, that the residents surveyed, appreciate the amenity and tourism value of the harbour area. Furthermore they would like to see Maynooth harbour developed in a manner, which will further enhance the amenity and tourism value of this resource. Every effort should be made to respect these residents' opinions when developing Maynooth harbour.

The RCAG would like to thank all those who co-operated and assisted in this survey. Aedamur Kelly is Project Research and Development Officer for the RCAG. She holds a B.A. Honours Degree and a Masters of Business Studies Degree specialising in Travel & Tourism Management form the Smurfit Graduate School of Business.

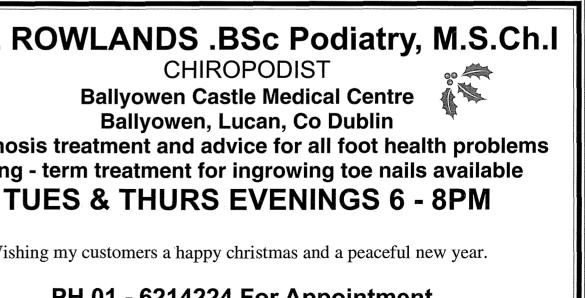
A complete copy of the findings may be viewed at the RCAG Office, located in the harbour. Tel: (01) 6290980.

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Liam Farrell in his working clothes outside the Maynooth Bookshop with Ursula (Byrne) Murphy

Big Bad Wolf Alive & Well

Apparently The Big Bad Wolf is alive and well and living quietly in Maynooth. Mr. Wolf in the quise of local children's writer Liam Farrell has come out of his retirement recently to publish his memoirs and tell his side of the story. He claims that the wolf was much maligned and that it was all the fault of The Three Little Pigs. They were really to blame for all the mischief and they falsely accused an innocent and inoffensive wolf. It is all in his book entitled The True Story of The Three Little Pigs & The Big Bad Wolf. The Big Bad Wolf in person has made several public appearances over the last year. The first being to Maynooth Bookshop where he turned up unexpectedly one Saturday morning to put his case to customers. His second was when he was invited by the Presentation Convent in Maynooth to do a show for the girls from junior infants right up to sixth class. Mind you there was one child not a bit impressed by the antics of the wolf. This was his twelve year old daughter Lydia Farrell, then in sixth class and now a student in the Post Primary. She was horrified to have her father who thinks he is a wolf, come in full costume to explain his side of this old and hotly disputed story to all her friends. When asked about this her only comment was, "My dad is completely nuts." He also made a special guest appearance at the Maynooth Church of Ireland picnic in Donadea Forest Park during the summer.

His second book is The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf. It is a courtroom drama, where everybody who is anybody in Fairy Tale Land attends the court and the wolf has to defend himself against the malicious lies of The Three Little Pigs. Both books are full of surprises with some unusual twists and turns. They are all stories the author used to tell his own children when they were young and has now put in book form for his three grandsons who live in the US.

Liam sees things from a different point of view. He reckons there would never have been any Fairy Tales

without the bad guy. He claims that Little Red Riding Hood or The Three Little Pigs would never have been heard of only for The Big Bad Wolf. And that Cinderella or Snow White wouldn't have had a look in only for their Wicked Stepmothers.

Dressed in full wolf costume Liam takes his version of events around to the schools and libraries where he does shows for the children and acts out the characters in his books. He does this as part of the Writers in Schools Scheme run by Poetry Ireland, This scheme is designed to put living writers into the classroom to discuss their work with the young people. Liam also gives How To Write courses to older children. His next book has been accepted for publication and is due out fairly soon and is entitled Goldilocks The Babysitter From Hell.







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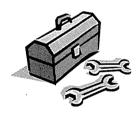
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Children's and Teenagers' Playgrounds

Cllr. John McGinley's motion: "That General Development Levies be revised in order to cater for the provision of children's and teenagers' playgrounds in towns where there is a demand for such facilities.", was agreed unanimously at the meeting of Kildare County Council on 21st. October. Cllr. McGinley took advantage of Section 49 of the 2000 Planning and Development Acts which permits Local Authorities to impose levies for specific purposes. The passing of Cllr. McGinley's motion means that levies will be imposed, for the construction of such playgrounds, on planning permissions granted for houses and other developments throughout the County. It will ensure that lack of funding can no longer be used as a reason for not building playgrounds.

Cllr. McGinley asked for the immediate implementation of his motion and Council Officials stated that they would come back to the Council Members on the level of levies to be imposed. In proposing the motion Cllr. McGinley stated that one of the biggest flaws in the development of the County has been the failure of the Council to provide playgrounds for our children and teenagers. As a result the fastest growing County in Ireland had no playgrounds until this year, with the opening of the excellent facility in Newbridge. Other Counties perform much better with Donegal having 7 Children's playgrounds. Cllr. McGinley went on to say that the facilities that exist in Newbridge must be provided throughout the County. The Development Plans for Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge call for such facilities to be provided and in the case of Maynooth Cllr. McGinley insisted that two sites be identified for playgrounds i.e. at the new 53 acre public park at Carton Avenue and in the Harbour Field.

Action Area Plans are being drawn up for these two areas at present and with the amount of planning permissions before the Council for the Maynooth area at present, it is Cllr. McGinley's view that funding should readily be available for both locations.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

The following update was given to Cllr. John McGinley at the Leixlip Area Meeting of the Council on 1st. November:

The tender documents are with the County Manager for approval to issue and it is expected that work will begin next April or May.

The tender documents for the culvert of the Meadowbrook stream, under the canal and railway at the bridge, are also with the County manager and the work on this is expected to begin next April or May. The tender documents for the bridge construction will be with the County Manager in early December and work is expected to begin next June or July.

The funding package will have to be approved by the full Council, however, with 150 acres of re-zoned land in Maynooth, it is Cllr. McGinley's view that special development levies on this land should meet any shortfall in fundina.

Traffic Management on Main Street, Maynooth

The Leixlip Area Committee were presented with revised proposals for traffic management on Main Street at their meeting on 1st. November. The proposed traffic management layout is a condition of the granting of Planning Permission for the Kavanaghs Mill site. It comprises:

- location
- Traffic signals, flashing ambers and a pedestrian crossing at the church
- Pedestrian crossing on Mill Street
- Traffic signals and pedestrian crossings at The Roost

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Traffic signals from the new shopping centre exit on the Kilcock Road and a pedestrian crossing at this



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Traffic signals at the Glenroyal Complex On road cycle tracks on Mill Street and the Kilcock Road

New footpath on left hand side of Mill Street and Kilcock Road

The existing traffic signals at The Square to be linked by UTC system to new traffic signals.

If you have any comments or queries please contact Cllr. John McGinley at 6285293h or 7026536w or E Mail jmcginley@eircom.net

Geraldine Hall & Harbour Field

Cllr. John McGinley is very pleased to be able to report progress, at long last, on this thorny issue.

Council officials advised John, at the November Area Meeting, that the Council expect to take possession of both properties by the end of the month. In the meantime, the present owner has indicated that he has no objection to the building being secured and this work will be undertaken as soon as possible. At Cllr. McGinley's request the Council have also agreed to take the billiard table from the Hall into safekeeping. With the properties in public ownership it is now open to the people of Maynooth to decide what they want to do with them and the vehicle for this is through the Action Area Plan which will be drawn up over the next four months.

Again, please contact Cllr. McGinley with your views.

Swimming Pool Complex Report

The long awaited consultants report, on which town was the most suitable for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex, was a disaster as it did not address the question that it was asked. It stated that the three towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge could all facilitate a Swimming Pool Complex. The need for the report arose as a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley calling for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex, similar to those already approved for Naas and Athy.

Cllr. McGinley raised the issue at the October Council Meeting and stated that the consultants report should be thrown in the waste bin and he asked that the Councils Area Committees from the North of the county meet to address the question. As a result the Area Committees of Leixlip, Celbridge and Clane had a joint meeting on 1st. November. The main issues raised at the meeting related to:

Speed of provision Range of leisure facilities Funding of capital required Responsibility and sustainability of operation.

It was agreed that each Councillor would make a written case for his/her preferred location before the next joint meeting on 6th December. Cllr. John McGinley believes that Maynooth is the best location and any pointers that you have to assist the case for

Maynooth would be much appreciated by John. Again, please feel free to give him a call.

Carton Avenue

The following progress was reported at the November Area Meeting:

A full specification has been drawn up and tenders received for the following works:

- Tree surgery and landscaping
- Civil works on footpath and external paving works

Contractors will be in place and works begun in early November.

Works outside the gates to Carton Avenue will be carried out in conjunction with the Charter House Bus Bays. Cllr. McGinley was advised that the latter is being held up by ongoing negotiations on land acquisition for the bus bays. He asked that every effort possible be made to speed up matters as the safety of school children is the issue.

Westside Waste Appeal

Westside Waste appealed the decision of Kildare County Council to refuse planning permission for a waste processing centre at Blacklion. Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have made observations to An Bord Pleanala in support of the Council's decision. Cllr. McGinley was also given the following report by the Council:

"This particular development is currently being assessed by the Kildare County Council to determine what unauthorised development, if any has commenced in the last 5 years. Resulting from this assessment of the development, the Planning Authority will then determine which of the following courses of action, if any, would be most suitable:

- 1. Issue a warning letter
- 2. Serve an Enforcement Notice
- 3. Seek an injunction in the relevant Court."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Council take all steps necessary to "encourage" Westside to move their operation to a more suitable location as called for in the Maynooth Development Plan.

Cllr. McGinley's Submission on the Council's Estimates (Budget) for 2003

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the following be included in the Estimates (Budget) for 2003:

Increased provision for Bond Bridge (It is E127,000 per year at present)

Party Political

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- Provision for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex.
- Provision for children's and teenagers' playgrounds in all major towns in the County. The Estimates should also include a revised Development Levies Statement to cater for the provision of these amenities.
- Increased provision for Parks.
- Provision for the Council's One-Stop-Shop in Maynooth.
- Provision for the necessary remedial work to prevent the freezing of water mains on public footpaths in Greenfield Estate, Maynooth and in other affected housing estates in the County.
- Increased provision for the re-surfacing of housing estate roads, where the estates are greater than 20 years old.
- Increased provision for the reconstruction of footpaths in housing estates.
- Provision for the extension of the waste recycling pilot scheme in Leixlip to all other major towns in the County.
- Provision be made for the emptying of litter bins provided under the Council Litter Bin Grants Scheme.
- Increased provision so that the free skip scheme for housing estates can run for the 12 months of the year.

Traffic Calming Schemes

Cllr. John McGinley has asked for a progress report on the traffic schemes that he has asked for in Maynooth i.e. Pound Lane/Back Lane, Old Greenfield Lane and Kingsbry Estate.

Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement Scheme

Cllr. McGinley has expressed his annovance at the Council's delay in submitting this scheme to the Department for approval. It was held up by the Council for 6 weeks and was only sent to the Department on 14th October and there has been no decision so far.

Shelter for 67a bus Turning Point

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

"That Kildare County Council remove the small front wall at the 67a bus stop, opposite the Glenroval Hotel, on the Straffan Road, in order to enable Dublin Bus to erect a shelter."

Dublin Bus has advised Cllr. McGinley that they cannot erect the shelter with the small wall in place. As the Council's engineers dispute this Cllr. McGinley

has asked them to talk to Dublin Bus reps to resolve the matter.

Developments on Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has expressed his concern at the number of pubs being granted planning permission on Main Street, with the resultant loss of residential premises. He asked the Council's planners to consider what steps need to be taken to protect the character of the Main Street and if it requires a variation of the Development Plan then it will need to be done.

Dunne's Field South of Kingsbry

Planning permission issued to Michael Dunne for 203 dwellings on 25th October. The permission is for 1 detached dwelling, 90 four bedroom two storey semidetached dwellings and 112 two bedroom apartments in 28 two storey blocks.

The original application on this site sought the provision of apartments in three storey blocks and Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley are pleased that this proposal was reduced to 2 storey following submissions made about the overlooking of residents in Kingsbry.

Objection to Three Storey Devenopment on Nun's Field

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged objections to the proposal by Glenmoy Developments Limited to develop 128 two bedroomed apartments in two and three storey buildings at Dillons Row, Maynooth, on lands formerly know as the Nun's Field.

38 of the dwellings are to be provided in 3 two storey blocks of which two are to the rear and side of the existing senior citizens bungalows at Nagle Court. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have called on the Council to insist that these buildings be reduced to one storey to prevent overlooking of the senior citizens bungalows.

Two three storey blocks are proposed which will over look Pebble Hill Housing Estate and the Presentation School. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have indicated that these should be reduced to two storey to prevent overlooking and to also ensure that the three storey element is not an imposing feature when viewed from Carton Avenue.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley are also concerned at the large number of apartments proposed given that a similar application for 137 apartments is proposed * for the old pitch and putt course on the other side of Dillons Row. If the Council allow 250 apartments to be built in this old residential area it will not benefit the local community as those residing in such apartments tend to be very mobile and do not get involved in local community affairs. The provision of a mix of standard housing with apartments would give some balance to these proposals.

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Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley hope the Glenmov Development Limited application will be rejected and they will lodge a strong objection to the proposal for the former pitch and putt lands.

Feeder Bus for Train Services

Following discussion at a recent Branch Meeting, Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the Managing Director of larnród Éireann to examine the possiblity of the provision of a feeder bus service.

At present many commuters walk to the station but a considerable number drive also which leaves the car park at the station full all day with other commuters parking all day in housing estates nearby an in the car park at Doctor's Lane.

The provision of a feeder bus service would help to alleviate these problems and increase the usage of the train services.

Advice Service Change of Venue

Due to the demolition of Caulfields Pub, Deputy Emmet Stagg's Advice Service has moved to No. 2 Convent Lane. The Advice Service will revert to Caulfields when the new premises is completed.

Happy Christmas

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley would like to wish the people of Maynooth a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



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Fine Gael Notes

Deputy Bernard Durkan & Cllr. Senan Griffin wish all the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Carton Avenue

Work on Carton Avenue is due to commence during the middle of November and is expected to last approximately five weeks. The work will entail an improved footpath, the replacement and pruning of trees and an enhanced entrance from the Main Street. The cost of the works is estimated at \in 200,000 of which ∈75,000 came from Kelt.

Some extra work will be required in order to provide a bus bay for the children attending the Girls National School. This work will entail the removal of the existing boundary wall and will be carried out at a later stage.

Harbour Field & Geraldine Hall

Kildare County Council expects to have the lease on the Harbour Field and the Hall transferred to them by early December. The Area Committee have worked extremely hard to achieve this result, which is long overdue. The Council has been requested by the Area Committee to secure the Geraldine Hall building in order to prevent further vandalism.

Traffic Management

The developers of the Kavanaghs Mills project have submitted a very much improved traffic plan for Maynooth. The area covered by this plan is from the Kilcock Road to the entrance to the Glenroyal complex. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that Kildare County Council put yellow box markings at the entrance to Parklands, Rail Park, Greenfield and Silken Vale as part of the overall traffic plan. In a statement to the local Fine Gael Branch, Cllr. Griffin highlighted the failure of the Maynooth Plan to include a ring road from Blacklion to the Straffan Road interchange. Cllr. Griffin further stated that the volume of traffic now using the Main Street is far greater than the pre-bypass days. He said that it was a major mistake not to insist on this road being built. Cllr. Griffin has urged Kildare County Council to put in place speed tables on the Celbridge Road and the Gael Scoil in the meantime, as safety of school children has to be paranmount.

Meadowbrook Link/Bond Bridge

The final details of the transfer of land to accommodate the Meadowbrook Link have now been agreed. The Dunne Family is to be complimented for their assistance in ensuring that this project is now possible. Contract documents are currently being prepared. It now seems likely that the Meadowbrook Link project will commence in advance of the Bond Bridge project. The Bond

Bridge project is likely to commence in May 2003. Cllr. Senan Griffin has sought assurances that proper traffic calming measures will be put in place along the Meadowbrook Road.

Traffic Calming

Cllr. Senan Griffin has submitted two areas in Maynooth as being suitable for traffic calming, namely the Movolare Road at the entrance to Movolare Village or at the entrance to Moyglare Abbey and secondly at Maynooth Park. Cllr. Griffin has insisted that the table cushion type of traffic calming measure is used rather than the ramp type. The table cushion is much more effective and aesthetically pleasing for everybody.

Maynooth Post Primary

Deputy Bernard Durkan has requested that the Department of Education expedite the construction of the extension to Maynooth Post Primary School. Deputy Durkan has also requested the Minister for Finance to include the cost of the extension as part of his budget proposals. It should be noted that the school has had planning permission for this extension since last December, but is still awaiting funding from the Department of Education.

Westside Waste

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to bring their expertise to bear on An Bord Pleanala in order that the EPA conform with the Maynooth Development Plan. The residents of Parklands and the surrounding area are concerned about noise levels and the potential for pollution from this venture. Cllr. Senan Griffin's proposal that the Council enter into discussions with Glenmov with the view to providing a fully serviced children's playaround in the open space allotted to the site, was accepted by the Area Committee. A children's playground in this vicinity (close to Carton Avenue) would be of tremendous benefit to the residents of the area.

Traffic Lights at Maynooth Interchange

Cllr. Senan Griffin has demanded that the NRA (or their agents Kildare County Council) not install traffic lights at the northern side of the interchange. The present roundabout on the south side is working well. In Cllr. Griffin's view, the lights will worsen the situation. Cllr. Griffin has requested Kildare County Council or the NRA to prepare plans for another roundabout north of the interchange, which should also include access to a link for the Blacklion Road.

Swimming Pool

The three local Area Committees are due to meet on December 6th in order to consider the most suitable

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site for a swimming pool. The Clane, Celbridge and Leixlip Committees will have an updated report to assist them in determining the most suitable location. Cllr. Senan Griffin has at all times been of the view that the whole catchment area of North Kildare be considered for a fully equipped pool. He has also demanded that a fully equipped gym should be part of the pool development - top class facilities should be provided in the North of the County. It is important to remember that Naas and Athy have pools, which are currently being refurbished. According to Cllr. Senan Griffin, it is time for Kildare County Council to provide the North of the county with at least one good quality amenity.





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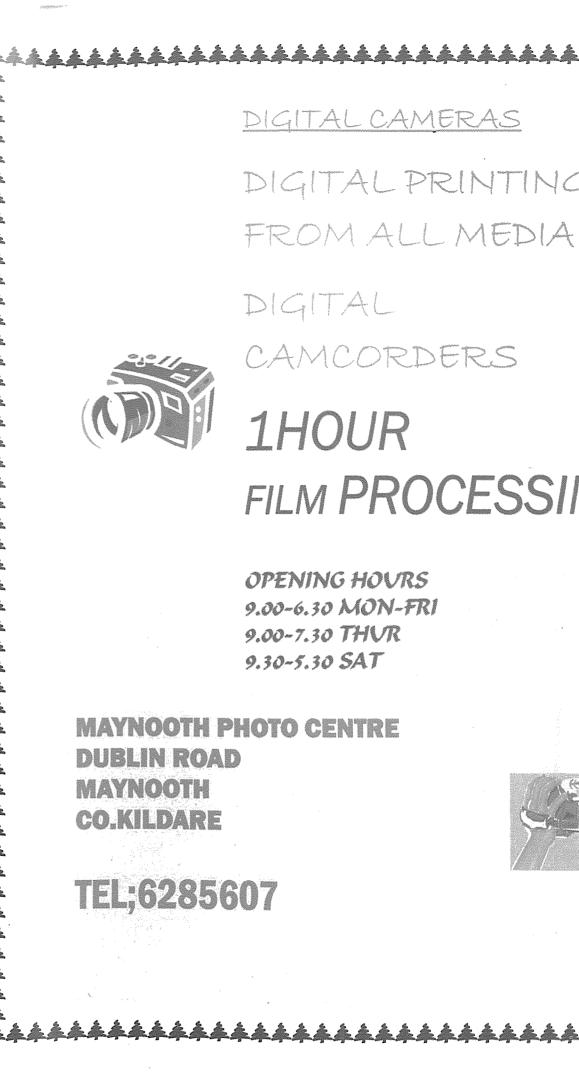
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On December 10th Ann Kinsella will be at our club meeting in the Loftus Hall giving us Christmas Ideas. The annual dinner will be held as usual in Movulare Manor on January 21st. Names to Felicity Satchwell. On behalf of all the committee I want to wish all our friends a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meetings during 2003. Moira Baxter, P.R.O.

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