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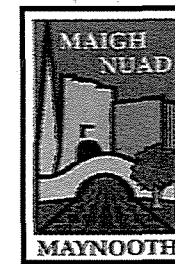
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Editorial

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 quite 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.

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Community Council Notes December Meeting

Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

Co-options

Mr. Fergus Devereux Maynooth GAA Club was co-opted 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 need 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 McGinley 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 suggested 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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Community Council Notes January Meeting

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The January meeting took place on the 14th January in the Glenroyal 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.

Mary 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 rail-track 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 Glenroyal Hotel.

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| 7. Best Costumes - Trophy | |

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before 2nd March or phone Christina Sauls (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W))

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/1963	Dr. Liam Lacey	Straff Court Hotel Straffan Road Dowdstown Maynooth	P	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	P	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	P	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	P	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	P	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	P	21.11.01	For change of use from dwelling to licensed public house. Works to include the construction of new basement to accomodate 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	P	21/11/01	For demolition, alterations, modifications and change of uses to existing premises to include additional shop and ancillary 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	P	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	P	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	P	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	P	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


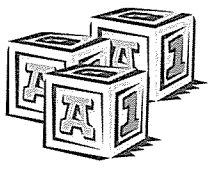
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
01/2106	Conor & Sonja Brennan	c/o 18 Canterbrook Trim Road Navan Co. Meath	P	28/11/01	To construct a two storey extension over existing converted garage to side	11 Parklands Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare
01/2144	Sean Flaherty	23 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	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	P	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	P	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	P	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	P	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)

1.1 Introduction

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

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

1.2 Hydrological Impact of urbanisation

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.

2 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	=	7.40 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 - { 1 / T } ^ L

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

Risk = 1 - { 1 / 100 } ^ 25 = 0.22

this is equivalent to just under a 1 in 5 chance of being

Features

(Hydrological Investigation contd.)

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%.

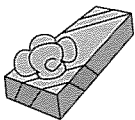
1.4 Storm Water attenuation

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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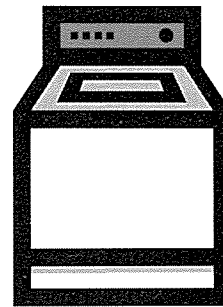
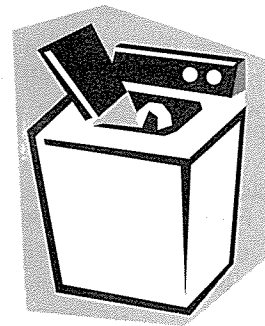
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Early Irish Society

(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 quite 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 ensuing children rather than the woman herself. There are various terms for prostitute, some native Irish like *dormuin*, *echlach* and *bé nimrúma* 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 responsibilities. The funeral of a principle *cétmuintir* 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.

Features

(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 younger 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)

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

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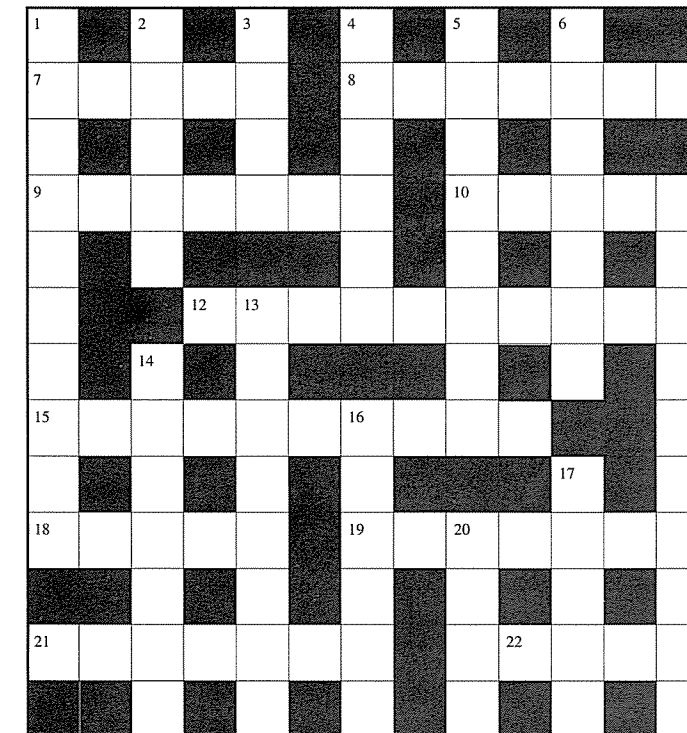


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Across:

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- 8. Graceful (7)
- 9. Foot-Pedal (7)
- 10. Similar (5)
- 12. Colony (10)
- 15. Irritate (10)
- 18. A dance (5)
- 19. Caller (7)
- 21. Perceive (7)
- 22. Wrongly (5)

Down:

- 1. Tool (10)
- 2. Hoarder (5)
- 3. Repair (4)
- 4. Conquer (6)
- 5. Deteriorating (8)
- 6. Sailor (7)
- 11. Initiative (10)
- 13. Used (8)
- 14. Serious (7)
- 16. Gulch (6)
- 17. Peel (5)
- 20. Remain (4)

Doodle Box

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.

Features

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 unleash 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 questioned 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 questioning. 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 former 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 philanthropist 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

Features

(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 understand 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 annoyed 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 Buttermann. Buttermann 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 observing 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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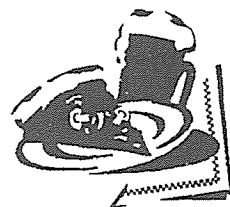
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South Africa

It was one of those wet June days and I longed to get away, not just down the country but somewhere foreign, I prayed 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 restaurants where 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 birthdays 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. Christopher 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, I Love You.

*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)

Clubs, Organisations and Societies



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 alcohol 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, there 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 people who agree.

THE YEAR GONE BYE and what a year it has been

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>.
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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
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Final 11th April	Cabaret Competition
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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.

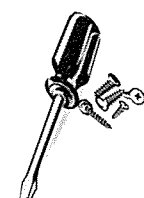
Paul Ruane and Simon O'Donnell got off to a slow start in the final against John O'Neill and Niall Leavey. Whereas O'Neill and Leavey got off to a flying start building up a comfortable lead. Leaveys' power packed game complemented O'Neill's relaxed style. Ruane and O'Donnell had no answer to this combination 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 Maynooth Auto Suppliers of new and used cars and Londis for their generous sponsorship.

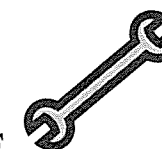
A very enjoyable evening was had by everyone who attended.

Paul Hand.

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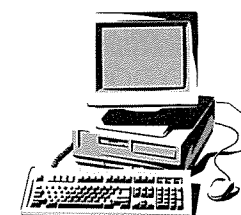
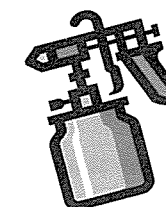
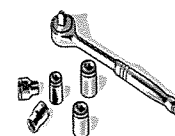
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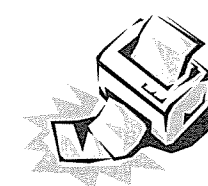
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Maynooth I.C.A. for February Coga blain

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 February: 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 Mary Deane.

Carmel Nolans judging of the slice Christmas cake resulted in 1. Eileen Flynn 2. Imelda Delaney 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

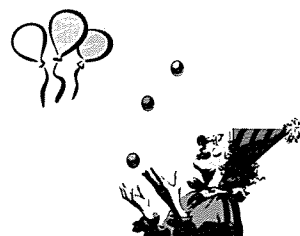
September - Canada - Niagara Falls cycling challenge. Contact: Childrens medical and research foundation, Crumlin Hospital at (01) 4096300.

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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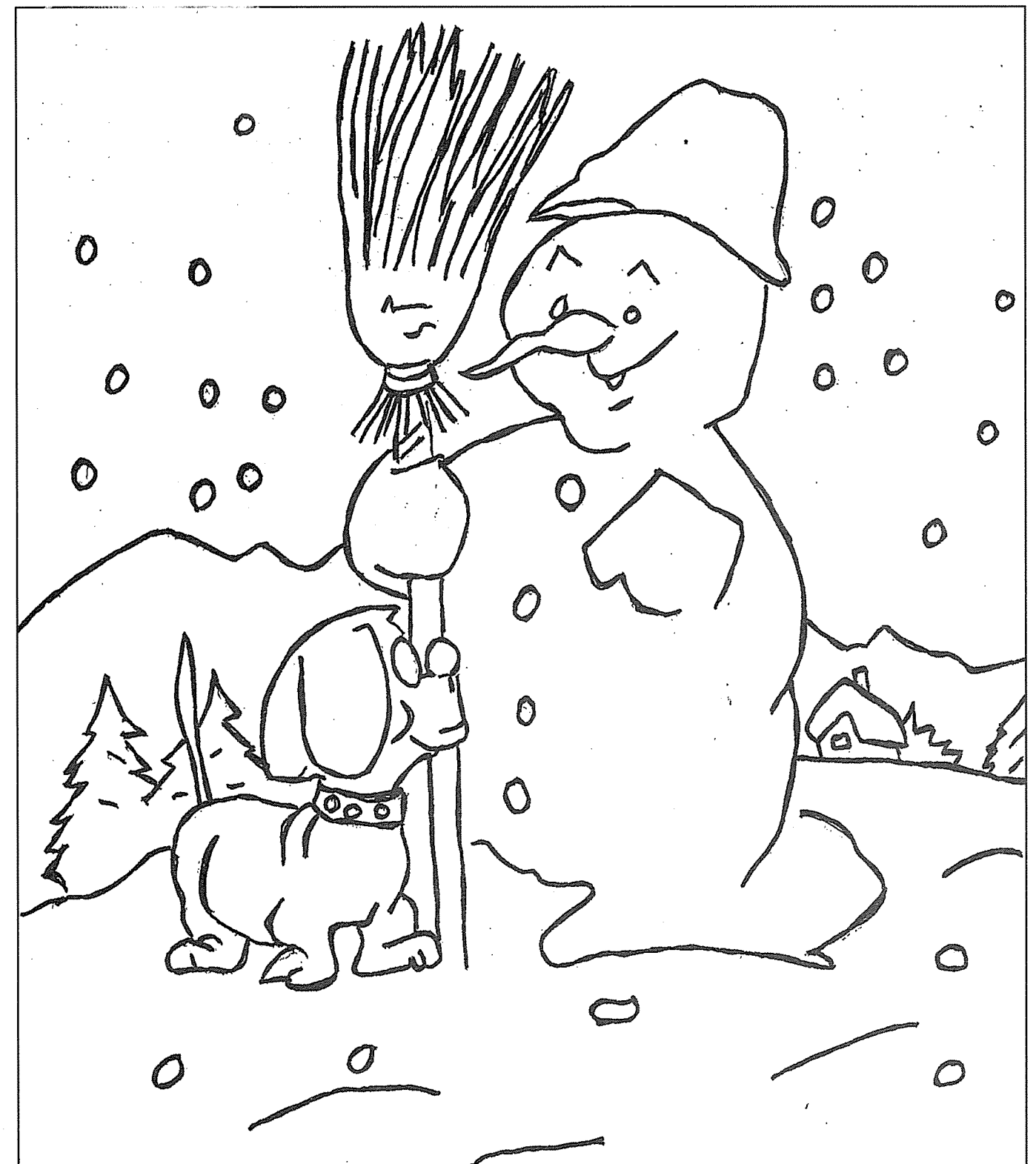
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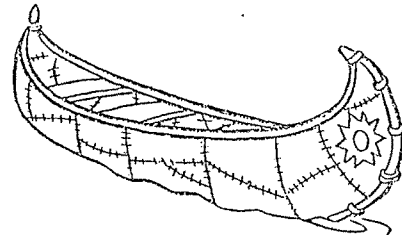
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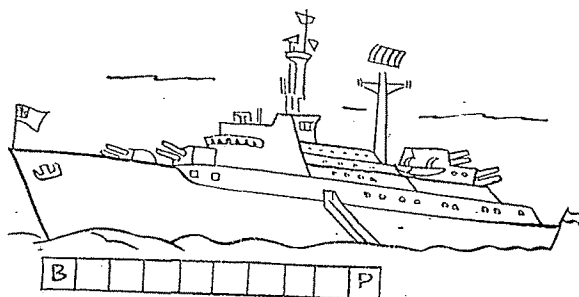
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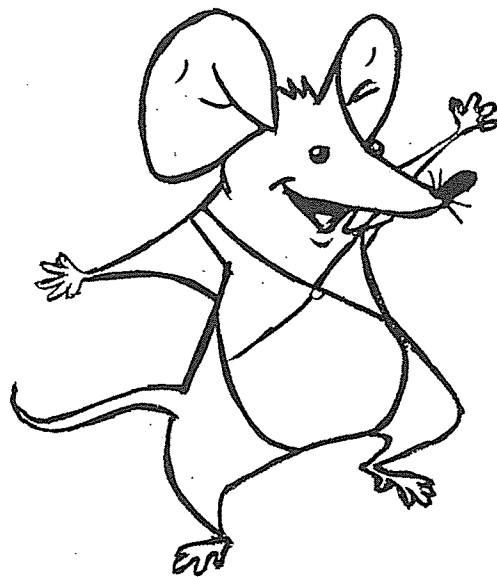


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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

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 (€ 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 Car Test came into operation on the 4th January 2000. The testing of private cars (including second hand 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 rights 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 € 12,700 (£10,000) to € 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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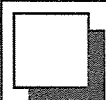
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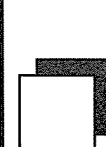
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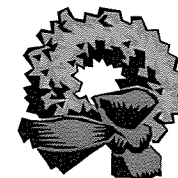
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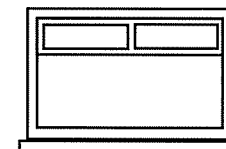


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Question

What are the new Medical Card income guidelines 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 than 66, this means an increase of €5.03 and for the age group 66 - 69 years an increase of €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 circumstances.

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 institution in Ireland is the Health Board.

This authorisation may **not** be refused if

- ♦ the treatment in question 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

- ♦ your application must be assessed before you go abroad although some leeway may be allowed in extremely urgent cases
- ♦ a hospital consultant must provide medical evidence of the details of your condition and of the type of treatment envisaged
- ♦ the consultant must certify that

- a the treatment concerned is not available in this country
- b there is urgent medical necessity for the treatment
- c there is a reasonable medical prognosis
- d the treatment is regarded as a proven form of medical treatment and
- e the treatment abroad is in a recognised hospital or 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 will have after you retire.

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 transferred by gift, lease or sale to a qualified young farmer. If you lease the land and your total income is €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 will 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 Family 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 from 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 €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 paid directly to you.

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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 Foley	6th Class	3rd 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

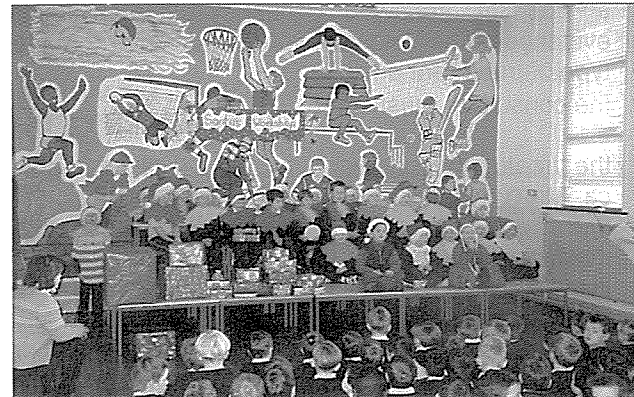
Christopher O' Connell, Daire Heneghan & Michael John Fay won through to the Leinster Finals of the Scór Quiz Competition where they lost narrowly. The school is also proud of Ben Finegan, and Kevin Molloy who made the Leinster Finals of the Novelty Act.

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

advise them 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.



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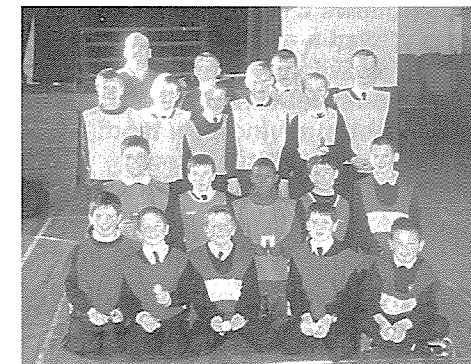
Santa meets Junior Infants

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

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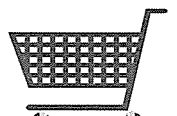
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Maynooth Social and Welcoming Committee

We would like to wish all our members a happy New year.
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.O

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

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

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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 deny
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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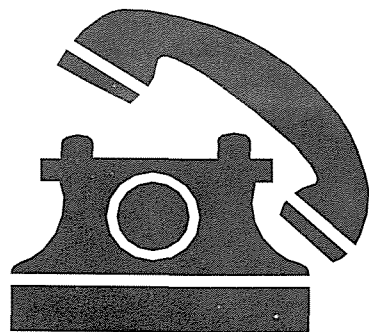
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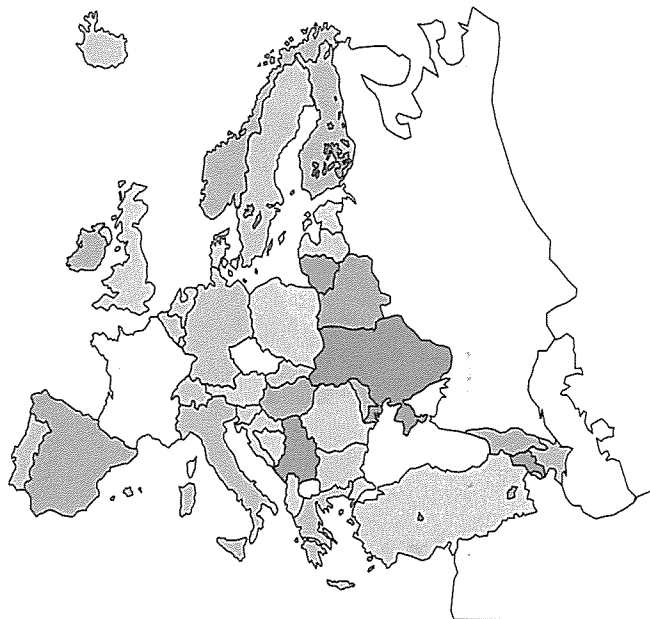
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Saturday, 30th March, 2002

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 & Saturday 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 novels in the Beckett Trilogy in one evening.

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 Friedrich 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
Acoustic 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 Bloombaddies, John Scofield, Bill Stewart and Kevin Hays. A superb evening of groove jazz 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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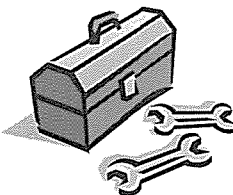


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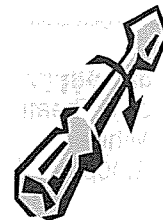
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The Lonesome West Continued...

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 squabbings 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 or carrycots are not permitted in the auditorium.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

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 Moyglare Road. The election of club officers and executive went very smoothly 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 secretary while Matt Doran continues as assistant treasurer/finance chairman. Football PRO is Naomi 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 Doyle 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 Moyglare Road. With recent calls for some form of community center to be developed in Maynooth, this is an ideal opportunity 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 impressive 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 Intermediate 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 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.

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UNDERAGE FOOTBALL BLITZ

An under age football blitz took place on Sat 1st and 8th of December in the club grounds on the Moyglare Road. With fantastic sunshine on both days, some 50 children, 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 superb 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 organised 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

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Christmas Craft Fair

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Craft Fair held recently at the Moyglare Manor Hotel. We are indebted to Mrs. Devlin & Mr Shay 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 committee were elected at the recent A.G.M.

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

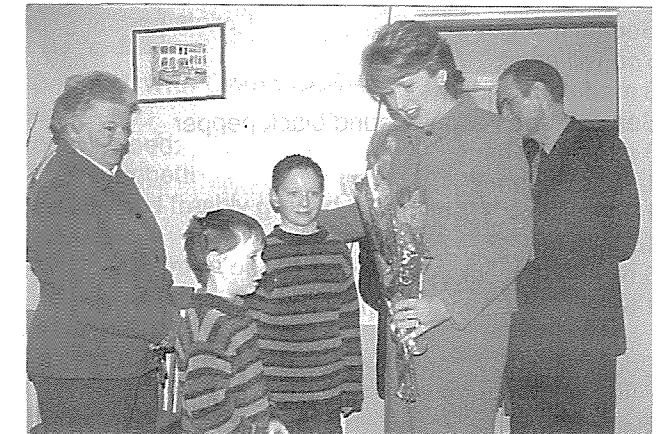
By Aoife Quinn, Katie Dunne, Susan Moore.

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 celery
 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 quarters 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 all the ingredients for the meatballs except the oil. Season well and then roll into 16 balls. Place the meatballs on a baking sheet, brush with the oil and grill for 7-8 minutes or until browned all over, and cooked through. Keep warm. Meanwhile place all the 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

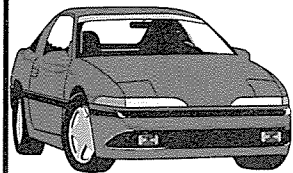
Method:
 Preheat oven to 220c, 425f, Gas mark 7. Mix together the spring onions, tomatoes, bacon and rice Krispies. Lay the mushrooms stem - side up on a non - stick baking sheet and top each with tomato mixture. Sprinkle over the cheese and bake for 10 minutes. Serve hot with a grated carrot salad and garnished with parsley.

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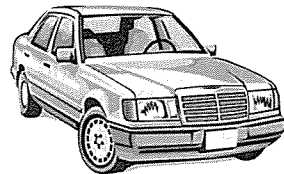


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Maynooth Hillwalking Club

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 Lugnaquilla (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 outings 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 quite 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.

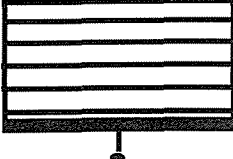
Sunday Feb. 10th brings us back to Howth, an old reliable and an opportunity to visit the Peninsula in winter. This will be an easy hike. A harder hike for the more experienced club members is planned in the Wicklow Mountains where some training will take place as well.

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.

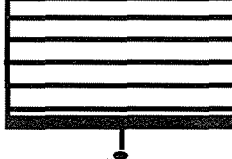
Sunday 3rd March we hope to have two hikes in the Glendalough area. Again, this hike is on the open mountainside, so proper clothing and footwear are essential. Anyone turning up without proper equipment for the hike will not be allowed attend. The easy hike will take us from the Wicklow Gap onto the 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 conducting 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 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 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.

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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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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 qualified 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.

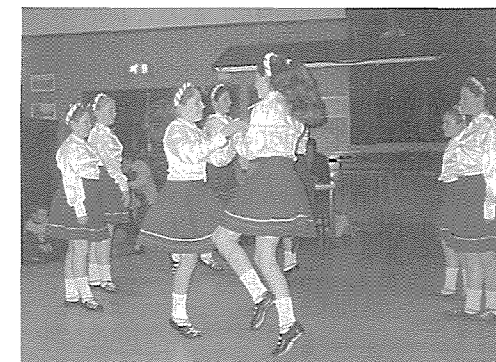
Senior Scór

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 Scór team. We will be having our version of "popstars"!! Irish style up in the GAA Club in February where we will 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 Doyle 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.

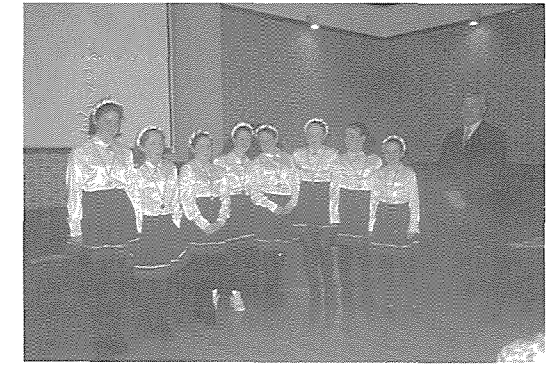
Rita Doyle
Maynooth Scór Co-ordinator



Dominic Nugent GAA, Rita Doyle Scór Co-ordinator with Dance Champions



Céili Dance Champions



Céili Dance Team - County Champions



County Champions

Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

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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

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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.

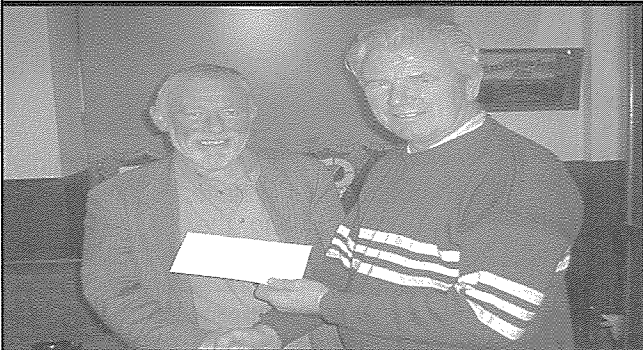
Despite the best efforts of Garvan Dowling, Ciaran Kearney and John Comerford Maynooth fell further behind to trail 0-2 at interval. Half-time changes seemed to be working for the visitors as they began to pose more of a threat to the St Pauls goal. Slackness in midfield however saw the Maynooth defence 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

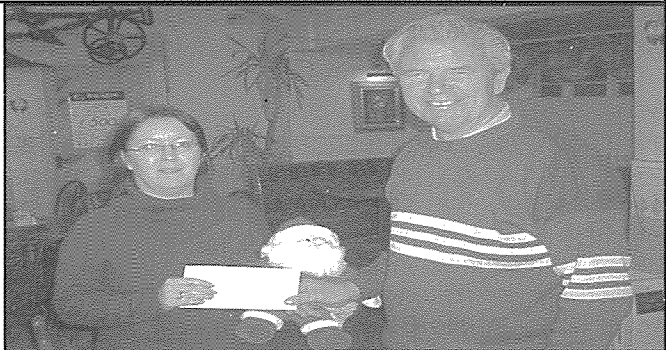
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Maynooth Town U/17's continued their fine run in the league with an away win over Priorswood at Belcamp Park in their last game before the Christmas break. But this was certainly a game of two halves the first saw a sluggish, unimaginative Maynooth 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 yards 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 games. 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.

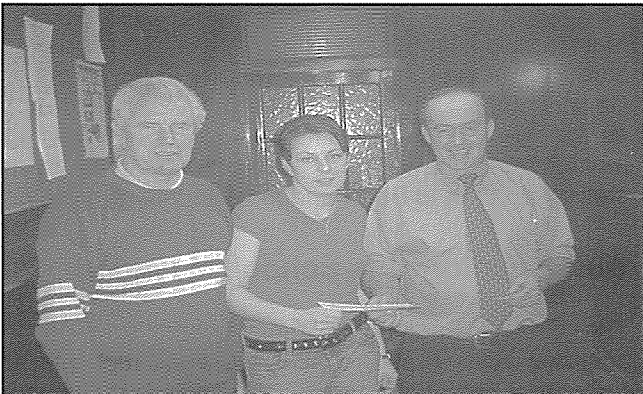
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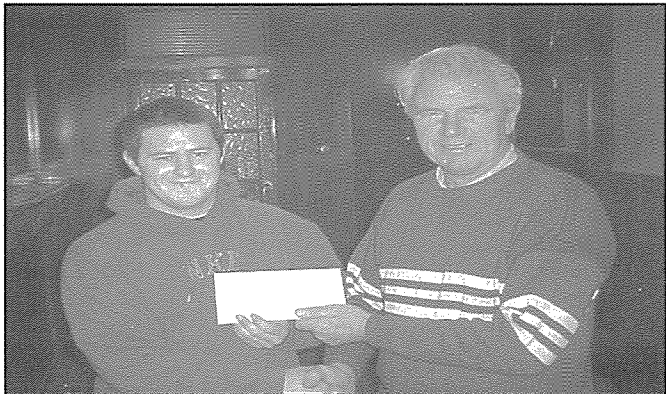
Nicholas Donovan receiving his prize from club President Mick Dempsey



Maureen Kelly receiving her prize from Mick Dempsey



Clare Faulkner receiving her prize from Lotto sponsor John Ternan (Caulfields) and 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:

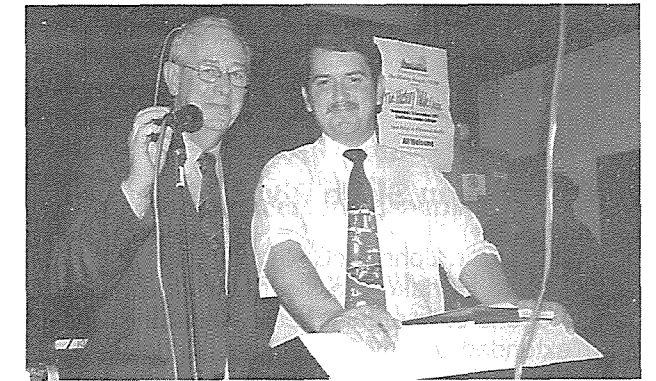
Cllr. McGinley's battle for this much needed service to be provided has been won.

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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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

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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 Maynooth, 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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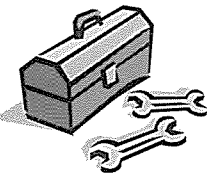
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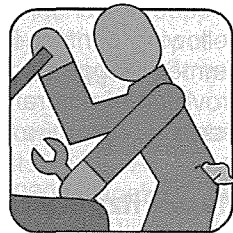
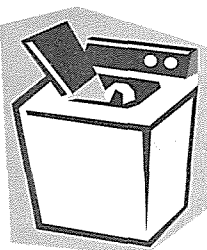
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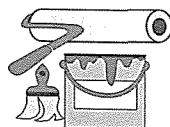
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Fine Gael Notes

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. Cllr. 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.
- 2 The report did not outline the costs of rectifying the problem.
- 3 The addendum to the report highlighted the need for caution when considering the zoning of land at the Rathcoffey Road.
- 4 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.

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 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.

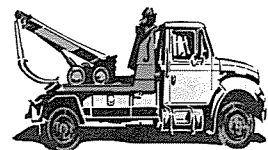
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Prior to joining Kildare County Council, Cllr. Senan Griffin had outlined his priorities for Maynooth:

- 1 Increased amenity land for schools and the GAA Club.
- 2 Playground facilities at Carton Avenue.
- 3 Ring road to be built from Blacklion to the Motorway.
- 4 Park facilities on the Celbridge Road.
- 5 Provision of a site for a co-ed school on the 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:

- 1 £630,000 for housing maintenance.
- 2 £100,000 for Bond Bridge loan repayments.
- 3 £2,350,000 for local road maintenance.
- 4 £200,000 for disability access.
- 5 £230,000 for traffic calming projects.
- 6 £1,400,00 for Higher Education Grants.
- 7 £4,560,000 for water supply.
- 8 £4,560,000 for sewerage maintenance.
- 9 £55,000 for tourism projects.
- 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.

- 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.

Moyglare Abbey:

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.

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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 Maynooth 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 €196 (€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 private 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

river of all debris from Bond Bridge to the culvert 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 re-erected 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 because 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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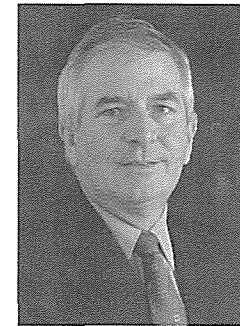
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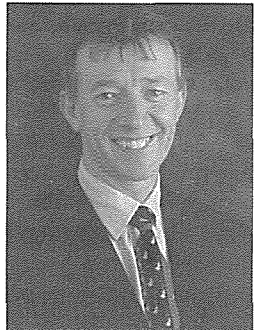
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Maynooth Fianna Fail News



Cllr. Paul Kelly

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:-

- 1 Balyra Rural Enterprise and Development Association- Johnstownbridge
- 2 Care for the Aged- Celbridge
- 3 Maynooth Senior Citizens - Maynooth
- 4 Naas Residents Forum- Naas
- 5 Neighbourhood Watch- Straffan
- 6 Newtown- Donadea Senior Citizens
- 7 SVP- St Bridgets Conference- Kilcock

Local Government Fund Allocations 2002

The Minister for Environment 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.

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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.

Cllr. 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 next 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 Cllr 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.

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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

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 sympathy 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, god-mother, 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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